

# Watersheds - Operations and Maintenance Report

June 15 – July 31, 2025

## Projects and Permit Process Status

During this reporting period, the Watersheds Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Division continued to support key regulatory, maintenance, and environmental compliance efforts across Valley Water's watersheds and water utility programs.

Under the Stream Maintenance Program (SMP), Valley Water submitted its 2025 Notice of Proposed Work (NPW1) to regulatory agencies on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Of the 155 projects submitted, nine were either withdrawn by Valley Water or denied by regulatory agencies. The remaining 146 projects received full approval as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. A second NPW (NPW2) will not be submitted for 2025. One notable project, the Evelyn Fish Passage Improvement Project on Stevens Creek, was permitted through the SMP and approved for use as mitigation credit. This project will be implemented in phases during the 2025 and 2026 instream construction seasons by the Watershed Asset Rehabilitation Program (WARP) team under contract with Granite Rock Company.

The SMP Renewal (SMP3) team is engaged in ongoing negotiations with regulatory agencies for the next program cycle covering 2027 to 2036. As part of the renewal process, the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) was approved by Valley Water executives on July 14<sup>th</sup> and officially released for a 45-day public review period starting July 21<sup>st</sup> and ending September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A public meeting will be held virtually on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The team is also coordinating closely with the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency to incorporate the SMP into the Valley Habitat Plan. This collaboration ensures that SMP activities receive special-status species coverage and that mitigation pathways are clearly defined across the plan area. Several mitigation projects are currently in various stages of development or completion, including the Coyote 10B Freshwater Wetland Project, the Little Arthur Creek Dam Removal, and the Evelyn Fish Passage Project.

In addition to SMP-related work, O&M Environmental Services staff continued to provide essential environmental compliance support for Water Utility operations. This includes conducting biological surveys and monitoring for a range of programs such as the Dam Maintenance Program, Canal Maintenance Program, Pipeline Maintenance Program, instream diversions, and percolation pond maintenance. These efforts are critical in ensuring regulatory compliance and minimizing environmental impacts associated with water utility maintenance activities.

Overall, this period reflects steady progress in project delivery, regulatory coordination, and environmental stewardship across both watersheds and water utility functions.

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**Work Status:** The following includes select projects and work activities either completed and/or ongoing during this reporting period.

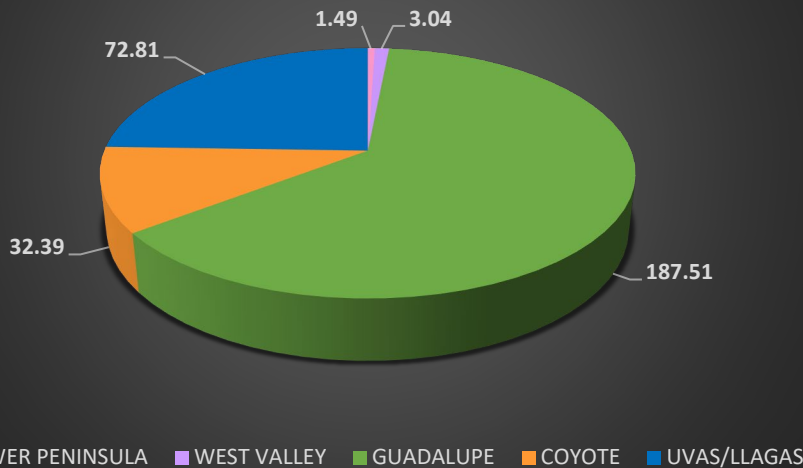
WORK TYPE	LOCATION	MUNICIPALITY	DISTRICT (DIRECTOR)	STATUS
Bank protection	Tennant Creek upstream of Fountain Oaks Drive	Morgan Hill	1 (Varela)	Completed 6/18/25 (started 6/16/25)
Bank protection	San Tomas Aquino Creek upstream of McCoy Avenue	Campbell	4 (Beall)	Completed 6/26/25 (started 6/16/25)
Sediment removal	San Tomas Aquino Creek upstream of Westmont Avenue	San Jose	5 (Hsueh)	Completed 6/26/25 (started 6/16/25)
Sediment removal	Berryessa Creek downstream of Piedmont Road	San Jose	3 (Santos)	Completed 6/27/25 (started 6/23/25)
Bank protection, sediment removal	Golf Creek upstream of Camden Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 7/3/25 (started 6/16/25)
Sediment removal	Calabazas Creek downstream of Comer Drive	Saratoga	5 (Hsueh)	Completed 7/15/25 (started 6/30/25)
Bank protection, sediment removal	Ross Creek upstream of Lone Hill Creek confluence	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 7/16/25 (started 6/16/25)
Sediment removal	Ross Creek downstream of Cherry Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 7/18/25 (started 7/17/25)
Sediment removal	Ross Creek downstream of Jarvis Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 7/18/25 (started 7/18/25)
Sediment removal	Ross Creek downstream of Meridian Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 7/18/25 (started 7/18/25)
Sediment removal	Randol Creek upstream of Camden Avenue	San Jose	7 (Eisenberg)	Completed 7/24/25 (started 7/17/25)

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Bank protection	Llagas Creek downstream of Bloomfield Avenue	Gilroy	1 (Varela)	Completed 7/28/25 (started 6/23/25)
Bank protection	Regnart Creek downstream of Antoinette Drive	Cupertino	5 (Hsueh)	Ongoing; started 6/30/25
Bank protection, sediment removal	Piedmont Creek upstream of Vista Way	Milpitas	3 (Santos)	Ongoing; started 6/30/25
Sediment removal	Matadero Creek downstream of Louis Road	Palo Alto	7 (Eisenberg)	Ongoing; started 7/16/25
Sediment removal	Alamitos Diversion Channel upstream of Mazzone Drive	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Ongoing; started 7/28/25
Bank protection	Princevalle Drain upstream of Camino Arroyo	Gilroy	1 (Varela)	Ongoing; started 7/30/25
Sediment removal	Ross Creek downstream of Camden Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 7/31/25 (started 7/21/25)

## Safe Clean Water Priority D1: Management of Riparian Planting & Invasive Plant Removal

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1. Maintain a minimum of 300 acres of riparian planting projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions.

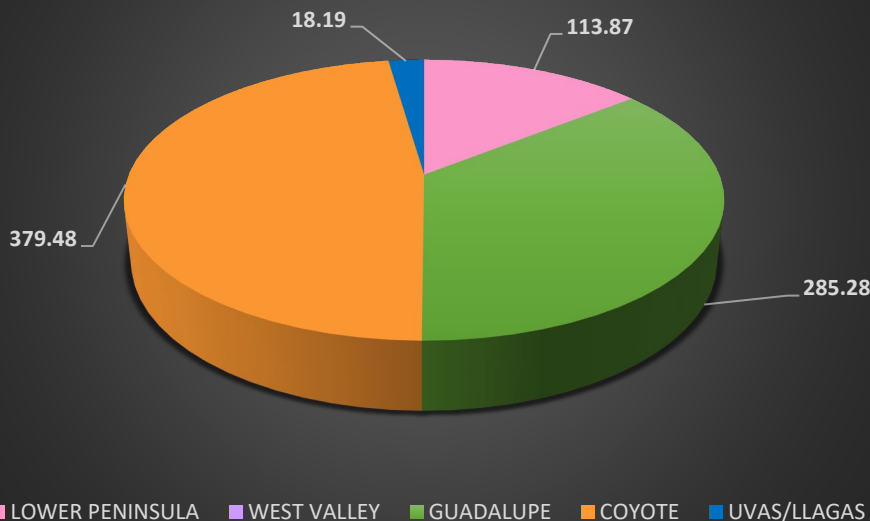
2. Maintain a minimum of 200 acres of invasive plant management projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and condition.

3. Remove 25 acres of Arundo donax throughout the county over a 15-year period.

The chart at left shows the work completed between June 15 – July 31, 2025.

## Safe Clean Water Priority F1: Vegetation Control for Capacity

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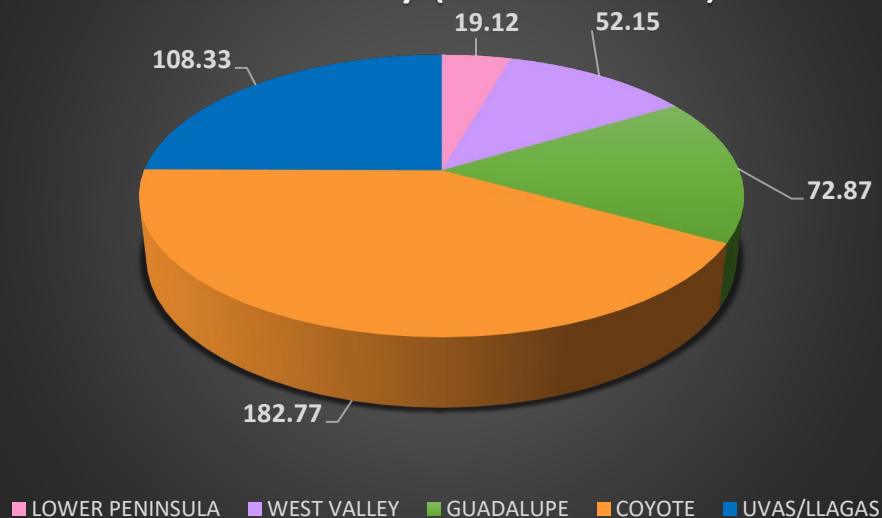


Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance.

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## Safe Clean Water Priority F4: Vegetation Management for Access & Fire Safety

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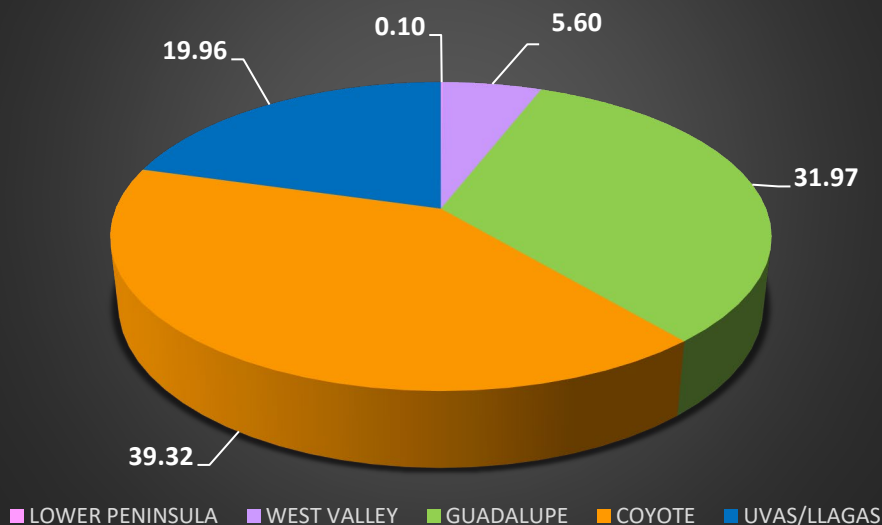


Provide vegetation management for access and fire risk reduction along levee, property lines and maintenance roads, over a 15- year period.

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## Safe Clean Water Priority F5: Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Clean Up

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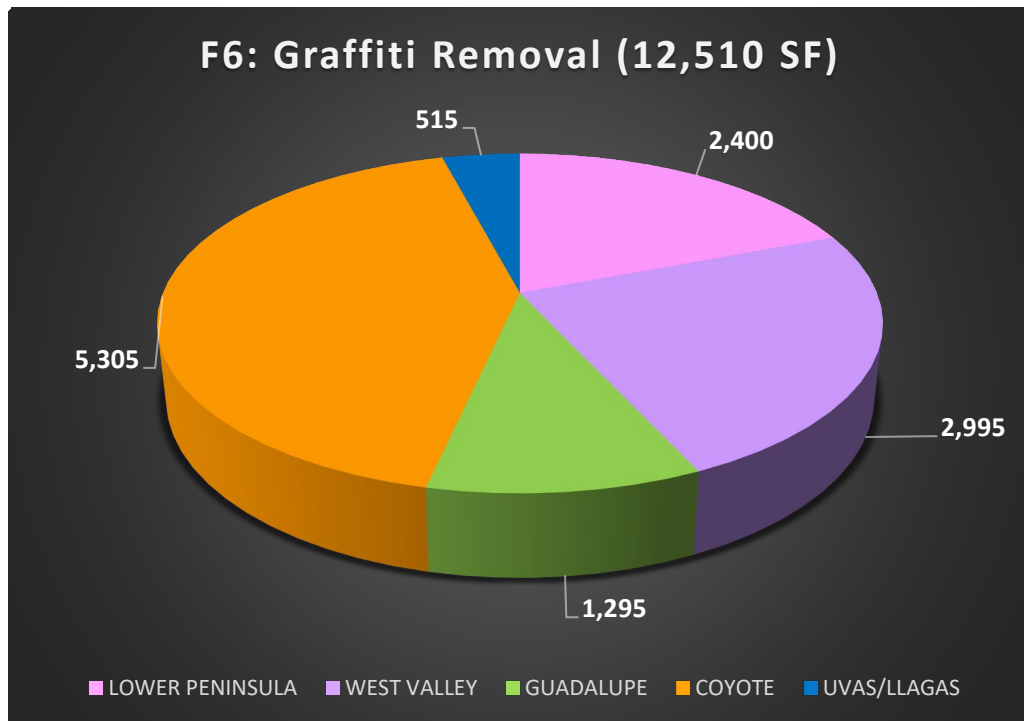


1. Manage 300 acres annually to reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering streams.

2. Provide up to \$500,000 per year in cost-share with local agencies for services related to encampment cleanups, including services supporting staff safety, discouraging re-encampments along waterways, or addressing the homelessness crisis with the goal of reducing the need for encampment cleanups.

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## Safe Clean Water Priority F6: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art



1. Cleanup identified trash and graffiti hotspots at approximately 80 sites four (4) times per year.
2. Respond to requests on litter or graffiti cleanup within five (5) working days.
3. Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement public art projects on Valley Water property and infrastructure.

The chart at left shows the graffiti removal work completed between June 15 – July 31, 2025.

The information in this report has been provided by Valley Water staff for Watersheds O&M work between June 15 and July 31, 2025. As information is gathered, some of the data reported here may change.

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