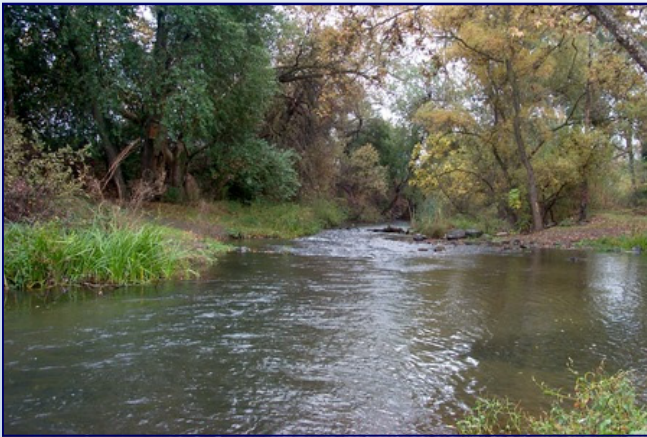


## CEQA and NEPA Support

### *Coyote Valley Specific Plan DEIR Technical Review, Santa Clara County, California*



Coyote Creek

#### *Elements Evaluated*

- a. The accuracy of the hydrologic characterization of the site
- b. The anticipated effects of the project on drainage, flooding, geomorphology, wetlands, interactions between surface and ground water, and water quality; and
- c. The likely effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures



Coyote percolation ponds



#### *Background*

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department asked Balance Hydrologics to conduct a peer review of the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for a proposed 3,500-acre mixed use community along Fisher Creek. This stream is a major tributary to Coyote Creek, which has one of the longest continuously-protected riparian corridors of the streams that drain to South San Francisco Bay.



Watershed landscape

#### *Results*

The technical review showed that the DEIR was deficient in numerous areas and that, as a result of incomplete information, the significance of potential impacts was inadequately assessed and mitigation measures were inappropriately targeted. Furthermore, the proposed Coyote Valley Specific Plan claimed exemption from the hydromodification requirements based on false conclusions. The project proponents terminated development of the planning project prior to City of San Jose preparation of the final EIR.