Contra Costa County
Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Proposing the 50 Year Plan

Is this the Creek you want in your community?

Or this?

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The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is embarking upon a plan to replace its flood protection infrastructure over the next 50 years. We are referring to this capital replacement program as our "50 Year Plan". Our flood control channels traverse many communities in the County. Our concrete channels are often ignored and forgotten. In planning our infrastructure replacement there is an opportunity for communities to decide a different future for their creeks. Should we replace our concrete channel with another concrete channel or with a natural creek? What future do you want for your creek?

Who is the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and what do they do? The Flood Control District, as we are commonly referred to, is a County agency that provides flood protection services throughout Contra Costa County. The Flood Control District currently maintains 72 miles of flood protection channels and 30 detention basins and reservoirs. Some of the major channels include Wildcat Creek, Tice Creek, Marsh Creek, Walnut Creek, Pinole Creek, and San Ramon Creek. Two of our major detention basins and reservoirs include the Milt Kubicek (Pine Creek) basin and the Marsh Creek reservoir.

What is the Flood Control District's 50 year plan? It is a concept to convert our flood control channels into natural stream systems.

Why is the Flood Control District proposing this 50 Year Plan? The Flood Control District will have to replace its facilities (for example a concrete channel) when they wear out. Should the old failing concrete channel in town be replaced in-kind with a new concrete channel, or would the community prefer it replaced with a natural stream? The planning process to replace our major infrastructure takes a long time, it is environmentally sensitive, and has a great impact on the surrounding community. If the community desires to change our infrastructure to a natural creek system, then we need to begin planning in that direction.

How would the 50 Year Plan benefit our community? Converting a concrete channel to a natural creek system can improve local economic development, improve the local community design with a natural creek amenity, bring more natural features into the neighborhoods, and enhance water quality and recreational opportunities.

Where do we get more information about the 50 Year Plan? The Flood Control District would be happy to come to a community meeting, neighborhood get-together, City/Town Council meeting, or talk to city/town staff about the 50 Year Plan. Please contact the Flood Control District at 925-313-2000, or visit our website at www.cccounty.us/floodcontroldistrict.

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