



**Sonoma
Water**

Draft Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment for Matanzas Creek Dam Rehabilitation

Public Meeting Notice

Project Information

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) as the project sponsor are proposing alterations to the Matanzas Creek Dam to comply with current NRCS and Division of Safety of Dams design criteria. Matanzas Creek Dam was designed and constructed under the Central Sonoma Watershed Work Plan that was approved by Congress in 1958 and provides critical flood protection for the City of Santa Rosa and surrounding communities.

Sonoma Water proposes to rehabilitate the dam, including raising the dam crest by 7.4 feet, raising the auxiliary spillway crest by 11.4 feet, and removing accumulated sediment from the inundation area. The project would re-establish the original design flood storage capacity and size the flood detention facility such that the vegetated spillway meets NRCS design criteria. The proposed alterations will require a supplement to the 1958 Plan and may be funded through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (Public Law 83-566 [PL-566]).

NRCS has completed a Draft Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Draft Plan-EA) for the project which will supplement the 1958 Plan. The Draft Plan-EA is available at the project website <https://matanzascreekdamrehab.com> and includes evaluation of feasible alternatives and identification of the Locally Preferred Alternative to restore or improve flood protection in the City of Santa Rosa and surrounding communities and mitigate vulnerabilities to increase community resilience.

The public is invited to attend an in-person meeting and provide comments on the Draft Plan-EA where the resources analyzed and alternatives for addressing design criteria and seismic vulnerabilities will be presented and discussed.

In-Person Public Meeting

Date: Tuesday August 11, 2026

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Bennett Valley Golf Course - Iron & Vine
3330 Yulupa Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95405

A recording of the public meeting will be available at <https://matanzascreekdamrehab.com>. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for an interpreter or other accommodations should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Cynthia de la Fuente at (707) 687-6999 or cynthia.delafuente@scwa.ca.gov.

How to Comment:

Comments will be accepted during the public meeting and via email and mail between July 26, 2026 and August 25, 2026, 11:59 PM (PST). **Mailed comments will be accepted if postmarked by August 25, 2026.**

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