

Watersheds Operations and Maintenance Report

June 15 – July 24, 2026

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 167 projects in the 2026 Notice of Proposed Work (NPW1) to regulatory agencies on April 15th. With the exception of one mitigation project, all 167 projects received full approval before or by July 31st. A second NPW (NPW2) was not submitted in 2026. Several instream SMP projects began on June 15th and work continues countywide.

The Evelyn Fish Passage Improvement Project on Stevens Creek, permitted through the SMP mitigation credit process, began its second season of instream construction on June 15th. The project is being managed by Valley Water's 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. On April 28, 2026, Valley Water achieved a significant milestone, with Board certification of the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and adoption of the CEQA Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the SMP Renewal. 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, Ford Pond Aquatic Resource Project, and Thompson Creek Enhancement Project.

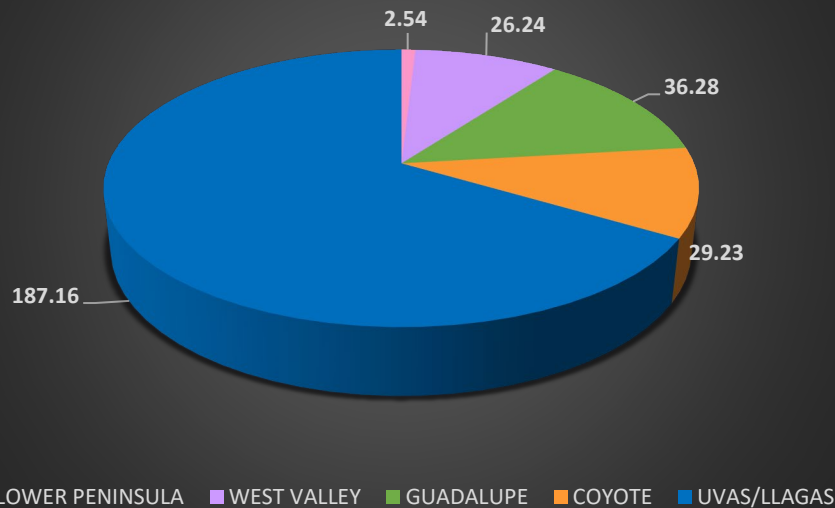
In addition to SMP-related work, O&M Environmental Support staff continue to provide essential environmental compliance support for Water Utility operations and non-SMP Watersheds O&M. This includes conducting biological surveys, monitoring, and report writing for a range of programs such as the Dam Maintenance Program, Canal Maintenance Program, Pipeline Maintenance Program, instream diversions, and percolation pond maintenance. Notable Water Utility projects being supported include West Pipeline, Almaden Valley Pipeline, Kirk Diversion Dam Operations, and Chesbro Seismic Retrofit Geotechnical Investigation. This also includes environmental review and permitting for Guadalupe River Bank Repair at Malone/Blossom Hill, and Tularcitos Creek Bank Repair Project. These efforts are critical in ensuring regulatory compliance and minimizing environmental impacts associated with 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
Sediment removal	Ross Creek downstream of Meridian Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 6/15/26 (started 6/15/26)
Sediment removal	Ross Creek downstream of Jarvis Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 6/16/26 (started 6/16/26)
Sediment removal	Ross Creek downstream of Cherry Avenue	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Completed 6/17/26 (started 6/17/26)
Sediment removal	Regnart Creek downstream of Kim Street	Cupertino	5 (Hsueh)	Completed 6/18/26 (started 6/15/26)
Sediment removal	Lions Creek downstream of Santa Teresa Boulevard	Gilroy	1 (Varela)	Completed 6/24/26 (started 6/15/26)
Sediment removal	San Tomas Aquino Creek downstream of Pollard Road	Campbell, Saratoga	5 (Hsueh), 4 (Beall)	Completed 7/1/26 (started 6/22/26)
Sediment removal	Sierra Creek downstream of Mauna Kea Lane	San Jose	3 (Santos)	Completed 7/10/26 (started 6/15/26)
Bank protection	Calabazas Creek upstream of Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road	Saratoga	5 (Hsueh)	Completed 7/17/26 (started 6/15/26)
Bank protection	Ross Creek downstream of Sandy Lane	San Jose	4 (Beall)	Ongoing; started 6/22/26
Bank protection	Saratoga Creek downstream of Bollinger Road	Cupertino	5 (Hsueh)	Ongoing; started 7/2/26
Sediment removal	Berryessa Creek, North Hillview Drive to Piedmont Creek confluence	Milpitas	3 (Santos)	Ongoing; started 7/6/26
Bank protection	Thompson Creek downstream of Everdale Drive pedestrian bridge	San Jose	1 (Varela)	Ongoing; started 7/21/26
Sediment removal, bank protection	Guadalupe River downstream of Skyport Drive	San Jose	3 (Santos)	Ongoing; started 7/22/26

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.

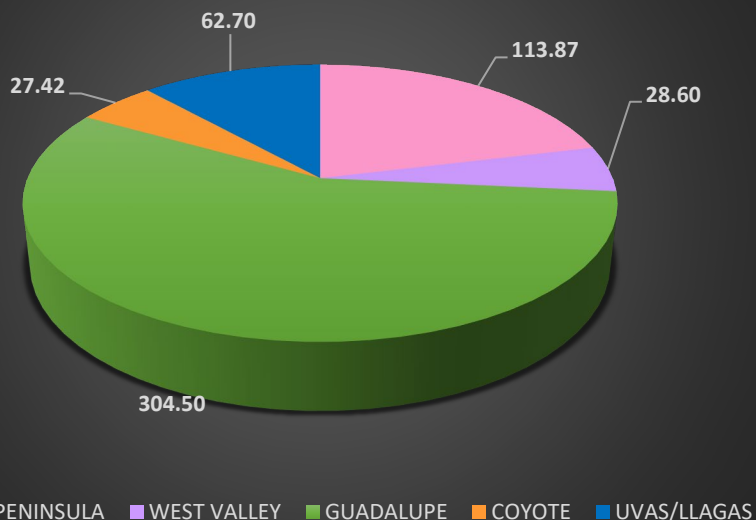
2. Maintain a minimum of 200 acres of invasive plant management projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and condition.

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 24, 2026.

Safe Clean Water Priority F1: Vegetation Control for Capacity

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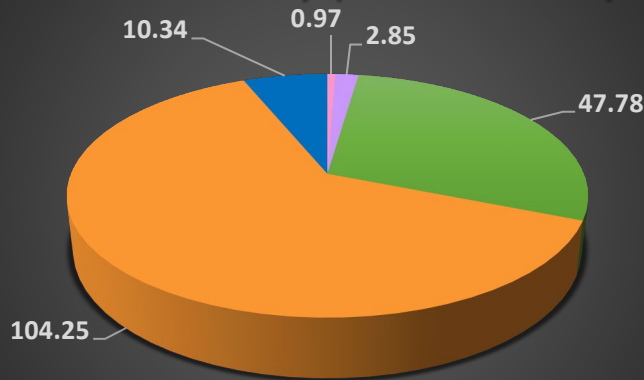


Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance.

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

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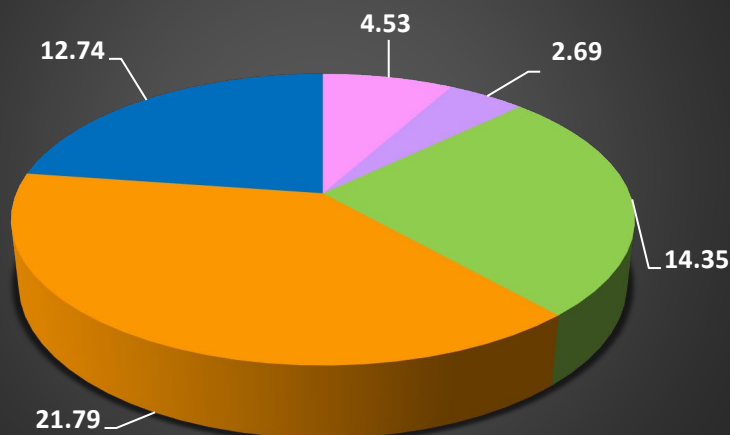
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Provide vegetation management for access and fire risk reduction along levee, property lines and maintenance roads, over a 15- year period.

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

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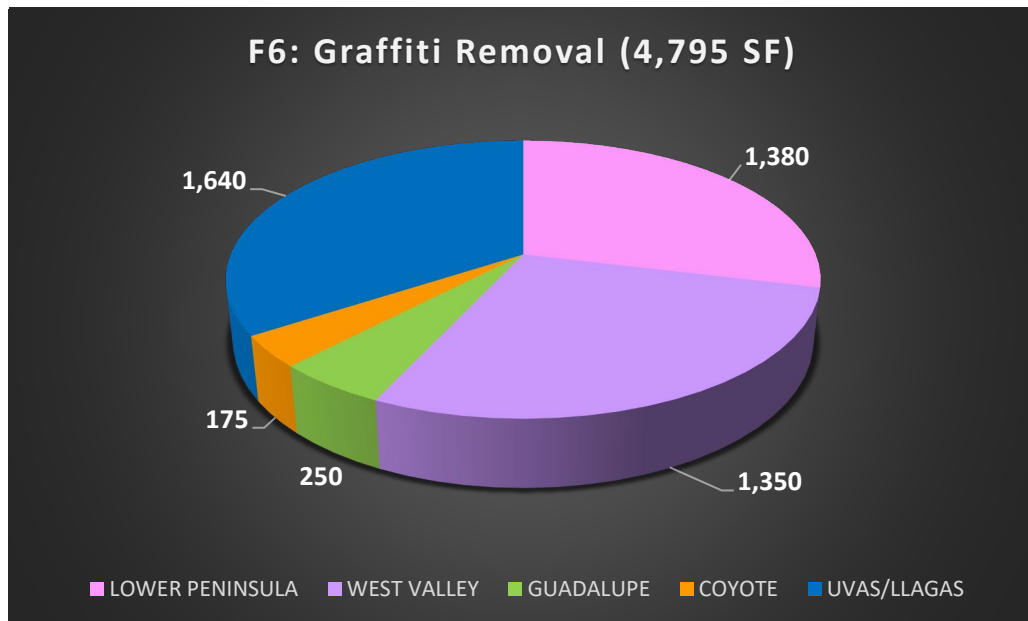
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1. Manage 300 acres annually to reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering streams.

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 24, 2026.

The information in this report has been provided by Valley Water staff for Watersheds O&M work between June 15 and July 24, 2026. As information is gathered, some of the data reported here may change.

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