



College of Sciences
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To Whom It May Concern:

Many labs and offices from the Psychology Department at San Diego State University are in buildings directly adjacent to Alvarado Creek. Because the creek has become clogged with debris, it is common after a rainstorm for the creek to overflow and flood the first floor of the buildings and parking lots that serve the Psychology Department and public patrons of the Psychology Clinic. The flooding has prevented faculty and students from using their offices and labs at periodic intervals, seriously disrupting their research and education. To avoid the damage due to flooding, we have begun to line the building with sand bags. This demands that employees and visitors step over the sand bags when entering or exiting the building, leading to a potential hazard of tripping and resultant injuries.

In short, the flooding of Alvarado Creek caused by the accumulation of trash and debris is a both a nuisance and a potential liability for the College of Sciences and the University. I support the proposal for a clean-up of the region of the river including Alvarado Creek.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanley Maloy".

Stanley Maloy, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Sciences