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Final Phase of Novato Creek Flood Control Project Completed

[**San Rafael, CA**] – The Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has completed the eighth and final phase of the Novato Creek Flood Control project along Novato Creek between Diablo and Grant Avenues in the City of Novato. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at Lee Gerner Park in Novato at 3:00 pm Friday the 27th of October to celebrate the completion. This project completes the improvements to Novato Creek, Warner Creek and Arroyo Avichi which were funded through a voter approved bond measure in 1984. The primary purpose of the Novato Creek Phase VIII Project is to stabilize the creek banks to reduce erosion, enhance creek side habitat and provide 50-year flood protection to adjacent property owners. Construction began in late June and was completed, on budget, earlier this month. Farhad Mansourian, Public Works Director, notes with pride that “this project incorporates state of the art engineering with fish friendly measures that will improve creek habitat and conditions for Steelhead which is on the federal list of threatened species.”

Construction work included building access ramps, re-sloping banks to increase capacity and stabilizing eroding slopes. The channel design preserves the necessary creek width to carry storm flows up to the fifty (50) year storm event while incorporating native vegetation such as willows, snowberry, and elderberry to anchor the slopes in place.

San Rafael based contractor Maggiora & Ghilotti Inc was awarded the construction contract and the work was supervised for the District by Public Works engineer Joanna Charlton. This one-mile long bank stabilization project cost the District approximately \$2.5 million to complete.

Supervisor Murray has been a champion of the project: “The County Flood Control District takes flood protection very seriously. I am pleased that we are able to implement another important flood control project that will protect people’s property and the environment.”