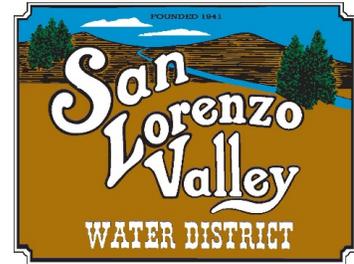


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FALL CREEK FISH LADDER REPAIRS MOVE FORWARD

SLVWD'S EMERGENCY REPAIRS WILL PROTECT STEELHEAD

BOULDER CREEK, CA – The San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) today announced its Board of Directors voted at a special board meeting 9/1/17 to proceed with an engineering services contract to make emergency repairs and remove debris at the Fall Creek Fish Ladder, which was damaged during the historic storm season. The vote was 4-0, with Director Smallman absent. The fish ladder serves to provide access to important steelhead fish spawning habitat through a system of weirs that enable fish to make the trip upstream.

The repair project takes advantage of available FEMA disaster funds and comes in response to a mandate by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to keep debris cleared out of the ladder, as well as the need to enhance fish habitat downstream of the ladder through the relocation of approximately 30 cubic yards of cobble and removal of two sandbars from the upstream portion of the creek.

In addition to removal/relocation of debris and sediment, as well as relocation of fish, project temporary activities will include:

- Damming of the creek
- Dewatering of the creek bed
- Shutdown of the pump intake
- Use of a bypass pipeline for the creek

The project is required to be complete by October 15 and is expected to cost up to \$25,000.

ABOUT THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

The San Lorenzo Valley Water District is located in the mountains of northern Santa Cruz County. The district serves more than 7,800 metered connections. Established in 1941, the district supplies water to the communities of Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Ben Lomond, Zayante, Scotts Valley, Mañana Woods, Felton and Lompico. For more information, visit www.slvwd.com or www.facebook.com/slvwaterdistrict.

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