





Like all major projects on the shoreline, there are many constraints that the SFCJPA must consider as it moves forward with a preferred project. Many of the following issues and others will be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that is beginning this spring for the San Mateo County portion of SAFER.

- Property in/adjacent to levee alignment
- Utility infrastructure
- Viewshed / aesthetics
- Tidal marsh wetlands
- Cost
- Roads, trails & airplane flight path
- Interior (stormwater) drainage
- Endangered and other species habitat
- Hazardous waste and landfill sites

The current schedule for the San Mateo County portion of the SAFER Bay project anticipates completing design and an EIR by the end of 2018. Also during 2017 and 2018, the SFCJPA intends to work with state and federal environmental regulatory agency, and with landowners, to ensure that the project that is developed can be permitted and built. In 2019, the SFCJPA intends to apply for permits and finalize project financing. A project schedule to complete design, environmental documentation, and permitting of the Santa Clara County portion of SAFER for Palo Alto will be developed this spring upon completion of that side's Feasibility Report and the execution of another agreement between the SFCJPA and City of Palo Alto for that next phase of work.

The SFCJPA's approach to funding SAFER's planning and design within San Mateo County is driven by the belief that the diversity of assets protected and enhanced should dictate the diversity of sources paying for these benefits. This extends to the sources covering the costs of construction, which is likely to exceed \$150 million. These sources include traditional funding opportunities for public works like the state and federal governments and a new special tax or assessment district passed by property owners who would see reduced risk and could see reduced flood insurance premiums. The SFCJPA is equally focused on new sources of funding, including the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and the private sector, which will benefit from SAFER's direct protection of corporate assets and the roadway, electrical and water infrastructure on which they depend. Finally, we are exploring non-traditional funding opportunities related to aggregating flood insurance in new community-wide products sold through the private market. The SFCJPA is currently exploring all of these potential funding alternatives.

The SFCJPA has sought to take a leadership role in the Bay Area by moving forward with multi-jurisdictional, multi-benefit projects along over two miles of creek influenced by daily Bay tides and eleven miles of Bay shoreline spreading north and south from the creek mouth. The SFCJPA believes that the strength of the SAFER Bay project lies in the numerous natural and built assets enhanced and protected on a regional scale, which has brought multiple partners to share in the impacts and costs of protection and the benefits of environmental restoration and recreation.

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