



Proposed Revisions to the Watercourse Ordinance

Fact Sheet

- In November 2012, the Watercourse Task Force presented their Final Report of Recommendations for Proposed Revisions of the Alameda County Watercourse Protection Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors Transportation and Planning Committee
- PWA and CDA were directed by Transportation and Planning Committee to review recommendations and implement any revisions that could be accomplished
- The following documents are posted on the PWA website at <http://acgov.org/pwa>, a link to the documents are provided in the Quick Links Section:
 - Final Report of Recommendations for Revisions of the Alameda County Watercourse Protection Ordinance prepared by the San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force
 - County Response to the Task Force Recommendations
 - Proposed Revisions to the Watercourse Protection Ordinance
- Comments on the Revision will be accepted until Monday December 2nd at 5 pm
 - Comments must be submitted to:
Bill Lepere, Deputy Director
951 Turner Court, Room 100
Hayward, CA 94545
or send to:
bill@acpwa.org

Highlights of the Proposed Revisions

- Require determination of watercourse setbacks prior to approval of tentative maps
- List and define all setbacks associated with Watercourses including:
 - Erosion and Sedimentation Control Setbacks
 - Bank Stability Setbacks
 - Floodway Setbacks
 - Flood Plain Setbacks
 - Biological Setbacks
- Revised/Improved definitions of terms in the ordinance
- Included a definition for ephemeral stream
- Require Public Notices of Watercourse Setback determinations
- Require Compliance with CEQA and Other environmental regulations
- Update the appeal process for compliance with other Ordinances
- Include penalties for Violation of Ordinance
 - \$250 fine for initial enforcement; \$1,000 for subsequent violations