

Single-use Disposable Carryout Bags



80 plastic bags gathered
August 15, 2009,
300' Coyote Creek

San José City Council
September 22, 2009
Agenda Item 7.2

Council Members Memo Recommendation

Single Use Carryout Bags

1. Develop ordinance to ban plastic & paper carryout bags
 - Effective 2011
 - All retailers
 - Exemptions: green paper bags, restaurants, non-profits, social service orgs, bulk/off-shelf paper & plastic bag purchases
2. Evaluate green paper bag store fee
3. Support State legislation to significantly reduce bags
4. Revisit if State legislation
5. Promote reusable bags



San José Flea Market

Supports San José Policies

- Stormwater Permit Requirements
- Urban Environmental Accords
- Cities Keep it Clean Partnership



10th and Hedding, August 09

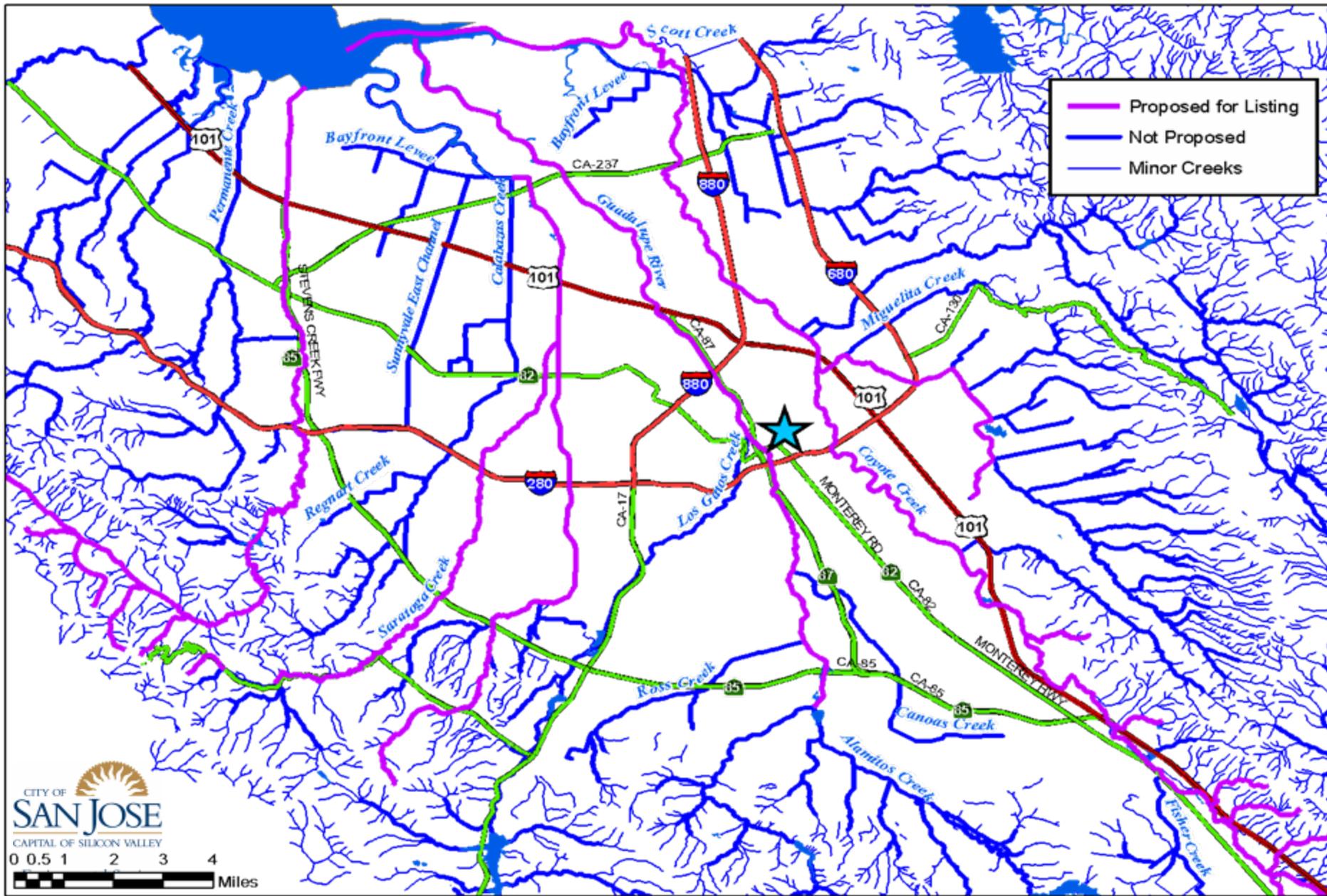
Regional Stormwater Permit

- Impaired by trash – Guadalupe River, Coyote Creek, Silver Creek
- Stringent litter reduction requirements
- Bay Area-wide coordination



Canoas Creek, Coyote Creek, January 09

San José Network of Creeks



Role of Recycling

- At large grocery stores and pharmacies
- Dry cleaning bags, clean plastic bags
- Not at curbside
- No impact on litter



Stakeholder Engagement

- Longstanding bi-monthly stakeholder meetings
- Regional collaboration: County, Bay Area, State
- Outreach Presentations for target audiences
 - Low-income
 - Non-English speaking
 - Seniors
 - Businesses: small, large, chains, associations



Stakeholder Engagement

Business Associations

The Alameda, Alum Rock Village, Evergreen, SJ Flea Market, Downtown Farmers Market, Luna Park, Japantown, Story Road

Seniors

Moreland Deaf Seniors, Hank Lopez Sr. Ctr, Senior Citizens Commission, Catholic Charities Senior Housing, Willow Glen Seniors

Community Associations

Almaden Valley Community, Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council, CommUniverCity, San Tomas West

And more...

Mercy Housing, Hoffman/Via Monte SNI, Business Owner Space, Generation Engage, SJSU Environmental Students, Algalita Marine Research, National Night Out



Uptown Summer Festival

CEQA Public Process

- CEQA completion required for Council action
- Leverage Statewide efforts (LA County, Green Cities CA)
- CEQA Public Scoping Meeting Fall 2009
- Draft EIR anticipated early 2010



CA Carryout Bag Reduction Efforts

- Santa Clara County Waste Reduction & Recycling Commission – recommends plastic ban '09
- LA City – implement 2010 plastic ban if no State action
- Palo Alto – plastic ban Sept '09
- LA County – consider plastic ban
- San Francisco – plastic ban '07
- Fairfax – plastic ban '08
- Malibu – plastic ban '08

