



WATERSHED PROTECTION ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

SANTA CLARA RIVER LEVEE DOWNSTREAM OF UPRR (SCR-3) - PHASE 2 IN THE CITY OF OXNARD

In January 2025, the Ventura County Public Works Agency-Watershed Protection began construction on two segments of the Santa Clara River: 1) approximately 1,860 feet of floodwall/earthen levee parallel to the Santa Clara River and North Ventura Rd. and 2) approximately 120 feet of a Flood Break barrier gate system across N. Ventura Rd. where the floodwall alignment changes from the north side of the road adjacent to the Santa Clara River to the south side along the residential properties. Construction is anticipated to last 24 months. During this time residents may hear construction related noise between the working hours of 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Friday.

The flood gate across N. Ventura Rd. will be constructed in two phases and will require complete closure of N. Ventura Rd. for six weeks one direction at a time. **Starting October 27, the southbound lanes of N. Ventura Rd. will be closed for approximately six weeks from Wagon Wheel Rd. to Stone Creek Dr. (see map on back).**

The new system will protect residential, commercial, and industrial properties and critical regional and local public infrastructure from the 1% annual chance flood, and comply with FEMA's freeboard requirements and federal levee certification regulations (44 CFR 65.10). Phase 2 construction, along with the previous completion of Phase 1, will enable FEMA to accredit the SCR-3 levee system as protecting roughly 825 acres of north Oxnard with an estimated value of over \$630 million from the 1% annual chance flood.

Project components include steel sheet pile along the base of a new steel-reinforced masonry floodwall along the river side of N. Ventura Rd. The sheet pile will protect against the powerful erosive forces at the bend in the Santa Clara River during flood flows, preventing undermining of the new 978-foot-long masonry floodwall. The upstream end of the riverside floodwall will connect to a new flood gate across N. Ventura Rd, which will lie flat within the roadbed until a flood requires temporary road closure and raising of the flood gate (a similar flood gate can be seen on Wagon Wheel Rd. between N. Ventura Rd. and Winchester Dr. or at www.floodbreak.com). The floodwall will then continue 881 feet on the land side of N. Ventura Rd., culminating in a new, short earthen levee embankment on the southwest side of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). On the northeast side of the UPRR, the Village Development will tie into and complete the levee system with a short earthen levee and new floodwall.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve the existing flood protection facility. If you have any questions, please contact VCPWA-WP at 805-654-2008 pwa.pio@venturacounty.gov, or go to publicworks.venturacounty.gov.

