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The Public Works Department will be grazing goats and sheep on the banks of Walnut Creek for vegetation management. Approximately 1600 goats and sheep will graze along the East Bay Regional Park District trail, on the banks of Walnut Creek between Concord Avenue and Marsh Drive, in Concord for the next three to four weeks. They may be visible from the freeway in areas where drivers aren't used to seeing animals.

The sheep and goats will be confined to the stream banks using a combination of low voltage electric fences, sheep dogs and herders who will be with the flock at all times. The East Bay Regional Park District trail will remain open during the grazing, so members of the public are asked to keep their dogs on leashes, both for the safety of the grazing animals and for the safety of the dogs.

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