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San Lorenzo Valley Water District will hold a special public meeting to address future management of the District's Olympia Watershed property on Wednesday, October 13 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Zayante Fire House, 7700 E. Zayante Rd. in Felton.

The District invites members of the public to express their concerns, ideas, and recommendations for the Olympia Watershed's future management, resource protection, and visitor use. The meeting will be facilitated by the firm Design, Community & Environment (<http://www.dceplanning.com>).

District staff will provide maps and give a short presentation about the history and resources of the Olympia Watershed property, which presents several management challenges. The property has been degraded over the years by illegal recreational use, invasive species, and historic mining.

Still, some areas are home to the extremely rare Sand Parkland community, still in relatively undisturbed condition. Recently, under a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the District removed large thickets of invasive, exotic acacia trees to allow native Ponderosa pines, silver-leaf manzanita, and other sensitive species to thrive.

Public input from the meeting will be used to develop the District's Management & Implementation Plan for the Olympia Watershed property.

Refreshments will be served. There is free parking in the Zayante Fire House parking lot in unreserved spots. For more information, visit the District website at <http://www.slvwd.com>

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