

Watersheds - Operations and Maintenance Report

September 13 – October 15, 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 155 projects in the 2025 Notice of Proposed Work (NPW1) to regulatory agencies on April 15th. Nine projects were either withdrawn by Valley Water or denied by regulatory agencies, and the remaining 146 projects received full approval before or by July 31st. A second NPW (NPW2) was not submitted in 2025. Work window extensions past October 15th were requested and approved for 6 bank repair/sediment removal projects by early October. Overall, instream work is nearing completion and winterization of projects has commenced.

The Evelyn Fish Passage Improvement Project on Stevens Creek, permitted through the SMP mitigation credit process, began instream construction on September 8th and stopped work for the season on October 3rd. The project will continue instream construction during 2026 season. The Project Management is being covered by Watershed Asset Rehabilitation Program (WARP) team under contract with Granite Rock Company.

The SMP Renewal (SMP3) team remains engaged in ongoing negotiations with regulatory agencies for the next program cycle, covering 2027 to 2036. The Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) was released for a 45-day public review period from July 21st to September 3rd. The review period was extended through September 17th, per State agency requests. A virtual public meeting was held on August 27th, with minimal public attendance. The DSEIR received two comment letters, one from each of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. 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, the Evelyn Fish Passage Project, and Thompson Creek Enhancement Project.

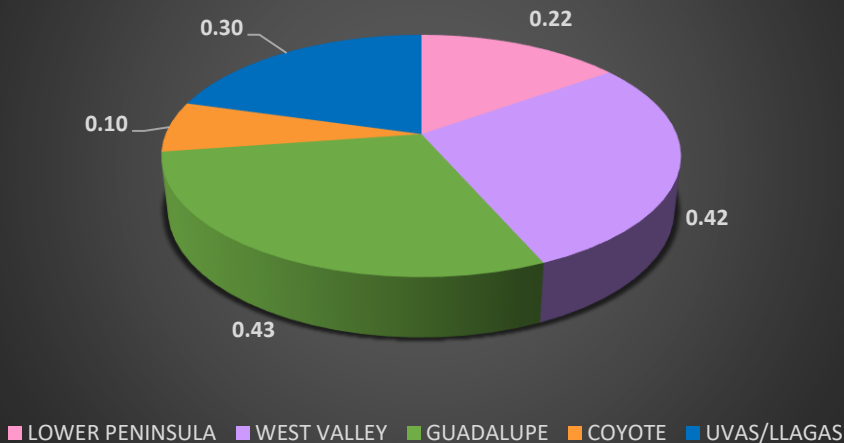
In addition to SMP-related work, O&M Environmental Support staff continued to provide essential environmental compliance support for Water Utility operations and non-SMP Watersheds O&M. This includes conducting biological surveys and monitoring for a range of programs such as the Dam Maintenance Program, Canal Maintenance Program, Pipeline Maintenance Program, instream diversions, and percolation pond maintenance. This also includes environmental review and permitting for Guadalupe River Bank Repair at Malone/Blossom Hill, and Guadalupe River Bank Repair at Willow Street. Division staff have also been engaged with stakeholders for the removal of +200 blue gum eucalyptus trees from VW lands under the Governor's emergency proclamation for fire resiliency. These efforts are critical in ensuring regulatory compliance and minimizing environmental impacts associated with water utility maintenance activities.

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	Regnart Creek downstream of Antoinette Drive	Cupertino	5 (Hsueh)	Completed 8/18/25
Sediment removal	Alamitos Diversion Channel upstream of Mazzone Drive	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 8/27/25
Bank protection, sediment removal	Piedmont Creek upstream of Vista Way	Milpitas	3 (Santos)	Completed 8/28/25
Bank protection, sediment removal	Alamitos Creek downstream of Mazzone Drive	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 9/2/25 (started 8/1/25)
Sediment removal	Matadero Creek downstream of Louis Road	Palo Alto	7 (Eisenberg)	Ongoing; started 7/16/25
Bank protection	Princevalle Drain upstream of Camino Arroyo	Gilroy	1 (Varela)	Ongoing; started 7/30/25
Bank protection	Saratoga Creek upstream of Bollinger Road	San Jose	5 (Hsueh)	Ongoing; started 8/18/25
Sediment removal	Lower Penitencia Creek downstream of Marilyn Drive	Milpitas	3 (Santos)	Ongoing; started 9/2/25
Sediment removal	Randol Creek upstream of Rajkovich Way	San Jose	7 (Eisenberg)	Ongoing; started 9/2/25
Sediment removal	Canoas Creek, Nightingale Drive to Lean Avenue	San Jose	6 (Estremera), 4 (Beall)	Ongoing; started 9/8/25

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.

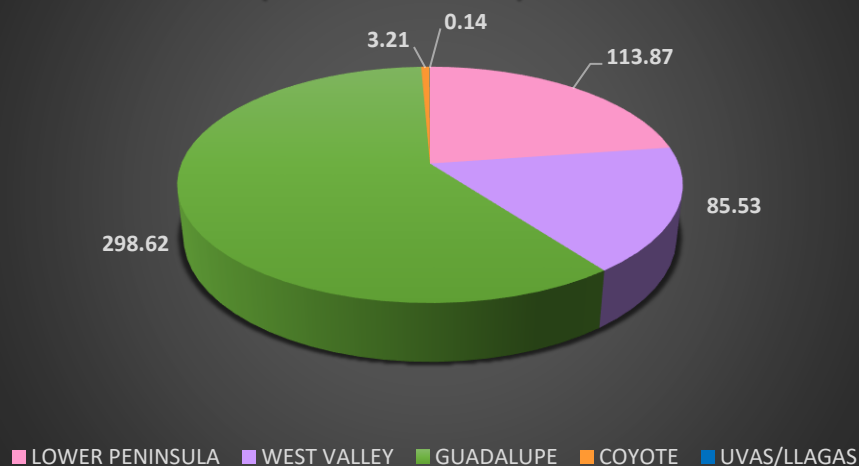
2. Maintain a minimum of 200 acres of invasive plant management projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and condition.

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

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Safe Clean Water Priority F1: Vegetation Control for Capacity

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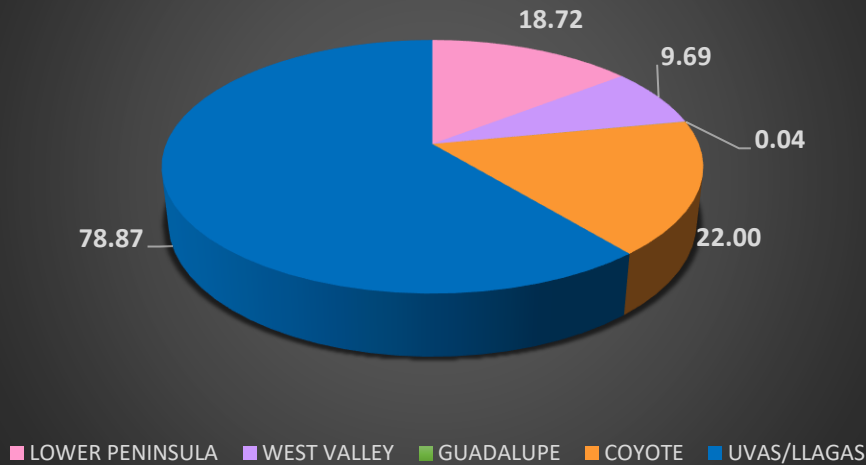


Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance.

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

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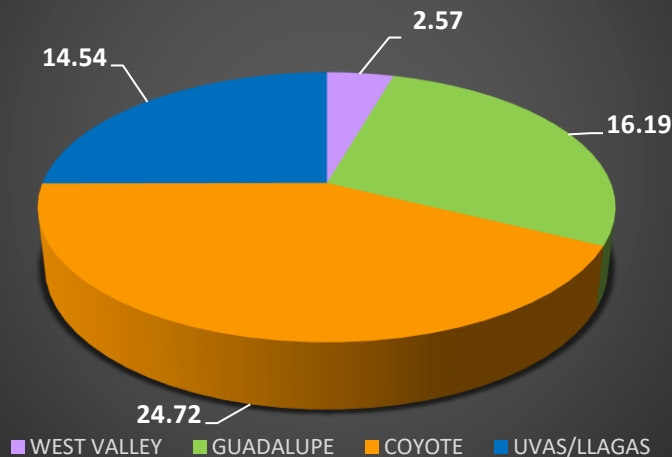


Provide vegetation management for access and fire risk reduction along levee, property lines and maintenance roads, over a 15- year period.

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

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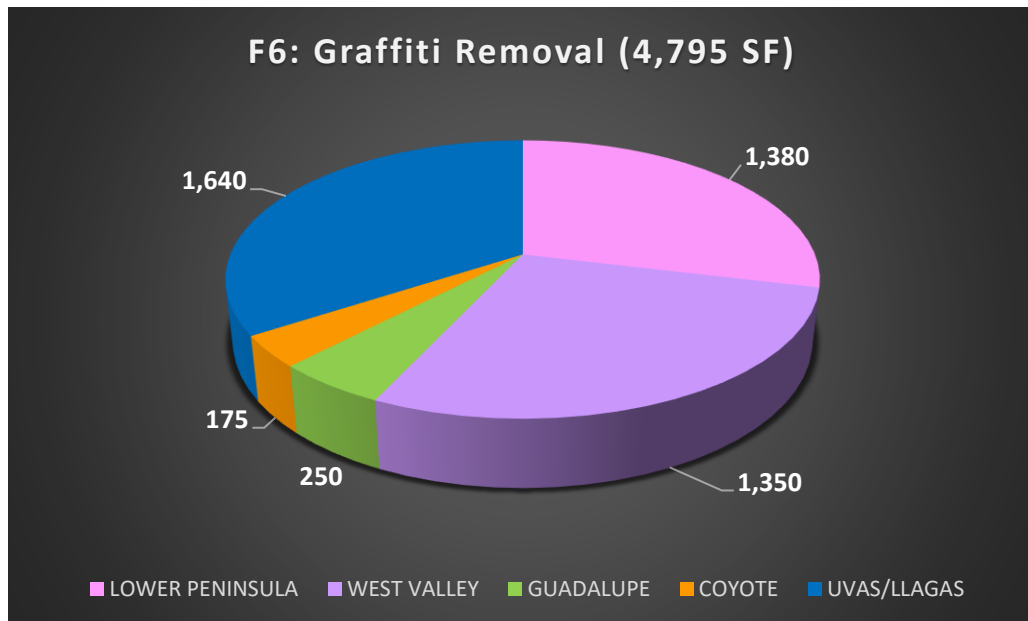


1. Manage 300 acres annually to reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering streams.

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 September 13 – October 15, 2025.

The information in this report has been provided by Valley Water staff for Watersheds O&M work between September 13 and October 15, 2025. As information is gathered, some of the data reported here may change.

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