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Fisher Creek

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Subject: Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Manzanita Park Project

Dear Ms. Paolini,

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) from the City of Morgan Hill on February 18, 2022, to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Manzanita Park Project (Project). Valley Water has reviewed the IS/MND and has the following comment for the specified section below:

#### **Hydrology and Water Quality**

The Flooding and Drainage System Capacity analysis by Akel Engineering Group demonstrates that site discharges under post-development conditions would not exceed a 1-foot depth threshold for street flooding: this is in accordance with the City of Morgan Hill's (City) Storm Drainage System Master Plan. While the analysis determines the individual impact of the development on the City's storm drain system, it should also assess the overall impact of flooding along Fisher Creek. The Project site is within the Fisher Creek watershed, which is prone to flooding during storm events as frequent as the 2- or 3-year event. A hydrologic analysis should assess the cumulative impacts of the Project and neighboring developments, both existing and planned. Discharges from the Project site should not exacerbate the frequency or lateral extent of flooding along Fisher Creek. Additionally, runoff mitigation measures that are implemented for the Project should ensure that runoff (volume and rate) under post-development conditions does not exceed those under pre-development conditions. Ultimately, the mitigation measures should mimic the site's pre-development hydrology.

If you have any further questions regarding Valley Water's comment on the IS/MND, you can email me at [Bhwang@valleywater.org](mailto:Bhwang@valleywater.org), or reach me at (408) 510-0768.

Thank you,

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Gina & Nick: see response below.

Staff is providing clarifications in response to Valley Water's comment letter dated March 21, 2022, on the project's Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The project will be designed to retain on-site all project runoff from the 100-year, 24-hour design storm event. Therefore, the project will not result in additional flows to Fisher Creek during storm events that are more frequent than the 100-year, 24-hour storm event. Furthermore, the City is planning future mitigation measures to address the existing flooding conditions that may be impacting the Fisher Creek watershed and it will be evaluated and considered in a future update to the City's Storm Drainage System Master Plan.