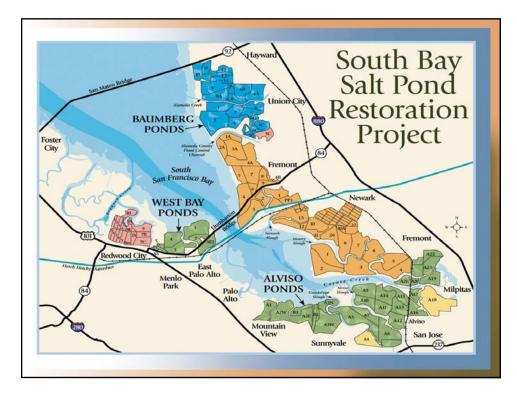


## Geographic and Institutional Framework for Flood Management in the South San Francisco Bay



## Santa Clara Valley Water District

- · Governed by a seven-member board of directors.
- Responsible for water supply, flood protection and watershed management in Santa Clara County.
- Encompasses all of the county's 1,300 square miles and serves the area's 15 cities, 1.7 million residents and more than 200,000 commuters.
- The mission of the District is a healthy, safe, and enhanced quality of living in Santa Clara County through watershed stewardship and comprehensive management of water resources in a practical, costeffective, and environmentally-sensitive manner.



- Flood Protection
  - Protection of "the public highways, life and property ... and watercourses and watersheds" from flood and storm waters including tidal floods
- Water & Groundwater Protection & Conservation
  - Protect, save store, recycle, distribute, transfer, exchange, manage and conserve water
- Watershed Stewardship
  - Enhance, protect, and restore streams, riparian corridors and natural resources



- District has undertaken a number of studies and flood control projects in/around the restoration project planning area.
- District goal for flood protection is integrated tidal and fluvial flood protection that:
  - protects low-lying areas of Santa Clara County from flood damages resulting from a 1% high tide;
  - provides or improves conveyance of 1% fluvial flood flows;
  - links with and protects or upgrades existing flood protection facilities; and
  - provides a long-term levee maintenance program to support the level of protection described above, as necessary.



- District has ongoing responsibility to provide flood management and public safety
- Created in 1949. Funded by:
  - property taxes,
  - benefit assessments,
  - special federal and state project funding
  - developer fees

## **Alameda County Flood Control District**

- Cities and counties within District grouped into 10 "zones" generally corresponding to watershed boundaries
- Flood control within zones constructed assuming build out of entire lands within respective zones.
- Flood control system includes storm water pump stations, erosion control structures, hundreds of miles of pipeline and channels (valued at over \$825 million)

