Creek Watch Comm Exercise

Stevens Creek, VOICE OPS (#7)

The following information is for your consideration during this drill.

Station Type:	Voice Operations
General Situation:	Several days of heavy rainfall have saturated the Stevens Creek watershed. Additional heavy rainfall is occurring in the mountains upstream of Stevens Creek Reservoir. The reservoir has reached its spillway elevation, and water is flowing through the spillway into Stevens Creek. Valley Water personnel are monitoring reservoir conditions and managing downstream releases. Meanwhile, creek levels are increasing through Cupertino. CARES has deployed observers to the reservoir, McClellan Road, and Stevens Creek Boulevard to provide periodic condition reports to the Cupertino EOC. If you are the first to arrive, start an ICS 211 Check-in list.

VOICE STATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Your assignment is as follows:

Event:	Cupertino Creek Watch
Assignment	Stevens Creek Dam Parking Lot Set GPS to 19376 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, Bank of the West Report Dam water and spillway conditions
Parking:	Park in the Dam Parking Lot
Access:	Observe from the parking lot, north area
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:	**STEVENS 1**



Message Scenario

Stevens Creek, SC-1, VOICE OPS (#7)

Messages will come to you either from your personal observations or from any other responder to this location. All messages are Informal Message.

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. Check in to the Message Net when you are operational.
09:00	2. You arrive at the Dam paprking lot near Stevens Creek Dam. Using your binoculars, the water is flowing over the spillway and down the concrete spillway channel. The flow is continuous and appears relatively uniform across the visible portion of the spillway. No large debris or obstructions are visible. You pull out your phone and check the (simulated) reservoir sensor reading of 535.2 feet, slightly above the spillway elevation. This is as good a level as any. You decide to use this for your reports.
09:30	3. The amount of water moving through the spillway has visibly increased. The flow appears more turbulent than during the initial observation. No debris accumulation or obstruction is visible. The simulated reservoir sensor reading is now 535.5 feet.
10:00	4. The spillway continues carrying a substantial volume of water. The visible flow appears similar to the previous observation. The simulated reservoir sensor reading remains at 535.5 feet. A person identifying themself as a Valley Water employee approaches your observation point. They explain that heavy rainfall continues in the mountains upstream of the reservoir. Valley Water is monitoring reservoir inflows and evaluating whether adjustments to controlled releases will be necessary. The employee does not provide a specific release schedule.
10:30-	5. Spillway flow has increased again. The simulated reservoir elevation is now 535.8 feet. The water is visibly more turbulent as it moves through the spillway channel. The Valley Water employee returns and states that they have initiated an increase in controlled releases through the dam's outlet into the creek below. The employee explains that reservoir inflows remain elevated and that staff is monitoring downstream conditions. No specific release rate is provided.
11:00	6. Spillway flow remains substantial and appears slightly greater than during the previous observation. The simulated reservoir elevation has reached 536.0 feet. No obstructions are visible in the spillway channel. The Valley Water employee reports that the increased controlled releases are continuing and that staff remain on site monitoring reservoir conditions. There is no indication of dam damage or structural instability.
11:15	7. Notify Net Control you are shutting down. Stay on the net and return to Staging.

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VOICE STATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Your assignment is as follows:

Event:	Cupertino Creek Watch
Assignment	Stevens Creek at McClellan Road Set GPS to 22221 McClellan Rd Report Stevens Creek at this crossing
Parking:	Park in the McClellan Ranch Parking Lot
Access:	Observe from the sidewalk by the creek culvert
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:	**STEVENS 2**



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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. Check in to the Message Net when you are operational.
09:00	2. You arrive at YOUR designated observation point near the McClellan Road crossing. Water is flowing freely through the creek channel. The water surface is approximately 4-feet below the culvert entrance at McClellan Road crossing. The flow appears moderate, with no visible debris accumulation. The creek is within its banks, and the roadway is dry.
09:30	3. The creek is carrying more water than during your initial observation. The water surface is now approximately 3-feet below the culvert entrance. Flow has increased, and small branches and leaves can be seen moving downstream. No debris is accumulating at the crossing.
10:00	4. The creek continues to flow rapidly beneath the crossing. The water level remains approximately 3-feet below the culvert entrance. Small floating debris continues to pass downstream without accumulating. No water is visible outside the creek channel.
10:30-	5. The creek has risen substantially since the previous observation. The water surface is now approximately 1-foot below the culvert entrance. Flow is rapid and turbulent, with occasional small branches moving downstream. The creek remains within its banks, but the water is approaching the top of the channel near the crossing.
11:00	6. The water level has continued to rise. Water is now spilling out of the creek channel near the crossing. A shallow area of standing water has developed along the edge of McClellan Road. A hiker also tells you that water is spilling onto the Deep Cliff Golf Course back up the trail. The creek continues to flow rapidly, with no obvious debris obstruction. No vehicles are observed entering the flooded area.
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VOICE STATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Your assignment is as follows:

Event:	Cupertino Creek Watch
Assignment	Stevens Creek at Stevens Creek Blvd Set GPS to 22100 Stevens Creek Blvd Report Stevens Creek at this crossing
Parking:	Park in the Blackberry Farm Parking Lot
Access:	Observe from the sidewalk by the creek culvert or across the street by the footbridge
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:	**STEVENS 3**



Message Scenario

Stevens Creek, VOICE OPS (#9)

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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. Check in to the Message Net when you are operational.
09:00	2. You arrive at the designated observation point near the Stevens Creek Boulevard crossing. The creek is flowing normally through the channel. The water surface is about 2-feet below the top of the pedestrian bridge. Flow is moderate, with no visible debris accumulation. The nearby pedestrian crossing and roadway are dry.
09:30	3. The creek is carrying noticeably more water. The water surface is now about 1-foot below the top of the pedestrian bridge. Flow has increased, and small branches and leaves are moving downstream. No significant debris accumulation is visible.
10:00	4. The creek continues flowing rapidly beneath the crossing. The water surface remains approximately 1-foot below the top of the pedestrian bridge. Small floating debris continues downstream. No water is visible outside the channel.
10:30-	5. The creek has risen substantially since the previous observation. Water is approaching the underside of the pedestrian crossing. Several large branches have accumulated against part of the crossing structure. Water is moving rapidly around the obstruction, creating visible turbulence and some upstream pooling. The pedestrian crossing remains above the water, but the clearance has decreased considerably.
11:00	6. The water level has continued to rise. Water is now reaching the bottom of the pedestrian crossing. Additional branches and vegetation have accumulated against the structure. The obstruction appears to be restricting flow, with visible pooling upstream. The pedestrian crossing remains above the water, but you can see that the approaches are becoming wet. No roadway flooding is visible at Stevens Creek Boulevard.
11:15	7. Notify Net Control you are shutting down. Stay on the net and return to Staging.