



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Item No.: *2.9.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Receive Information on the Downtown San Jose West Mixed-Use Plan (Downtown Google Project) (PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS ITEM 2.7).

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on opportunities and challenges related to the Downtown San Jose West Mixed-Use Plan (Downtown Google Project).

SUMMARY:

The Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan (Downtown Google Project) is located on approximately 80 acres in the western portion of the City of San Jose (City), in the area generally bounded by the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the north; Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River to the east; and Diridon Station to the west. It also includes the area just south of the Arena Green, bounded by Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River to the west and east, respectively (reference Attachment 1, Project Map). The Downtown West Mixed-Use Plan was approved by the City on May 25, 2021 and is anticipated to begin construction in 2023.

The Downtown Google Project will construct up to 5,900 residential units; 7,300,000 sq ft of office space; 500,000 sq ft of active uses such as retail, cultural, arts, etc.; 300 hotel rooms; and approximately 15 acres of open space. Proposed infrastructure improvements include replacement of the San Fernando Street Bridge; construction of a new pedestrian bridge over Los Gatos Creek, multi-use trails along the creek, upsizing an outfall that discharges to Los Gatos Creek, and utilities crossing Los Gatos Creek; and a new private roadway along the Guadalupe River, which will require permits and agreements with Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water). The Project also proposes to implement aesthetic and riparian plantings along the two waterways and flow conveyance improvements within Los Gatos Creek, which will require mitigation and long-term maintenance.

A joint presentation with Google representatives will be provided to highlight the opportunities and challenges for Valley Water related to the Project. Presentation materials will be provided via Supplemental Memorandum, and will be published on October 8, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Project Map

*Handout 2.9-A: Google Staff PowerPoints

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