

Volunteer Health and Safety

RVCA City Stream Watch Program and Shoreline Naturalization Program

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Potential Hazards – Stream Surveys

Important Note: *This is not a comprehensive list. Potential hazards specific to each site will be outlined by RVCA staff on site on the day of the survey.*

Site Conditions

- Steep slopes
- Unsure footing
- Uneven bottom
- Fast moving current
- Poor visibility
- Scour holes
- Algae, clay and slippery aquatic plants
- Metal objects in water
- Poor water quality
- Inclement weather (extreme heat, rain, cold)

Equipment Use

- Measuring tape
- Meter stick
- YSI

Plants

- Poison Ivy
- Giant hogweed
- Wild parsnip

Personal Protective Equipment and Actions

Note: RVCA staff will provide a specific list of the equipment that volunteers are required to bring for each project.

- Chest waders
- Sturdy footwear
- Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- Drinking water, snacks, lunch
- Hand sanitizer
- Safety vest
- Hard hat
- Appropriate clothing – dress for the weather
- Take breaks when necessary

Site & Date: _____

RVCA Staff signature: _____

Witness: _____