

## **Santa Clara Valley Water District is Hosting Neighborhood Meetings on April 6, 12, and 17 on Flooding & Flood Risk Prevention Efforts**

Our hearts and sympathies go out to the many individuals, families, businesses and organizations that were severely impacted and hurt by the Presidents' Day Weekend flooding.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District will host public meetings with a resource and informational open house in the three neighborhoods most impacted by the storms. We will be there to answer your questions, get feedback and provide you with essential information on what the water district is doing to alleviate flooding along Coyote Creek. The City of San Jose and resource agencies will be available during the open house.

We know there are many questions about the flooding events--and what improvements can be made to reduce future risks. There has been a great deal of information and discussions about the flooding. Unfortunately, not all of it is accurate or helpful in evaluating what can be done to prevent flooding along Coyote Creek.

In an effort to reach as many people as possible, we are holding a series of meetings on different days of the week. Spanish and Vietnamese speaking interpreters will be available. All three meetings are taking place in San Jose and are scheduled

6 – 8:30 p.m.

- April 6: County Service Building 2, Auditorium, 1555 Berger Drive
- April 12: Franklin McKinley School District, Boardroom, 645 Wool Creek Road
- April 17: Roosevelt Community Center, 901 E. Santa Clara Street

Please attend or rsvp to us at [rsvp@valleywater.org](mailto:rsvp@valleywater.org).

### Important Updates and Flood Risk Reduction Measures by the Water District

Since the flooding, the water district has taken the following actions to address current and future storm impacts:

- Funding reallocation: water district Board of Directors approved repurposing up to \$450,000 in a current contract with San Jose Conservation Corp to assist the City of San Jose's response to health and safety efforts in the impacted neighborhoods.
- Requesting Federal support: ask for federal assistance to address, reduce and prevent future flooding of vulnerable areas along Coyote Creek.
- Inspection of Coyote Creek: inspected areas of Coyote Creek that are water district-owned.
- Communication and collaboration: actively working with the City of San Jose to develop a thorough joint emergency action plan and to ensure improved emergency communications.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Diego Barragan at 408-630-3063 or [dbarragan@valleywater.org](mailto:dbarragan@valleywater.org).

We look forward to meeting you, hearing your concerns and discussing future improvements.

Sincerely,

Santa Clara Valley Water District

