



San Leandro Creek Hazardous Tree Removal Project

Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is managing the hazardous tree removal project?

The Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is managing this project, in close consultation with certified arborists and foresters.

Why are the trees being removed?

The trees being removed have been identified by the District's team of consulting arborists and foresters as hazardous to residents and property in the area. The majority of these trees are nonnative species. In addition, some trees that may be susceptible to falling in storms and high winds when adjacent trees are removed have been selected for removal.

The project will benefit the community by increasing safety, reducing flooding and erosion, and promoting restoration of native plant species and a healthy riparian ecosystem.

Will restoration work be done after tree removal?

Yes, tree removal sites will be replanted with native trees and other species to improve erosion control and provide enjoyment for future generations. More than 350 native plants, including oaks, boxelder, buckeye, willows and California bay will be planted within the project limits.

How many trees will be removed, and from which areas?

Approximately 42 trees have been identified for removal on Flood Control District property. The project area is on District-owned properties between Woodland Avenue and Macarthur Boulevard. Trees will be carefully removed at three discrete locations: Huff Avenue, Carey Drive, and St. Mary Avenue at the intersection with San Leandro Creek.

Will existing non-hazardous trees be preserved?

Yes, more than 60 mature native trees, such as oaks, boxelders and buckeyes will be preserved within the project limits. Numerous native saplings will be preserved as well.

How were the removal locations chosen?

The Huff Avenue, Carey Drive, and St. Mary Avenue locations were selected based on the areas' history of falling trees and ease of accessibility so that no heavy equipment is needed in sensitive creekside areas.

Will there be any public notice before trees are removed?

Yes, the District is planning to hold a public meeting in May. Also, notices will be provided to residents along the access roadways prior to any start of work.

Will any trees be removed from private property?

No, trees will not be removed from private property.

When will the project begin and how long will it take to remove the trees?

Removal work will begin after the bird nesting season in August 2010 and take approximately four to six weeks. Restoration work will begin in December and be completed in two to three weeks.

Will other trees be removed on District property?

Over time, the District may remove hazardous trees in the course of routine maintenance and/or as needed.

Who can I contact if I have any more questions?

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