



# Watersheds Operations & Maintenance Report

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### Projects and Permit Process Status

This report was previously focused solely on Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) activities. Since the Watersheds Operations and Maintenance Division performs activities outside of the SMP both on Water Utility Facilities and other maintenance activities that are not permitted under SMP, moving forward, this report will include additional O&M activities. This will give a more holistic view of Watersheds O&M Division operations.

As required under the Stream Maintenance Program permitting, Valley Water submitted its annual Notice of Proposed Work (NPW) on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. As of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, complete agency approvals have been received for 28 bank stabilization, sediment removal and animal damage management projects and 87 vegetation management projects.

Agency review of the NPW has been completed by US Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, San Francisco and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Boards and Bay Conservation Development Commission. Currently, 18 vegetation management projects are still pending California Department of Fish & Wildlife approval. This delay was anticipated due to CDF&W Staff being directed to prioritize support for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. Valley Water staff are in regular contact with CDF&W, and we anticipate that additional projects will be received each week until review is complete.

**Work Status: The following includes select projects and work activities either completed and/or ongoing during this reporting period.**

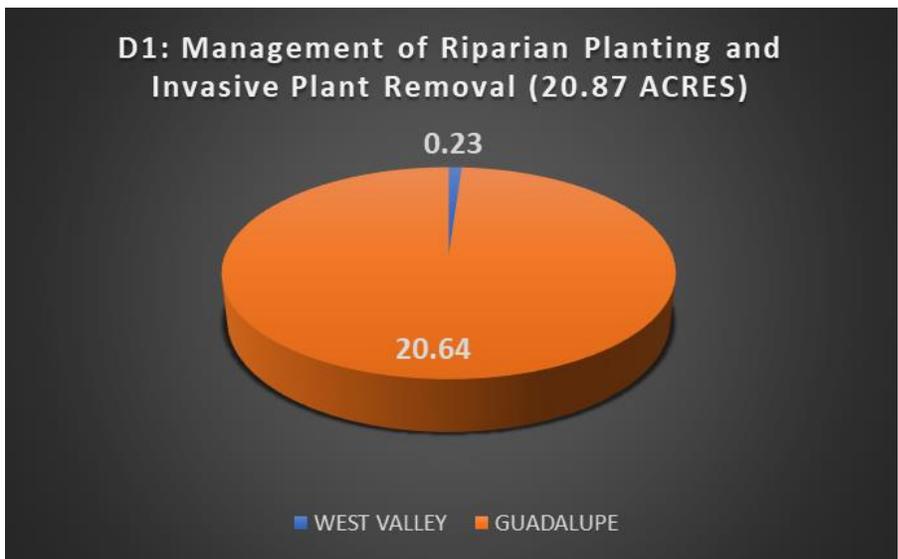
WORK TYPE	LOCATION	MUNICIPALITY	DISTRICT (DIRECTOR)	STATUS
Bank protection	Canoas Creek upstream of Capitol Expressway	San Jose	4 (LeZotte)	Ongoing; started 06/21/21
Sediment removal	San Tomas Aquino Creek at Walsh Avenue	Santa Clara	3 (Santos)	Ongoing; started 06/22/21
Sediment removal, bank protection	Thompson Creek at Quimby Creek confluence (near Aborn Court)	San Jose	1 (Varela)	Ongoing; started 06/28/21
Log Boom Winch Installation	Anderson Dam	County	1 (Varela)	Ongoing; started 04/15/21



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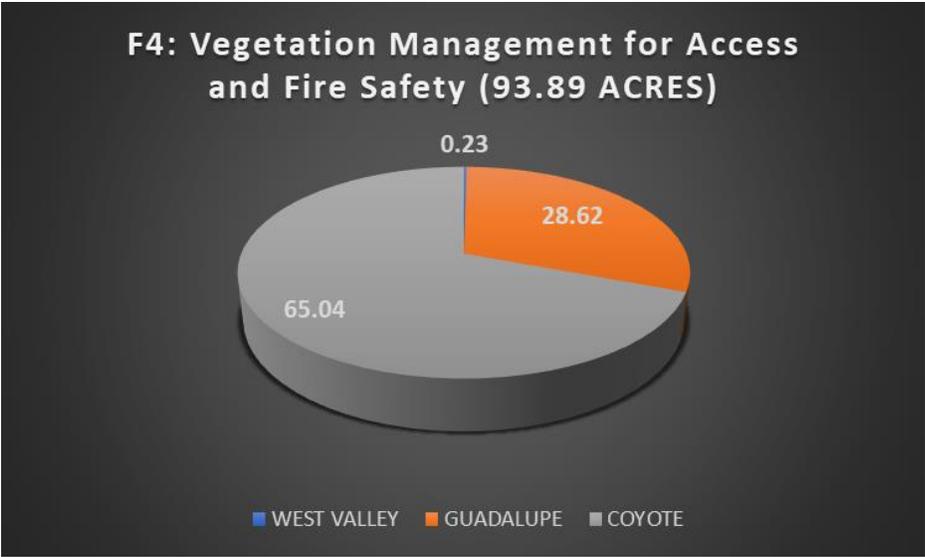
## Safe Clean Water Priority D1: Management of Riparian Planting and Invasive Plant Removal



- 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 conditions.
- 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 2, 2021.

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



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

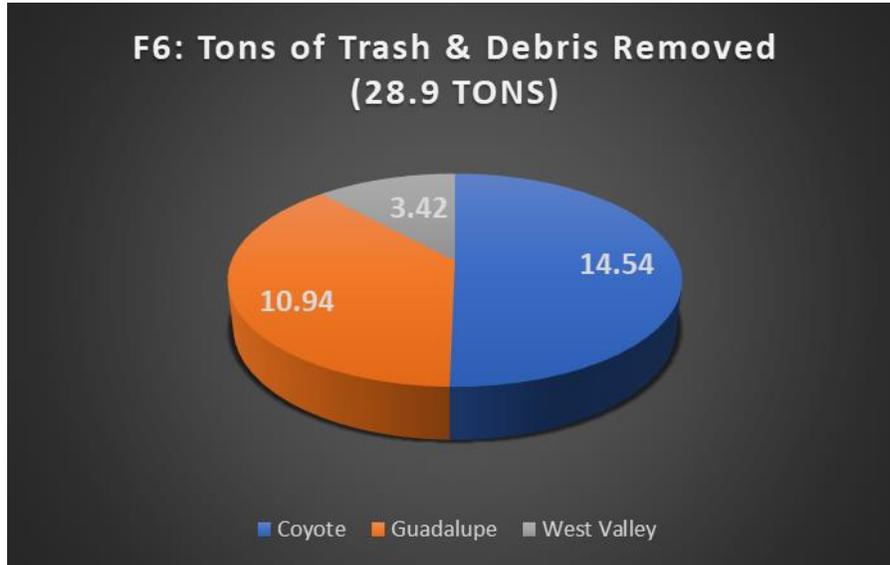
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## Safe Clean Water Priority F6: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art



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.

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The information in this report has been provided by Valley Water staff for SMP work between June 15, and July 2, 2021. As information is gathered, some of the data reported here may change.

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