

Before 2020, the primary agency charged with addressing flooding in San Mateo County was the long-standing Flood Control District, which managed four property tax-funded Flood Zones (including the San Bruno Creek Flood Zone). These Flood Zones cover about 10% of the land area in the County, with limited jurisdiction along the Bay shoreline and no jurisdiction along the Pacific coastline. Given that addressing the transformative impacts of sea level rise requires large-scale and regional solutions, state and federal elected officials, along with leadership at all 20 cities within San Mateo County and the County itself, decided to pursue State legislation to fundamentally repurpose the Flood Control District into a climate resilience agency. This legislation, [Assembly Bill 825 \(Mullin\)](#), was signed into law in September 2019, and on January 1, 2020, the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (also known as [OneShoreline](#)) was established as the first government agency in California that is solely focused on water-related impacts of climate change.

During its three-year start-up period, OneShoreline's operations were funded by annual contributions by all twenty cities within San Mateo County (including the City of San Bruno), which was matched by the County itself. OneShoreline was able to stretch this initial funding, along with two additional County grants and a State grant, to last through July 2027. At this time, OneShoreline is pursuing various options for a long-term guaranteed funding stream for its operations.

Separate from its operations funding, OneShoreline also manages funds from property taxes in San Bruno that contribute to two zones created decades ago by San Mateo County that are now administered by OneShoreline: the Colma Creek and San Bruno Creek Flood Zones. The San Bruno Creek Flood Zone is funded by property taxes in the San Bruno Creek watershed, has estimated reserves totaling about \$3.5 million, and revenues averaging between \$300,000 and \$400,000 annually. The Colma Creek Flood Zone is funded by property taxes in the Colma Creek watershed, has estimated reserves totaling about \$32.7 million, and revenues averaging between \$3 million and \$5 million annually. These resources currently fund ongoing activities within both Flood Zones, including maintenance of OneShoreline's right-of-way in the both Creek Channels and OneShoreline-owned pump stations and tide gate along San Bruno Creek. San Mateo County Department of Public Works carries out these maintenance activities on behalf of OneShoreline.



Beyond maintenance activities, OneShoreline has plans to use San Bruno Creek Flood Zone funding to develop both near-term and long-term solutions to flooding, particularly focused on the Belle Air neighborhood (including 7th Avenue). In addition to the solutions are summarized in a presentation to San Bruno City Council in January 2023 ([see here](#)), OneShoreline is also engaged in the following efforts:

- Since June 2023: Securing environmental permits to implement a [5-year stream routine maintenance program](#) to remove debris along flood-prone reaches of 5 creeks, including San Bruno Creek near the Walnut Pump Station
- Since December 2023: Outreach to 7th Avenue residents and business, in partnership with [Rise South City](#), including Listening Sessions and identifying Community Leads
- Anticipated Spring 2024: Updating the San Bruno Watershed flood model
- Anticipated Spring 2024: Completing an updated condition assessment of OneShoreline's pump stations and tide gate along San Bruno Creek
- Anticipated Summer 2024: Kick off a regional project from the mouth of Colma Creek to the mouth of San Bruno Creek and along San Bruno Creek to the Caltrain tracks