

PERALTA CREEK VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the Peralta Creek Vegetation Management Project?

The purpose of the project is to perform vegetation management along Peralta Creek within Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) owned properties or within the District's easement. The vegetation management will address fire hazard concerns and potential obstructions to creek flow.

Who is responsible for vegetation management within private properties along the creek?

Vegetation management within private properties is the responsibility of the private property owners.

Can private property owners join the District's contract to piggyback on the vegetation management effort?

Unfortunately, the laws regarding public contracting do not allow for private parties to "piggyback" on public construction contracts.

Why is the Peralta Creek Vegetation Management Project being implemented in two phases?

Phase 1 work, between Brookdale Avenue and School Street, is located within or adjacent to the underground portion of the creek and environmental permits are not required for implementation of that phase.

On the other hand, all of the trees within Phase 2, between Davis Street and Brookdale Avenue, are within the riparian habitat of the open creek. Removal of trees from riparian habitat require a regulatory permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). CDFW only allows the District to work in and around an open creek or channel during the months of April through October of each year.

Tree removal is further limited by the bird nesting season. The District is not allowed to remove any trees with active bird nests or any trees near a tree with active bird nests. The nesting season is generally between February to September of each year.

Is there a possibility that environmental permit would not be granted?

It is not a matter of whether a permit will be granted, but when the permit will be granted. The District is in the process of confirming the final scope of vegetation management work and will be submitting an environmental permit application to CDFW to secure the required permit. However, the District cannot guarantee or predict when the permit(s) will be granted. The District does not expect the regulatory permit to delay Phase 2 beyond next year.

Who was notified about the Peralta Creek Vegetation Management Project?

*A notice was sent to properties along and within proximity to the Creek. A copy of the Notice and a map showing the properties for which the District mailed the notice letter can be viewed from the link:
<https://acfloodcontrol.org/notices/#peralta-creek-tree>.*

When will the vegetation management effort be completed?

For Phase 1, between Brookdale Avenue and School Street, work is expected to be completed by early January 2022.

For Phase 2, between Davis Street and Brookdale Avenue, work is anticipated to take place during September and October of 2022 and be completed by November 2022.