

Freshwater Creek Watershed Sediment TMDL Short Survey

Please answer the following questions to assist in informing Regional Water Board staff about your perspective on historic and recent watershed conditions. Please attach more paper if additional space is necessary for your response.

1. How long have you lived in or been familiar with Freshwater Creek?
2. Please describe the beneficial uses of the Freshwater Creek system that you have enjoyed historically (fisheries, water supply, recreation, landuse, homestead, etc.). Please also describe the location, condition, and time period of these uses.
3. Please describe any observed changes in the condition and location of active stream channels, riparian vegetation, instream wood, logjams, floodplain, changes in water quality, substrate composition, pool depth, wildlife, etc. Over what approximate time period did you observe these changes?
4. Do you have any photographs, maps, books or other documentation that would help to characterize and describe historic and/or recent watershed conditions? If so, would you mind sharing them Regional Water Board staff?
5. Have you been affected by flooding events in Freshwater Creek? If so, please describe how you have been affected and what repairs or other alterations were necessary on your property in response (e.g., unable to attend work or school, changed building foundations, rebuilt a fence, increased insurance rates, decreased property value, etc.).

6. If you have knowledge of flood events in Freshwater Creek, please provide any information about those events, including dates, the extent of flooding, the duration of flood events, and the frequency between flood events.

7. Do you know of events that may have had a major affect on the watershed? These events could include, but are not limited to, fires, floods, earthquakes, landslides, logging, grazing, levee/dike construction, subdivisions, and other development. If so, please describe the event, the approximate date, and the watershed response.

8. Can you identify specific problems or areas of concern to you within the Freshwater Creek watershed or your area of the watershed?

9. What measures do you believe are necessary to minimize future sedimentation in Freshwater Creek?

10. What measures do you believe are necessary to recover the sediment-impaired conditions of Freshwater Creek?

11. Would you like to participate in a lengthier interview? If so, please write your contact information.

12. Is there anything else you would like to share?

Thank you!

Please return in person at the July 30th public meeting at the
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