



WATERSHED PROTECTION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2025

TO: Property Owner/Resident

FROM: Masood Jilani, Engineer Manager II

SUBJECT: Santa Paula Creek 2024 Streambank Stabilization Project

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

The Ventura County Public Works Agency – Watershed Protection District (District) is reconstructing rock spur dikes, (rock structures directing water away from the riverbanks), in the Santa Paula Creek approximately 2.2 miles from the confluence between Santa Paula Creek and the Santa Clara River (See Exhibit attached). Santa Paula Creek is located east of State Route 150. The upstream area of the project site is near Mupu Elementary School (4410 North Ojai Road, Santa Paula, 93060) and the downstream area is near the intersection of Birch Street and Magnolia Drive.

The existing spur dikes and riverbanks were damaged during the January and February 2023 storms. The District is constructing and replacing seven damaged spur dikes and reestablishing approximately 1,200 linear feet of the meandering low flow channel into a pilot channel, similar to what had originally existed between the spur dikes. While the emergency work in late 2023 was beneficial by redirecting the low flow channel away from the surrounding homes and agricultural lands, and restoring the banks, the storms in early 2024 resulted in additional bank erosion in the absence of spur dikes. Thus, restoring the spur dikes will guide the river flow to the center of channel and will provide protection for the surrounding properties for future lower intensity rainfall.

The project is anticipated to begin construction in July 2025. Work will be performed by the Contractor at the work site between the hours of 7:00 am. To 7:00 pm. and will take approximately four months to complete. During the construction there will be more truck traffic than usual on Ojai Road.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve the existing flood control facility.

If you have any questions, please call VCWPD at 805 654-2007, or the Project Manager, Masood Jilani at (805) 654-2029 or Masood.Jilani@ventura.org.

Attachment: Map of Work Area

