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Zone 7 Water Agency Extends Stream Management Master Plan
Public Comment Period
Public Has Until May 8, 2006 to Submit Comments to Agency

Zones 7 invites the public and other interested parties to review its Stream Management Master Plan and associated environmental impact report and submit comments to the agency for consideration. To provide the public additional time to review these documents, Zone 7 extended the comment period one week until May 8, 2006. Both documents can be found on Zone 7's website by visiting www.zone7water.com, or by contacting the agency directly at (925) 454-5000.

The SMMP is a major overhaul of the agency’s Flood Control Master Plan, which has been in place since 1966. The new and improved plan identifies 45 projects anticipated through Valley build-out in 2035 to help Zone 7 protect communities in the Livermore-Amador Valley against 100-year storm events. The projects also provide additional opportunities for water quality, water supply, habitat restoration, and recreational benefits to the community. The SMMP is a new approach to flood control that emphasizes the interrelationships between flood protection, adequate water supply, healthy habitats for plants and animals, and recreation.

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