

San Francisquito Watershed Forum Meeting Minutes
Nov. 13, 2008

Stanford Hospital - Kay Wilson and Andy Coe

Kay and Andy presented the hospital's modernization plan. Highlights included:

- Must meet seismic regulations in 2015 & 2030
- Running out of capacity, turning people away
- The ER was designed for 25K patients per year and now sees 45K patients/year

The EIR for the hospital is in progress. Milestones included:

- Application filed Aug. 2007
- Draft available by spring 2009, public comments accepted
- Approval expected fall 2009
- Start of construction expected 2010

Environmental concerns addressed:

- A "green team" has been in place for two years
- No net increase in impervious surfaces
- There will be a green roof, photovoltaic panels and auto shading to reduce energy use
- The hospital is "going up instead of out" to minimize the footprint and offer better patient service

In the interest of watershed health, a number of forum members encouraged the hospital to seek a net reduction in impervious surfaces as opposed to no net increase in impervious surfaces. Andy and Kay said they would look into it.

SF Creek Maintenance Walk – Kevin Murray of the JPA

Kevin reported that there were very few potential flood problems found this year as opposed to previous years. Large woody debris (LWD) will be cut into roughly 8 foot lengths to avoid creating debris jams at bridges and other structures, but otherwise will be left in the creek to help support a healthy habitat.

Bonde Weir – KM of the JPA

Menlo Park has finished the design for fish passage. The construction bid came in at 2x, resulting in a \$188,000 shortfall. The JPA has applied for a Prop. 84 grant to help with the funding. Construction will hopefully begin in 2009.

Sausal Creek in Portola Valley, Native Plant Revegetation – Arnie Thompson of the San Francisquito Watershed Project

As of the Nov. 13 meeting, 50 volunteers had planted over 600 plants. Initial planting is on schedule for completion on Dec. 13 2008.

Arundo Removal, Menlo Park – Kevin, Arnie, Ryan Navratil

Kevin, Arnie and Ryan were planning to remove the last remaining large *Arundo donax* stand on the creek on private property in Menlo Park.