Creek Watch Comm Exercise

Calabazas Creek, VOICE OPS (#4)

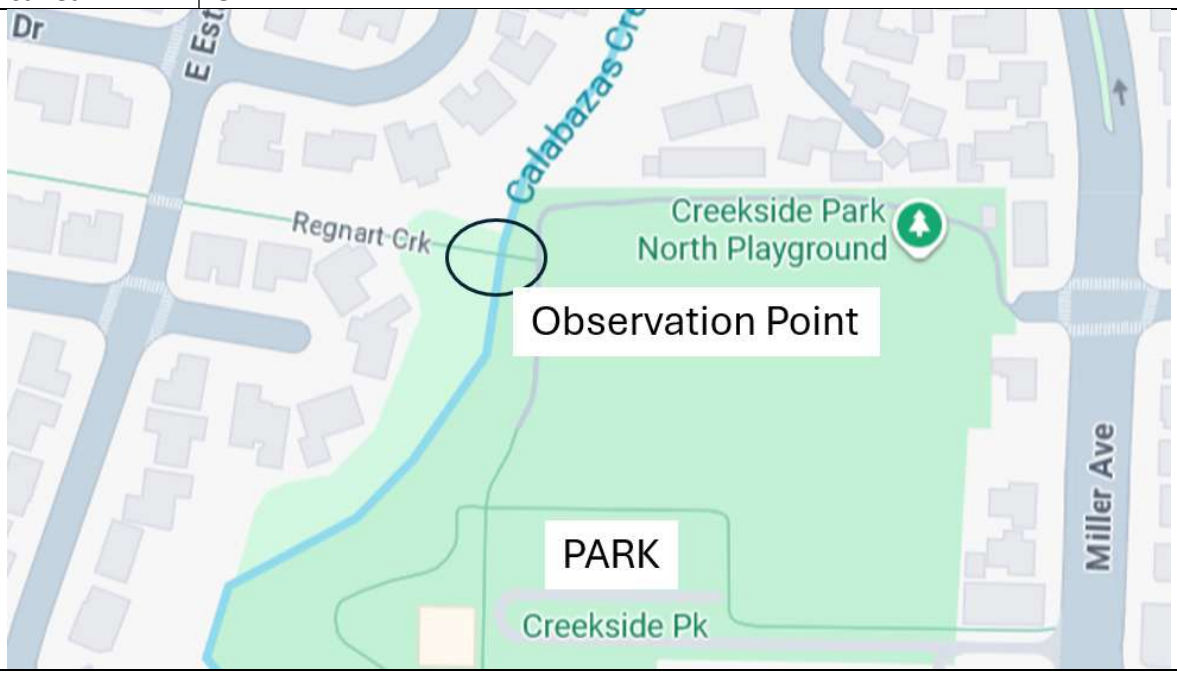
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VOICE STATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Your assignment is as follows:

Event:	Cupertino Creek Watch
Assignment	Calabazas Creek / Regnart Creek Confluence, Creekside Park Set GPS to 10455 Miller Ave Report conditions at this point of converging creeks
Parking:	Park in the Creekside Parking lot. Walk to the Observation Point
Access:	Observe from the park or from the trail bridge if safe.
Assignment:	Voice operator to communicate with Cupertino EOC.
Electrical Power:	It appears to be on.
Operational Period:	11/07/2026, 08:00 to 11/07/2026, 12:00
Supervisor/Contact:	Ken Ericksen (remote)
Your Tactical Call:	**CAL 1**



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1. Assignments like this make you the “eyes and ears” for Cupertino EOC.
2. Send **ALL** voice messages to the Cupertino EOC.
3. State that all messages are **DRILL TRAFFIC**.
4. Update your ICS 214 Unit Log and ICS 309 Communications Log.
5. **!!! WAIT FOR NCO TO ASK FOR THE ½ HOUR REPORTS !!!**

Send Time	Message
NOW	1. Notify the Message Net when you are operational.
09:00	2. You arrive at the designated observation point near the pedestrian bridge at Creekside Park. Both Regnart Creek and Calabazas Creek are carrying substantial runoff. Regnart Creek appears to be flowing somewhat faster than Calabazas Creek. At the confluence, the two streams create visible turbulence and swirling currents. Water remains within the creek banks. The water surface is about 3-feet below a point you can see on the pedestrian bridge. No significant debris accumulation or obstruction is visible.
09:30	3. The volume of water entering the confluence from Regnart Creek appears to have increased. Water is moving more rapidly, and additional leaves and small branches are passing downstream. The water level near the pedestrian bridge has risen about six inches since your last observation. Calabazas Creek continues flowing steadily. No significant debris accumulation is visible.
10:00	4. Water levels in both creeks appear higher than first observed. The confluence is turbulent with swirling currents where the two streams meet. The water level near the pedestrian bridge is about 2-feet below the reference point. Small floating debris continues downstream without accumulating. The creek remains within its banks.
10:30	5. The water level has risen substantially since the previous observation. Water is now about 1-foot below the designated bridge reference point. Both creeks are carrying substantial runoff. Several larger branches are moving downstream through the confluence. A small amount of debris has accumulated along the creek bank near the pedestrian bridge. No significant obstruction is visible against the bridge.
11:00	6. The water level remains high and has increased to about six inches below the bridge reference point. A small amount of water is spreading onto low-lying ground near the creek bank. The pedestrian bridge remains above the water, and no significant debris accumulation is visible against the structure. Flow remains rapid and turbulent. You back up to a safer observation point.
	7. Notify Net Control you are shutting down. Stay on the net and return to Staging.

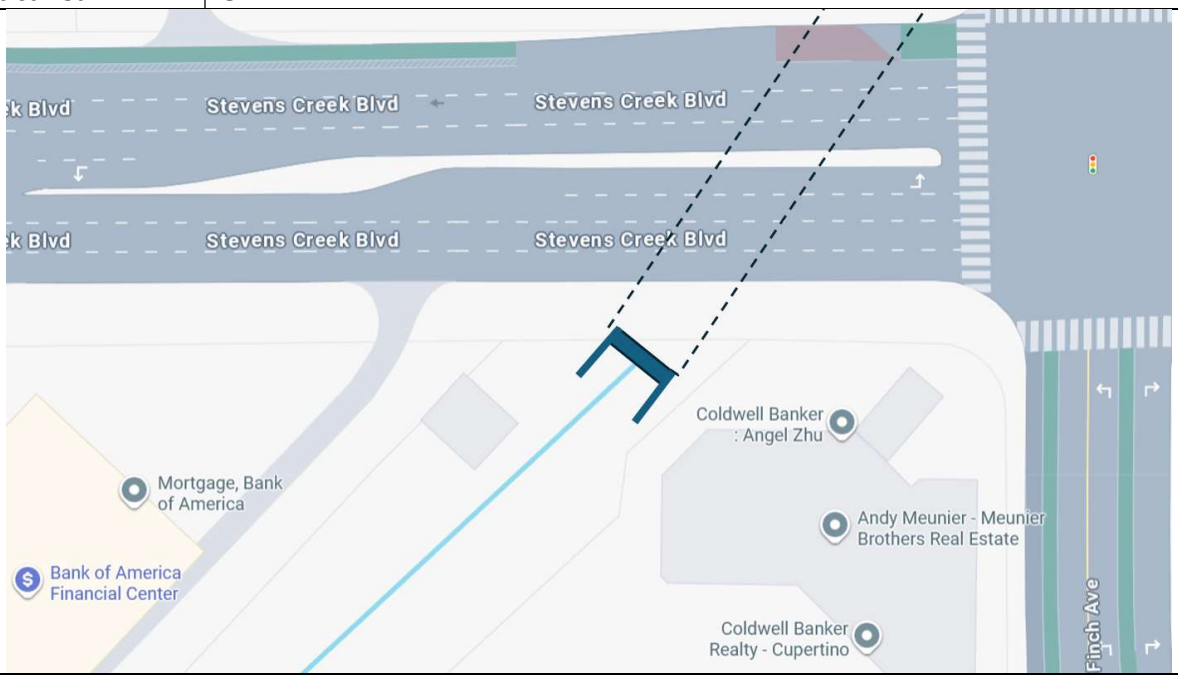
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Event:	Cupertino Creek Watch
Assignment	Calabazas Creek at Main Street Tunnel Set GPS to 19376 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, Bank of the West Report conditions at this point of Calabazas Creek
Parking:	Park …
Access:	Observe from the Bank of the West side.
Assignment:	Voice operator to communicate with Cupertino EOC.
Electrical Power:	It appears to be on.
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Your Tactical Call:	**CAL 2**



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NOW	Check in to the Message Net when you are operational.
09:00	You arrive at the designated observation point near the entrance to the covered channel beneath the Main Street development. Calabazas Creek is flowing steadily toward the tunnel entrance. Using some of the graffiti on the opposite wall, you estimate the water is about 2 feet deep at the entrance. No significant debris or obstructions are visible. There is no evidence of water backing up upstream of the entrance.
09:30	The creek is carrying more water than during your initial observation. The water level has risen to about 3 feet per your graffiti reference point. Flow is faster, and small branches and leaves are moving toward and into the tunnel. Water continues entering the tunnel without obvious restriction. No significant debris accumulation is visible.
10:00	The water level has risen to about 4 feet per your graffiti reference point. Flow is rapid. You notice increased turbulence immediately upstream of the tunnel entrance. Small swirling currents are visible near one side of the opening. No major obstruction can be seen. The creek remains within its banks.
10:30	The water level has risen to about 5 feet per your graffiti reference point. A small collection of branches and vegetation has accumulated along one side of the tunnel entrance. Water continues entering the tunnel, but the surface immediately upstream appears more turbulent than before. Some pooling is visible near the entrance. You cannot determine whether the tunnel is restricted farther inside.
11:00	The water level has continued rising. You estimate the water is now about 5-1/2 ft deep per your graffiti reference point. The debris accumulation at the tunnel entrance has increased slightly. Water is visibly pooling upstream, although flow continues into the tunnel. No water is visible outside the creek channel. You cannot determine whether the pooling is caused by increased runoff, debris at the entrance, or conditions inside the tunnel.
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NOW	1. Notify the Message Net when you are operational.
09:00	2. You arrive at the west side of N Tantau Avenue and the creek, opposite Apple Park. Calabazas Creek is flowing steadily through the channel. The markers are worn away, but you determine the water surface is at about the 6 foot maker. Flow is moderate, and no significant debris accumulation is visible. The creek remains within its banks. Nearby pedestrian areas are dry.
09:30	3. The water level has risen about 1-foot. The water surface is now at about the 7-foot marker. The flow is faster, with occasional small branches and leaves moving downstream. No significant debris accumulation is visible. The creek remains within its banks.
10:00	4. The creek water level has increased to about the 8-foot marker. Flow remains fast. The observer notices a shallow area of standing water developing near a pedestrian walkway adjacent to N Tantau Avenue. The source of the water is not apparent. It may be runoff from nearby streets, storm drainage, or water associated with the creek. You cannot determine the cause.
10:30-	5. The creek remains high, about the 8-foot marker. Water has spread across part of the nearby pedestrian walkway. A cyclist approaches the standing water, stops, and turns around. No one is observed entering the flooded section. The creek continues flowing rapidly without visible obstruction.
11:00	6. The creek water level remains at the 8-foot marker. Flow is still fast, but the level appears steady. Standing water remains on part of the pedestrian walkway, although it does not appear to be spreading. No significant debris accumulation is visible. You do not see any other pedestrians attempting to cross the affected area.
11:15	7. Notify Net Control you are shutting down. Stay on the net and return to Staging.