

[Stevens Creek - Evelyn Bridge Fish Passage Project](#)

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, the water district hosted a celebration ceremony for the completion of the [Stevens Creek-Evelyn Bridge Fish Passage Project](#).

Hosted at the Mountain View City Council Chambers, nearly 40 attendees celebrated the first completed project of the [Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program](#), Priority D4: Fish Habitat and Passage Improvements.



The fish passage project improves conditions for fish migrating upstream.

The ceremony highlighted the water district's collaboration and commitment to improving creeks and streams to support native species, such as the threatened steelhead trout. Water district board directors Richard P. Santos and Nai Hsueh provided celebratory remarks and acknowledgements, followed by Mondy Lariz of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, and Mountain View Mayor Showalter. Senior District Representative Lisa Chung from California State Senator Jerry Hill's office also presented the water district with a Certificate of Recognition for completing a successful project and for the water district's ongoing work to maintain clean and healthy creeks.



From left to right: Dir. Santos, Lisa Chung, Water District Chief Operating Officer Norma Camacho, Mayor Showalter, and Dir. Hsueh

Other guests included city council members John Inks, Mike Kasperzak, and Lenny Siegel, as well as representatives from various environmental and community organizations, such as Acterra, Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District, Sierra Club, and more. Kathy Sutherland and Kit Gordon represented the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program's Independent Monitoring Committee.

To commemorate the project and thank the City of Mountain View for their support and use of their land, the water district presented designs for an interpretive bench that will showcase information about the project and steelhead trout. The bench will be installed next to the pedestrian bridge at Evelyn Avenue with a view of Stevens Creek.