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NOTICE OF STUDY INITIATION
AND
ANNOUNCEMENT OF INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING

SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK FEASIBILITY STUDY
SAN MATEO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA

INITIATION OF STUDY. The Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, is beginning a feasibility study in cooperation with the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, to examine the feasibility of ecosystem restoration and flood control measures in the San Francisquito Creek Watershed. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public and agencies of the start of the study and to request comments regarding the scope of the study.

PURPOSE OF STUDY. The San Francisquito Creek Study was authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives. The study will investigate the opportunities to reduce both fluvial (creek) and tidal flooding, to reduce the threat to public safety due to flooding and to restore ecosystem quality and function, where possible.

PROPOSED STUDY AREA. The study area for the feasibility study encompasses an area of approximately 45 square miles, extending from the ridge of the Santa Cruz Mountains to San Francisco Bay and including the cities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, and Menlo Park. This study area includes the entire watershed of the San Francisquito Creek and some additional tidal reaches extending at the northern end from the Menlo Park City boundary, continuing south of the Dumbarton Bridge to Adobe Creek and the Palo Alto City border. The proposed study area is shown on the attached map.

INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING. A public meeting will be held at the following time and location:

7:00 to 8:30 PM
April 27, 2006
International School of the Peninsula, Cohn Campus
151 Laura Lane, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County

The purpose of the initial public meeting is to discuss the scope and objectives of the feasibility study. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and to provide comments on the study scope and purpose. The sponsoring agencies are particularly interested in comments regarding the problems, opportunities, and potential solutions that should be addressed by the study.

REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS. All interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments on the scope and objectives of the feasibility study. Written comments should be mailed to:

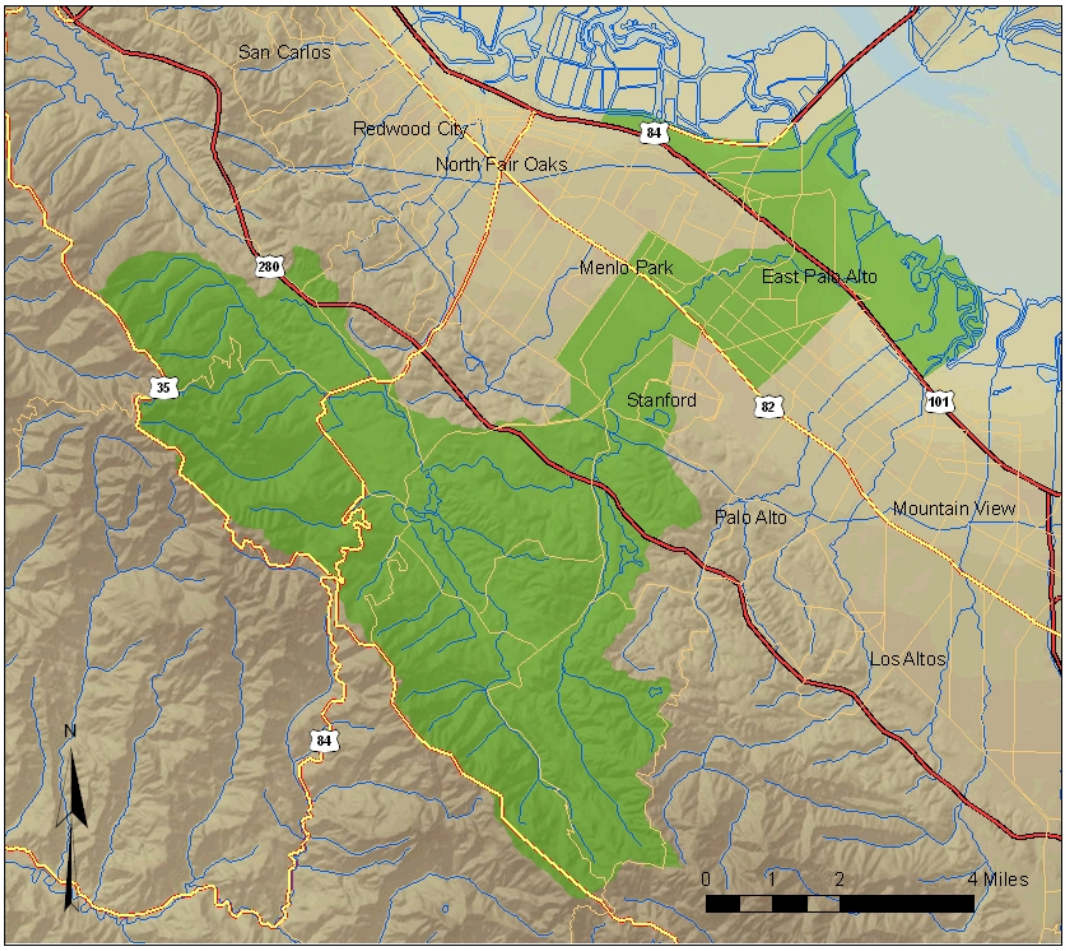
Sarah Gaines, Environmental Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
333 Market Street, 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105-2197

or

Cynthia D'Agosta, Executive Director
San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
701 Laurel Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Comments must be received no later than May 12, 2006 to ensure full consideration.

FURTHER INFORMATION. Project updates are posted regularly at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/jpa/. For further information regarding the San Francisquito Creek Feasibility Study, please contact Janice Lera-Chan, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (415) 977-8456 or Cynthia D'Agosta, Executive Director, San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority at (650) 330-6765.



Map of the San Francisquito Creek Feasibility Study Area. Background data from www.wetlandtracker.org