

We have lived along Nicasio Creek for 39 years. We have 2 acres and the creek runs through the middle of it. MMWD has no easement onto our property. We have personally witnessed the environmental changes over these years. Here's what we have seen and experienced:

Approximately 40 years ago, before we purchased the property, the creek was dredged by MMWD. The excess gravel from the creek bed was transferred to our yard and was very evident. In 2003, we contacted MMWD because the creek bed was rising, and the flooding was getting worse. A representative came out and agreed that the creek should have been dredged every 7 years or so. However, he stated that they didn't have the money to do it. There was a lawsuit filed by our previous neighbor, Bob Ferguson, against MMWD for not doing this, resulting in the flooding of his swimming pool. Ferguson had told us there was a settlement.

The creek bed has risen dramatically, the erosion is extremely visible, and many trees have fallen as a result. There are mounds, some as high as 8 feet, lodged in the trees that need to be removed to allow proper water flow. Please see the photos we have provided.

We have brought these problems to the attention of MMWD staff in the past. Staff said they used to dredge our creek but they have not done anything to fix the issue. We feel these problems need to be addressed before even considering adding more problems by raising the Nicasio Reservoir water level.

Our concerns are:

Standing water in our backyard for 5-6 months out of the year, breeding mosquitos and algae.

Our property value and use of our property. By looking at the maps MMWD has provided, we would need a bridge to access the other side of the property.

We have even greater concern for our neighbors downstream. Seybolds, Shones, School, Corp Yard, Lunnys, LaFranchi (Cheese Factory), & Dolcinis.

The overwhelming impact to all of us as a historical community; some of our houses being around 150 years old.

(save for MMWD)

Our questions are:

What was the reason they didn't built it higher when it was originally built?

How deep was it when they built it?

How deep is it now?

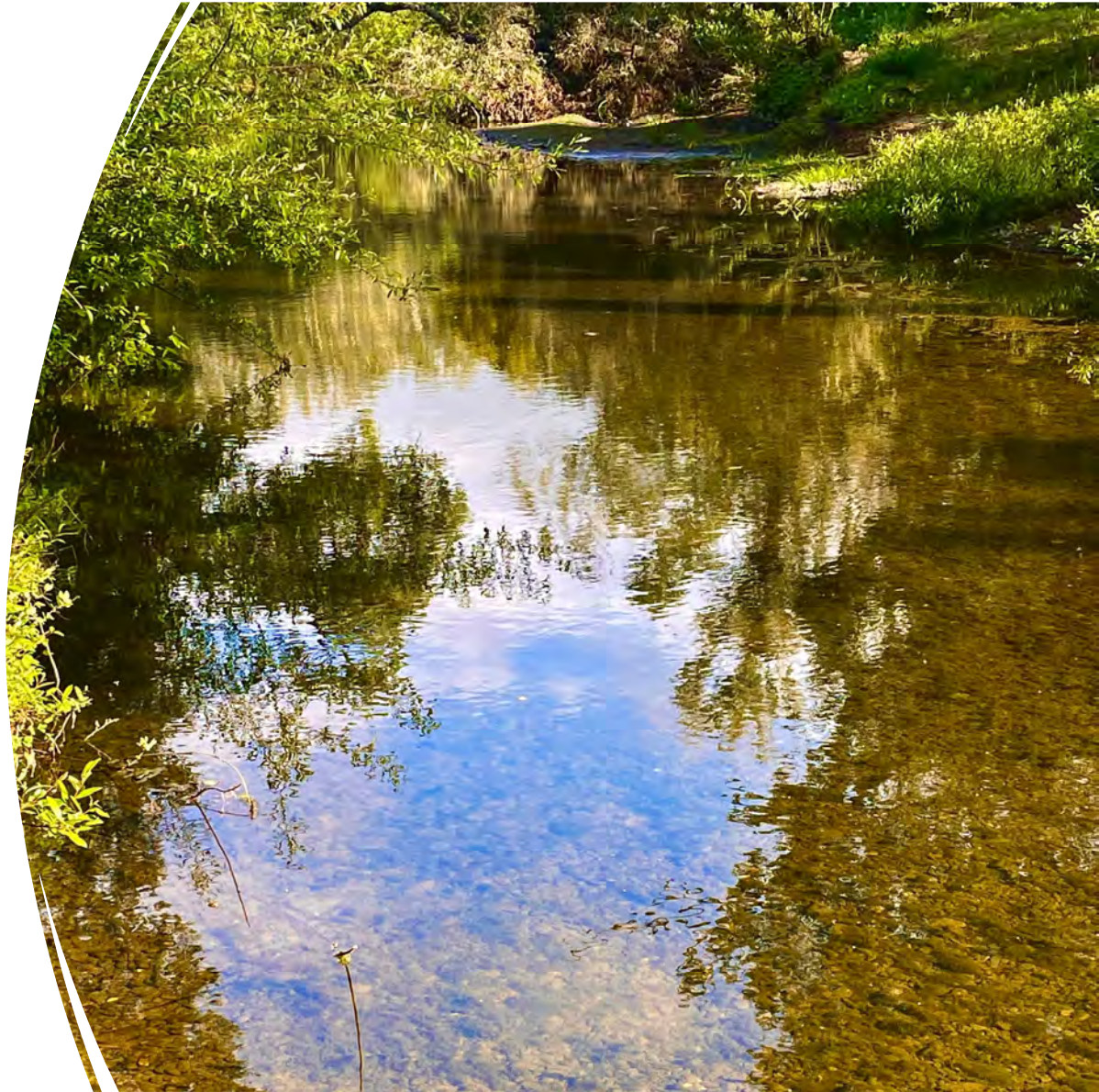
Why didn't they dig it deeper when we had the last drought?

Why should we suffer and sacrifice our property when we don't benefit from storing the additional water since we are independent from MMWD?

Thank you for listening and please take the time to view the photos we have shared. They show parts of the creek not visible to anyone besides the affected property owners.

Nicasio Creek Adjacent Property Owners Photo Demonstration

May 2025



1997

At least a 10' bank on the West side of
the creek



2025

Exact same location, bank is now
sloped and only about 4' high





1997

High creek bank and many
mature trees on the East side,
many of which have fallen due
to erosion

April 2025

This culvert used to be 3-4 feet above the creek bed, and unexposed. This demonstrates the catastrophic erosion of the banks on the West side and the rise of the creek bed





April 2025

These photos show
the high rise of the
creek bed which is
already getting close
to being level with
our backyards

February 2025 Briare Property

Every year during major storms, the creek dramatically rises. With proposed dam additional height, this would make flooding worse and occur more frequently.



February 2025 Seybold Property

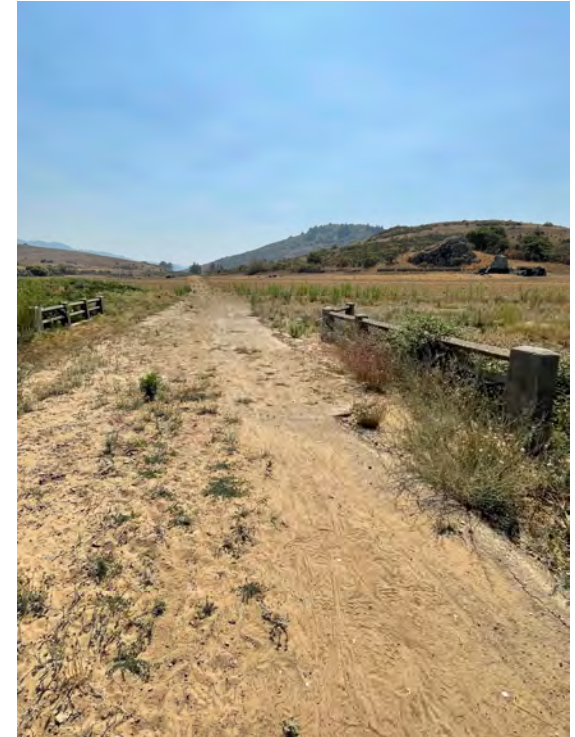




April 2025
Massive amounts
of debris that need
to be cleared to
improve water flow



MMWD has stated that there is not a sediment problem, however, here is photo evidence from the 2021 drought that there is excessive sediment in the reservoir. This could have been dredged, as well as the creeks, during this time.



April 2025

Standard garden bench
demonstrates that the
creek bed is rising
approximately 1 foot each
year in some areas

