



## Watersheds - Operations and Maintenance Report

June 15 – November 19, 2025

### Projects and Permit Process Status

During this reporting period, the Watersheds Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Division supported 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Nine projects were either withdrawn by Valley Water or denied by regulatory agencies, and the remaining 146 projects received full approval before or by July 31<sup>st</sup>. A second NPW (NPW2) was not submitted in 2025. Work window extensions past October 15<sup>th</sup> were requested and approved for 6 bank repair/sediment removal projects by early October. Overall, instream work was completed prior to reaching the significant rain threshold.

The Evelyn Fish Passage Improvement Project on Stevens Creek, permitted through the SMP mitigation credit process, began instream construction on September 8<sup>th</sup> and stopped work for the season on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The project will continue instream construction during 2026 season. 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 21<sup>st</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The review period was extended through September 17<sup>th</sup>, per State agency requests. A virtual public meeting was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, with minimal public attendance. The DSEIR received two comment letters, one from each of the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. The team is also coordinating closely with the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency to incorporate the SMP into the Valley Habitat Plan. This collaboration will help ensure 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 Valley Water lands under the Governor's emergency proclamation for fire resiliency. These efforts are critical in ensuring regulatory compliance and minimizing environmental impacts associated with maintenance activities.



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## Summary of select sediment removal and bank protection completed during the 2025 SMP season.

| WORK TYPE                            | LOCATION   | MUNICIPALITY | DISTRICT/<br>DIRECTOR | STATUS               | ACCOMPLISHMENTS<br>(ESTIMATED)      |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bank protection                      | Tennant Creek upstream of Fountain Oaks Drive      | Morgan Hill  | 1 (Varela)            | Completed<br>6/18/25 | 20 linear feet                      |
| Bank protection                      | San Tomas Aquino Creek upstream of McCoy Avenue    | Campbell     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>6/26/25 | 100 linear feet                     |
| Sediment removal                     | San Tomas Aquino Creek upstream of Westmont Avenue | San Jose     | 5 (Hsueh)             | Completed<br>6/26/25 | 2,526 cubic yards                   |
| Sediment removal                     | Berryessa Creek downstream of Piedmont Road        | San Jose     | 3 (Santos)            | Completed<br>6/27/25 | 927 cubic yards                     |
| Bank protection,<br>sediment removal | Golf Creek upstream of Camden Avenue               | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>7/3/25  | 335 linear feet,<br>21 cubic yards  |
| Sediment removal                     | Calabazas Creek downstream of Comer Drive          | Saratoga     | 5 (Hsueh)             | Completed<br>7/15/25 | 1,425 cubic yards                   |
| Bank protection,<br>sediment removal | Ross Creek upstream of Lone Hill Creek confluence  | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>7/16/25 | 362 linear feet,<br>296 cubic yards |
| Bank protection                      | Greystone Creek downstream of Echo Valley Drive    | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>7/16/25 | 41 linear feet                      |
| Sediment removal                     | Ross Creek downstream of Cherry Avenue             | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>7/18/25 | 75 cubic yards                      |
| Sediment removal                     | Ross Creek downstream of Jarvis Avenue             | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>7/18/25 | 25 cubic yards                      |
| Sediment removal                     | Ross Creek downstream of Meridian Avenue           | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>7/18/25 | 22 cubic yards                      |
| Sediment removal                     | Randol Creek upstream of Camden Avenue             | San Jose     | 7 (Eisenberg)         | Completed<br>7/24/25 | 167 cubic yards                     |
| Bank protection                      | Llagas Creek downstream of Bloomfield Avenue       | Gilroy       | 1 (Varela)            | Completed<br>7/28/25 | 180 linear feet                     |
| Sediment removal                     | Ross Creek downstream of Camden Avenue             | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)             | Completed<br>7/31/25 | 506 cubic yards                     |

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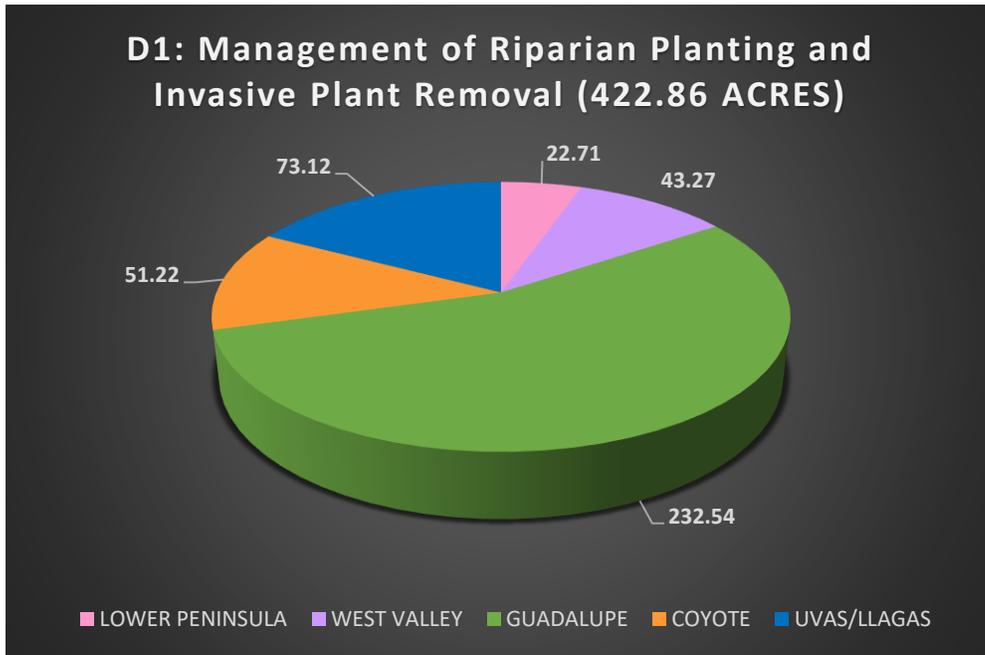
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| Bank protection                   | Regnart Creek downstream of Antoinette Drive                   | Cupertino    | 5 (Hsueh)                   | Completed<br>8/18/25  | 195 linear feet                    |
| Sediment removal                  | Alamitos Diversion Channel upstream of Mazzone Drive           | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)                   | Completed<br>8/27/25  | 8,674 cubic yards                  |
| Bank protection, sediment removal | Piedmont Creek upstream of Vista Way                           | Milpitas     | 3 (Santos)                  | Completed<br>8/28/25  | 275 linear feet, 198 cubic yards   |
| Bank protection, sediment removal | Alamitos Creek downstream of Mazzone Drive                     | San Jose     | 4 (Beall)                   | Completed<br>9/2/25   | 65 linear feet, 1,215 cubic yards  |
| Sediment removal                  | Lower Penitencia Creek downstream of Marilyn Drive             | Milpitas     | 3 (Santos)                  | Completed<br>9/16/25  | 144 cubic yards                    |
| Sediment removal                  | Matadero Creek downstream of Louis Road                        | Palo Alto    | 7 (Eisenberg)               | Completed<br>9/18/25  | 3,028 cubic yards                  |
| Sediment removal                  | Randol Creek upstream of Rajkovich Way                         | San Jose     | 7 (Eisenberg)               | Completed<br>9/23/25  | 669 cubic yards                    |
| Bank protection                   | East Ross Creek upstream of Ross Creek confluence              | Los Gatos    | 7 (Eisenberg)               | Completed<br>10/1/25  | 20 linear feet                     |
| Sediment removal                  | Canoas Creek, Nightingale Drive to Lean Avenue                 | San Jose     | 6 (Estremera),<br>4 (Beall) | Completed<br>10/7/25  | 78 cubic yards                     |
| Sediment removal                  | Guadalupe River Secondary Channel downstream of Coleman Avenue | San Jose     | 2 (Ballard)                 | Completed<br>10/21/25 | 1,024 cubic yards                  |
| Bank protection                   | Saratoga Creek upstream of Bollinger Road                      | San Jose     | 5 (Hsueh)                   | Completed<br>10/30/25 | 162 linear feet                    |
| Bank protection, sediment removal | Barron Creek upstream of Highway 101                           | Palo Alto    | 7 (Eisenberg)               | Completed<br>11/4/25  | 100 linear feet, 1,216 cubic yards |
| Sediment removal                  | Lower Silver Creek, Jackson Avenue to Moss Point Drive         | San Jose     | 6 (Estremera)               | Completed<br>11/4/25  | 2,151 cubic yards                  |
| Bank protection                   | Princevalle Drain upstream of Camino Arroyo                    | Gilroy       | 1 (Varela)                  | Completed<br>11/19/25 | 790 linear feet                    |

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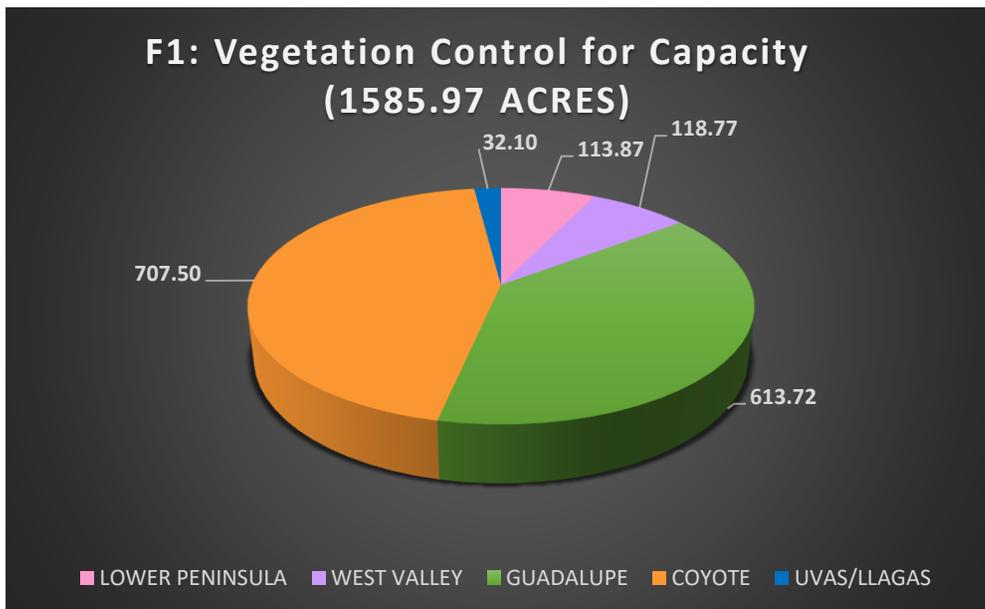


## Safe Clean Water Priority D1: Management of Riparian Planting & Invasive Plant Removal



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 – November 19, 2025.

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



Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance.

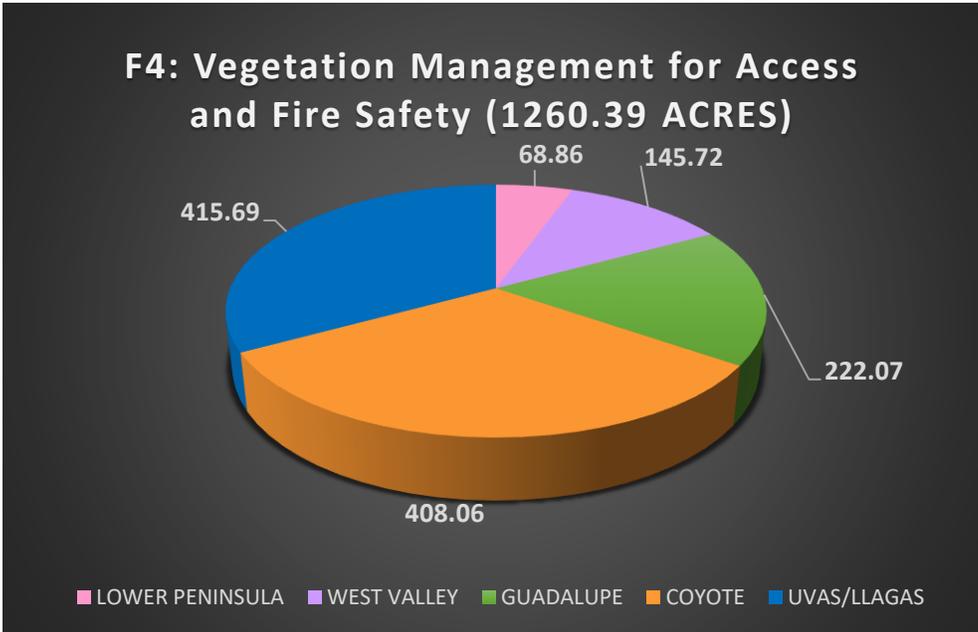
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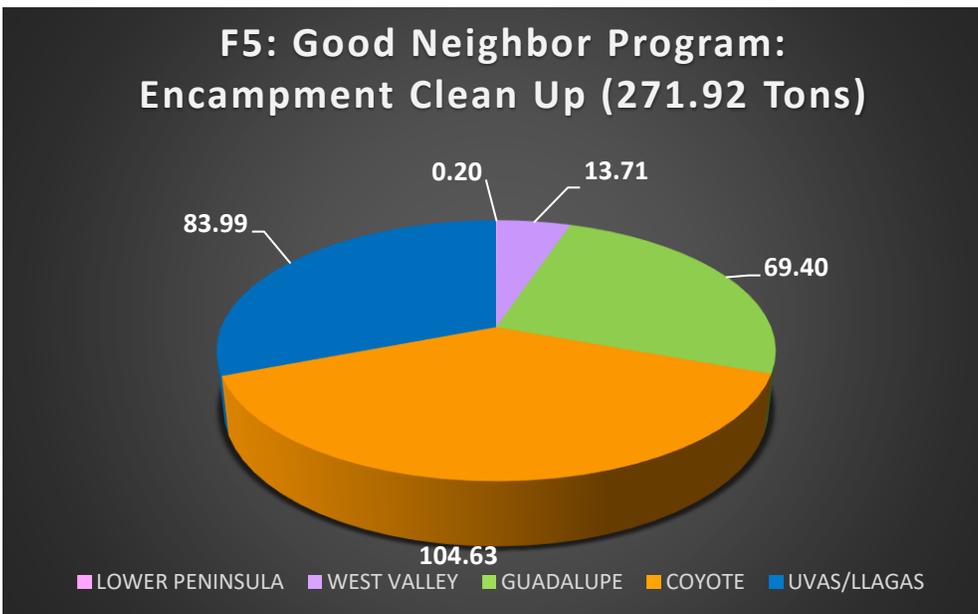
## Safe Clean Water Priority F4: Vegetation Management for Access & Fire Safety



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



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.

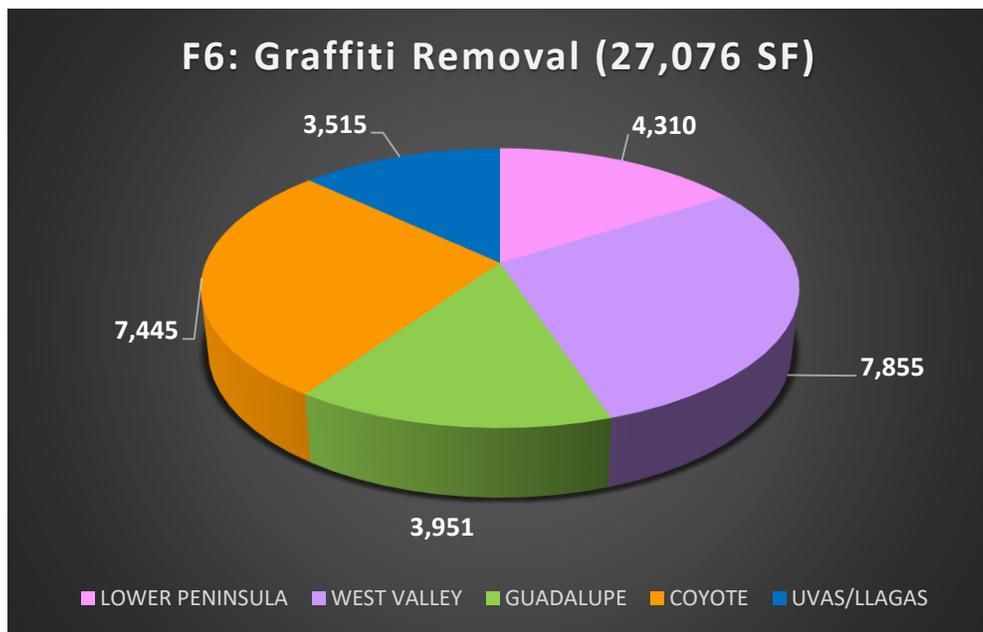
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## Safe Clean Water Priority F6: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art



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 – November 19, 2025.

The information in this report has been provided by Valley Water staff for Watersheds O&M work between June 15 and November 19, 2025. As information is gathered, some of the data reported here may change.

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