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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This report presents results for the development and hydraulic analysis of measures proposed for the remediation of barriers to steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) migration and measures proposed for the stabilization of the stream’s banks in order to improve salmonid habitat in Codornices Creek. The report also describes efforts by the project team to inform the Codornices Creek community and to seek the community’s counsel concerning the proposed restoration measures.

Codornices Creek contains a persistent population of native salmonid fish and remnant salmonid stream habitat within one of the most densely urbanized watersheds in the San Francisco Bay Area. The project reported here investigates the feasibility of restoring steelhead habitat in a highly urbanized environment.

The work reported here was enabled by the second of three Codornices Creek restoration grants awarded the Urban Creeks Council (UCC) by the State of California. The first, administered by the California Bay Delta Authority (CALFED) enabled development of the *Codornices Creek Watershed Restoration Action Plan*¹ (CCWRAP, Kier, 2004). The third grant project, also funded by CALFED, will enable implementation of the priority restoration measures identified in the CCWRAP and explored in the work of this project. This second “bridge grant”² enabled hydraulic (flooding) assessment of the priority fish migration barrier remediation measures contemplated in the Plan, together with further identification of measures for control of the priority streambank erosion problems identified in the CCWRAP.

A principal purpose of this bridge grant project was to explore alternative treatments to fish migration barriers between the San Pablo Avenue and Albina Avenue crossings of Codornices Creek, in order to identify structures that could ease fish migration without adversely impacting flood flow elevations. A closely related purpose of the project was to inform creekside landowners and the broader Berkeley and Albany publics of the project findings.

1.2 ABOUT THE URBAN CREEKS COUNCIL
The Urban Creeks Council (UCC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection, preservation, and restoration of urban streams and their riparian habitat. UCC advocates on behalf of creeks, particularly in urban areas, and offers support and technical advice to grassroots “friends of” creek groups, public agencies, and private landowners. With a twenty-year track record and sustained presence in the San Francisco Bay Area, the organization is a resource to residents concerned about proposed development projects and their potential impacts on local creeks and wetlands, flooding, erosion, invasive vegetation, and other creek related issues.

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¹ Contract No. 4600001722 between the California Department of Water Resources and the Urban Creeks Council
² Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4600001722
UCC implements in-the-ground design/build stream restoration projects. UCC considers such projects to be educational in that they demonstrate a successful synthesis of multi-objective planning involving flood protection and ecological function. UCC’s design approach is grounded in the principles of fluvial geomorphology, as well as the deliberate installation of appropriate plant materials to provide structure and stability to meandering stream banks and restored floodplains. Since its inception in 1982, UCC has restored literally thousands of feet of urban stream within the San Francisco Bay Area.

1.3 PROJECT PARTICIPANTS AND OBJECTIVES
As indicated above, the primary objective of the project was to advance key CCWRAP stream restoration measures toward implementation. The CCWRAP identified chronic erosion sites and potential fish passage barriers along Codornices Creek in its mid- and lower reaches (between San Pablo Avenue and Albina Avenue) and recommended restoration actions.

Specific objectives included in this contract were as follows:

- Evaluate flooding impacts for conceptual barrier culvert modifications for seven culverts identified in the CCWRAP as partial (temporal) or total barriers to fish passage. As feasible, develop preliminary designs for the remediation of potential fish passage barriers at the following sites:
  - San Pablo Avenue culvert
  - Kains Avenue culvert
  - Stannage Avenue culvert
  - Evelyn Avenue culvert
  - Neilson Street culvert
  - Peralta Avenue culvert
  - Albina Avenue Bridge

- Develop preliminary designs for bank stabilization projects at the following site:
  - St. Mary’s College High School

- Conduct a hydraulic analysis of preliminary designs to evaluate flood flow elevations during 10 and 100 year flow frequencies.

- Develop an interactive community outreach program through public meetings and printed media to inform the community of the CCWRAP and the results of the bridge project work and to include them in the design process and proposed efforts.

In the completion of stated grant objectives, UCC utilized the services of Kier Associates and FarWest Restoration Engineering (FRE). Bill Kier of Kier Associates provided overall project management, administrative oversight, and fisheries expertise. Roger Leventhal of FRE conducted the hydraulic analysis of proposed measures using HEC-RAS modeling and standard protocols.
2.0 BACKGROUND AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

2.1 WATERSHED AND LAND USE
Codornices Creek (N 37.88˚, W 122.3˚) drains a 1.1 square mile watershed and flows for 2.9 miles from the Berkeley hills, through North Berkeley to Monterey Avenue where the creek serves as the border between Berkeley on the south and Albany to the north, and eventually reaches the San Francisco Bay near Golden Gate Fields (Figure 1). Elevations within the watershed range from sea level to approximately 1,340 feet at the summit of Grizzly Peak.

It has been estimated that 85 percent of the watershed has been urbanized (Kent, 1993; Kier, 2004). Land use in the watershed is primarily residential, with industrial and commercial uses dominating the lower watershed reaches. A few public parks line the stream. Throughout the reaches with which the CCWRAP is concerned, San Pablo Avenue to Monterey Avenue, land use is entirely residential except for the Ohlone Greenway under the BART tracks near Masonic Avenue and a private school located on Albina Avenue.

Due to urbanization the channel has been substantially culverted and channelized. Culverts span approximately 20 percent of the 2.9 miles of channel (Kent, 1993) and 39 percent of the 0.81 miles of the project reach. Kent also found that 35 percent of the above-ground channel length, or 0.8 miles of stream, has been channelized in concrete. Despite this, Codornices remains the only creek in the City of Berkeley where the majority of the stream remains in an open, natural channel.

2.2 HISTORIC CONDITIONS
Historically, Codornices Creek flowed from the Berkeley hills into a grassy marshland, bordering a salt marsh which extended from Virginia Street northwesternly to the northeast corner of Fleming Point, the present site of the Golden Gate Fields racetrack (Friends of Five Creeks). During the 1920’s Berkeley began filling the bay with waste. Due to bay fill and development demands, the creek’s mouth was extended three quarters of a mile (Prunuske Chatham, 1990). In the 1930’s, Codornices Creek’s lower reach was forced to flow northwest into what appears to have been an old channel of Marin Creek (Friends of Five Creeks). This artificial stream course exists to this day.

2.3 STREAMFLOW RECORDS
No long term stream gage record exists for Codornices Creek. The Friends of Five Creeks and Balance Hydrologics, Inc. maintained a stream gage located under the BART tracks at Masonic Avenue from October 2000 until September 2001.

In January 2005, the stream gage was relocated and upgraded, as part of the project, to include remote accessing capabilities. The gage records stage height, flow rate, temperature, and specific conductivity. A rain gage was also installed at the new location in order to correlate rainfall with stream gage data. Data from the stream gage and rain gage may be accessed at: http://www.balancehydrologics.com/codornices/creek/index.php.
2.4 **HISTORIC FLOODING**

Neither Berkeley nor Albany has historic flooding data on record for Codornices Creek. Flooding is a reality, however, particularly in the lower reaches, as documented through anecdotal reports by current and past creekside residents. The degree of flooding became clear during conversations with property owners during the surveys conducted in the fall of 2004 and was emphasized at the community meeting held in April 2005. Flooding was reported at the upstream end of the Kains, Stannage, and Cornell Avenue culverts, as well as the downstream end of the Talbot Avenue culvert. In the upstream portion of the project area channel banks become higher and bank stability concerns replace those of flooding.

During the community meeting, additional outreach was conducted to further identify flooding concerns. Surveys (Appendix A), designed for both creekside and watershed residents, were completed by 25 attendees (11 creekside residents and 14 watershed residents). Based upon survey responses flooding ranked as a “major concern” to only one creekside resident who resides at Santa Fe Avenue. Another resident, along Summer Street in the upper watershed, reported that they experience flooding “every time it rains”. The majority of flooding related occurrences, according to completed surveys, were flooding of homes, erosion, and the accumulation of trash and debris (Table 1). One resident vocalized flooding occurrences and concerns in the existing concrete channel section upstream of the Albina Avenue Bridge, an area of potential barrier modifications. Additional outreach to identify areas of flooding should be conducted under the next phase of project work.

Below is a list of flooding occurrences as reported anecdotally from property owners.

**Kains Avenue**

Recurring flooding is evident upstream of Kains Avenue by the façade of sandbags along the top of the right bank. The sandbags run within inches of the corner of the home at 1131 Kains. Residents reported frequent flooding due to the flashiness of the creek and the trash rack located 43 feet downstream of the Kains Avenue culvert outfall. They felt that often the flooding could be avoided if the trash rack was maintained regularly during the rainy season. Due to their previous experiences with the stream and flooding, residents expressed concern over proposed restoration activities in the channel, any plans for channel modification, and the effects which might result.

**Stannage Avenue:**

Upstream of the Stannage Avenue culvert flooding is a concern of property owners along the left bank. Water has rarely topped the 7’ concrete wall lining the channel; however, water levels rise quickly and flow swiftly during storms.

**Cornell Street:**

Flooding is experienced regularly upstream of the Cornell Avenue culvert by property owners on both the left and right banks. Flooding water levels are evident by debris lines left during two storms in the winter of 2004 on the door of the structure along the right bank (Figure 2). The elevations of these flows were surveyed in fall 2004 and recorded...
at 53.79’ and 49.82’. To put these elevations in perspective, the elevation of the top of the Cornell Avenue culvert intake is 49.07’ and the base is 43.38’.

Talbot Avenue:
The resident along the left bank on the downstream end of the Talbot Avenue culvert reported that streamflow had topped the 5’ concrete wall alongside the channel and had reached an elevation approximately 2’ higher than the concrete wall.

2.5 Existing Biological Resources
Codornices Creek connects with the San Francisco Bay and serves as habitat for anadromous fish. The stream supports a small, self-sustaining *O. mykiss* population.

A study conducted in 1981 by Leidy and a survey in 1989 by Rich identified no *O. mykiss* within Codornices Creek (Leidy, 1984; Rich, 1990). Beginning in the mid 1990’s anecdotal reports of trout observations at Stannage Avenue, Masonic Avenue, 10th Street, and 9th Street were recorded (Leidy, 2003). An electrofishing survey conducted in 1999 by Friends of Five Creeks and in 2000 by a University of California researcher, Thomas Dudley, confirmed the presence of *O. mykiss* in the watershed (Kier, 2004).

Work on the Lower Codornices Creek Improvements Project required the removal of over 100 *O. mykiss* from that project’s reach between the Union Pacific Railroad and 5th Street in fall 2004. Four of these fish succumbed during handling and were sent to the University of California, Davis’ Aquatic Ecosystems Analysis Laboratory for analysis to determine whether they had developed entirely in freshwater or whether they might have begun their development at sea.

For information concerning electron analysis of Sr:Ca in juvenile steelhead otoliths to determine anadromy see: [http://johnmuir.ucdavis.edu/aeal/presentations/EH2003_NavarroOtoliths.pdf](http://johnmuir.ucdavis.edu/aeal/presentations/EH2003_NavarroOtoliths.pdf). None of the four lower Codornices Creek *O. mykiss* tested by the University in 2004 showed signs of early development at sea, of having been, therefore, progeny of sea-run steelhead (Jeff Hagar, personal communication).

During the spring of 2002 and 2003, in conjunction with the CCWRAP, Kier Associates installed a downstream migrant trap between 6th and 8th Streets. All the fish collected were identified, measured, and released daily. A total of 55 juvenile salmonids were collected during this study, 33 in 2002 and 22 in 2003.

The majority of sampled salmonids were less than 75mm fork length (FL). This small size during the periods of collection suggests young-of-the-year steelhead. A total of five *O. mykiss* ranged in size from 76mm to 105mm FL. There were eight salmonids in the collection larger than 105mm FL. The largest individual in the sample measured 200mm FL and was likely three years old. In addition to *O. mykiss*, the survey also captured 62 *Gasterosteus aculeatus* (threespine stickleback) and 13 *Hesperoleucus symmetricus* (California roach) (Kier, 2004).
During geomorphic surveys conducted under the current project, trout were observed in pockets throughout the project reach (Figure 3). Populations were noted downstream of the Cornell Avenue, Curtis Street, and Peralta Avenue culverts, under the BART tracks near Masonic Avenue, and in the pool downstream of the Albina Avenue Bridge.

Based upon these studies together with the substantial anecdotal information, Codornices Creek has a successfully reproducing, albeit small, population of *O. mykiss*.

### 2.6 PRIOR STREAM HABITAT ASSESSMENTS

A salmonid habitat survey of Codornices Creek from Golden Gate Fields to Euclid Avenue was completed in March 2003 by Kier Associates in conjunction with the CCWRAP. The survey identified and measured essential habitat units; pools, riffles, runs, and the subcategories of each. This study concluded that steelhead habitat is limited in Codornices Creek due to the lack of pools of significant depth. The California Department of Fish and Game suggests that pools comprise 40% or more of channel habitat in streams having good salmonid habitat (California Department of Fish and Game, 1998). Pools accounted for only 20% of the 3.2 miles of channel length surveyed in 2003. Furthermore, most pools were less than 2.5 feet in depth. (Kier Associates, 2004)

In addition to these habitat units, the Kier Associates’ habitat survey also identified areas of erosion and estimated their volume. This information was compared to an erosion site inventory conducted in Codornices Creek by Prunuske Chatham, Inc. in 1990 with funding from the California Department of Water Resources.

The 2003 survey identified fifteen sites where more than 500 cubic feet of streambank erosion had occurred. Twelve of these fifteen sites were also identified in the Prunuske Chatham report. These locations were, therefore, labeled as chronic sites of erosion. The most significant site, located at St. Mary’s College High School at the end of Albina Avenue, has experienced an estimated 500,000 ft³ of erosion (Kier, 2004).

Information was also collected regarding streambed particle size. The optimal streambed particle size for successful steelhead spawning ranges from 10-45mm (Kondolf, 1993). The median streambed particle size distribution (D₅₀) was evaluated for the identified Codornices Creek habitat units. Wolman pebble counts showed that gravel size was not adequate for steelhead downstream of St. Mary’s College High School. Furthermore, this was the only habitat unit upstream of tidal influence where gravel size was not suitable for spawning habitat (Figure 4). This suggests that the chronic erosion site identified at St. Mary’s College High School contributes sediment to the system which is adversely affecting steelhead spawning opportunity downstream of that point.

A water quality assessment, conducted by Hydroikos Associates in conjunction with CCWRAP concluded that Codornices Creek could successfully support a spawning steelhead population. The following parameters were assessed: dissolved oxygen, hardness, toxicity, organophosphates diazinon and chlorpyrifos, and the heavy metals copper, nickel, zinc, and lead. Diazinon and copper levels were the only parameters that
exceeded water quality criteria, however neither exceeded concentrations known to adversely affect steelhead (Hydroikos Associates, 2003).

2.7 PRIOR FISH BARRIER ASSESSMENTS

A previous preliminary assessment of culvert barriers through the project reach was performed by FRE in September 2003 as part of the CCWRAP (FRE, 2003). This work involved the hydraulic analysis of the creek culverts identified by Kier Associates as potential barriers or impediments to fish passage within the creek. The preliminary barrier assessment report evaluated 11 culverts using Fish Xing and determined that 7 culverts posed some kind of partial barrier to passage of adult or juvenile salmonids, typically for low flow or excessive velocity results. This previous work recommended installation of fish baffles and outlet step-pools to raise water surface elevations and reduce velocities to acceptable levels for passage of salmonids.

Note that the scope of this previous fish passage work did not include evaluation of impacts to flooding or flood control. Previous reports explicitly stated that installation of baffles or other backwatering controls to raise water levels and reduce velocities would have an impact on the flood conveyance capacity of the culverts. Evaluation of flooding due to installation of fish passage mitigation measures was conducted under this phase of work as described below. This model was intended to evaluate impacts due to installation of the proposed barrier modifications and is not a comprehensive flood model. The model does not include inflows from storm drains. In addition, the development of flood flows was outside the scope of this work and therefore flows generated by previous studies were utilized in the flood evaluations.

3.0 SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED UNDER THIS PROJECT

Under this contract UCC and its partners performed work to develop comprehensive, multi-objective habitat restoration and barrier modification conceptual designs for sites identified within the CCWRAP area in order to enhance habitat and remove barriers of migration for existing *O. mykiss* populations, and to address the interests and concerns of creekside landowners and the larger Berkeley and Albany communities.

A survey of existing channel geomorphology was conducted from San Pablo Avenue to Monterey Avenue in order to populate the HEC-RAS model used to complete the hydraulic analysis. Using the data collected and restoration technology recommended by the responsible fisheries agencies, a HEC-RAS model was constructed for the entire project reach.

Work conducted under this phase of the project included:

- Survey existing channel profile and cross-sections from San Pablo Ave to Monterey Avenue.
- Conduct hydraulic modeling of flood flows through the project reach under both existing and proposed conditions.
- Develop conceptual designs for habitat improvements and fish passage.
- Provide preliminary cost estimates for potential feasible alternatives.
4.0 STREAMBANK STABILIZATION AND FISH BARRIER REMEDIATION ALTERNATIVES

This section describes the preliminary designs and hydraulic analysis for streambank stabilization to improve fish habitat at St. Mary’s College High School and for in-stream fish barrier modifications at the Albina Street Bridge, channel culverts, and the concrete section downstream of Monterey Avenue.

All proposed designs will be advanced and finalized through funding obtained from CALFED. Once final designs are developed, permits will be submitted to all regulatory agencies as required. All work is to be completed in such a manner as to ensure that implementation occurs during the summer/fall of 2006.

Note that the designs presented herein may change significantly during final design. Designs may alter due to budget allowances, property owner cooperation, requirements imposed by the Cities of Berkeley and Albany and regulatory agencies, and further analysis of existing infrastructure.

4.1 EXISTING CHANNEL CONDITIONS
October through December 2004, UCC staff conducted longitudinal profile and cross-sectional surveys of Codornices Creek from San Pablo Avenue to the concrete section which terminates at the Monterey Avenue culvert, as needed for hydraulic modeling and preliminary design. Surveys were conducted using standard protocols with a transit level and stadia. All elevations were recorded in the City of Berkeley Datum and tied into the City of Berkeley benchmark located in the median of San Pablo Avenue at Harrison Street. The longitudinal profile recorded thalweg and the then-current water surface elevations throughout the 4,000 foot stretch (Figures 5-16). Fifty-five cross-sectional surveys were conducted to capture channel dimensions. Cross-sections were taken at the intake and outfall of each culvert, a 1:1 ratio upstream of culverts with headwalls, a 2:1 ratio downstream of culverts with headwalls, along the road above culverts to indicate the relative depth of the culvert, and at points within the channel where there was a change in geomorphology or roughness.

4.2 PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS
This section presents the preliminary design for bank stabilization at St. Mary’s College High School. As this site was identified in the CCWRAP-2004 as a chronic site of erosion which appears to be impacting downstream gravel, habitat improvement efforts were focused in this location.

All proposed work will be done with the collaboration and consent of St. Mary’s College High School. In addition to addressing the largest erosion site noted in the 2003 habitat survey, many educational opportunities exist at this location. Revegetation efforts are to be supplemented by students to capitalize on this opportunity and encourage environmental stewardship.
4.2.1 ST. MARY’S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

St. Mary’s College High School is located along the top of the right bank, downstream of the Albina Avenue Bridge. The channel in this reach is incised with top of slope elevations 30-35 feet above thalweg elevations. Vegetation is comprised largely of non-native and invasive species. A stand of approximately 30 mature Eucalyptus trees dominates the right bank, while the left bank (private property) is covered with cape ivy. Currently erosion is undercutting three eucalyptus trees/stumps along the right bank, which are in danger of falling (Figure 17). When this occurs a significant load of sediment will be contributed to the system. Erosion has created a “lip” of soil which extends along the top of bank. Additionally, the school’s paved access road which runs parallel to the top of slope appears to be contributing to the bank’s instability. Runoff may be creating downslope erosion.

4.2.1.1 PROPOSED BANK STABILIZATION

In order to stabilize the bank and improve instream habitat for steelhead populations, UCC proposes to remove the invasive vegetation present along the right bank, grade the bank to a gentler slope, and vegetate the slope using native plant species and soil bioengineering techniques. To ensure that downslope erosion does not persist, a curb is to be installed along the edge of the road to direct runoff into an existing storm drain system. Figure 18 illustrates a typical cross-sectional view of the existing bank and proposed stabilization measures.

Existing infrastructure, the adjacent road, will determine the slope at which the bank can be regraded, the number of lineal feet which can be stabilized, and the necessity of additional bioengineering techniques. UCC will explore logistics of this in detail with the school and work to develop a project with the greatest benefit possible to the creek. Cost estimates developed for this project do not include costs to alter or relocate the road in any way and assume that 75 lineal feet of streambank will be addressed.

In addition to providing stability to the regraded bank and decreasing the amount of sediment entering the channel, installed vegetation will also improve habitat by providing channel cover. Due to the acidity of the Eucalyptus stand, there are no plants immediately adjacent to the channel and existing ground cover is limited throughout the area. Installation of willows at the toe will provide cover for fish and will in time add woody debris to the system and create complexity of habitat for aquatic life.

All proposed work will be done with the collaboration and approval of St. Mary’s College High School and revegetation efforts are to be supplemented by students in an outdoor classroom setting.

4.3 PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR FISH BARRIER MODIFICATIONS

This section presents the preliminary designs and hydraulic evaluations for the mitigation of the identified fish passage barriers within Codornices Creek. Proposed barrier modifications were modeled using HEC-RAS under steady-state conditions to evaluate the resultant rise in water level under 100-year flood conditions. Appendix B contains a technical memorandum describing the flood modeling methods and results.
The proposed barrier modifications have not been reviewed or approved by the Cities of Berkeley or Albany, nor have they been reviewed by the regulatory agencies. Permitting of the barrier modifications is to be accomplished under the third Codornices grant following final design.

4.3.1 CULVERT MODIFICATIONS

Seven culverts along Codornices Creek within the project reach were previously identified as partial barriers to fish passage due to low depth and/or high velocity. Previous design solutions to the high velocity and low flow depth barriers in culverts involved installation of baffles and construction of outlet weirs. Both of these solutions have impacts to flood conveyance that were evaluated under this phase of work.

Field assessments have shown that localized flooding currently occurs regularly at several culverts within the creek, especially upstream of the Kains, Stannage, and Cornell Avenue culverts. Codornices Creek throughout the project reach is a highly urbanized environment with homes built right up to the edge of the creek channel.

4.3.1.1 EVALUATION OF CULVERT BARRIER MODIFICATIONS UNDER FLOOD FLOW CONDITIONS

As previously noted, several culverts already cause flooding of adjacent properties at locations along Codornices Creek. Fish passage baffles add hydraulic roughness (i.e. increase Manning’s n) to culverts which reduces water velocities and increases flow depths. To assess the hydraulic impacts to water level from installation of 6-inch and 12-inch fish baffles or an outlet weir system, the selected culverts were modified and evaluated using the culvert routine in HEC-RAS.

The culverts evaluated under this scope of work include those identified in the previous fish passage work as either total or partial barriers to fish passage in Codornices Creek. The culverts evaluated for water elevation changes due to baffle installation during this phase of the project included the following:

- San Pablo Avenue
- Kains Avenue
- Stannage Avenue
- Evelyn Avenue
- Masonic Avenue
- Neilson Street
- Peralta Avenue

Table 2 displays culvert details, including slope, length, and dimension, as recorded in the fall 2004 surveys.

There are no standard analysis methods to evaluate increases in culvert friction and corresponding flooding impacts due to fish baffle installation. To account for the loss of hydraulic conveyance due to the use of corner baffles, culvert friction changes were
analyzed using two different approaches; 1.) assume that the culvert was embedded six inches or one foot and reduce the hydraulic capacity of the culvert by this amount and increase the Manning’s n value to 0.04 (natural channel bottom); and 2.) increase the Manning’s n friction values to 0.07 to account for the baffle roughness. The value of 0.07 is based upon unpublished data provided by State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Powers, 2004). Note that the Manning’s n friction value used for the culverts as they currently exist was 0.015, typical for worn concrete surfaces.

For this analysis, the rise in water level was analyzed under the 10 and 100-year flow estimates previously developed by Philip Williams and Associates, Ltd. (PWA) in 1997. These estimates were developed for the lower Codornices Creek reach below San Pablo Avenue. PWA estimated the 10-year flow at approximately 690 cfs and the 100-year flow at approximately 1,020 cfs. The City of Albany used other methods to estimate flood flows for Codornices Creek which produced estimates that differ from PWA’s (City of Albany, 1998). As PWA’s estimates are felt to be the most accurate, they were used in this agreement to evaluate baffles under flood conditions.

The hydraulic analysis for smaller baffles, 6 inches in height, was conducted to evaluate impacts of lower baffles on flood conveyance. These smaller baffles would provide increased culvert roughness and a corresponding rise in water level; however, they would not provide the depth nor decrease the velocity to levels satisfactory to DFG requirements.

4.3.1.2 PREVIOUS HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS OF CULVERTS

The City of Albany evaluated the hydraulic capacity of its Codornices Creek culverts as part of their watershed management plan (City of Albany, 1998). The results of the analyses concluded that the hydraulic capacity of the culverts as they exist was approximately 450 cfs; less than the 10-year flow of 685 cfs, as estimated by PWA. Therefore, previous studies have shown that the flood capacity of the existing culverts is exceeded by 10-year storm events. Note that the City of Albany estimated the 10-year flow at 480 cfs using a method different than that used by PWA. However, to be consistent with previous flooding analysis, PWA flow numbers were used for this project.

4.3.1.3 RESULTS OF THE HYDRAULIC MODELING OF BAFFLED CULVERTS

Table 3 displays the results of the hydraulic analysis assuming both 6-inch and 12-inch cross-baffles using both methods of analysis for the 10-year and 100-year flood events. As previously described the first method of analysis assumed a culvert friction to 0.07 and the second assumed a culvert embed depth of 6 and 12 inches.

The results indicate a potential increase in water levels from 5 to 18 inches due to barrier modification implementation depending on the assumption method. Note that the flood model does not account for the effects of debris collection on the baffles. Debris blockage is a primary cause of backwater flooding of culverts and would be worsened by the installation of baffles within the culvert.
The results of the modeling show overtopping of culverts under existing conditions for both the 10-yr and 100-yr flood flows. Therefore, there is no excess capacity within the culverts. Given the calculated impacts to flood conveyance due to baffle installation, it is not recommended to install fish baffles or other barrier modification systems that raise water levels within the culverts at this time. The modeling shows existing creek flooding with less than 10-year flood flow conditions. As homes are built along the edge of the creek banks, liability for real or even a perceived rise in water level by adjacent property owners is too great to justify for fish passage concerns. In addition, it is doubtful that the Cities of Berkeley or Albany would permit any culvert modification that results in a significant rise in water level for this project.

The long-term goal of the Cities of Berkeley and Albany should be the replacement of these culvert barriers with natural bottom bridges. Such structures would increase channel capacity thus decreasing flooding impacts, and would not impede fish passage.

4.3.2 ALBINA STREET BRIDGE

The Albina Street crossing is a concrete bottom bridge that essentially acts as a box culvert across the creek. At the downstream end of the concrete bridge crossing, there is an approximate 3 foot vertical barrier due to the formation of a scour pool from the bridge outlet (Figure 19). This forms an almost total barrier to fish passage at this location. Currently this jump acts as the limiting barrier for upstream migration (Kier, 2004).

The structural supports for the bridge are not known at this time. As it is unclear if the concrete bottom in the channel acts as a structural support to the bridge, no plans were developed to remove the concrete section. The potential opportunity to remove the concrete bottom will be investigated further during final design. If it is determined that the concrete can be removed without sacrificing the integrity of immediate structures, designs will be developed to capitalize on the opportunity.

4.3.2.1 PROPOSED BARRIER MODIFICATION

The proposed barrier modification to the Albina Street Bridge crossing involves the installation of a downstream step-pool system to allow fish to pass through a series of cross-vein rock weirs and into the bridge crossing. Two alternatives were developed under this agreement. Alternative A requires eight step-pools and results in a slight backwater effect at the outlet end of the bridge. Alternative B does not provide for backwatering of the bridge bottom and involves less fill within the creek than Alternative A. For fish passage, Alternative A is preferred as it provides better conditions for migration due to its backwatering effect. However, as discussed below, this results in a higher impact on hydraulic conveyance through the bridge.

Figures 20 and 21 show profiles of the proposed step-pool system for Alternatives A and B. The maximum height of the steps will be approximately 8 inches to allow for adult and some juvenile fish passage. Pool lengths are on the order of 10 feet. The steps will be constructed of a combination of half and one ton boulders placed across the channel in a
curved V formation to direct flows towards the center of the creek channel. All weirs will be properly keyed into the channel bed and bank to ensure stability.

4.3.2.2 Results of Flood Modeling
The proposed barrier modification, Alternative A, was modeled using HEC-RAS to evaluate the rise in water level under 100-year flood conditions. The results of the model study for Alternative A are shown in Table 4 and indicate a significant rise in water level, approximately 3 feet, just downstream of the bridge. The modeling does indicate that there is sufficient capacity to contain the 100-year flow in this area without overtopping of the bridge. However, it is unclear if the Cities of Berkeley or Albany will allow such a rise in water level solely to improve fish passage. The results of this analysis are contained in a technical memorandum attached as Appendix B that describes the flood modeling methods and results. Note that Alternative B will have a lower flooding impact and may be developed further during the final design phase of the project if necessary.

4.3.3 Concrete Channel Section Upstream from Albina Street Bridge
There is an approximate 230 foot section of straightened, concrete-lined channel 224 feet upstream of the Albina Street Bridge. At the downstream terminal of this concrete section there is a vertical step, approximately 1.6 feet in height (Figure 22). Together, the height of the step and the concrete channel section prone to high velocities and low flows, form either a partial or total barrier to fish passage.

The concrete section is approximately 8 feet wide and extends from edge to edge in the creek channel and likely acts as a structural support to the adjacent creek channel walls. The existing retaining walls forming the sides of the straightened channel are a mixture of concrete and rock rubble walls, some of which look to be very old and in mixed condition.

The thickness of the base concrete is unknown but there has been some breakage of the concrete bottom in a few locations. More detailed coring and structural analysis of the condition of the concrete bottom will be required before proceeding through final design into construction.

4.3.3.1 Proposed Barrier Modification
The proposed barrier modification to this section includes the construction of low 6-inch cross-baffles along the left bank wall of the concrete channel. In addition, an engineered log structure, or equivalent stepped sections, will be required below the concrete section to bridge the step barrier. Figure 23 shows a plan view of the proposed barrier modification and Figure 24 a cross-sectional view of the engineered log structure.

As part of this work, a structural engineer (Ken Hughes) visited the site on April 7, 2005 to evaluate the option of notching the concrete channel bottom to install a low flow fishway down the middle of the channel. As explained in the attached letter (Appendix C), the costs for constructing such a low flow channel would likely be substantial due to
the need to provide structural support for the adjacent retaining walls along the length of
the channel.

Note that the thickness of the concrete bottom in this section needs to be at least 4 inches
thick to support the proposed baffles. A thinner concrete bottom would not support the
baffles under flood conditions and would result in undermining the concrete bottom and
retaining wall supports.

**4.3.3.2 RESULTS OF HYDRAULIC MODELING**

**Flood Modeling**
The flooding impacts of the proposed steps-pools and cross-baffles were analyzed by
FRE as part of the HEC-RAS flood model for the Albina Street Bridge. The results
indicate a rise in water level of approximately 8 to 12 inches above existing conditions.
However, the results indicate that the concrete channel section currently floods under 10-
and 100-year flood conditions. Therefore, there is no unused flood storage capacity
within the channel and installation of the engineered log structure and baffles would
result in an increase in flooding within an area that already floods.

UCC will investigate the possibility of installing some of these improvements with the
Cities of Berkeley and Albany and adjacent property owners during the next phase of the
project. It is unknown whether the Cities of Berkeley and Albany would allow a project
in this area that increases water surface elevations in order to facilitate fish passage.
Although we have prepared a preliminary cost for this item, the flooding issue may
prohibit implementation. Pending the approval of the cities, permitting would be
conducted under the next phase of the work.

**Fish Passage Modeling**
Table 4 shows the results of the HEC-RAS modeling for the modified concrete channel
for fish passage flows previously developed under the first phase of the project. For the
upper value of fish passage flows, 18 cfs, the velocity results are within DFG guidelines
for acceptable velocities. At the lower passage flow, 3 cfs (minimum flow), the depths
within the concrete lined channel do not meet the DFG criteria of one foot depth.
Therefore, the concrete channel with proposed modifications may not be passable due to
depth constraints.

The results of the fish passage analysis should note the following.
- Codornices Creek is an extremely flashy system (typical of urban streams). Since
  the hydrograph changes so rapidly, using a single value for fish passage
  analysis is problematic.

- In our experience, a depth limitation for fish passage is less of a barrier than
  other types of barriers. Steelhead have been known to swim through depths of
  flow much less than the one foot DFG minimum. However, low depth does
  result in additional stress on the organism. Due to the length of the concrete
  channel section, such a low depth would likely retain this section as a partial or
  total barrier.
The proposed baffles would provide some resting areas for fish, but it is unknown if sufficient resting areas could be provided without a significant increase in flooding levels. The proposed 6-inch baffles were selected to provide some resting areas and result in water level rise of no more than a one foot. Additional analysis of fish passage should be conducted in the next phase if the potential flooding impacts are acceptable.

5.0 PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES

Preliminary cost estimates for the habitat improvement and barrier modifications designs as reported within this document are itemized in Table 5. These estimates are based on UCC’s and FRE’s experience with restoration projects of this type. However, actual construction costs may vary significantly due to numerous reasons.

The cost estimate reflects the following assumptions:

- No hazardous waste or environmental issues are involved in the project.
- Any excess fill will be stockpiled on-site. No costs for removal of excess soils have been included.
- Minimal permitting costs have been assumed. No CEQA permitting costs have been included (i.e. no EIR required).
- No costs have been included for acquisition of additional right-of-way or preparation of additional studies.

Note that construction costs may increase significantly following recommendations by the project structural engineer as part of final design activities.

6.0 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

6.1 CCWRAP WORKING GROUP

In an attempt to work collaboratively with all watershed stakeholders, UCC organized a “Working Group” in October 2004. This group held its inaugural meeting that November and has continued to meet every other month. The group is open to anyone that is interested, although meetings are not publicly advertised other than on the UCC’s website. Representatives from the City of Berkeley, City of Albany, State Water Resources Control Board, CALTRANS, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Friends of Five Creeks, Live Oaks Codornices Creek Neighborhood Association, St. Mary’s College High School, Balance Hydrologics, other local creek organizations (Friends of Strawberry Creek, Friends of Baxter Creek), Waterways Restoration Institute, FarWest Restoration Engineering, Kier Associates, and homeowners within the project area have participated in these meetings. During the first meeting the group defined themselves and their role. They are to act as a feedback loop on proposals and ideas, offer suggestions, and voice opinions based upon their concerns.
In addition to contributing valuable feedback and input regarding this agreement and the larger project, the Working Group realized the many proceedings along Codornices Creek and recognized the need for a comprehensive Codornices Creek Watershed Council. Building upon the group’s discussion, members attended lectures regarding watershed councils and circulated literature on how to create and sustain an effective council. In response to this need UCC applied for and obtained funds to hire a Watershed Coordinator to develop the Codornices Creek Watershed Council. Hiring for this position is expected to occur by fall 2005 pending funding logistics.

6.2 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

UCC obtained address databases from the City of Berkeley and the City of Albany for all residents within 25 meters of Codornices Creek, all residents adjacent to the projected project area between San Pablo Avenue and Albina Avenue, and all residents within the watershed. These compiled lists were used to generate mailings regarding the activities of this project.

Two community meetings were held regarding this project’s proceedings, the first in January 2003 and the second in April 2005. The December 2003 meeting was held at St. Mary’s College High School with an agenda to inform creek-side landowners of the project, upcoming habitat and fish surveys, and to encourage active involvement by the community. Three-hundred landowners were directly invited via mail to this evening meeting which had an attendance of approximately two dozen.

A second meeting was held on April 27, 2005 at the same location to inform the larger community of the preliminary designs developed and modeled under this agreement. Notification of the meeting was sent by mail to a total of 3,316 residents throughout the watershed (Appendix D). Flyers were posted in the shopping areas in the Westbrae and Northbrae neighborhoods and at the Berkeley Earth Day Celebration on April 22 (Appendix E), and an announcement was printed in the local newspaper, The Berkeley Daily Planet. A total of 47 citizens attended the 7:00 PM meeting. Attendees not only learned about the project but interacted through discussions, surveys (Appendix A), and maps (Figure 25).

Speakers during the April 2005 meeting included Friends of Five Creeks, Waterways Restoration Institute, Kier Associates, FRE, and UCC (Figure 26). Topics covered during the meeting agenda included: an overview of activities occurring throughout the watershed, introduction to the CCWRAP, CCWRAP-Phase I proceedings and results, proposed barrier modifications and hydraulic modeling, proposed bank stabilization, demonstration riparian vegetation demonstration projects to occur during CCWRAP-Phase II, and how the community can be involved.
6.3 **HOMEOWNER INTERACTION**

Realizing the importance of interaction with the property owners adjacent to the project reach, UCC worked to capitalize on the potential for interaction while conducting field surveys.

Prior to surveying postcards were designed and mailed to properties adjacent to the creek between San Pablo and Albina Avenues to notify them that a field crew would be conducting channel surveys (Appendix F). These postcards also provided contacts for obtaining additional information regarding the CCWRAP and advertised free consultations to homeowners regarding creekside concerns. In response UCC received seven phone calls from homeowners between October and December 2004. Some inquired about project proceedings while others requested personalized site visits of their property by staff. UCC staff conducted requested visits to five properties located on Cornell Avenue, Curtis Street, Neilson Street, Sonoma Avenue, and Beverly Place. At each site we listened to homeowner concerns, walked along the channel with them, observed their situation, and compiled a letter stating observations and recommendations. Each letter was accompanied by reference sheets and other informational materials relevant to the situation. All visits were photo-documented and filed with a copy of all correspondence.

While conducting channel surveys, staff interacted with many homeowners throughout the project reach. Flyers were presented to everyone who was encountered (Appendix G). The majority of people were aware of restoration actions to some degree and had received CCWRAP mailings. Landowners told many stories of fish sightings and flooding. Where pertinent these stories were recorded in the field survey notes.

6.4 **MEDIA**

Articles discussing the objectives and proceedings of this agreement were composed and published in *Creek Currents*, UCC’s biannual newsletter. This newsletter is mailed to 2,000 subscribers, including residents identified by the City of Berkeley as living within 25-30 feet of Codornices Creek. March and December 2004 editions each contained project update articles and directions for obtaining additional information.

A project update also appeared in the March-April 2005 edition of the Sierra Club Yodeler.

UCC maintained a webpage regarding this project which can be accessed from their webpage, [www.urbancreeks.org](http://www.urbancreeks.org). This page includes a project overview, the CCWRAP, raw data from the CCWRAP, developed conceptual designs for habitat restoration and barrier remediation, and links to related resources on salmon and restoration.
7.0 **Next Steps**

The next steps for the project include the following:

- Finalize fish passage modeling of the proposed barrier modifications
- Evaluate upstream culverts for fish passage into habitat areas.
- Determine the thickness of the concrete bottom of the concrete channel section upstream of Albina Avenue to determine if it is thick enough to support baffle installation.
- Work with the Cities of Berkeley and Albany and adjacent property owners for permission to implement designed modifications.
- Develop final designs.
- Obtain regulatory permits.
- Produce plans and specifications for construction.
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Figure 2. Flooding elevation, as indicated by debris line on a resident’s door, experienced upstream of the Cornell Avenue culvert in a January 2004 storm.
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˚ Elevations reported in the City of Berkeley Datum.

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| **Engineered Log Structure Below Concrete Section** |          |       |           |                 |                                                                          |
| import and place 5 tons rock                    | 5        | tons  | $125.00   | $4,000.00       |                                                                          |
| remove trees and make logs                      | 2        | days  | $1,500.00 | $3,000.00       |                                                                          |
| install and bolt logs and place rocks           | 1        | ls    | $5,000.00 | $5,000.00       | costs included within Albina Street Bridge cost                           |
| dewatering system                               |          |       |           |                 |                                                                          |
| permitting                                      | 1        | ls    | $8,000.00 | $8,000.00       | assumes no EIR work/no additional flood modeling                         |
| contingency                                     | 10       | %     | $29,000.00| $2,900.00       |                                                                          |
| total:                                          |          |       |           | $22,000.00      |                                                                          |

| **6-Inch Baffles Installation in CC Channel Section** |          |       |           |                 |                                                                          |
| install baffles                                 | 30       | ea    | $700.00   | $21,000.00      |                                                                          |
| dewatering system                               |          |       |           |                 | costs included within Albina Street Bridge cost                           |
| permitting                                      | 1        | ls    | $8,000.00 | $8,000.00       | assumes no EIR work/no additional flood modeling                         |
| contingency                                     | 10       | %     | $29,000.00| $2,900.00       |                                                                          |
| total:                                          |          |       |           | $31,900.00      |                                                                          |

| **Slope Repair at St. Mary’s College High School** |          |       |           |                 |                                                                          |
| tree removal                                    | 20       | ea    | $2,000.00 | $40,000.00      | includes storage space, tool acquisition, and water wagon rental          |
| general materials                               |          |       | $2,900.00 |                 |                                                                          |
| dewatering materials                            |          |       | $8,125.00 |                 |                                                                          |
| installation/maintenance/removal                | 65 hours | hours | $85.00    | $5,525.00       |                                                                          |
| construction staking                            | 16 hours | hours | $85.00    | $1,360.00       |                                                                          |
| excavation/resloping of bank                    |          |       |           | $20,000.00      | subcontractor                                                             |
| excavation oversight                            | 32 hours | hours | $85.00    | $2,720.00       |                                                                          |
| trucking                                       |          |       |           | $8,000.00       | subcontractor                                                             |
| bioengineering materials                        |          |       | $6,370.00 |                 |                                                                          |
| harvest plant material                          | 90 hours | hours | $85.00    | $7,650.00       |                                                                          |
| install posts/poles                             | 40 hours | hours | $85.00    | $3,400.00       |                                                                          |
| install erosion control fabric                  | 60 hours | hours | $85.00    | $5,100.00       |                                                                          |
| broadcast native seeds, organic fertilizer, mycorrhizal inoculants | 16 hours | hours | $85.00    | $1,360.00       |                                                                          |
| install container stock                         | 20 hours | hours | $85.00    | $1,700.00       |                                                                          |
| design and install drip irrigation system       |          |       |           | $15,000.00      | subcontractor                                                             |
| total:                                          |          |       |           | $129,210.00     |                                                                          |

May 2005
Creekside Resident Survey

This survey is being conducted by Urban Creeks Council as part of the Codornices Creek Watershed Restoration Action Program (CCWRAP). This program is working to improve the overall health of Codornices Creek with a focus on increasing habitat and passage for steelhead trout. CCWRAP is funded by CALFED and the California Department of Water Resources.

1. Were you aware of the CCWRAP prior to this meeting?
   _____ Yes   _____ No

2. How did you find out about this meeting?
   _____ Postcard _____ Flyer in the Community _____ Earth Day
   _____ Listserv _____ Berkeley Daily Planet _____ UCC’s Website
   _____ Other

3. How often do you spend time at Codornices Creek?
   _____ Daily
   _____ Weekly
   _____ 1-2 times a month
   _____ 3-5 times a year
   _____ Only when it rains
   _____ Never

4. Have you experienced any of the following flood issues? (check all that apply)
   Please note the storm if you can, year and month.
   Note your address, or at least street, on the back of the survey so we can track flooding.
   _____ Flooding in your yard
   _____ Flooding in your house/basement/garage
   _____ Erosion/Loss of soil
   _____ Loss of trees
   _____ Accumulation of trash
   _____ Structural damage
   _____ Culvert blocked with debris
   _____ Other: ________________________________________________

5. How often have you experienced flooding issues during the past two winters?
   _____ Every time it rains
   _____ Monthly
   _____ Once a season
   _____ Once in the past 2 winters
   _____ Did not experience in the past 2 winters

6. Rate the following creek issues with your level of concern.
   (1=no need to be concerned, 2=not concerned, 3=no opinion, 4=somewhat concerned, 5=very concerned)
   _____ Flooding
   _____ Pollution/ Water Quality
   _____ Erosion/Bank stability
   _____ Invasive and/or non-native plants
   _____ Trash/Litter

Appendix A
6. (Continued) Rate the following creek issues with your level of concern.
   (1=no need to be concerned, 2=not concerned, 3=no opinion, 4=somewhat concerned, 5=very concerned)
   _____ Runoff from backyards (fertilizers, pesticides, etc)
   _____ Lack of animal/plant habitat
   _____ Fish (Population Health, Habitat, Passage)
   _____ Culvert Instability
   _____ Creeks Ordinance
   _____ Homeless Encampments
   _____ Other ________________________________________________

7. Which of the following animals have you seen in/around the creek?
   (check all that apply)
   _____ Fish
   _____ Frogs
   _____ Mice, Rats
   _____ Dragonflies
   _____ Raccoons
   _____ Ducks
   _____ Snakes
   _____ Turtles
   _____ Newts
   _____ Deer
   _____ Other ________________________________________________

8. What opportunities do you think exist to improve your back yard?
   _____ Invasive plant removal (Ivy, Blackberry, Eucalyptus, Acacia)
   _____ Bank stabilization to reduce sedimentation of the channel
   _____ Removal of hardscape (concrete, walls) to improve habitat
   _____ Erosion control to reduce sedimentation
   _____ Planting of natives to provide cover and shade to the channel
   _____ Willingness of adjacent neighbors to participate
   _____ Diversion of bank runoff
   _____ Reduction of pesticide use

9. Please send more information about the following:
   _____ CCWRAP
   _____ Creekside Native Trees/Plants
   _____ Erosion Control
   _____ Urban Creeks Council
   _____ Creek Groups in the Watershed (Friends of 5 Creeks, LOCCNA)

10. Check all the following in which you may be interested
    _____ Making your backyard fish-friendly
    _____ Hosting a workshop on your property
    _____ Participating in a hands-on demonstration project
    _____ Participating in a Watershed Council (a group of stakeholders)
    _____ Participating in a planning group for this project
    _____ Learning about water quality monitoring
    _____ Learning about fish population monitoring

Street Address: ____________________________________________________
Name (optional):__________________________________________________

Appendix A
Introduction

This technical memorandum presents the results of steady-state flood modeling of the proposed Codornices Creek Fish Barrier Modification Project in Berkeley/Albany, California. This project is intended to model potential changes in water level due to proposed modifications within both culverts and the work proposed at the Albina Avenue Bridge and upstream concrete channel section. This modeling work was intended to evaluate changes in water surface elevation between the existing channel and the proposed restoration channel under the 10-year and 100-year flood flow conditions. The report is not a flood study of the Codornices Creek channel as inflows from side drains and other sources were not considered.

Assumptions and Model Limitations

The following assumptions were included in the development and computation of the flood modeling.

- Modeled flow rates were as developed by Philip Williams Associates (PWA). Development of site hydrology and flood flows were not part of the scope of this project.
- Flows from other sources such as inlet storm drains were beyond the scope of this modeling effort. This modeling work is intended only to enable a comparison of the change in water surface elevation under flood conditions between the existing and proposed conditions with barrier modifications. Actual water surface elevations may vary from the modeled results.
- As typical of almost all flood models, HEC-RAS does not include the effects of sedimentation or debris build-up in the creek channel or on the inlet trash
rack to the San Pablo culvert. Excessive debris or sediment could result in backwater flood elevations that exceed the modeled results.

Description of the Proposed Project

The Codornices Creek fish barrier modification project proposes to prepare preliminary designs for the modifications of barriers within Codornices Creek between San Pablo Avenue and the concrete section upstream of the Albina Avenue Bridge. Specifically, the barrier modifications evaluated under this model included the following:

- Installation of 6-inch or 12-inch fish baffles at the seven culverts previously identified as forming either a partial (i.e. temporal) or total barrier to fish passage. As described below, the additional friction caused by fish baffle installation was modeled by two different methods to provide a range of expected values.
- A series of step-pools below the Albina Avenue Bridge barrier was modeled.
- A series of step-pools below the upstream concrete section from the Albina Avenue Bridge were modeled along with a series of low concrete baffles installed across the bottom of the concrete channel section.

Flood Flows

Flows for the project modeling were obtained from hydrology work previously conducted by PWA for the Codornices Creek watershed.

The flow rates modeled under this project are as follows:

- 10-yr flow = 685 cfs
- 100-yr flow = 1085 cfs

Existing Site Conditions

Culverts From San Pablo Avenue to Peralta Avenue

Previous studies (Kier, 2004) identified seven of the eleven culverts along Codornices Creek from San Pablo Avenue to Albina Avenue as partial barriers to fish passage within the creek. At that time, it was recommended to evaluate the installation of fish baffles to provide low enough velocity and high enough depth to provide for fish passage. The existing culverts are primarily 6 ft by 6 ft arch concrete culverts with inverts, lengths and other characteristics as shown in the 2004 Kier report.
Albina Avenue Bridge Area

The length of creek modeled for the Albina Avenue Bridge modifications is approximately 100 linear feet downstream of the bridge (Alternative A). The modeled reach starts upstream of the Peralta Avenue culvert and continues through the concrete channelized section upstream of the Albina Avenue Bridge. The creek flows through the modeled reach in a channelized and confined condition with residential development up to the edge of the creek channel in all locations except right at St Mary’s High School. The channel is generally straight, with depths ranging from several inches to about 3 ft deep and generally has a channel width of about 8 to 12 feet.

Land adjacent to the stream channel is highly disturbed. The adjacent channel consists of weedy species, different types of retaining walls and some trees and brush in the upper sections. Private homes are built right up to the edge of the channel in most locations.

Existing Survey Information

Survey information was provided by field surveys conducted by Urban Creeks Council (UCC) staff in November and December 2004 and March 2005. The cross-sections and creek profile surveys conducted by UCC were used as the basis for the flood modeling work. There was no topographic basemap provided by the cities of Berkeley or Albany. FarWest Restoration Engineering (FRE) did no independent surveying work.

Proposed Conditions

A preliminary design of the proposed barrier modification is provided in the main report prepared by UCC (UCC and FRE, 2005). The modification consists of a series of eight step-pools constructed with ½ and one-ton rocks placed immediately downstream of the bridge. The height of the steps in the pools was set at 8 inches.

HEC-RAS Model Development

Model Geometry

Cross sections for the proposed site conditions were provided by the UCC. Figure 1 shows the location of the hydraulic modeling cross-sections utilized in the model located on the site profile.

A channel station line was developed that follows along the approximate centerline of the proposed creek alignment as measured from the survey. Section 10 the most downstream (west) end of the project and section 4462 is the most upstream section.
of the project. Approximately 70 cross-sections were developed for the modeling work.

Ineffective Flow Limits

Ineffective flow areas can be set in HEC-RAS to define the boundaries of the active cross-sectional conveyance area. Ineffective areas often occur where there are large variations in the cross-sectional width between adjacent upstream and downstream sections. Ineffective flow limits were set at sections just downstream of the Albina Street Bridge.

Hydraulic Roughness

Manning’s ‘n’ coefficients were used to define the roughness of the channel and overbank areas. Characteristics such as surface roughness, vegetation height and spacing, irregularities in geometry, and flow depths were assessed to estimate the Manning’s n coefficients of existing Codornices Creek conditions. The selection of the creek roughness coefficient can impact modeling results significantly. Vegetation characteristics and densities were assumed for the conceptual channel configuration.

For this model study, the table below shows the Manning’s n values used for the model sections:

Manning’s n Values Used in Modeling

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Downstream Boundary Condition

In a standard step model such as HEC-RAS the water surface elevation at the downstream model boundary must be specified for sub-critical analysis. For this analysis, the downstream slope was taken from previous profile surveys conducted below San Pablo Avenue. The slope was set at approximately 0.0017 although backwater from the downstream 10th Street culvert may reduce the slope.

Flood Modeling Results

This section presents the modeling results for water surface elevation for the existing and proposed channel conditions. Tables 1 and 2 are summaries of the water surface elevations under both conditions.

Water Surface Elevations

Existing Conditions

Figure 2 shows the calculated water surface elevations through the project site under existing conditions. The results indicate that there is existing flooding at all the culvert locations under 10-year storm existing conditions. Note that previous hydraulic analysis by the City of Albany (October 1998) also confirmed this finding.

Proposed Conditions – Culverts Analysis

Figure 3 shows the 100-year calculated water surface elevations through the project site under the proposed restoration conditions by analyzing the seven selected culverts, using two methods; 1) embedding the culvert to the depth of the baffle and increasing the Manning’s n value to 0.04 and 2) increasing Manning’s n to a value of 0.07 in accordance with preliminary measurements obtained in baffled culverts by Washington State Department of Natural Resources staff. The results indicate that there would be a rise in water surface elevation of 8- to 15 inches due to the baffle installation in most of the culverts. Since there is no spare capacity in the culverts under current conditions, it is anticipated that baffles might increase an existing flooding problem. Figure 4 shows the water surface elevations under the 10-year flow conditions.

Note that this flood study was intended to evaluate the change in water surface elevation between the existing and proposed channel conditions. Therefore, it is important to understand that the absolute water surface elevations shown in report tables and associated figures may not be the actual water surface elevations under flood conditions but are calculated values because they are at the boundary limits of
the flood model cross-sections and that inflows from storm drains are not included in the model study. Table 1 shows the results of the flood modeling for the culverts analysis under 10 and 100-yr flow conditions compared to existing conditions.

Proposed Conditions – Albina Avenue Bridge and Upstream Concrete Section Analysis

The proposed barrier modifications at the Albina Avenue Bridge and upstream concrete section include the following:

- Construction of a step-pool system (alternative A) downstream of the bridge approximately 100 feet with steps set at 8 inches. Each step pool was modeled with three cross-sections as shown in Figure 1.
- Construction of an engineered log structure on the downstream end of the 18-inch step below the concrete channel section.
- Installation of 6-inch baffles across the left hand bank of the concrete channel section.

Table 2 shows the results of the flood modeling under 10 and 100-yr flow conditions compared to existing conditions.

Conclusions

The following summarizes the results of the preliminary flood modeling of the proposed creek daylighting and restoration project.

- The culverts are currently undersized for the 10-year flood flows. Installation of baffles is anticipated to increase water levels by 8- to 15 inches which might exacerbate existing conditions.
- The proposed fish barrier modifications at the Albina Avenue Bridge show an increase of approximately three feet under flood flow conditions, however, the modeling shows that there is sufficient capacity in this section to contain the flood flows.
- The upstream concrete channel section is currently undersized for the 10-year flood flows. Installation of the proposed 6-inch side baffles will increase flood flows by 8- to 12 inches.
References


Figure 1: Hydraulic Modeling Cross-Section Locations

Appendix B
Figure 2: 10-year and 100-year Existing Conditions Water Levels
Appendix B
Figure 3: 100-yr Water Surface Elevations under Proposed Conditions

Appendix B
Figure 4: 10-Year Water Surface Elevation under Proposed Conditions

Appendix B
Table 1. Evaluation of flooding impacts from fish baffle installation on culverts from San Pablo Avenue to Peralta Avenue. May 12, 2005.

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4-11-2004

Roger Leventhal, P.E.
FarWest Restoration Engineering
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Re: Codornices Creek

Roger,

This is a summary of my observations and recommendations regarding the concrete channel section of Codornices Creek above the Albina Street Bridge. I reviewed this section of the Creek on April 7\textsuperscript{th}. It is about 230 feet long and the lower end starts a couple hundred feet above the Bridge. The concern that you expressed is in the fast flow and shallow depth of water through this area and the vertical drop at the lower end. All of this makes it difficult or impossible for fish to migrate upstream.

The concrete creek channel in this area is structurally significant in that it is contiguous with the base of the adjacent retaining walls and appears to be acting as a foundation for these retaining walls. The retaining walls boarder multiple private residences and are a mixture of construction varying from concrete to concrete block. Much of the retaining wall construction appears old and of questionable structural integrity.

One consideration is to notch the concrete creek in order to create a deeper channel thus slowing the flow and deepening the water. My concern is that cutting such a notch will compromise the foundation of the already tenuous retaining wall structures. To do this properly would require buttressing the adjacent retaining walls. This could be done by construction a series of vertical soldier beams along the face of the walls - each soldier beam would consist of a reinforced concrete pilaster extending up from a drilled and cast-in-place concrete pier. The cost of doing this would be very expensive especially considering the limited access for construction equipment and need to work in a water environment.

A more practical solution would be to add cross-baffles in the concrete channel then deal with the vertical drop at the downstream end by building up and reconfiguring the bottom of the creek just below the step. From our rough field measurements the vertical drop of the creek bottom from the end of the concrete channel (the top of the step you are most concerned about) to a point about 40 feet downstream is about 2.5 to 3 feet. If building this area up can be done without detrimentally affecting the flood height of the creek I feel that it will be the most cost effective solution.

Kenneth R. Hughes
Structural Engineer
You Are Invited...

Join Urban Creeks Council for a Community Meeting regarding the Codornices Creek Watershed Restoration Action Plan.

Learn about current activities throughout the watershed, planned restoration measures, existing steelhead populations, water quality, and how you can get involved.

Community Meeting
Date: April 27, 2005
Time: 7:00 PM

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Codornices Creek Watershed Restoration Plan

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So do we.

Join Urban Creeks Council for a Community Meeting.

Come discuss plans to improve the habitat and increase the distribution of steelhead within Codornices Creek.

Learn about planned activities, existing steelhead populations, water quality, and how you can be involved.

Refreshments will be provided.

Date: 04/27/2005
Time: 07:00 PM

St. Mary’s College High School Shea Center
1294 Albina Avenue

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Urban Creeks Council will be surveying Codornices Creek during October and November to identify how we can improve fish habitat.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please call us.

(510)540-6669

Interested in an onsite evaluation of your creekside property complete with recommendations on how to improve the quality of both your property and Codornices Creek? Free of charge. Contact us.

The Codornices Creek Watershed Restoration Action Program Continues!

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Look for future updates!!

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Codornices Creek Watershed
Restoration Action Plan (CCWRAP)

Who We Are:
Urban Creeks Council Staff
Urban Creeks Council is a grassroots, non-profit in Berkeley working to protect, preserve, and restore urban streams

What’s Going On:
Currently, we are obtaining elevations of the Codornices creek corridor and its nearby surroundings. This information will be used in developing a design for the CCWRAP.

CCWRAP is a restoration plan for Codornices Creek from San Pablo Avenue to Albina Avenue. The goal is to restore habitat and passage for the steelhead/trout population that is present within the creek.

Fish and habitat studies were conducted in 2002 and 2003. Based upon these findings, we are developing a design to reduce sedimentation and pesticide runoff while making the culverts passable to fish and stabilizing the banks.

Funding:
CALFED and the California Department of Water Resources

How You Can Get Involved:
- Contact us with questions, concerns at 540-6669
- Come to community meetings (look for mailings)
- Call us to do a FREE onsite evaluation of your creekside property
- Reduce your use of pesticides
- Learn more at http://www.urbancreeks.org/CCWRAP.html