

PINOLE CREEK
CONTINUING AUTHORITY, SECTION 1135

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: This Section 1135 project would modify an existing flood control project located in Santa Clara County, California, within the cities of Pinole and Hercules. The project area is bordered by Highway 80 to the east and San Pablo Bay to the west. Prior to construction of the Pinole Creek Local Flood Protection Project, Pinole Creek periodically flooded downtown Pinole. As part of the existing project, the creek was straightened and armored to provide flood protection for downtown Pinole, eliminating an estimated 95% of the riparian community from the project area. This 1135 project would attempt to restore the Creek to a more natural state without affecting flood control protection, and to reduce barriers to potential salmonid fish migration passage (including Federally listed threatened species) from the San Pablo Bay. The project will investigate aquatic restoration opportunities to restore and enhance wildlife resources of approximately 25 acres of open water, marsh, riparian, and native habitat along the 6,000 feet of lower Pinole Creek. Possible solutions include planting riparian vegetation, terracing slope banks, removing barriers to migration, and creating meanders to add sinuosity.

TOTAL FUNDING:

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| TOTAL COST: | \$ 6,700,000 |
| FEDERAL COST: | \$ 5,000,000 |
| NON-FEDERAL COST: | \$ 1,700,000 |

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| TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY04: | \$ 150,000 |
| FISCAL YEAR 05 BUDGET: | \$ 350,000 |
| COST TO COMPLETE: | \$ 4,500,000 |

FY 04 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Completion and approval of Project Management Plan. Continue Detailed Project Report (DPR) effort.

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: DPR is scheduled for completion in September. Upon completion and approval of the DPR, the District will initiate the Plans and Specifications in December of 2005.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: A Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP) was completed in 2001. Initiation of a DPR occurred in FY03. The local sponsor constructed a restoration project described in the PRP prior to completion of the DPR or signing of the Project Cost Sharing Agreement. The local sponsor believes reimbursement for the completed portion of construction is appropriate.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 7th District, Rep. George Miller

DISTRICT: San Francisco