

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK
CONTINUING AUTHORITY, SECTION 205**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The San Francisquito Creek watershed encompasses an area of approximately 40 square miles, extending from the ridge of the Santa Cruz Mountains to the San Francisco Bay in California. San Francisquito Creek has an inadequate carrying capacity due to vegetation sedimentation, land subsidence, levee settlement and erosion. Flooding on the creek affects the city of Menlo Park in San Mateo County, and Palo Alto and East Palo Alto in Santa Clara County. This project specifically focuses on Reach 1, which extends from West Bayshore Frontage Road to the San Francisco Bay, bordering Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. Improvements in this reach would not induce flooding upstream, and would improve the capacity of the reach with the lowest flow. As a result of record rainfall in February 1998, San Francisquito Creek overtopped its banks, affecting approximately 1,700 residential and commercial structures and causing more than \$26.6 million in property damages. The Joint Powers Authority is the non-Federal Sponsor.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$4,100,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$2,100,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$2,000,000
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY04:	\$ 40,000
FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET:	\$ 60,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$2,000,000

FY 04 AND FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The local sponsor has requested a Section 205 study and the Initial Assessment is scheduled for the 2nd Qtr of FY04. Should the Initial Assessment of the San Francisquito Section 205 indicate a potential Federal Interest, the San Francisco District will initiate a Detailed Project Report subject to availability of funds.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: After the floods in 1998, a Joint Powers Authority was formed to pursue flood control and restoration opportunities in the area. A damage assessment study was made to determine the need for repair and potential future damages. A risk-based analysis was completed in March 2000, and indicated annual damages as high as \$8.4 million for the Palo Alto reach.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 12th District, Rep. Tom Lantos; 14th District, Rep. Anna G. Eshoo

DISTRICT : San Francisco