



NOTICE OF PREPARATION
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
for the 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project

DATE: February 3, 2023

TO: State Clearinghouse; Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Other Public Agencies; Interested Parties, and the County Clerk of Santa Clara

LEAD AGENCY: City of Sunnyvale
Community Development Department, Planning Division
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Notice is hereby given that the City of Sunnyvale ("City"), as the Lead Agency, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank project (hereinafter referred to as the "project"). This Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15082. The purpose of this NOP is to solicit comments from the public and public agencies on the scope and content of the EIR for the project.

The City has determined that the project could result in potentially significant impacts and, therefore, an EIR is required. An EIR is a detailed statement prepared under CEQA describing and analyzing the significant environmental effects of a project and discussing ways to mitigate or avoid the effects.

A 30-DAY NOP REVIEW PERIOD: Members of the public and public agencies are invited to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR to the City. The City would like to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may use the EIR prepared by the City when considering your permits or other approvals for the project.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent within the 30-day NOP review period. The NOP public review period will begin on February 3, 2023 and end on March 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Please send your responses (including your name and contact information) to:

Email: MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov

OR

Mail: City of Sunnyvale – Community Development Department
Attn: Mary Jeyaprakash, Associate Planner
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

A copy of the NOP is on file at the City of Sunnyvale's One-Stop Permit Counter, 456 W. Olive Avenue and on the City's website at: <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/business-and-development/planning-and-building/ceqa-environmental-notice>.

If you wish to be placed on the mailing list or need additional information, please contact Mary Jeyaprakash, Associate Planner, at MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov. All parties that have submitted their names and contact information will be notified as part of this CEQA review process.

Following completion of the 30-day NOP public review period, the City will incorporate relevant information into the Draft EIR, including results of technical studies. The Draft EIR will be circulated for public review and comment for a 45-day public review period.

PUBLIC EIR SCOPING MEETING: The City will hold a Public EIR Scoping Meeting to receive comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR. The Public EIR Scoping Meeting will be held on the following date:

- **February 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, the Scoping Meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public and public agencies are welcome to attend remotely. All interested persons may participate by joining the video conference at <https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/81688640075?pwd=UzI0cWJMKzNIRDISTNpJTcxVG9jdz09> or by calling into the meeting at **833-548-0282 (Meeting ID: 816 8864 0075)**.

PROJECT LOCATION: The approximately 0.77-acre project site is located on the southeast corner of Lillian Avenue and Carlisle Way at 800 Carlisle Way (Assessor's Parcel Number: 309-12-013) in the City of Sunnyvale. The project site is bound by Panama Park to the west, Carlisle Way to the north, and residential developments to the south and east. The project site is located in a residential

neighborhood. A regional map and vicinity map of the project site are shown on Figures 1 and 2, respectively. An aerial photograph with surrounding land uses is shown on Figure 3.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The project site was formerly used as a groundwater extraction site for California Water Service (CalWater). The site consisted of a water well and associated chemical storage buildings, a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) communication tower, booster pump, and 50,000-gallon water storage tank. In 2016, the water well on-site was decommissioned due to sanding issues and casing deterioration within the well. This water well, therefore, is no longer functional. The 50,000-gallon steel tank was removed in 2016 because the closure of the groundwater well on-site rendered the storage tank obsolete. The chemical storage buildings and booster pump – though inactive – remain onsite. The SCADA communication tower is still in use and is owned and maintained separately by Sprint Nextel on a portion of the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Due to projected future water demand, CalWater is proposing to reactivate the project site as a groundwater extraction site by constructing a replacement well that would be deeper than the current well, in addition to other associated improvements to accommodate future water demands. A deeper well would provide access to an additional long-term source of water for CalWater that would be used to partially offset a decrease in supply from other sources due to drought and climate change.

The project would cap the existing groundwater well and demolish the existing chemical storage building, booster pump, electrical control panel, and connection to the existing water main on-site. After demolition, the project would install a replacement groundwater well at approximately 800 to 1,000 feet below ground surface and construct a new, approximately 56,000-gallon steel water storage tank (33 feet in diameter and 12 feet in height), three chemical storage enclosures, and several utility and right-of-way improvements. The project would also include a diesel-powered emergency generator. Construction of the replacement well could require continuous drilling for 24 hours a day for two consecutive weeks. Post construction, a 24-hour water production test (pumping approximately two million gallons of raw water from the replacement well) and, per Department of Health regulations, a separate draw of raw water for approximately 15 minutes (which would result in approximately 18,000 gallons) would be discharged into the storm drain system. No changes to the existing communication tower are proposed.

Once operational, water would be pumped from the replacement groundwater well, treated, then stored in the new water storage tank. The treated water in the storage tank would then be distributed into the potable water system through the new 10-inch domestic water line on-site that would connect to the existing 10-inch potable water line in Carlisle Way.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: The EIR will describe the existing environmental conditions in the project site and will identify the significant effects on the environment (“impacts”) that may result from implementation of the project. Where potentially significant impacts are identified, the EIR will identify mitigation measures to avoid or reduce those impacts, as feasible. The EIR will also discuss a reasonable range of alternatives to the project that could reasonably attain most of the basic objectives of the project and would avoid or substantially lessen any significant environmental impacts (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6[a]). The EIR will address potential environmental effects of the project on the following resource areas:

- Aesthetics
- Land Use

- Agricultural/Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Mineral Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

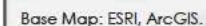
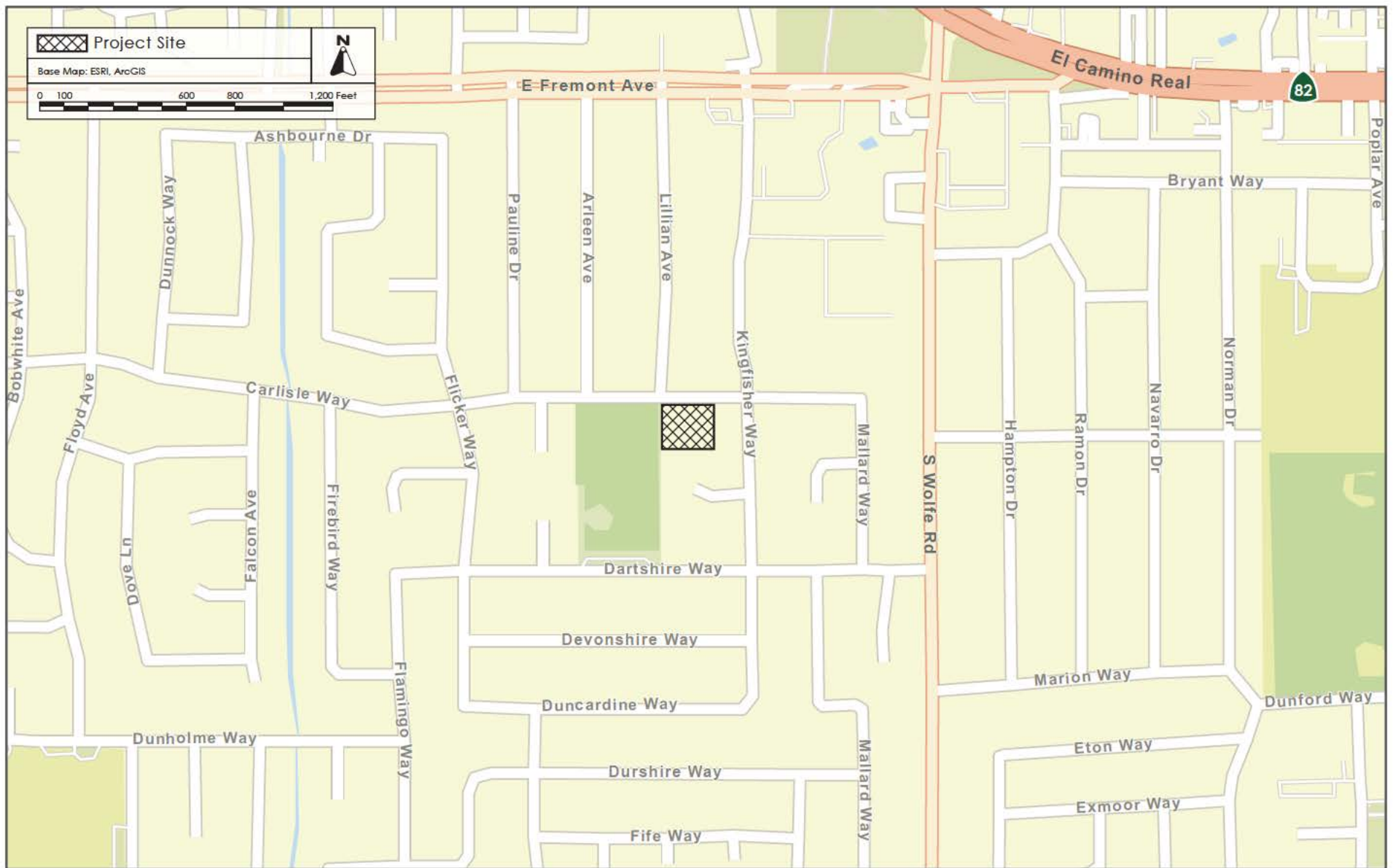


FIGURE 1



VICINITY MAP

FIGURE 2



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH AND SURROUNDING LAND USES

FIGURE 3



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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Re: 2023020080, 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project, Santa Clara County

Dear Ms. Jeyaprakash:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) or Early Consultation for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code §21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, §15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (b))). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code §21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 5064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines §15064 (a)(1))). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources within the area of potential effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code §21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation, a notice of negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. §800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.

Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.

AB 52

AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project:

Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:

- a. A brief description of the project.
- b. The lead agency contact information.
- c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).
- d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).

2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report: A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

- a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:

- a. Alternatives to the project.
- b. Recommended mitigation measures.
- c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:

- a. Type of environmental review necessary.
- b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
- c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
- d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).

6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document: If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:

- a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
- b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).

- 7. Conclusion of Consultation:** Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
- a.** The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
 - b.** A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).
- 8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document:** Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).
- 9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation:** If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (e)).
- 10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:**
- a.** Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
 - i.** Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
 - ii.** Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
 - b.** Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i.** Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
 - ii.** Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
 - iii.** Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
 - c.** Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
 - d.** Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code §21084.3 (b)).
 - e.** Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code §815.3 (c)).
 - f.** Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code §5097.991).
- 11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource:** An Environmental Impact Report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
- a.** The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2.
 - b.** The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
 - c.** The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (d)).

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf

SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code §65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf.

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. Tribal Consultation: If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code §65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation. There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. Confidentiality: Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code §65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code §5097.9 and §5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code §65352.3 (b)).
4. Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation: Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
 - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
 - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>.

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30331) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
 - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - b. If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - b. The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.

3. Contact the NAHC for:

- a.** A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
- b.** A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.

4. Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.

- a.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
- b.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
- c.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code § 7050.5, Public Resources Code § 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address:
Cody.Campagne@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Cody Campagne

Cody Campagne
Cultural Resources Analyst

cc: State Clearinghouse

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 800 Carlisle Way Well project - Questions
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 4:21:00 PM

Hello Devika,

Thank you for reaching out to me with your questions.

This is the first notice sent to residents about this project.

Based on initial environmental studies, it is expected that drilling of water well would generate temporary construction noise. There is no other impact identified during the initial studies.

We are not at the stage where you can provide objection for the project. The City started preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and we are at the stage where we are looking for neighbors input on the scope and areas of environmental study for this water well project. The intent of the notice you received is to invite neighbors within 1000' radius of the site, for a virtual scoping meeting scheduled at 6pm on Feb 16, 2023. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and clarification about what is being proposed, outline issues to be evaluated in the EIR, describe ongoing public review process, and to collect your input. Please refer to the notice for more information about this meeting. Please note, this meeting is not a public hearing and hence no decisions will be made.

I hope this answers your questions. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Thanks,

Mary Jeyaprakash, AICP
Associate Planner

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Phone: 408-730-7449

Our One-Stop Permit Center is launching a new e-permitting system on Monday, Oct. 31. You'll need to create an account to apply for Building, Fire, Planning and Public Works Engineering permits. Visit [Sunnyvale.ca.gov/PermitCenter](https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/PermitCenter) for details. Planning services will be limited on Oct. 26 – 28 to answering general zoning inquiries. Planning applications can not be accepted during that time.

* The Sunnyvale Planning Division continues to provide virtual services, such as electronic permit submittals and virtual meetings. Limited in-person services are also available at the One Stop Permit Center - <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/coronavirus.htm>. Masks and appointments (pcappointment@sunnyvale.ca.gov) are strongly encouraged. Please note that the entry to City Hall and the One-Stop Permit Center is 607 All America Way (one block south of Olive) because the Olive Avenue entry/door is closed due to construction.

General zoning information is also available on the Planning Division webpage - <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/business/planning/default.htm>. Due to high call/email volumes, a Planner will respond to you within 4 business days, please be patient with us during this time.

From: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 800 Carlisle Way Well project - Questions

From: Devika Yeravdekar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 9:35 PM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: 800 Carlisle Way Well project - Questions

ATTN: Email is from an external source; Stop, Look, and Think before opening attachments or links.

Hello Mary,

I received the letter from the city of Sunnyvale regarding the well at Lillian Ave/Carlisle Way and had some questions about it.

Is this the first notice sent to residents about this project? If not, when were the previous notices sent?

I see the letter states that "The City has determined that the project could result in potentially significant impacts and, therefore, an EIR is required."

What kind of significant impact are we talking about here - health, environmental, financial impact to residents (through potentially declining property values)?

As a resident, can I raise an objection to this project and how can I raise it? How are objections usually handled and do you keep a project going forward in spite of an objection?

Thank you,
Devika

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~Devika

From: Joni Lindenstruth, homeowner



To: Mary Jeyaprakash, Associate Planner
City of Sunnyvale

RE: Development of new well at Sunnyvale CalWater property

Thank you for taking the time to hear our neighbors' questions and comments at the Zoom meeting on February 16. I wasn't able to attend, but I share the same concerns as those who spoke.

For the record, in approximate order of priority, the following is a list of my concerns:

Noise

I understand that the drill needs to operate continuously during construction. I expect that all possible measures will be taken to minimize and/or contain the noise, especially at night. I also expect that noise from ongoing operation will be minimally intrusive.

Power

I am adamantly opposed to using diesel-powered equipment for construction and/or ongoing operation at the site, because of the sound and smell. Please consider solar panels to power the construction and maintenance machinery.

Pollution

I expect the EIR will assess the risk of possible air and/or ground pollution as a result of the construction and the ongoing operation of the well, and spell out what safeguards will be in place.

Vibration

I also expect the EIR to assess the likelihood of ground vibration from construction and/or ongoing operation causing damage to the swimming pool in my yard, as well as the foundation of my home.

Water

Despite the recent rains, water remains a precious and limited commodity. When water is flushed from the storage tank, I expect all reasonable measures will be taken to ensure this water is put to good use.

Light

I expect that lights used to illuminate the site during construction and beyond will be minimal, so as not to disturb the neighbors at adjacent properties as well as the wildlife in our community.

Trees

I'm pleased to see that few trees will be removed for the project and that others will be planted. I expect that CalWater will do what is necessary to ensure these trees grow and thrive.

Contact

I expect that we'll have a 24/7 point of contact during construction and ongoing operation for prompt response to questions and concerns.

Thank you again for your time in addressing our concerns.

Regards,
Joni Lindenstruth

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [Kathleen Kesten](#)
Subject: RE: Carlisle Way Water Tank Project Proposal
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:40:00 AM

Hello Kathleen,

Good Morning. Thank you for your email. I'll add your email ID to an interest list for any future conversation or announcement regarding this project.

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From: Kathleen Kesten [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Carlisle Way Water Tank Project Proposal

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or links.

Please put me on the mailing list for the Carlisle Way Water Project Proposal.

And, we have concerns about this project, the hazards and the environmental impacts. We live very close by.

Kathleen Kesten

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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This message is intended for the addressed person only. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender and delete the message.

Kathleen Kesten, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [ML Stefan](#)
Subject: RE: 800 Carlisle Way
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 3:17:00 PM
Attachments: [800 Carlisle Way - NOP for 1000ft Mailing.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Stefan,

Good afternoon. Thank you for reaching out to me for the pdf. Here is the pdf version.

The mailing extent is 1000' radius. Thank you in advance for forwarding it to the email group.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mary Jeyaprakash, AICP

Associate Planner

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From: ML Stefan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:48 AM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Cc: ML Stefan [REDACTED]
Subject: 800 Carlisle Way

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Dear Ms. Jeyaprakash

Thank you for the two letters I have received.

I note one of them is for the Panama Park Neighborhood Association. I wonder if you can send me a pdf version so that I can post it in our email group. Thanks.

What is the extent of the written notices mailed out by the City? e.g. in which streets, or the radial distance from the site at 800 Carlisle?

Sincerely,
Mei-Ling Stefan

To: Ms. Mary Jeyaprakash
Senior Planner,
Community Development Department,
Sunnyvale

Subject: 800 Carlisle Way EIR scoping

Date: 3/5/2023

Dear Ms. Jeyaprakash

I shall first reaffirm my concerns expressed in the Feb 16 EIR scoping meeting. Then I shall bring up additional concerns I have, after learning more about the well drilling process.

(1) (a) I am concerned about the inadequacy of a noise abatement to 50-60 dBA at the property boundary, suggested as a preliminary estimate. This level of noise is especially serious at night and would interfere with sleep. Sleep deprivation impacts the health and productivity of residents. Moreover, sleep deprivation can be dangerous, as was my experience in unknowingly running a red traffic light while driving. (3 days ago, I was hit by a car that ran a red light. Luckily I am still alive and only have to be in a wheelchair for a couple of months till I recover from fractured bones.)

(1) (b) For effective noise abatement, one should address source reduction as well as path reduction. Source reduction strategies would include using mufflers, and organizing the work plan and the crew to eliminate avoidable noise generation (such as trucks backing up). Path reduction would include sound barrier walls, etc.

(2) I have additional comments after I watched a video "Water Well Drilling 101"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdTISNq8BDs>

(a) The existence of structure in drilling noise, especially high frequency components, reinforces my concern in 1(a). The night-time maximum should be kept at 45 dBA according to existing rule.

(b) In addition to the driller, there will be noises from other machines, such as air compressors, and noise from the jet of soil and rocks (cuttings) ejected from the well.

(c) Cuttings should be collected in a sound-absorbing container, to reduce noise, contain dust, and protect nearby properties and people from damage. Air quality, and mitigation of dust during the construction phase, should be covered in the EIR.

(d) Similarly, how to deal with the jet of water ejected when the driller hits water should be addressed..

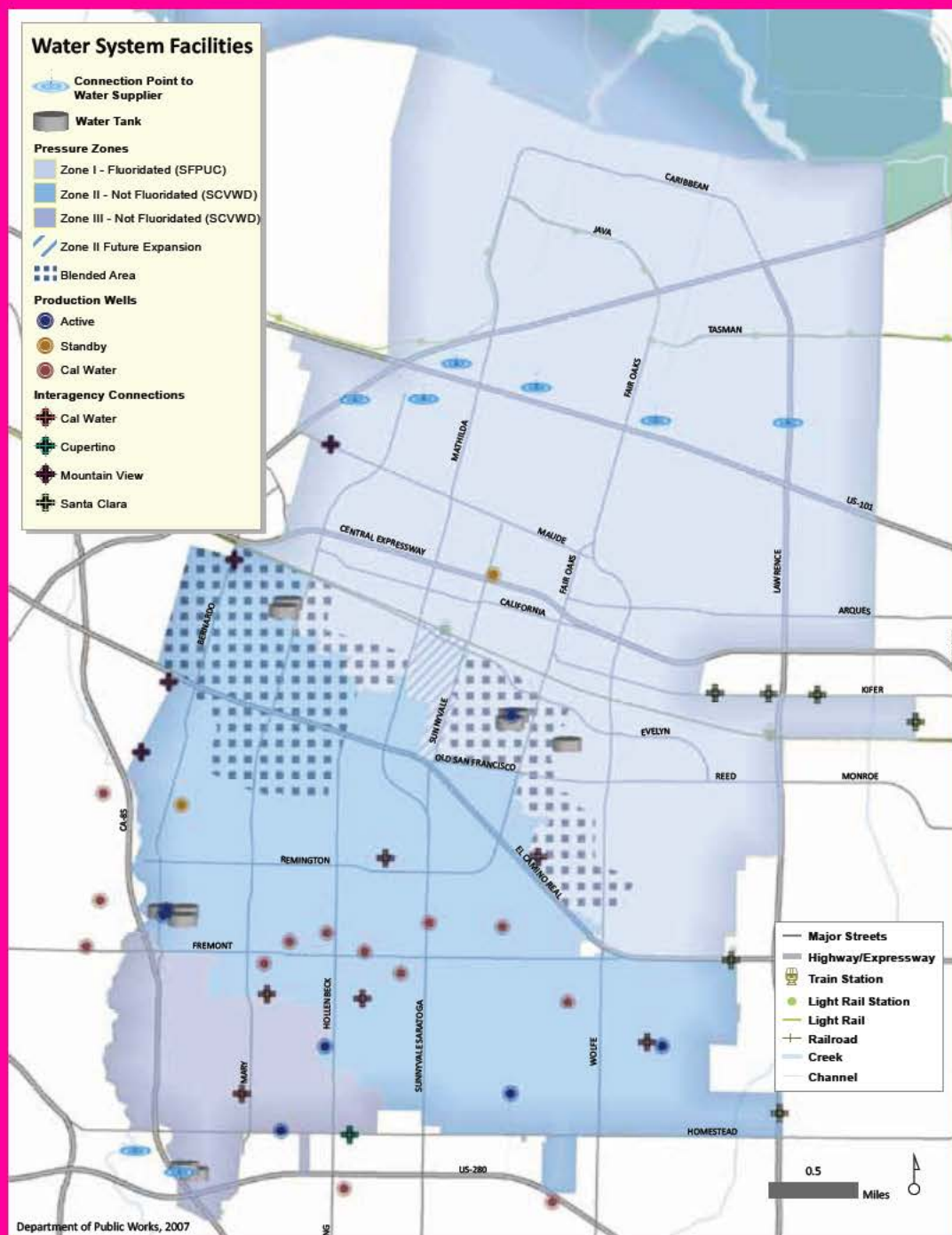
Clearly, for both the construction and operation phases, we need thorough sound simulation and analysis, including any reflective structure that may be present (such as the water tank) during the noise production. Sound contour maps should be obtained to guide mitigation strategies and analyse options, and be provided to the public for examination.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mei-Ling Stefan
Resident, Coventry Ct.

Figure 7-1:
Water System
Facilities Map



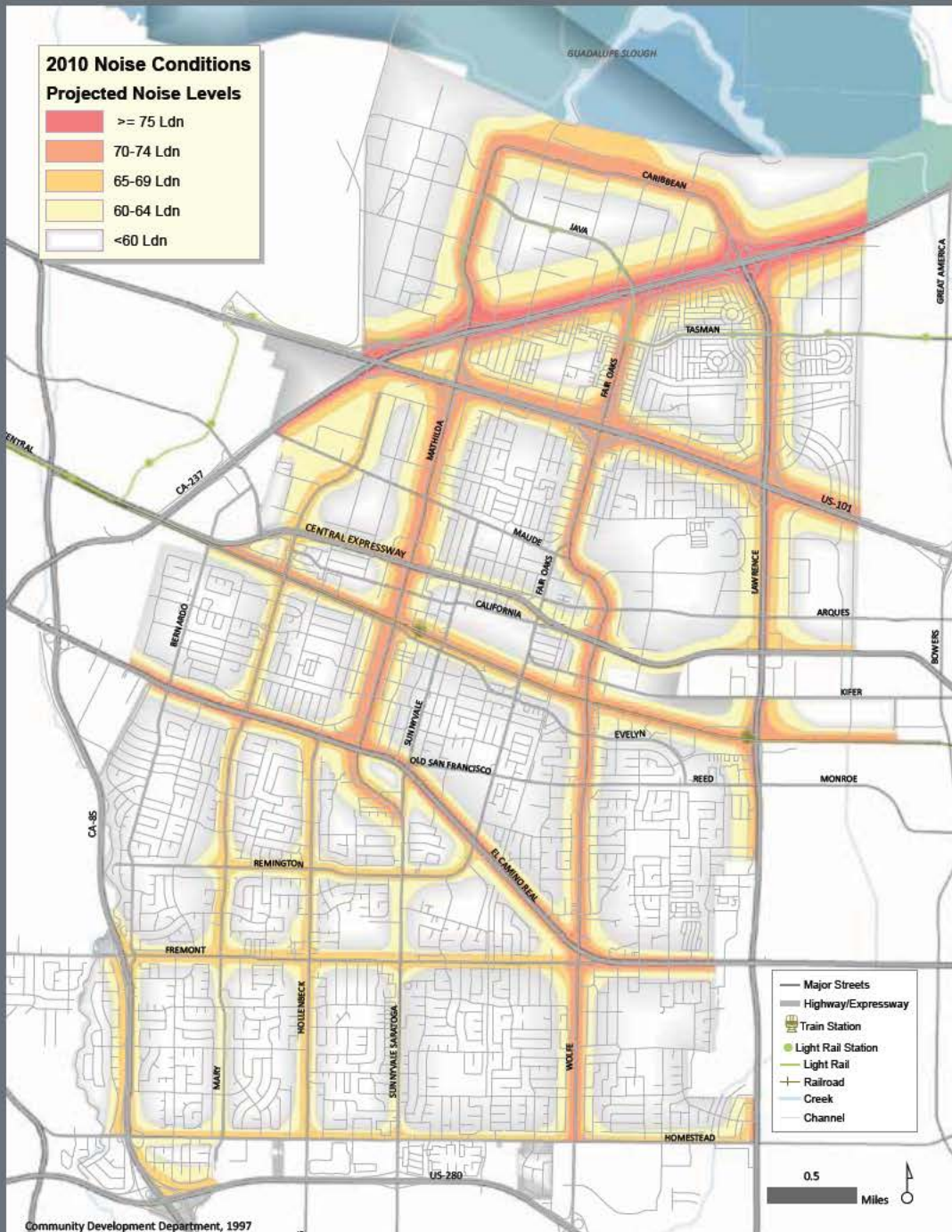


Figure 6-4: 2010 Noise Conditions Map

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [Paul Healy](#)
Subject: RE: 800 Carlisle EIR Scoping comments
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:57:00 AM

Mr. Paul,

Good morning. Thank you for the written comments during the public review period.

We'll notify you and the neighborhood about the next steps.

Thank you,

Mary Jeyaprakash, AICP

Senior Planner

Community Development Department

Phone: 408-730-7449

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From: Paul Healy [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 5:50 PM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: 800 Carlisle EIR Scoping comments

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Ms. Jeyaprakash,

Below find my EIR scoping comments on the proposal for new

development of a water well and water storage tank at 800 Carlisle, Sunnyvale.

800 Carlisle, a residentially zoned parcel in a residential neighborhood, is the site of a historic water well that was permanently decommissioned in 2016, and which had been in intermittent use in the years prior to that. Recent background noise measurements taken along the southern boundary of the site have consistently read 41-43dBA (1). This is presently a quiet location.

While this project raises many issues, If approved the most persistent negative environmental impact will be the operational noise of the pumps and ancillary equipment. As such I will limit my comments to that issue.

Goal SN-8 from the Sunnyvale general plan

Compatible Noise environment.

Maintain or Achieve a compatible noise environment for all land uses in the Community

Attach find from the Sunnyvale general plan figure 6-4 "2010 noise conditions map" and figure 7-1 "Water System Facilities Map".

A quick comparison of these will show that, but for two exceptions, all Cal water production facilities in Sunnyvale are all within or immediately adjacent to transportation noise corridors. 800 Carlisle is one of the exceptions. Cal Water has the opportunity to locate their new development within a

compatible and pre existing noise corridor. In compliance with the general plan they should be directed to do so.

The city of Sunnyvale recognizes the unique and problematic nature of noise characterised as "a steady, audible tone such as a whine, screech or hum", the type of noise that would be emitted from a pumping operation. From the City of Sunnyvale noise ordinance:

19.42.030. Noise or sound level:

If the noise occurs during nighttime hours and the enforcing officer has determined that the noise involves a steady, audible tone such as a whine, screech or hum, or is a staccato or intermittent noise (e.g., hammering) or includes music or speech, the allowable noise or sound level shall not exceed forty-five dBA.

At the February 16th EIR scoping meeting the Cal Water representative stated that with new "very quiet" pump technology, sound enclosures, and with "sound mitagater" technology within the enclosures, noise would not be an operational issue. While it is encouraging to learn that Cal water has the means to eliminate their persistent negative environmental impact, I note that none of this is documented in plans that have been presented to the community. Rather, the plans submitted to the community indicate no consideration has been given to the problematic operational noise, as per the plan:

-The new well is located at a distance of 42 feet from the southern property boundary vs the 110 foot distance of the historic well. This change in location will increase noise at the

southern property boundary by more than 8 dBA vs the historic location. Eight times the sound power.

-No "sound enclosures" are shown in plans, yet other structures that will reflect noise are shown located to the north of the well. This will reflect noise back towards the residences to the south of the site.

-Mature trees are shown to be removed, and new hardscape to be installed

In summary:

In compliance with the general plan, the new water production facility should be located in a compatible noise environment, at an existing Cal Water property, along an existing transportation noise corridor. The 800 Carlisle site is not compatible with a noisy production well.

Any new development at 800 Carlisle should be required to be compatible with the existing quiet noise environment. The use of sound enclosures with sound cancelation, and the use of quiet pump designs should be a minimum requirement for any approved project. Additionally the new well should not be sited closer to the adjacent residences than the site of the historic well, mature trees should not be removed, structures

that will reflect noise should not be allowed to be sited where that reflection would send noise in the direction of adjacent residences, and addition of hardscape on the site should be reduced.

Thank you

Paul Healy



(1) measured mid morning weekdays, using a Calibrated Reed 8050 sound level meter, set for lo level, fast time weighting

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: ["Robert Hoop"](#)
Subject: RE: Cal Water project on Carlsle
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 9:13:00 AM

Hello Robert,

Good Morning. Thank you for your email.

Please see my response in [blue text](#) regarding the issues you listed in your email,

1. Noise level. Last time Cal Water had machinery there a few years ago, it was so loud that it disturbed some neighbors day and night. Cal water was not very responsive. So we want to avoid a repeat. I want there to be a requirement that the decibels from the water drills/pumps be at a required low level. If the pumps can be surrounded by sound-proofing that might work. [Thank you for your input. Noise will be the primary focus for this environmental review. Noise mitigation options will be studied and evaluated as part of this review.](#)
2. How tall is the new water tank and will it be an eyesore to nearby neighbors? [The proposal is to install an approximately 12-foot-tall water storage tank. The City is making every effort to minimize the visual impact of the tank on the surrounding neighbors.](#)
3. Will existing trees be preserved? [Most of the existing trees will be preserved. It is one of the City's goals not to disturb mature vegetation, unless there is no practical alternative.](#)
4. Will you or some key city employee along with a Cal Water rep hold an informational session with questions and answers? The meeting should be both live and Zoom. There is no requirement from the county or state public health departments that prevent in-person meetings. [I'll be the contact for this project from the City side. The City started preparing an Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\) and we are at the stage where we are looking for neighbors input on the scope and areas of environmental study for this water well project. The City sent a notice to invite neighbors within 1000' radius of the site, for a virtual scoping meeting scheduled at 6pm on Feb 16, 2023. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and clarification about what is being proposed, outline issues to be evaluated in the EIR, describe ongoing public review process, and to collect your input. If you are within this radius, you would have received the notice. Please refer to the notice for more information about this meeting.](#)

Let me know if have further questions.

Mary Jeyaprakash, AICP

Associate Planner

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From: Robert Hoop [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Cal Water project on Carlisle

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Mary J,

I am writing regarding the CAL Water plan for the area on Carlisle near Fremont in Sunnyvale. As I understand it they plan to drill to pump more water from underground reservoirs. That sounds like a helpful goal.

I understand that they want to demolish the existing water storage tank and construct a new one.

I live nearby

Here are the issues that interest me:

- 1. Noise level. Last time Cal Water had machinery there a few years ago, it was so loud that it disturbed some neighbors day and night. Cal water was not very responsive. So we want to avoid a repeat. I want there to be a requirement that the decibels from the water drills/pumps be at a required low level. If the pumps can be surrounded by sound-proofing that might work.**
- 2. How tall is the new water tank and will it be an eyesore to nearby neighbors?**
- 3. Will existing trees be preserved?**
- 4. Will you or some key city employee along with a Cal Water rep hold**

an informational session with questions and answers? The meeting should be both live and Zoom. There is no requirement from the county or state public health departments that prevent in-person meetings.

I will appreciate a response.

Robert Hoop



Mary Jeyaprakash

From: Mary Jeyaprakash
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Robert Hoop
Subject: RE: A summary of Feb 16 Zoom on the Cal Water Project

Dear Mr. Hoop,

Thank you for your two emails yesterday summarizing the issues that neighbors raised at the meeting on February 16, 2023. See below for reference your two emails from yesterday.

We'll take them into account and consider them throughout the environmental study and review process.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments.

Thanks,

Mary Jeyaprakash, AICP
Senior Planner
Community Development Department
Phone: 408-730-7449

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From: Robert Hoop [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 4:23 PM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov
Subject: another idea on the Cal wAter project

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Mary,

Adding to my email earlier today, I am sure that my neighbors are quite interested in Cal Water planting enough trees that are strategically planted so that the Cal Water storage tank and any

other visible constructions be blocked from neighbors' view. The tiny print schematic is difficult for me to read. Perhaps you can view it better than I and furthermore, ensure that such trees are planted. Am I making any sense?

Thanks again.

Robert Hoop
[REDACTED]

From: Robert Hoop [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 9:29 AM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: A summary of Feb 16 Zoom on the Cal Water Project

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Dear Mary Jeyaprakash, Associate Planner City of Sunnyvale

I wish to summarize key issues that neighbors raised at the Feb 16, 2023 Zoom meeting on the Cal Water Project. These recollections are solely mine.


I hope that Cal Water will be a good neighbor. Our neighborhood issues are especially crucial because there are homes on Coventry Court and Kingfisher Way with backyards immediately adjacent to the Cal Water plot.

Here is a summary of the issues that neighbors raised:

1. There is concern about nighttime noise; we hope the noise volume will be low enough not to disturb evenings and sleep. The current regulation of 45 decibels at the neighbors' yard is acceptable. Soundproofing around each piece of machinery that runs at night would be excellent.
2. Nighttime light that can be seen from our homes is a concern that we hope will be avoided.
3. There is concern about diesel-powered equipment day or night due to the sound and smell. It will be ideal if there is no such machinery.
4. It will help if the EIR includes a study to assess if ground vibrations might cause damage to the three nearby backyard swimming pools or to all the house foundations.
5. Trees are important in general for nature's sake and help block the view of Cal Water constructions, so please severely limit the number of trees that will be cut. It would be excellent if Cal Water plants trees other than tiny ones. Is that feasible?
6. Will Cal Water please consider using solar panels to operate pumps, backup generators, and any applicable machinery?
7. It will help if the EIR assesses if there is any possible danger of air or ground pollution including, but not limited to, when the water is treated with chemicals.
8. It will be helpful if the neighbors have contact phone #s at Cal Water and Sunnyvale City so any complaints during drilling or construction can be acted on quickly; a nighttime # will help.
9. Because water is a precious commodity, when water is flushed from the Cal Water storage tank, can the flushed water be inserted into a water truck and used where it is needed? If that is not feasible then perhaps have a large hose attach to the water tank and run down to the nearest sewer.

Please reply to confirm that this email reached you.

Kind regards,
Robert Hoop

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [Sang Park](#)
Subject: RE: add to mailing list
Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:34:00 AM

Hello Sang,

Thank you for your email. I'll add your email ID to an interest list for any future conversation or announcement regarding this project.

Thanks,

Mary Jeyaprakash, AICP

Associate Planner

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From: Sang Park [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 8:37 PM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: add to mailing list

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Please add me to the mailing list for project related to site of former water tank and well at 800 Carlisle Way.

Thank you,
Sang Park
[REDACTED]

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Comment on water well and water storage tank project at 800 Carlisle, Sunnyvale
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:07:00 AM

Dear Ms. Baumgartner,

Thank you for the written comments during the public review period.

We'll notify you and the neighborhood about the next steps.

Thank you,

Mary Jeyaprakash, AICP

Senior Planner

Community Development Department

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From: tina palli.com [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:46 AM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Comment on water well and water storage tank project at 800 Carlisle, Sunnyvale

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Dear Ms. Jeyaprakash:

As a resident of [REDACTED] in Sunnyvale I am commenting on the proposed new development of a water well and water storage tank at 800 Carlisle, Sunnyvale.

My concerns about this development in a residential zone are the following:

Impact during construction.

The proposed 24/7 construction over a 14 day period constitutes a major impact on everybody living in the vicinity.

Noise - Persistent noise during the day makes focused work impossible. Several of our neighbors as well as both my husband and I work from home and would be heavily impacted by the noise. Night time noise, if anything is even worse leading to sleep deprivation resulting in a long list of deleterious well-known side effects (here is a short overview by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/sleep-deprivation>). I therefore urge you to hold Cal Water to the current noise standards of 45 dB by night time. Anything else would effectively force the neighbors to leave their residences during the construction period and seek alternative accommodations somewhere else. Which leaves the questions who will pay for that and what happens to residents that cannot temporarily move, like the elderly.

Vibrations – drill 1000 feet deep continuously for a 2 week period will certainly have additional effects. I urge you to have the impact vibrations have on nearby houses and pools in the short- as well as the mid- to long-term carefully examined. Any risk of damage to buildings should be disclosed up front and Cal Water needs to address these risks proactively.

Impact from ongoing operations

Noise of pumping is an ongoing concern. To pump water 1000 feet will require a powerful pump. Our concern is ongoing disruption of our sleep and our ability to work due to excessive noise. We therefore urge you to strictly enforce the existing noise ordinance. Methods such as enclosure of the pump and noise insulation, avoidance of sound reflective surfaces on the premises, etc. should be deployed and if those fail to achieve the mandated noise levels, the project is not suitable for siting in an area zoned as residential and Cal Water should seek an alternative site in an area that isn't zoned residential.

Diesel generator – the suggestion to use a diesel generator for emergency situations when the pump fails is completely unacceptable. Diesel fumes are toxic to human health. Here is a summary sentence of the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment: "In 1998, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) completed a comprehensive health assessment of diesel exhaust. This assessment formed the basis for a decision by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to formally identify particles in diesel exhaust as a toxic air contaminant that may pose a threat to human health." (<https://oehha.ca.gov/air/health-effects-diesel-exhaust>).

In addition to being toxic to humans (and presumably wild life as well), the environmental impact of diesel fumes is also highly detrimental to the environment. Here is what the EPA writes about diesel fumes:

"Emissions from diesel engines contribute to the production of ground-level ozone which

damages crops, trees and other vegetation. Also produced is acid rain, which affects soil, lakes and streams and enters the human food chain via water, produce, meat and fish.”

(<https://www.epa.gov/dera/learn-about-impacts-diesel-exhaust-and-diesel-emissions-reduction-act-dera>).

Sunnyvale’s Sustainability Game Plan 2023 focuses heavily on promotion of clean energy, as well as decarbonization of buildings and transport. These goals are incompatible with allowing the use of diesel generators as power source, even as a back-up. Alternatives to the diesel generator need to be found.

These are my main concerns about this project. In summary, the residential neighborhood we live in is not suited for construction and ongoing operations of a water well and Cal Water should move drilling to a site more suited for such activities. In any event, I ask the city to strictly enforce their own noise ordinance at all times and live up to it’s own sustainability goals by not allowing heavily polluting equipment. I also urge the city to undertake a careful evaluation of possible damage to human health, environmental health and residences during construction and ongoing operations.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Tina Baumgartner, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



**RECIRCULATED NOTICE OF PREPARATION
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
for the 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project**

DATE: March 14, 2025

TO: State Clearinghouse; Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Other Public Agencies; Interested Parties, and the County Clerk of Santa Clara

LEAD AGENCY: City of Sunnyvale
Community Development Department, Planning Division
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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NOTICE TO REVIEWERS: *Following the publication of the original Notice of Preparation (NOP) on February 3, 2023, changes were made to the project to alter the dimensions of the proposed water tank to be constructed on-site. The dimensions were changed from 33 feet in diameter and 12 feet in height to 21 feet in diameter and 24 feet in height. This is the only change to the Project Description. All other aspects of the Project Description remain as described in the original NOP. This recirculated NOP has been prepared to disclose this change in the Project Description. This recirculated NOP will supersede the original NOP; therefore, the City is requesting that individuals and agencies provide comment letters and/or input on the Recirculated NOP.*

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sunnyvale ("City"), as the Lead Agency, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank project (hereinafter referred to as the "project"). This NOP has been prepared in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15082. The purpose of this NOP is to solicit comments from the public and public agencies on the scope and content of the EIR for the project.

The City has determined that the project could result in potentially significant impacts and, therefore, an EIR is required. An EIR is a detailed statement prepared under CEQA describing and analyzing the significant environmental effects of a project and discussing ways to mitigate or avoid the effects.

A 30-DAY NOP REVIEW PERIOD: Members of the public and public agencies are invited to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR to the City. The City would like to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may use the EIR prepared by the City when considering your permits or other approvals for the project.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent within the 30-day NOP review period. The NOP public review period will begin on March 14, 2025 and end on April 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Please send your responses (including your name and contact information) to:

Email: MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov

OR

Mail: City of Sunnyvale – Community Development Department
Attn: Mary Jeyaprakash, Associate Planner
456 West Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

A copy of the NOP is on file at the City of Sunnyvale's One-Stop Permit Counter, 456 W. Olive Avenue and on the City's website at: <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/business-and-development/planning-and-building/ceqa-environmental-notice>.

If you wish to be placed on the mailing list or need additional information, please contact Mary Jeyaprakash, Senior Planner, at MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov. All parties that have submitted their names and contact information will be notified as part of this CEQA review process.

Following completion of the 30-day NOP public review period, the City will incorporate relevant information into the Draft EIR, including results of technical studies. The Draft EIR will be circulated for public review and comment for a 45-day public review period.

PROJECT LOCATION: The approximately 0.77-acre project site is located on the southeast corner of Lillian Avenue and Carlisle Way at 800 Carlisle Way (Assessor's Parcel Number: 309-12-013) in the City of Sunnyvale. The project site is bound by Panama Park to the west, Carlisle Way to the north, and residential developments to the south and east. The project site is located in a residential neighborhood. A regional map and vicinity map of the project site are shown on Figures 1 and 2, respectively. An aerial photograph with surrounding land uses is shown on Figure 3.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The project site was formerly used as a groundwater extraction site for California Water Service (CalWater). The site consisted of a water well and associated chemical storage buildings, a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) communication tower, booster pump, and 50,000-gallon water storage tank. In 2016, the water well on-site was decommissioned due to sanding issues and casing deterioration within the well. This water well,

therefore, is no longer functional. The 50,000-gallon steel tank was removed in 2016 because the closure of the groundwater well on-site rendered the storage tank obsolete. The chemical storage buildings and booster pump – though inactive – remain onsite. The SCADA communication tower is still in use and is owned and maintained separately by Sprint Nextel on a portion of the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Due to projected future water demand, CalWater is proposing to reactivate the project site as a groundwater extraction site by constructing a replacement well that would be deeper than the current well, in addition to other associated improvements to accommodate future water demands. A deeper well would provide access to an additional long-term source of water for CalWater that would be used to partially offset a decrease in supply from other sources due to drought and climate change.

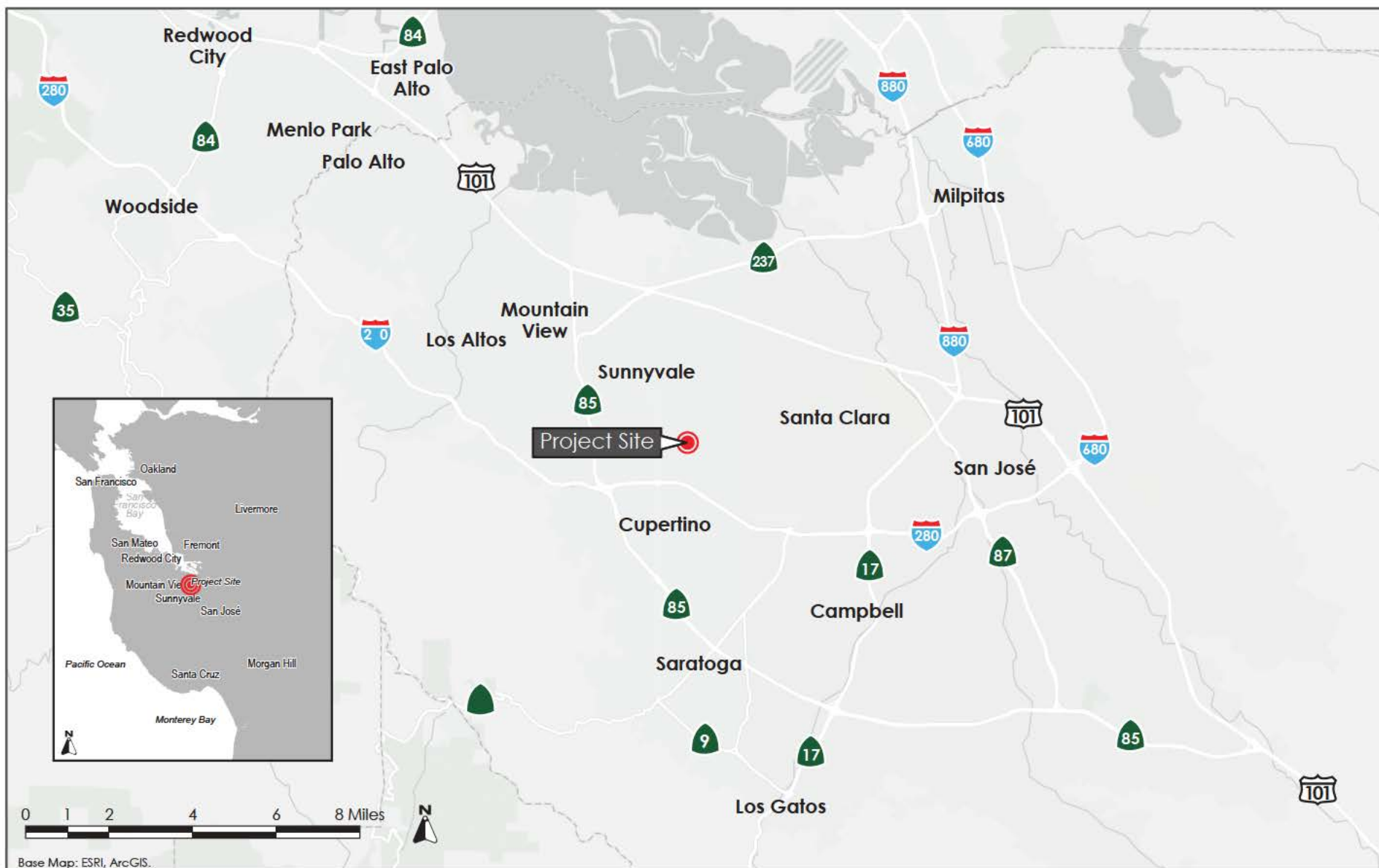
The project would cap the existing groundwater well and demolish the existing chemical storage building, booster pump, electrical control panel, and connection to the existing water main on-site. After demolition, the project would install a replacement groundwater well at approximately 800 to 1,000 feet below ground surface and construct a new, approximately 56,000-gallon steel water storage tank (21 feet in diameter and 24 feet in height), three chemical storage enclosures, and several utility and right-of-way improvements. The project would also include a diesel-powered emergency generator. Construction of the replacement well could require continuous drilling for 24 hours a day for two consecutive weeks. Post construction, a 24-hour water production test (pumping approximately two million gallons of raw water from the replacement well) and, per Department of Health regulations, a separate draw of raw water for approximately 15 minutes (which would result in approximately 18,000 gallons) would be discharged into the storm drain system. No changes to the existing communication tower are proposed.

Once operational, water would be pumped from the replacement groundwater well into the new water storage tank. Then, the water would be treated within the pipes on-site before being distributed into the potable water system through the new 10-inch domestic water line on-site that would connect to the existing 10-inch potable water line in Carlisle Way.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: The EIR will describe the existing environmental conditions in the project site and will identify the significant effects on the environment (“impacts”) that may result from implementation of the project. Where potentially significant impacts are identified, the EIR will identify mitigation measures to avoid or reduce those impacts, as feasible. The EIR will also discuss a reasonable range of alternatives to the project that could reasonably attain most of the basic objectives of the project and would avoid or substantially lessen any significant environmental impacts (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6[a]). The EIR will address potential environmental effects of the project on the following resource areas:

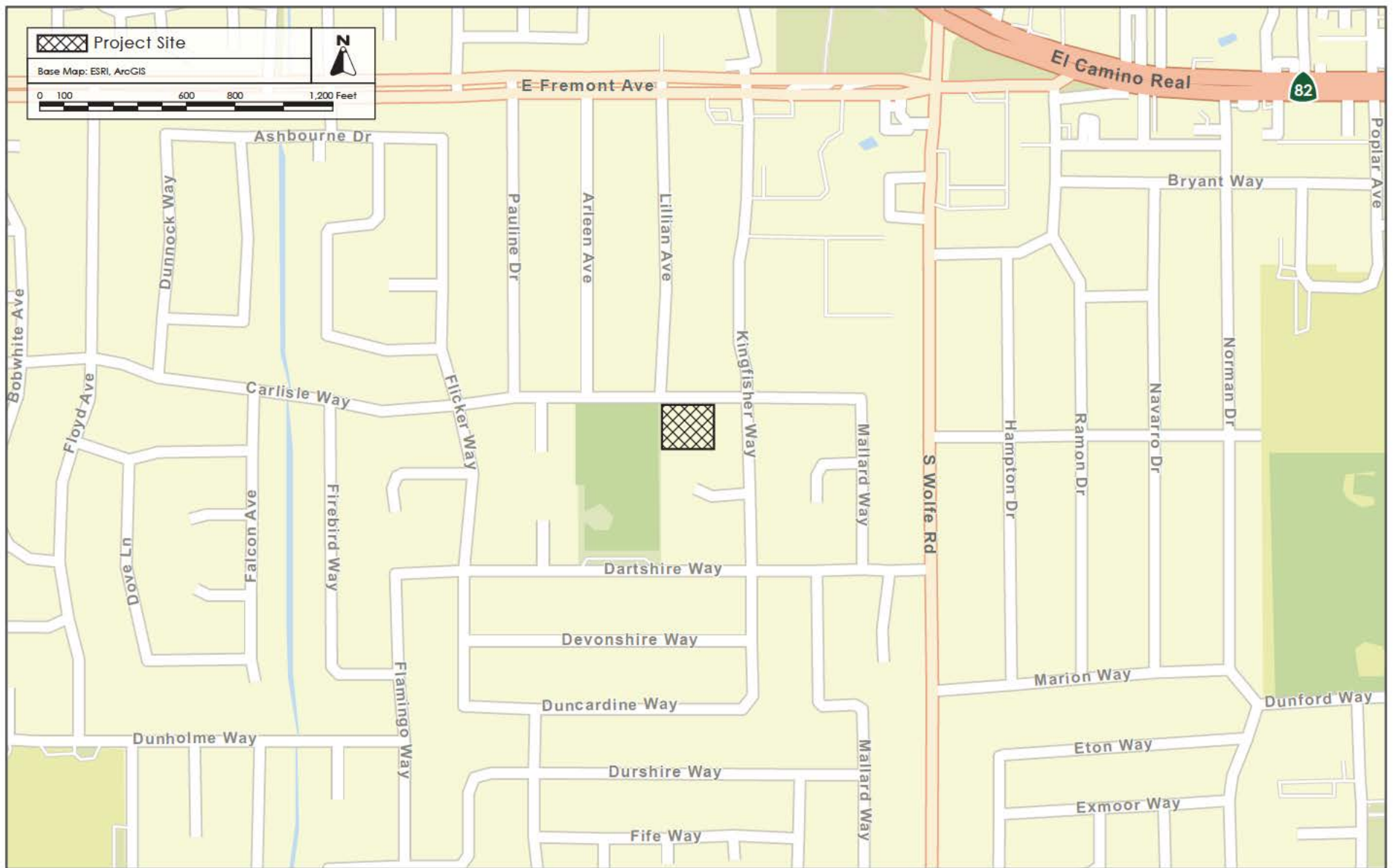
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- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Land Use
- Mineral Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation

- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire



REGIONAL MAP

FIGURE 1



VICINITY MAP

FIGURE 2



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH AND SURROUNDING LAND USES

FIGURE 3



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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Re: 2023020080 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project, Santa Clara County

Dear Ms. Jeyaprakash:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) or Early Consultation for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code § 21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064 subd. (a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources within the area of potential effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code § 21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation, a notice of negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. § 800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.

Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.

AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project:

Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:

- a. A brief description of the project.
- b. The lead agency contact information.
- c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).
- d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).

2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report:

A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1(b)).

- a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:

- a. Alternatives to the project.
- b. Recommended mitigation measures.
- c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:

- a. Type of environmental review necessary.
- b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
- c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
- d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).

6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document: If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:

- a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
- b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).

- 7. Conclusion of Consultation:** Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
- The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
 - A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).
- 8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document:** Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).
- 9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation:** If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (e)).
- 10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:**
- Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
 - Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
 - Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
 - Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
 - Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
 - Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
 - Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
 - Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code §21084.3 (b)).
 - Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code §815.3 (c)).
 - Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code §5097.991).
- 11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource:** An Environmental Impact Report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
- The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2.
 - The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
 - The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (d)).

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf

SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code §65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf.

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. **Tribal Consultation:** If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code §65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. **No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation:** There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. **Confidentiality:** Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code §65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code §5097.9 and §5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code §65352.3 (b)).
4. **Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation:** Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
 - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
 - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>.

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30331) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
 - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - b. If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - b. The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.

3. Contact the NAHC for:
 - a. A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
 - b. A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.
4. Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - a. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - b. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - c. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address:
Mathew.Lin@NAHC.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


Mathew Lin

Mathew Lin
Cultural Resources Analyst

cc: State Clearinghouse

Questions asked during the outreach meeting:

1. Is the tank going to have visual screening from the backyards of homes on Kingfisher Way?
2. When will diesel be running? Continuous?
3. The issue with the diesel is the smell. Can we do it on low wind days? Also will diesel be running during the 2 week solid construction time?
4. The site plan says the eucalyptus tree will be removed. Based on what you said, I'm assuming its not one of those 2 big trees facing Carlisle?
5. After construction is completed and the well and tank are working, what is the noise level when it is in use?
6. Where is a nearby existing water tank site with similar facility that we can visit, to have better understanding of the potential pumping noise & visual impact for this site?
7. I have a question about the 24x7 for the 2 weeks. Given the total project timeline is over a couple of years, why not limit the noise pollution to people like us (shared fence) by doing it only for 4-8 hours over multiple weeks vs 24x7 ? A few extra weeks don't impact the overall timeline.
8. It is not correct to say that the project meets all Sunnyvale ordinances. The CalWater property is in a single-story combining district. The height of 24 ft water tank is like a 2-story structure. CalWater is requesting a variance to the ordinance.
9. How noisy is the drilling going to be? Please provide a dB number, not a general statement
10. what does pump efficiency mean? Are the more expensive? Louder?
11. Can you please characterize the noise level in those 24x7 weeks in regular, everyday terms? Does it sound like a motorcycle driving by or a airplane flying overhead? How best to estimate how much of a disturbance it will be for working from home or getting on calls etc?
12. What is the design goal for noise at the well head and booster pump. What is the sound energy output from these pumps at max operation?
13. For CEQA will the new pump installations be classified as a significant noise increase over existing noise levels? Whether yes or no, Why? Will you add more trees if the tank overwhelms the homeowner's yards?
14. I believe the aquifer is sinking. Can the well be made deeper without major reconstruction?
15. What was the depth of the old well?

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: 
Bcc: [Noren Caliva-Lepe](#)
Subject: RE: Noise Concern re 800 Carlisle Way Well and Water Tank Project
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 11:01:00 AM
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Hello Ann,

Good morning. Thank you for reaching out to me with your questions. Please see my response in blue text.

1. Noise: I'm concerned regarding the 24/hrs a day for 2 weeks continuous drilling at 800 Carlisle Way Well and Water Tank Project. My property and my bedroom faces this project with a shared border. I want to ensure that I and my neighbors, especially the ones whose property abuts the Cal Water property will be able to sleep at night and work from home during the day during the two-week drilling. Please ensure that either the residential noise ordinance is followed by Cal Water and the decibel level is monitored during this project. Also if the project is anticipated to be disruptive with excessive noise, Cal Water needs to provide compensation prior to the project's start, so that the neighbors impacted by the noise of 24hr/day for 2 weeks of drilling are able to stay at nearby hotels for the duration of the project.

You are right, the drilling activities has the potential to increase noise in the vicinity. As part of the environmental studies, mitigation measures are identified to reduce noise. These measures are part of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) which is part of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that is currently being prepared. When the draft EIR is ready for public circulation, I'll route them to you along with the MMRP, so that you can take a closer look at the mitigation measures.

2. Ground stability: I'm also concerned about how much water they are taking out of the ground and the potential for ground instability of the surrounding area in the future. What is being done to monitor this? The impacts of pumping groundwater and sustainable groundwater management are being assessed through various technical studies as part of the EIR that is being prepared. It is concluded that the proposed project will not make the neighboring soil unstable or interfere with the groundwater supply. When the draft EIR is circulated, you can review these studies.
3. Hazardous materials: I want to also know that the compliance program and regulations for Cal Water storing hazardous chemicals on the property (above ground or in-ground) and what tests and at what frequency of testing will be done to ensure the safety of the local area. Cal Water will follow all applicable requirements of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, California Fire Code, Title 19 California Code of Regulations, and Sunnyvale Fire Prevention procedures/requirements on the storage and maintenance of the chemical

bunkers onsite to ensure the safety of the area. Regarding specific test and test frequency I'll ask Cal Water to address this question during the outreach meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting, I'll email Cal Water's response to you.

I hope this answers your questions. I'll see you at the outreach meeting.

Thank you,



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* The Sunnyvale Planning Division continues to provide virtual services, such as [electronic permit submittals](#) and virtual meetings. In-person services are also available at the [One Stop Permit Center](#), located on the second floor of the new City Hall building at 456 W. Olive Avenue. Underground parking is available and can be accessed on W. Olive Avenue. Masks and appointments (pcappointment@sunnyvale.ca.gov) are strongly encouraged.

General zoning information is also available on the [Planning Division webpage](#).

From: Ann Bogan [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2025 12:09 PM

To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Subject: Noise Concern re 800 Carlisle Way Well and Water Tank Project

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Thank you for looking out for the residents of Sunnyvale.

Sincerely,

Ann Bogan

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Bcc: [Noren Caliva-Lepe](#)
Subject: RE: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project
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Hello Devika,

Thank you for reaching out to me with your questions. I am not including other neighbor in this email because, I do not want to create information overload or a group forum.

I emailed to all residents who gave their email IDs. This notification was already mailed (through regular U.S. Postal Service) to residents within 1000 ft radius of the project, including Panama Park Neighborhood Association contacts. It was also published in The Sunnyvale Sun newspaper last week.

The impacts of the construction activities are being assessed through various technical studies and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being prepared. This report includes analysis of vibration, geotechnical, and subsidence impacts, to name a few. It is concluded that the proposed project will not cause flooding or affect the nearby structures. When the draft EIR is ready for public circulation, I'll route them to you, so that you can take a closer look at these studies.

I hope this answers your questions. I'll see you at the outreach meeting.

Thank you,



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From: Devika Yeravdekar [REDACTED] >

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 4:38 PM

To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project

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From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 8:38:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hello Jay,

Good morning. You are very welcome!

I'll forward your questions about increasing the tank height to Cal Water to address during the outreach meeting. The virtual outreach meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2025. I'll email you more details in the next few days, once it is confirmed. The updated site plan will be shared at the outreach meeting. The EIR will be circulated for public input towards the end of April for a 45-day period. There will be multiple public participation/input opportunities (Planning Commission Study Session, Planning Commission Public Hearings and City Council Public Hearing) within the next six months. You'll be notified roughly two weeks before each one of these meetings. During these meetings, you can bring up your concerns to the Planning Commissioners and City Council who will make the final decision on this project.

Hope this answers your questions.

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From: Jay Kota [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 6:06 PM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project

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Hi Mary,

Thanks a lot for your detailed response. We appreciate your guidance on this. Please see our responses inline below in purple

On Tue, Mar 18, 2025 at 9:20 AM Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov> wrote:

Hello Jay & Dhana,

Good morning.

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Thank you for reaching out to me with your concerns. Please see below my response in blue text. I'll pass on your concerns to the applicant, Cal Water, so that they can be addressed during the upcoming outreach meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting, I'll email Cal Water's response to you.

- 24 feet in height is quite a bit of change from 12 feet. This will unfortunately be a visibly imposing structure in the neighborhood bringing down the aesthetics, and quite possibly the desiredness of the area. I'm curious to know about the reasons for this change. As you can tell this is a big concern for us as a neighbors. According to Cal Water, the original height 12 feet was a preliminary estimate. Cal Water is requesting increased height to place the inlet, outlet, overflow, and booster pump at the right workable height, to enable proper functioning of the tank. Cal Water is proposing to preserve as many existing trees as possible and plant additional trees around the proposed tank to screen it from the surrounding homes and from the street. This is to reduce the visual impact of the tank on the neighborhood.

Cal Water should know the usual drill if they have installed water tanks in the past? Giving a preliminary estimate without considering these issues, and doubling the height late in the process feels a bit like maneuvering to be candid. Can you let us know what's

the formal way to register a complaint on this with the city ? Does the diameter of the tank shrink because of this ? Would this prevent the eucalyptus tree from being removed by any chance ? Can we have a revised site plan at the [Carlisle](#) project site so everyone is informed of the current facts / modifications ?

- Do we expect maintenance staff to be climbing on top of the tank for routine maintenance? With this height we also have privacy concerns around direct visibility into our backyard across the street (1394 Lillian) I believe this is a good question for Cal Water. During the meeting, I'll make sure Cal Water will talk about how privacy would be preserved when maintenance workers are up on the tank.

Appreciate if you could let us know what day the outreach meeting will be happening in advance so we can keep our schedule free to attend it.

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- Could you also let us know the amount and duration of the ambient noise generated because of pumping of the water from the well ? How many hours of pumping do we expect on a given day? Irrespective of the duration of pumping, Cal Water is required to comply with the City's operation standards for noise. The operational noise shall not exceed 50 decibels during nighttime or 60 decibels during daytime hours at any point on the property line of the adjacent single-family. The amount of ambient noise generated is being studied as part of the various technical studies conducted for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). When the draft EIR is ready for public circulation, I'll route them to you, so that you can take a closer look at the ambient noise analysis. During the upcoming outreach meeting, I'll make sure Cal Water will have the duration, and hours of pumping information.

Understood. This is very helpful. Look forward to the EIR. When do you see this coming out approximately ?

- Do you foresee any issues with the plumbing and piping of the neighboring houses because of the increased pressure of water? Cal Water stated in their application that there will not be any negative impacts on the neighboring homes during the operation of the site. I'll make sure this question will be addressed by Cal Water during the meeting.

Understood. Thank you for the care you are taking in keeping the neighborhood residents informed. We really appreciate it

Regards,
Jay & Dhana



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Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 9:02 PM

To: Devika Yeravdekar [REDACTED] >

Cc: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Kean, Mary](#); [Smithson, Dawn](#); [Zamudio, Luis](#); [Schmidt, Melinda](#)
Subject: RE: Carlisle Water Tank project questions
Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 9:22:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Thank you, Luis.

The latest site plan is uploaded under the 'Documents' tab of the City's project webpage:
[Carlisle Well and Water Tank | Sunnyvale, CA.](#)

Thank you,



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From: Schmidt, Melinda <Mschmidt@calwater.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 9:19 AM
To: Zamudio, Luis <lzamudio@calwater.com>; [REDACTED] >
Cc: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>; Kean, Mary <mkean@calwater.com>; Smithson, Dawn <dsmithson@calwater.com>
Subject: RE: Carlisle Water Tank project questions

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Thank you Luis for responding to these questions and you are correct in your answers.

Melinda Schmidt

Superintendent

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From: Zamudio, Luis <lzamudio@calwater.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 7:49 AM

To: Jay Kota [REDACTED]; Schmidt, Melinda <Mschmidt@calwater.com>

Cc: Mary Jeyaprakash <mjeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>; Kean, Mary <mkean@calwater.com>;
Smithson, Dawn <dsmithson@calwater.com>

Subject: Re: Carlisle Water Tank project questions

Hi Jay and Dhana,

Thanks for your questions. Please see my responses below. Let me know if you have additional questions. Hopefully you are in attendance in our public meeting tomorrow.

Melinda,

May you please confirm the accuracy of my response to the tank maintenance needs that would require personnel on top of the tank?

Best Regards,

Luis

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 8:21 PM

To: Zamudio, Luis

Cc: Mary Jeyaprakash

Subject: Carlisle Water Tank project questions

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Hi Luis,

We are residents of the Panama Park neighborhood. We have a few questions / concerns on the Carlisle water tank project. Wanted to bring them your notice

- We are concerned about the height of the tank changing from 12 feet to 24 feet. This will

unfortunately be a visibly imposing structure in the neighborhood and raises privacy concerns for us. The tank we plan to construct is a replacement tank. The site in question has been a tank and water well site since 1959 but was decommissioned in 2016. The tank height is not changing from 12 feet to 24 feet, but rather 16 feet to 24 feet. I am not sure why the record indicates that our initial application was for a 12-foot-tall tank. 12 feet may have been taken as the highest water level within the tank, due to freeboard (the top section within a tank that does not contain water), which is necessary due to seismic requirements. The project has been through multiple engineering hands and the persons that previously managed it no longer work here. To answer your question in specific, I am attaching a portion of a pdf document that was submitted to the City about the reasons for the change.

- Could you let us know the reason for the change in the height of the water tank from 12 feet to 24 feet ? And the reason for this decision being conveyed so late in the process ?

- See the attached pdf which describes the reason for the change.

- Do we expect maintenance staff to be climbing on top of the tank for routine maintenance? Yes, but only as needed. We don't climb tanks on a daily, weekly, or even monthly basis. It could be as infrequent as once a year, unless there are needs to do so. Melinda, our District Superintendent, may provide more information on this. With this height we also have privacy concerns around direct visibility into our backyard across the street

- Also could you let us know when do you expect to publish the revised project plan at the Carlisle project site? The City has the most up to date site plan for the site, which I assume is public, but attached is the latest submitted to the City.

Thanks,

Jay & Dhana

Luis Zamudio

P-5 Senior Engineer

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From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [Noren Caliva-Lepe](#)
Subject: RE: Oppose increase in water tank height, & a question: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project
Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 3:59:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hello Mei-Ling,

Thank you for writing your concerns to me and forwarding my email to Panama Park Neighborhood Association. We mailed (through regular U.S. Postal Service) all residents within 1000 ft radius of the project, including Panama Park Neighborhood Association contacts. It was also published in The Sunnyvale Sun newspaper last week. I believe one way or the other the residents would have received the notification.

Thank you for pointing out the single-story overlay district ordinance. We are aware of the height limit in this neighborhood to preserve the privacy of Eichler homes. The Applicant, Cal Water is seeking a variance for taller tank height. They request a taller tank to facilitate the right tank design, in locating the various components of the tank and enable proper functioning of the booster pump. The drawings show that the proposed tank will be surrounded by trees to screen any views into the private yards. Also, during the meeting, I'll make sure Cal Water will talk about how privacy and security would be protected when maintenance workers are up on the tank.

The scope of the outreach meeting is to discuss the overall project. The meeting will be conducted by Cal Water. They will talk about the scope of the project, purpose, design (tank height), construction, project timeline, operation, and maintenance. I'll attend the meeting to answer any questions about City processing of the project.

I hope this answers your questions. I'll see you at the outreach meeting.

Thank you,



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From: ML Stefan [REDACTED] >

Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2025 11:03 AM

To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Oppose increase in water tank height, & a question: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project

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Hi Mary:

Thank you for the notification. I have also forwarded to the Panama Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) email group. However, only a minor fraction of residents are in PPNA and I don't know how many check their emails.

First, I oppose the increase in the height of the water tank, doubling from 12 ft to 24 ft. The Eichler houses in Coventry Ct and part of Kingfisher are in a single-story combining district which includes the Cal Water property at 800 Carlisle. Please see the attached ordinance 3108-17.pdf. The reason for the single-story combining district is to protect us from being observed through the large glass windows which line the backside of our houses.

A structure 24 ft high that people will access for maintenance or other work is equivalent to a 2-story building. Workers can have a good view of the backyards, and look through the floor-to-floor glass panes into the houses next to the CalWater property. This is not only a privacy issue, but a security issue for us. There has been a recent attempted breakin at the back of one of the houses.

Second, I would like to know the scope of the meeting in April. Is it focussed on the increase in tank height?

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mei-Ling Stefan

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From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [Noren Caliva-Lepe](#)
Subject: RE: Thanks; a question
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:24:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hello Mei,

Good afternoon. Thank you for attending the outreach meeting and your follow-up email. The City raised similar concerns with Cal Water before. Please see City's concerns (in blue text) and Cal Water's response below. Here is a link to the proposed Site Plan -

<https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/4373/638130918937000000>.

Please use this along with Cal Water's response to see the tank location with respect to other amenities onsite.

City: a. Provide justification for the location of the tank with respect to the visibility from the nearby single-family homes and from the street. Consider locating the tank along with the Cell Tower, near the park, and away from the single-family homes.

Cal Water: a.

The tank was located such that it is screened by existing tree from all direction, minimizing the visibility of the tank. The proposed location of the tank is surrounded by existing mature trees. To provide additional screening, Cal Water is proposing to plant additional trees to provide additional screening. The proposed tank location is closest it can be located to the park. If the tank is moved any closer to the park, the existing tree will be required to trim the existing tree. Few years back, Cal Water installed 9' feet wooden fence with lattice to provide screening to the resident east of the project site. (Opposite of the park location).

City: b. Provide justification of the proposed location of the new equipment.

Cal Water: b.

The location of the well on site is based on separation requirement from the Department of Drinking Water. The well must maintain 50 feet separation from existing well. The new well must maintain 100' separation from the nearest non-potable water like sewer as well as storm drain main. For this reason, the well must be located close the back half of this property.

Hope this answers your question.

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Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:08 PM
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Cc: [REDACTED] >
Subject: Thanks; a question

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Hi Mary

thanks for the meeting this evening

A neighbor asked why the new well, and the new water storage tank, will be located closer to the adjacent properties on Coventry Ct relative to the old well & tank. Has CalWater checked other locations more towards Carlisle Way? Thanks

Mei-Ling Stefan

From: [Mary Jeyapraakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [vid](#)
Bcc: [Noren Caliva-Lepe](#)
Subject: RE: Questions regarding the new water well construction notice
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 12:01:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image004.png](#)

Dear Mr. Agrawal,

Thank you for reaching out to me with your questions. Please see my response below in blue text.

1. Are there chemicals in the storage building? **Yes.** The site will store sodium hypochlorite and ammonium hydroxide within their own separate chemical storage sheds. These chemicals will be primarily used to disinfect the water.
2. Is there any possibility of chemicals seeping into the ground? The chemicals would be stored within a double containment system that would reduce the risk of any chemical leaks. A Cal Water staff member would visit the site daily to oversee the chemical storage and ensure that everything is in order.
3. Will there be any studies to rule this out, and in general ensure safety? Cal Water will follow all applicable requirements of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, California Fire Code, Title 19 California Code of Regulations, and Sunnyvale Fire Prevention procedures/requirements on the storage and maintenance of the chemical bunkers onsite to ensure the safety of the area. This project is being reviewed by the City's Civilian Fire Marshall of the Department of Public Safety to prevent any chemical spill to ensure safety.
4. What kind of water quality checks would be done? Please see response to the previous questions. This can be discussed further if you would like, in the upcoming outreach meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting, I'll email you an update.
5. Why was the older well closed? Please see Cal Water response in their own words, *Due to excessive sanding in the well, the existing well casing deteriorated and economical it was not feasible to make necessary repair. Cal Water was able to idle the existing well site because other wells in the surrounding area as well as water purchased from Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) is able to supplement the loss of this well site.*
6. Will there be any impact from the well construction on surrounding land? There is potential for air quality, biological, cultural, geological, and noise impacts, due to the construction and operation of the site. These impacts are being studied and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) is created to address any potential impacts. This is part of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that is currently being prepared by a third-party consultant. When the draft EIR is ready for public circulation, I'll route them to you along with the MMRP, so that you can take a closer look at the mitigation measures to address the impacts.

I hope this answers your questions. I'll see you at the outreach meeting.



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-----Original Message-----

From: Parul Agrawal [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2025 4:57 PM

To: Mary Jeyaprakash MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Cc: vid [REDACTED]

Subject: Questions regarding the new water well construction notice

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Dear Ms. Jeyaprakash:

Thank you very much for sharing the water well construction plan on Carlisle Avenue. We had some questions regarding this plan and were hoping to get some insights from you -

1. Are there chemicals in the storage building?
2. Is there any possibility of chemicals seeping into the ground?
3. Will there be any studies to rule this out, and in general ensure safety?
3. What kind of water quality checks would be done?
4. Why was the older well closed?
5. Will there be any impact from the well construction on surrounding land?

We will really appreciate if you can address the above questions.

Sincerely,
Parul Agrawal

Concerned homeowner in Panama Park neighborhood of Sunnyvale

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Comments on Recirculated NOP for New Well and Tank 800 Carlisle Way
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 11:34:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
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Good morning, Paul,

Thank you for your comments. I'll review and forward them to the environmental team, so that they can make sure your comments are addressed.

Have a good day!



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From: Paul Healy <paul.healy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Comments on Recirculated NOP for New Well and Tank 800 Carlisle Way

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Good morning Mary,

Paul Healy

Sunnyvale, Ca

April 14, 2025

MARY JEYAPRAKASH

Senior Planner

Sunnyvale, Ca

**Regarding: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well
& Water Tank Project**

Ms Jeyaprakash,

I am requesting a noise analysis following CEQA guidelines be included in the EIR for both the construction/drilling phase as well as the ongoing operations of the proposed new well and tank on Carlisle way. Recent noise measurements taken at the property boundary show night time noise currently more than 15dba below the updated city noise codes. The applicant has indicated that nearby homes will be uninhabitable during the construction phase due to the high levels of noise, as evidenced by a proposal to issue hotel vouchers to certain residences. And based upon statements by the applicant, the applicant appears to be designing this new major production facility to operate at the maximum allowable noise limits. Clearly this project represents a "significant noise impact" on the community. I understand in such cases CEQA requires a thorough noise analysis, documenting current conditions and the environmental deterioration that will result from the applicants new development, and to identify feasible mitigations.

If the city and the applicant choose not to perform such analysis I request a formal response from both the applicant and from the city as to why.

Additionally I request that the EIR include analysis of the chemical and hazardous waste storage at this site, and how this will be impacted by the addition of a new major water extraction well. At peak

production capacity what is the impact on the volume of treatment chemicals and the resulting hazardous waste to be stored at this site?

There are design choices in this plan that are problematic, as the applicant clearly overlooks mitigation opportunities:

The new well head is located very close to residences on Coventry Ct while there is ample room on the site to increase this distance between these residences and new well.

The now very tall steel water tank is sited in such a way as to reflect sound back towards the residences on Coventry Ct. The proposed height of this structure, which is in excess of SSCD zoning limits, will magnify the problem of reflected noise.

The choice of bare steel for the tank rather than a steel tank clad with a wooden surround will increase sound reflection and reduce site aesthetics.

The choice of a diesel generator is a noisy, dirty solution to potential power outages while cleaner quieter solutions exist such as battery/solar or natural gas. A natural gas powered generator would produce less noise and air pollution, and a onsite gas storage tank can supply energy in situations of widespread sustained grid disruptions. Applicant is dismissive of battery/solar as a potential solution, yet our entire state of almost 40 million people runs solely on renewable, mostly solar/battery, energy for weeks at a time.

The Carlisle site itself is located in a very quiet neighborhood, while many other CalWater well sites are located in areas already impacted by noisy transportation corridors. Locating new noise generating operations within existing noise corridors would be far more appropriate for a major new water production facility such as is proposed.

The informational meeting held on April 10, 2025, regarding the NOP failed to provide the public with sufficient information. Without preliminary information from the applicant, the public is unable to make informed comments that will properly shape the EIR. The meeting was not productive, as many questions from the community were dismissed outright by the applicant or deferred to the EIR report.

Are we to get the information we need to make informed comment on the application due in advance of the EIR, after the EIR is released?

The choice of Microsoft Teams as a platform presented significant challenges for the majority of community participants. A large majority of attendees from the effected community faced obstacles logging in (most attendees had to phone in), viewing presentation materials, and obtaining answers to their concerns from the applicant. In my own case, I had my hand raised in Teams to ask questions, but I was somehow muted and therefore passed over. Furthermore, the fact that this informational community meeting was not recorded is unacceptable, as it leaves no public record of the applicant's statements to the community.

The proposed change of use of this property will have significant impact on the surrounding neighborhood, and it is necessary that we have clear and adequate information before the public comment period for EIR scoping ends.

Finally an updated site plan and scope of work needs to be available to the community as statements made by the applicant in the failed informational meeting appear to be in conflict with the claim that "the only change from the original submission is to the dimensions of the water tank". A specific example of this is in comments made by the applicant in regard to the removal of trees and foliage on the the site.

Ms. Jeyaprakash, thank you for your assistance in tis project.

Paul Healy

My comments are attached. If you have any questions please let me know.

Paul

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [Noren Caliva-Lepe](#)
Subject: RE: Recirculated Notice of Preparation for 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 10:41:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[Outreach Flyer_ 800 Carlisle Way - 10APR2025.pdf](#)

Hello Susan,

Good morning. Thank you for your questions. I'll forward them to the applicant, Cal Water, and to the project's third-party environmental consultants.

I see some of your questions can be answered by Cal Water at the upcoming public outreach meeting Cal Water is hosting on April 10, 2025 (see flyer attached). I recommend that you attend this meeting. If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting, I'll email Cal Water's response to you.

Regarding your concern about noise, fumes, and aesthetics, their potential impacts are currently being assessed through various technical studies. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being prepared along with a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) to address any potential impacts. When the draft EIR and MMRP are ready for public circulation, I'll route them to you, so that you can take a closer look at the potential impacts and mitigation measures. Your questions regarding noise, fumes, and aesthetics will be answered through the draft EIR and MMRP.

The upcoming meeting together with the draft EIR will help us understand the proposal and the potential impacts better. Also, note, this proposal is still being reviewed and there is no decision made by the City on the project. Separate public hearings will be conducted in late summer 2025, by Planning Commission and City Council to vote on the project to either approve or deny the project.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to me. I hope to see you at the outreach meeting.

Sincerely,



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From: Susan Charbonneau [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:24 AM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Recirculated Notice of Preparation for 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project

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To: Mary Jeyaprakash, Associate Planner
City of Sunnyvale

My name is Susan Charbonneau.

I live at [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

I would like to list my serious concerns about the draft plan.

Can you address these issues in the next draft, please?

Noise

What recourse do I have if the everyday noise of pumping exceeds stated levels?

Is the tank filled up then the water not used until there are drought issues or is it emptied and refilled every night?

If I complain, will the city check?

Will someone from the city camp out and see whether they can sleep with the noise?

Preferably in my backyard.

Deisel Generator

When Sprint added a diesel generator surreptitiously, the fumes made it impossible to breathe in my house,

no matter whether the windows/doors were opened or closed. Also I was not even be able to go in my backyard.

Can the generator be run by another method?

I don't have an air conditioner so I cool the house with doors/screens opened in the locked position and night, then close them in the day.
Fumes would make life in the summer heat unbearable.

Tank Height

This is a classic bait and switch.

The dimensions are changed from 33 feet in diameter and 12 feet in height to 21 feet in diameter and 24 feet in height.

What change make this necessary?

Does Cal Water just get to say, "My Bad" and make the change of their own volition? Who okayed this change?

Property Value

If the noise/fumes/tank visibility makes my property value go down, will the city make up the difference?

I hope the city can resolve these issues.

Regards,
Susan Charbonneau

From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [Noren Caliva-Lepe](#)
Subject: RE: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project
Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 8:45:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[Outreach Flyer 800 Carlisle Way - 10APR2025.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Baumgartner,

Good morning. Thank you for your email explaining your concerns in detail. I'll forward your concerns to the applicant, Cal Water, and to the project's third-party environmental consultants.

We have in the City's records a similar email from you dated March 2023. The concerns are currently being studied by the consultants and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) is created to address any potential impacts. This is part of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that is being prepared. When the draft EIR is ready for public circulation, I'll route them to you along with the MMRP, so that you can take a closer look at the mitigation measures.

I recommend that you attend the upcoming public outreach meeting Cal Water is hosting on April 10, 2025, (see flyer attached). Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments.

Thank you,



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From: Tina Baumgartner [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:43 PM
To: Mary Jeyaprakash <MJeyaprakash@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: Recirculated Notice of Preparation - 800 Carlisle Way Well & Water Tank Project

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Dear Ms Jeyaprakash:

As a resident of Coventry Court in Sunnyvale I am commenting on the proposed new development of a water well and water storage tank at 800 Carlisle, Sunnyvale.

My concerns about this development in a residential zone are the following:

Impact During Construction

The proposed 24/7 construction over a 14 day period constitutes a major impact on everybody living in the vicinity.

Noise

Day time noise - persistent noise during the day poses a risk to our health and makes focused work impossible. A number of our neighbors as well both my husband and I work from home and would be unable to work given the expected constant noise. This will have severe negative impacts on our business and livelihood.

Night time noise likewise is a huge concern, it leads to sleep deprivation resulting in a long list of deleterious well-known side effects (here is a short overview by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/sleep-deprivation>). A night noise time level of 45 dB is considered safe and the recent adjustment by the City of Sunnyvale to allow 50 dB of noise is already a burden on the residents that favors businesses and developers.

Cal Water has to be held to this already too high night time noise standard!

Vibrations

Drilling continuously for a 2-week period will have additional effects which have to be carefully studied. Possible problems are:

- Negative health effects due to low-frequency vibrations
- Persistent low-frequency vibrations can cause cracking in building foundations and walls, especially in older buildings like all the Eichler homes in this neighborhood.

I urge you to have the impact vibrations have on nearby houses and pools in the short- as well as the mid- to long-term carefully examined. Any risk of damage to buildings has to be avoided, especially damage that might only be noticeable over time.

Air Quality

Drilling will impact air quality because it will generate significant dust and particulates, which can aggravate respiratory conditions.

Machinery such as diesel engines produce nitrogen oxides (NOx), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate matter (PM), posing respiratory risks during drilling.

Impact from Ongoing Operations

Noise of pumping is an ongoing concern. To pump water 1000 feet will require a powerful pump. Our concern is ongoing disruption of our sleep and our ability to work due to excessive noise. We therefore urge you to strictly enforce the existing noise ordinance. Methods such as enclosure of the pump and noise insulation, avoidance of sound reflective surfaces on the premises, etc. should be deployed and if those fail to achieve the mandated noise levels, the project is not suitable for siting in an area zoned as residential and Cal Water should seek an alternative site in an area that isn't zoned residential.

Diesel generator – the suggestion to use a diesel generator for emergency situations when the pump fails is completely unacceptable. Diesel fumes are toxic to human health. Here is a summary sentence of the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment:

“In 1998, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) completed a comprehensive health assessment of diesel exhaust. This assessment formed the basis for a decision by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to formally identify particles in diesel exhaust as a toxic air contaminant that may pose a threat to human health.”

(<https://oehha.ca.gov/air/health-effects-diesel-exhaust>).

In addition to being toxic to humans (and presumably wild life as well), the environmental impact of diesel fumes is also highly detrimental to the environment. Here is what the EPA writes about diesel fumes:

“Emissions from diesel engines contribute to the production of ground-level ozone which damages crops, trees and other vegetation. Also produced is acid rain, which affects soil, lakes and streams and enters the human food chain via water, produce, meat and fish.” (<https://www.epa.gov/dera/learn-about-impacts-diesel-exhaust-and-diesel-emissions-reduction-act-dera>).

In short, diesel generators, even as a back-up solution are completely unacceptable in a residential neighborhood.

Sunnyvale's Sustainability Game Plan 2028 focuses on the promotion of clean energy, as well as decarbonization of buildings and transport. These goals are incompatible with allowing the use of diesel generators as power source, even as a back-up. Alternatives to the diesel generator need to be found.

Increased Height

Compared to 2023 the proposed water tower is now twice as high. This creates a large, tall reflective surface that will increase noise levels even more. In addition, the property is subject to a single-story overlay granted by the City of Sunnyvale as a consequence of all neighbors agreeing to limit the height of their buildings to preserve privacy and the character of this neighborhood. The logic behind offering a tool such as a single-story overlay to the community is, that it will actually be binding for everybody. The restrictions should be enforced for all, even if it is inconvenient or financially sub-optimal for some.

We urge the City to enforce their own decisions and not grant Cal Water a variance.

These are my main concerns about this project. In summary, the residential neighborhood we live in is not suited for construction and ongoing operations of a water well and Cal Water should move drilling to a site more suited for such activities. In any event, I ask the city to strictly enforce their own noise ordinance at all times and live up to its own sustainability goals by not allowing heavily polluting equipment. I also urge the city to undertake a careful evaluation of possible damage to human health, environmental health and residences during construction and ongoing operations and not to enforce its own decision to limited the height of construction possible on the site to the equivalent of one story.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Tina Baumgartner, [REDACTED]

Co-signed by:

Ulfried Palli, [REDACTED]

Maximillian Palli, [REDACTED]

Tina Baumgartner, [REDACTED]

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From: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
To: [Mary Jeyaprakash](#)
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 4:56:04 PM

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March 22, 2025
City of Sunnyvale
City Manager, Dev. Dept
Attn: Mary Jeyaprakash, Assoc. Manager
150 West Olive Ave.
Sunnyvale CA 94086
I would like to register a protest
letter against the size of this project
that will be an aesthetic problem
and severely affecting property values
in the area. Also the noise during
construction will negatively impact quality
of life. I'm against the size.
Masha Kashi, Manager