An 1830 sketch of the land now called Richmond shows the once-important laguna near the Adobe and above the creek.

Ditches and drains carry the water away.

With the old map in mind, the familiar landscape begins to reveal its stories through unnoticed infrastructure, an odd curve in the road, a neighbor’s memories . . .

A rare pond on a dry plain, water source for the earlier Indian village, the short-lived Mission outpost, the later town of San Pablo.

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Yeah, it would flood back

My brother used to play in