

MARCH 2025

# BI-MONTHLY GRANTS UPDATE



## GRANTS AWARDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025

**\$92,039,496 in New Grant Funding Secured in Fiscal Year 2025**

- **Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project, Phase 2B:** Obtained grant award of \$80 million from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



*Upper Llagas Creek flooding in Morgan Hill (2009)*

- **Shoreline Project Phase 1 (Reaches 1-3):** Obtained grant award of \$4,611,196 from the Wildlife Conservation Board. Funding is added to an existing agreement through amendment with the State Coastal Conservancy.
- **Shoreline Project Phase 1 (Reaches 4 & 5):** Obtained grant award of \$7,428,300 from the State Coastal Conservancy.

## PENDING VALLEY WATER GRANT APPLICATIONS

**\$98 million in pending grant funds in March 2025**

- **Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants for the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project:** In September 2024, the \$50 million Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant application advanced through a nationwide competitive review process and was selected by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for additional review. Valley Water is working with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and FEMA to complete FEMA's review and execute a grant agreement before construction of the project begins.



*Coyote Creek Flooding (2017)*

- **HMA Grant for East Channel portion of Sunnyvale East and West Channels Flood Protection Project:** Valley Water submitted a grant application for \$24.2 million and is working with CalOES and FEMA to complete the current review process.
- **Anderson Dam Project, DWR Dam Safety and Climate Resilience (DSCR) Local Assistance Grant Program:** In October 2024, Valley Water submitted a \$24 million grant application for the Anderson Dam Stage 2 Diversion System. However, the program has been temporarily paused by the State.

## GRANTS NOT AWARDED

**Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects (AERP) Grant for Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project:** In September 2024, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) informed Valley Water that the \$2 million grant application to fund the study and design of the project was not selected for further consideration.

## FEDERAL UPDATES

Staff is working diligently with internal and external stakeholders to stay current with the changing federal funding landscape.

Staffing levels have been reduced at several federal agencies, including: NRCS (U.S. Department of Agriculture), NOAA (U.S. Department of Commerce), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy, & FEMA (U.S. Department of Homeland Security). These changes affect our research, submittals and reimbursement requests.

Federal grant application submittals and requests for information/clarification on NOFO's (Notice of Funding Opportunity) are on hold, pending review for Executive Order compliance.

## STATE GRANT UPDATES

- **Senate Bill 1 (SB1, 2021) Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant:** Senate Bill 1 (SB1, 2021) Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant: The Ocean Protection Council is providing funding for sea level rise planning. Valley Water is partnering with the County of Santa Clara, six local cities (Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Milpitas, and Santa Clara), and the Valley Transit Authority to develop a Sub-regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (SSAP) in accordance with Senate Bill 272 (Sea level rise: planning and adaptation).

The team is targeting the March 21, 2025 deadline. The grant would primarily fund consultant support for evaluating existing conditions, completing a vulnerability assessment, and identifying and ranking priority adaptation actions. The grant would also support a consultant to support community outreach efforts through the entirety of plan development.



*San Francisco Bay Shoreline, Santa Clara County*

- **Proposition 4 Update:** The Governor's January 10th budget proposed shifting \$47 million in general fund money from the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance (DSCR) grant program to Proposition 4 (Prop 4) funds. If the DSCR funding is shifted to Prop 4, new guidelines and solicitation will be required for the program. Because of the uncertainty, the DSCR Program has been temporarily paused.

## GRANTS SUCCESSFULLY CLOSED OUT

- Lower Silver Creek and Lake Cunningham Flood Protection Project, funded by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Primary Benefit: Flood Protection.
- Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project, funded by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Primary Benefit: Flood Protection.

## OTHER NEWS

Staff is taking advantage of opportunities to tour Valley Water facilities in order to better understand both funded projects and potential funding opportunities.



*Rinconada Facility, Los Gatos*