

# Environmental Impacts of Encampments

- SMP efforts have been significantly compromised by encampments of unsheltered individuals located within waterway areas
- Trampling, soil excavation, vegetation and tree removal, frequent fires, unauthorized vehicle activity, trash accumulation, biohazardous waste, and large encampment structures have caused extensive damage to mitigation sites
- Valley Water has spent over \$1.8 million on labor, equipment, and materials to manage impacted sites
- Valley Water implements creek restoration projects to repair damage from unpermitted excavation and construction associated with encampments





## Coyote Creek – Milpitas (2023)

- Restoration of natural channel elements along Coyote Creek upstream of McCarthy Blvd.
- Goal to restore existing floodplain and understory vegetation community
- Remediated unpermitted construction, excavations, and soil decompaction
- Vegetation will improve wildlife habitat and reduce input of fine sediment into Coyote Creek and San Francisco Bay
- **Construction Cost: \$27,533.61**



Before



After



## Coyote Creek – San José (2024)

- Restoration of natural channel elements along Coyote Creek upstream of E. William St.
- Coyote Creek is an essential stream for Central California Coast steelhead recovery
- Goal to restore existing floodplain and habitat by remediating unpermitted excavations on west bank
- Compacted soil affected riparian plants
- Repaired modifications and hydroseeded with native grasses
- **Construction Cost: \$106,693.63**





# Thompson Creek – San José (2025)

- Restoration of natural channel elements along Thompson Creek upstream of Aborn Ave.
- Goal to restore existing floodplain and habitat by remediating extensive underground excavations
- Compacted upper layer of soil affected riparian plants
- Repaired modifications and hydroseeded with native species
- **Construction Cost: \$16,163.53**

