

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**Farhad Mansourian, RCE**  
Director

Property Owners along Reed Creek, Homestead Valley

Re: Annual Creek Cleaning with Marin Conservation Corps

Dear Property Owner,

This year the Marin County Flood Control District will be continuing to organize the annual cleaning for Reed Creek. The main objective for the annual cleaning is to remove vegetation or other potential obstructions to winter flows that could possibly cause flooding or increase erosion in Reed Creek. We have scheduled work to take place Monday through Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with a Marin Conservation Corps Crew.

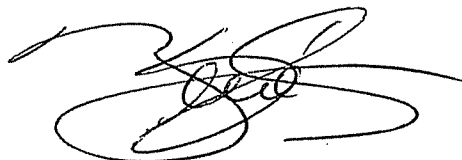
Please find enclosed a right to enter form, which must be signed by the property owner in order for the work crews to enter your property and clean the creek. Reed Creek flows through a steep valley and access is very limited. Our work crews would appreciate your facilitating their access to your neighbors' properties, even if you decide to clean your property without their assistance. Even if you don't want us to clean your section, please return the form checking the box marked "Permission to Pass-No Cleaning". This will make it much easier for the crew to access your neighbors' properties. Please sign this form and return it to my attention, Bené da Silva, P.O. Box 4186, San Rafael, CA 94913-4186, NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>.

As stated in Marin County Code 11.08.020, "every owner of the property in the District shall at all times keep all creeks or portions thereof which flow upon, over or across the property of said owner free and clear of vegetation, debris, rubbish or any other artificial obstruction which measurably reduces the hydraulic capacity of the creek." If you wish to clean the section of creek flowing through your property yourself, and don't want the crew to pass through your property, please return the form unsigned and check the box marked "No Access".

Should you have a specific concern or questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at (415) 499-6538 or email [bdasilva@co.marin.ca.us](mailto:bdasilva@co.marin.ca.us).

Enclosed is our 'Repairing Creek bank Erosion' pamphlet as a resource. For more information on Marin County's creeks and their care please visit our Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program website at [www.mcstoppp.org](http://www.mcstoppp.org). Thank you very much for helping to improve the health and quality of our watersheds.

Sincerely,



Bené da Silva  
Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Enc: Right To Enter Form, Repairing Creek bank Erosion Pamphlet and Self Inspection Checklist.

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## Self Inspection Checklist For Homeowners

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the following checklist while surveying your home. If you answer "no" to any of the questions, initiate appropriate best management practice(s) (BMP) to prevent pollutant discharge into the storm drain system.

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Are <b>storage containers</b> including drums, waste dumpsters and/or trash compactors: free from cracks/leaks? have lids or covers that are kept closed? not exposed to rain water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are <b>storage areas</b> and <b>material processing or handling areas</b> enclosed or covered from the rain?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are <b>parking areas or access roads</b> free of signs of excessive oil and/or motor fluids, leaks, stains, litter, and sediments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are <b>vehicles and heavy equipment</b> that are stored outside, free of leaks and grime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Are <b>vehicle repair and maintenance areas</b> covered or out of the rain?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are <b>spills</b> in fuel or vehicle/equipment maintenance areas prevented from entering the storm drain system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all <b>washwater and/or process wastewater</b> (carwash water, mop buckets, window washing water, etc.) discharged to the sanitary sewer or recycled instead of discharged directly or indirectly to the storm drain system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are <b>dry cleaning methods</b> (for example, sweeping, damp mopping, absorbents such as kitty litter) used to clean: shop floors? material processing and storage areas? waste disposal areas? access roads and parking lots?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Are storm drain inlets blocked when <b>pressure washing buildings, sidewalks, parking lots</b> , and the water diverted to a landscaped area or discharged to the sanitary sewer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Are <b>floor mats or rugs</b> cleaned outside over a dirt or landscaped area instead of over a paved area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Are storm drain <b>inlets and catch basins</b> on site inspected and mechanically cleaned on a regular schedule?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Are waste products from <b>rooftop equipment</b> (for example, oil and grease from exposed motors/pumps or other rooftop equipment) not exposed to stormwater runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

As part of a Bay Area wide goal to reduce pollutants in the Bay and Delta, The Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program gratefully acknowledges your participation in this exercise, and all efforts to keep our waterways clean.