

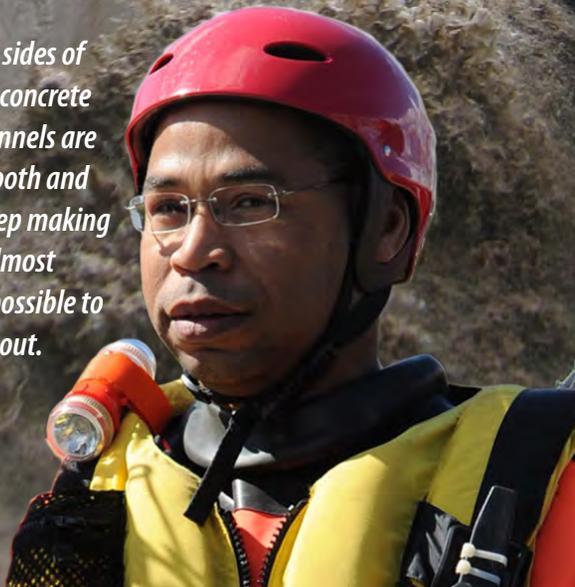
CREEK & CHANNEL SAFETY AWARENESS

The Flood Control System was designed to drain stormwater from our communities and take it swiftly 'out to sea', preventing flooding.

Water passes from open creeks to underground tunnels and into concrete and earthen channels gathering speed, debris, volume and power along the way. At key points along the way, large structures are built into the system to slow down water and control power. These structures are an efficient tool in managing our floodwaters, but can be deadly for humans.

Flood control channels are part of our community's infrastructure and, like freeways or railroad tracks, should NEVER be used for recreation. **Stay Out, Stay Alive!**

The sides of the concrete channels are smooth and steep making it almost impossible to get out.



CCC Flood Control District's Creek & Channel Safety Awareness Program

The Contra Costa County Flood Control District has worked with the community, local schools, and other agencies to develop a creek and channel safety awareness program.

Beginning in 2011, each October will be declared Creek and Channel Safety Awareness Month in Contra Costa County. With an annual campaign and the support of the community we hope to put the message of creek and channel safety in the minds of children, adults and families and keep it there.

For more information please visit our website www.cccounty.us/creekandchannelsafety or call the Program Manager, Tim Jensen, at (925) 313-2390.

**Remember,
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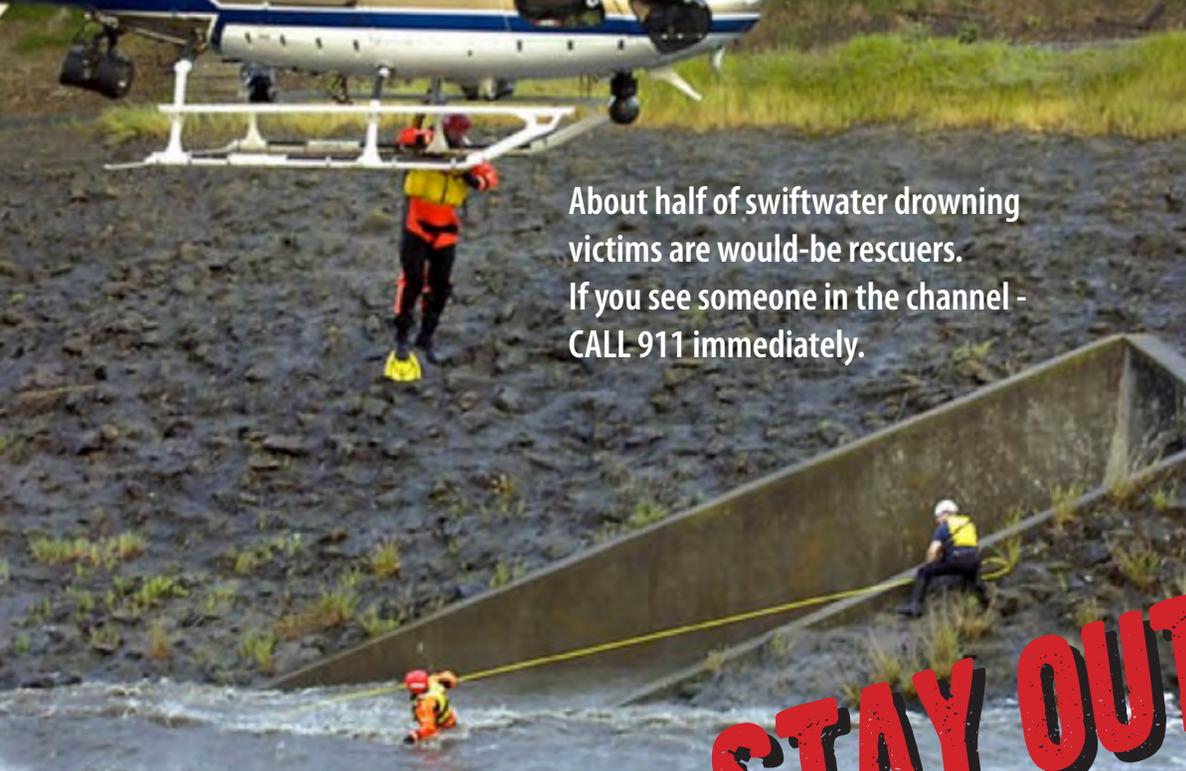


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**Hidden Dangers of
Contra Costa County's
Flood Control System**





About half of swiftwater drowning victims are would-be rescuers. If you see someone in the channel - CALL 911 immediately.



BE AWARE - Fast moving water and debris make for a deadly combination.

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STAY ALIVE!**



Not only do you risk your life but the lives of emergency responders as well.



Understand the dangers, several lives have been lost here.

Find out more on Creek and Channel Safety:
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