

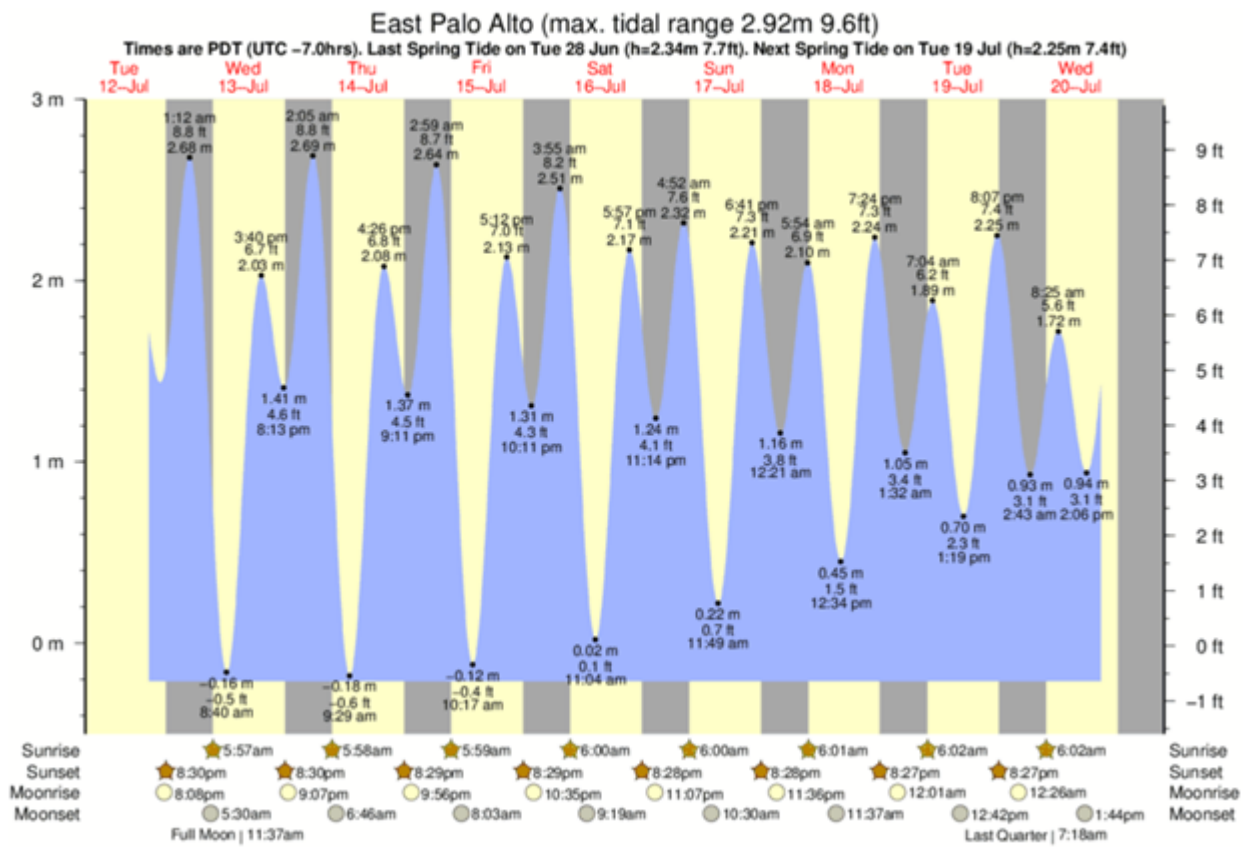


## San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

# SFCJPA Summer 2022 Newsletter

*Mitigating Flood Risks. Protecting Shared Natural Treasures.*

The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) was formed in 1999 after a serious flooding event in 1998. The SFCJPA leads projects that mitigate the risk of flooding along the San Francisquito Creek and the Bay. The SFCJPA is made up of the cities of East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Resiliency District and the Santa Clara Valley Water District



Tide Chart for East Palo Alto Showing King Tides at the Full Moon

## King Tides of July

The “Buck Moon” on July 13 contributed to some of the highest tides of the year, when the moon, earth, and sun are in alignment and exert the strongest gravitational pull that creates King Tides. King Tides remind us of the vulnerability of our low-lying coastal communities to flooding. King Tides can also give us an idea of what might be an ordinary tide in the future, as seas rise. If you have a story or image of high tides in your area, we’d like to hear about it, and may feature them in a future newsletter.

## Project Tours – At your request

We are happy to provide project tours of the Reach 2 San Francisquito Creek Project and the SAFER Bay project.

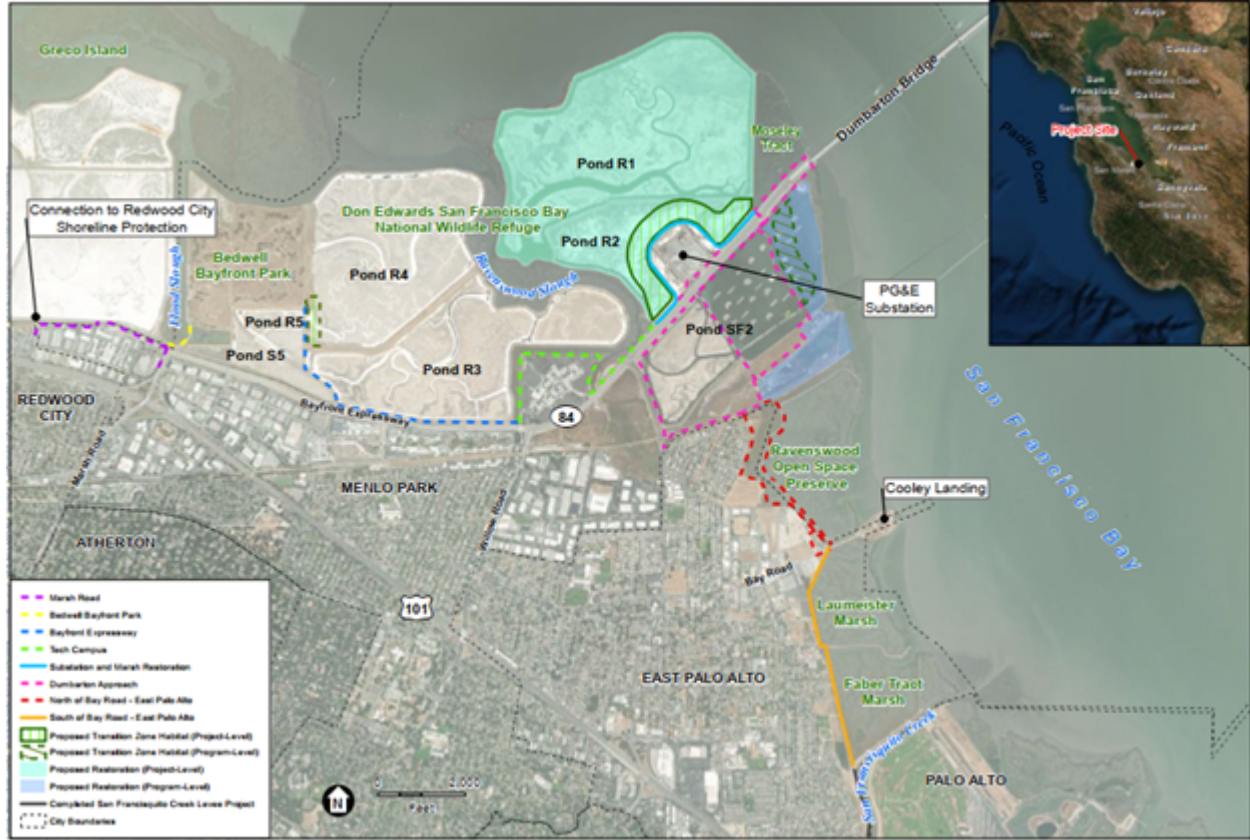
Please contact us if you are interested.

## Project Updates



### Reach 2 – Project Update

We have submitted the draft regulatory permit applications for the bridge replacements and channel widening, which constitute the [Reach 2 flood risk reduction project](#). We have done our best to balance the concerns of project neighbors, agency experts, and our design engineers in our proposed designs. We anticipate construction of the Reach 2 project elements, starting with the City of Palo Alto's Newell Bridge replacement, to begin in 2023.



## SAFER Bay – Project Update

### Notice of Preparation (NOP) for programmatic CEQA/NEPA

The comment period has closed for the SAFER Bay Notice of Preparation (NOP) – scoping the necessary environmental reviews for the [SAFER Bay Project](#). We received many thoughtful comments from community members and stakeholders. We will be compiling the comments and posting them on our website soon.

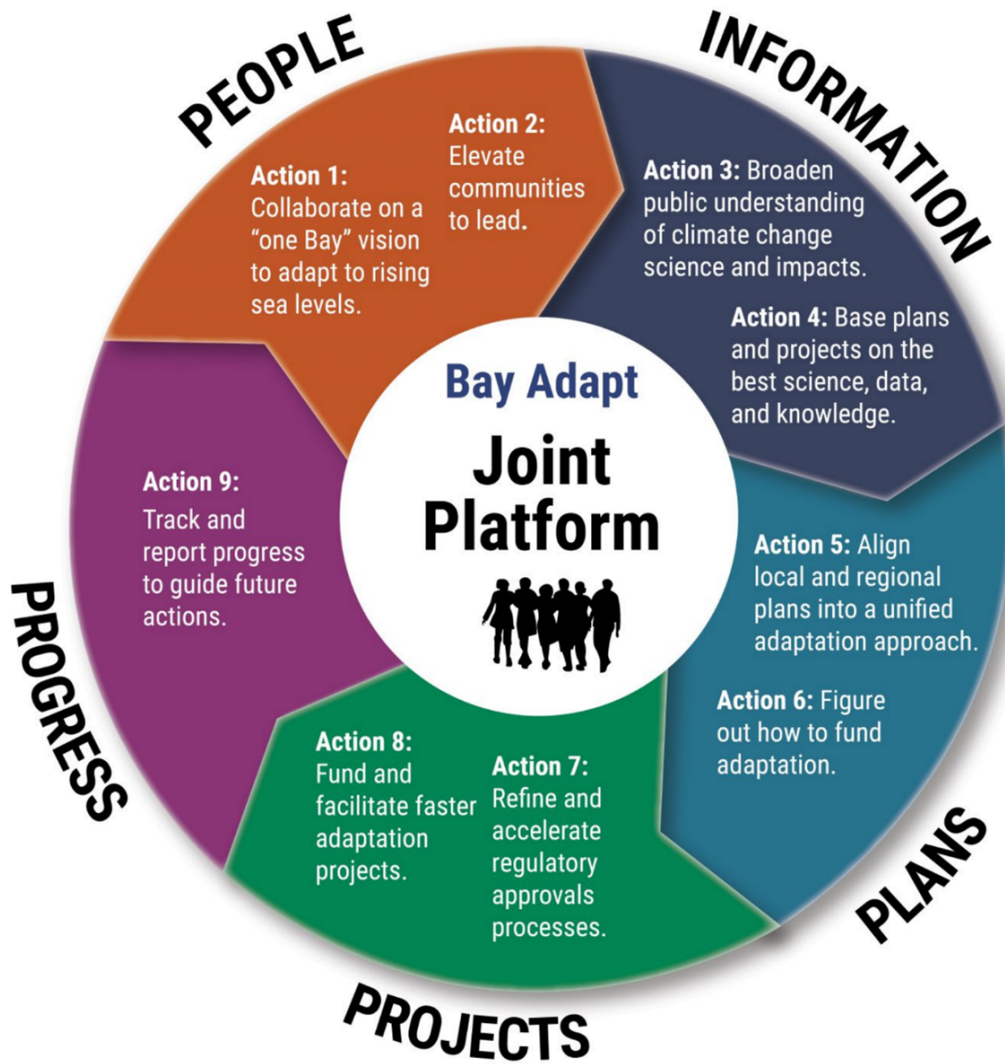
### Measure AA grant award!

The SFCJPA was awarded \$1M by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority from the region's Measure AA funding on June 24. The awarded funds will be used to perform necessary studies, planning, coordination, and preliminary designs to advance environmental evaluations for this project.

### SAFER Bay Citizens Advisory Committee

The SFCJPA, in partnership with Climate Resilient Communities and Nuestra Casa, is convening a new SAFER Bay project Citizens Advisory Committee. This group is open to residents from East Palo Alto, and the Menlo Park neighborhoods Belle Haven and the Haven Avenue apartments. Once formed, the group is anticipated to meet quarterly, although may meet more frequently as the project moves forward.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in participating, please contact Violet Saena at [violet.saena@crc.acterra.org](mailto:violet.saena@crc.acterra.org) or Tess Byler at [tbyler@sfcjpa.org](mailto:tbyler@sfcjpa.org) for more information.



## EVENTS

### [Cooley Landing Naturalist Walk in partnership with Latino Outdoors SF Bay Area](#)

July 24, 2022, Sunday 9:00am – 11:00am Cooley Landing 2100 Bay Road East Palo Alto, CA, 94303 United States Latino Outdoors|SF Bay Area and Grassroots Ecology are partnering up to celebrate Latino Conservation Week 2022!

### **SFCJPA Board Meetings**

Regular board meetings usually occur on the fourth Thursday of each month. However, the Board will be taking a summer recess. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on September 22, 2022.

Board meeting agendas and video conference links are posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled meeting on the [SFCJPA website](#).

We have included you in our distribution because you have participated in one or more of our community meetings, your organization or community members may be impacted by the work of the SFCJPA, or you are directly involved in the SFCJPA's projects.

We do not share your contact information with anyone!

Please feel welcome to forward to anyone we may have missed.

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