

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM - Tuesday, August 26, 2025
via Videoconference and In Person

PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate by being present at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA during the meeting. Public comment is accepted in person at the physical meeting location, or via email to PublicComment@losaltosca.gov.

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Correspondence submitted in hard copy/paper format must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to ensure distribution prior to the meeting. Comments provided in hard copy/paper format after 2:00 p.m. will be distributed the following day and included with public comment in the Council packet.

The Mayor will open public comment and will announce the length of time provided for comments during each item.

AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Council's attention any item that is not on the agenda. The Mayor will announce the time speakers will be granted before comments begin. Please be advised that, by law, the City Council is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "The Brown Act") items must first be noted on the agenda before any discussion or action.

[08-26-2025](#) Written Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

These items will be considered by one motion unless any member of the Council or audience wishes to remove an item for discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion will be handled at the discretion of the Mayor.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approve the Draft Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025

2. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Quarterly Treasurer's Report summarizing treasury account balances and disbursements for April-June 2025

3. Adoption of Resolution - Fee Waiver Policy

Adopt a Resolution Updating the Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Fee Waiver Policy

4. Adoption of Resolution - COPS Grant Funding

Adopt a Resolution and Accept Grant Funding from the Citizens Option for Public Safety/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS/SLESF) and authorize revenue and allocate it to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

5. Acceptance of County Program

Review and accept the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025 (Year 4)

6. Adoption of Resolution - Contract Amendment

Adopt a Resolution approving Contract Amendment No. 2 with Beauchaine Consulting Group, LLC, in the amount of \$75,000, to provide continued Support for the final phase of the City's Tyler ERP implementation

7. Confirm Council Liaison Role to Committee

Confirm appointment of Councilmember Larry Lang to serve as Council Liaison for the Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee (JVAC) through the remainder of 2025

DISCUSSION ITEMS**8. Designate Voting Delegate - CalCities 2025 Annual Conference**

Designate a Voting Representative Delegate and Alternate to Vote on Proposed Resolutions at the CalCities 2025 Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA on October 8-10, 2025

9. Review Main Library Design Concept

Review Main Library Design Concept and forward funding request to the North County Library Authority (NCLA) for next phase of project

10. Adoption of Resolution - Public Art Funds

Review the Hillview Dog Park 95% submittals and adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Public Art funds in the amount not to exceed \$70,000 for art components to be included in the Hillview Dog Park project

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items

11. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Update Implementation Calendar**12. Update on City Website****13. 08-26-2025 Council QA****COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****ADJOURNMENT**

(Council Norms: It will be the custom to have a recess at approximately 9:00 p.m. Prior to the recess, the Mayor shall announce whether any items will be carried over to the next meeting. The

established hour after which no new items will be started is 11:00 p.m. Remaining items, however, may be considered by consensus of the Council.)

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If you wish to provide written materials, please provide the City Clerk with 10 copies of any document that you would like to submit to the City Council for the public record.

From: [Maria Bautista](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Los Altos City Council Meeting July 8, 2025 Item #8: Design Review Ordinance- Please continue to future meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:21:37 PM

Dear City Council,

As per my email to you on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, the revised Design Review Ordinance is concerning, The Design Review Ordinance changes were presented at the most recent Planning Commission meeting together with a revised Historical Preservation Ordinance and Mills Act Ordinance for the Planning Commission's ~~recomm~~endation. City Staff believed, and rightly so, that these three ordinances speak to one another.

The Historical Preservation and Mills Act changes, however, are required to be reviewed by the Historical Commission which has not taken place.

Therefore, the Design Review Ordinance before you tonight should not be considered until you and the public have had the opportunity to consider changes to the Historical Preservation Ordinance and Mills Act after the Historical Commission has provided a recommendation.

Please continue **Item #8 Adoption of Ordinances- Design Review** to a future City Council Meeting. In the meantime, please ask Staff to provide a delineated explanation for substantive alterations to the Design Review Ordinance.

Best regards,

Maria Bautista

From: [Maria Bautista](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Additional Comment, Los Altos City Council Meeting July 8, 2025 Item #8: Design Review Ordinance- Please continue to future meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:46:11 PM

Dear City Council,

This is a follow-on to my email sent earlier this evening.

Please continue **Item #8** Design Review Ordinance to a future city council meeting. It would be prudent for you and the public to review in writing Staff justifications for alterations and/or removal of the following and other material changes:

- Purpose Statement
- Pre-Application Opportunity
- Variances
- Mention of City-owned, historic and environmentally sensitive properties
- Appeal by “interested parties”

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Best,

Maria Bautista

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission to City Council
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 1:43:48 PM

Public Comment Submission to City Council

Submitting Written Comments on Agenda Items

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Your Public Comment	I have lodged complaints with the police department about commercial vehicles parked on Freemont Ave, apposite the city's own yard (that is at least fully fenced with a wooden fence).
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CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY OUR STREET IS BEING USED FOR COMMERCIAL AND TRUCK PARKING?

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Name	Pierre Joubert
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From: [Local Auctions](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: NOTICE: Construction Company Liquidation in La Verne, CA
Date: Monday, August 4, 2025 8:17:25 AM

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Construction Company Liquidation in La Verne, CA





Inquiry: Construction Company Liquidation Opportunity

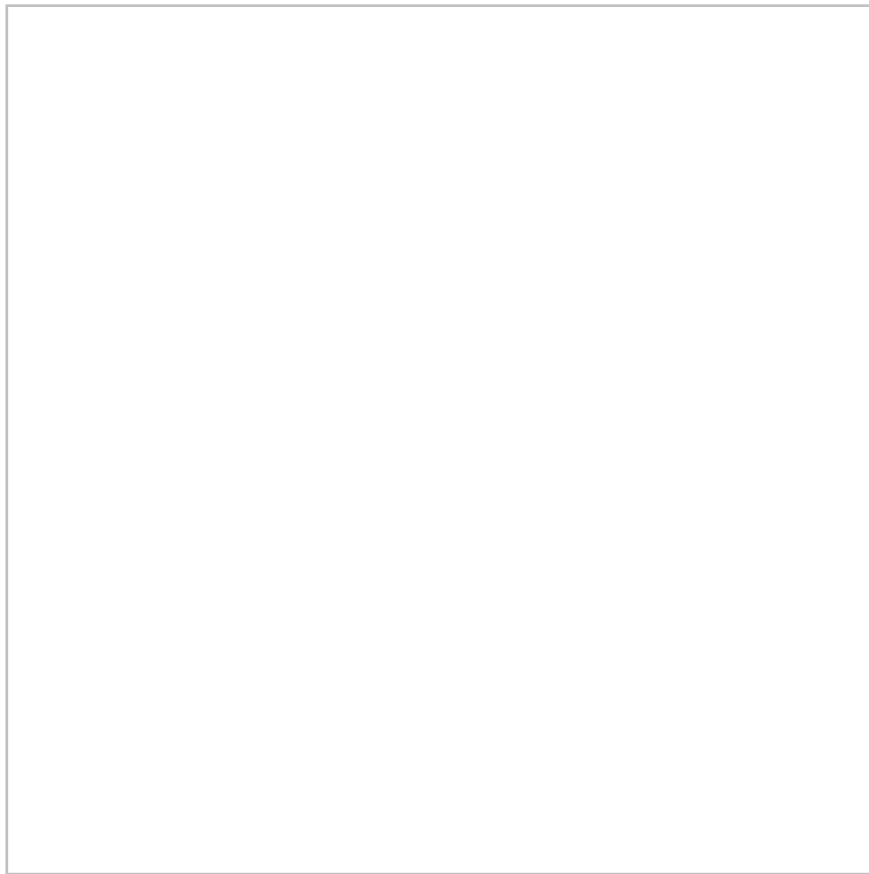
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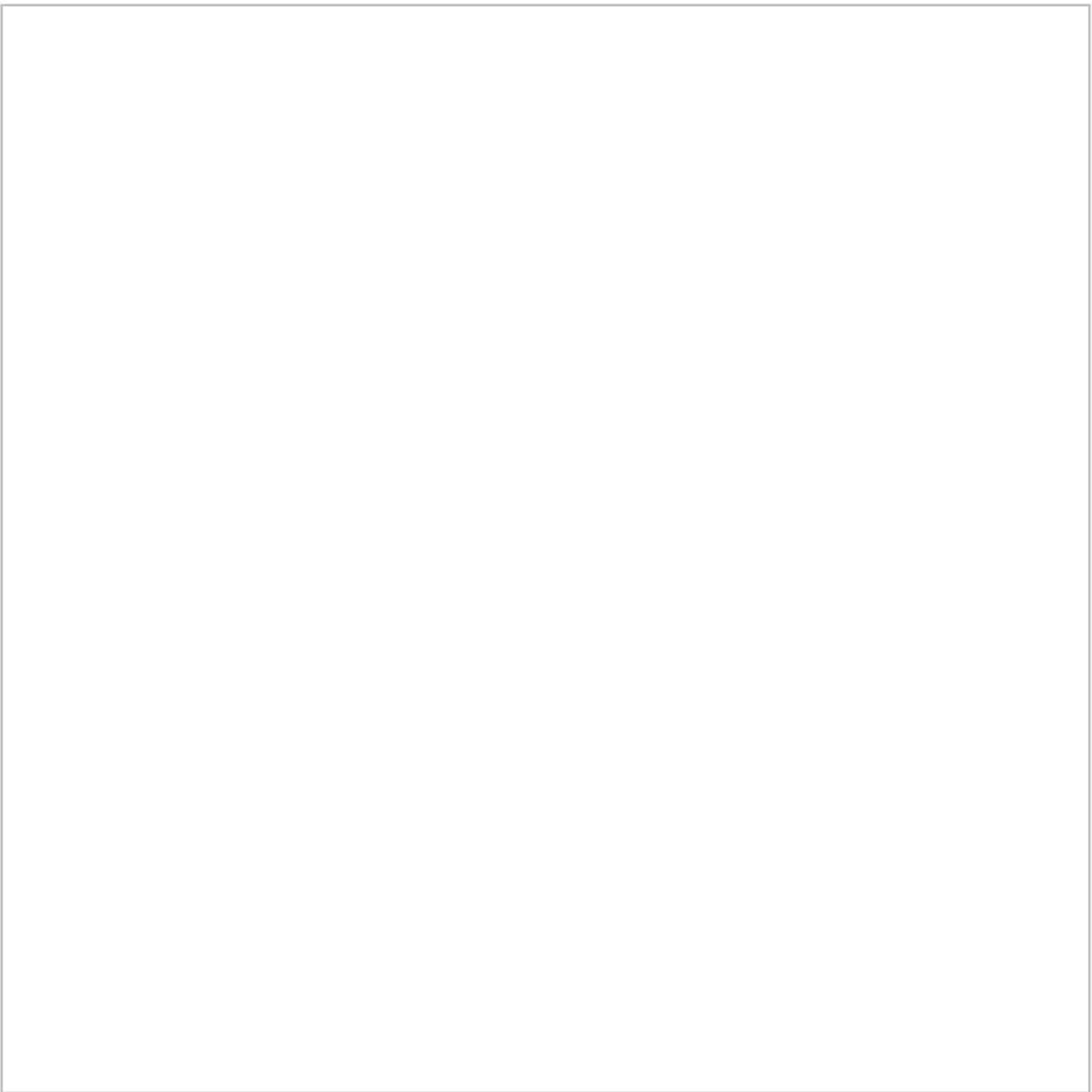
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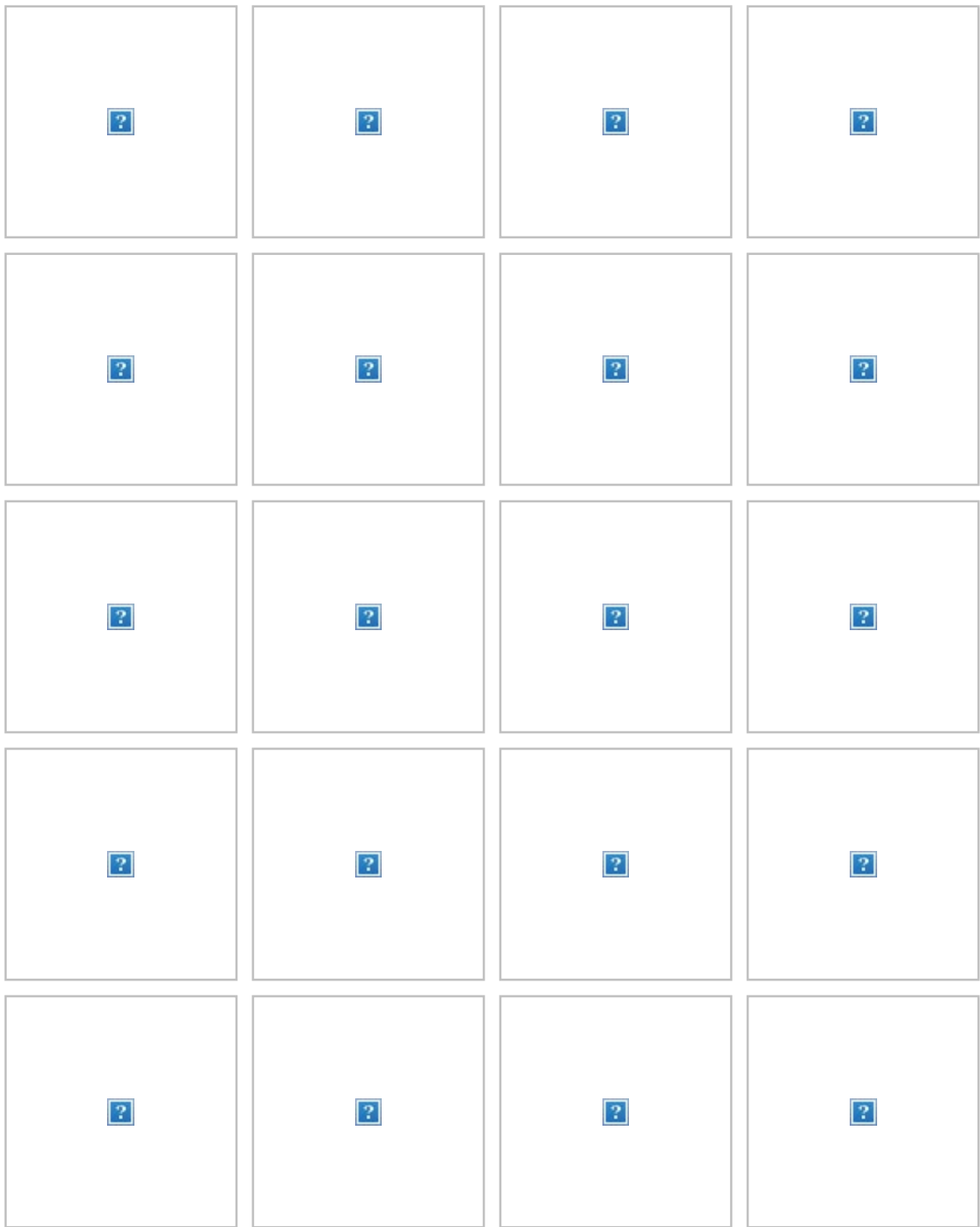


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From: [Local Auctions](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: 1 DAY LEFT: Construction Company Liquidation in La Verne, CA
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 12:00:57 PM

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Construction Company Liquidation in La Verne, CA





Inquiry: Construction Company Liquidation Opportunity

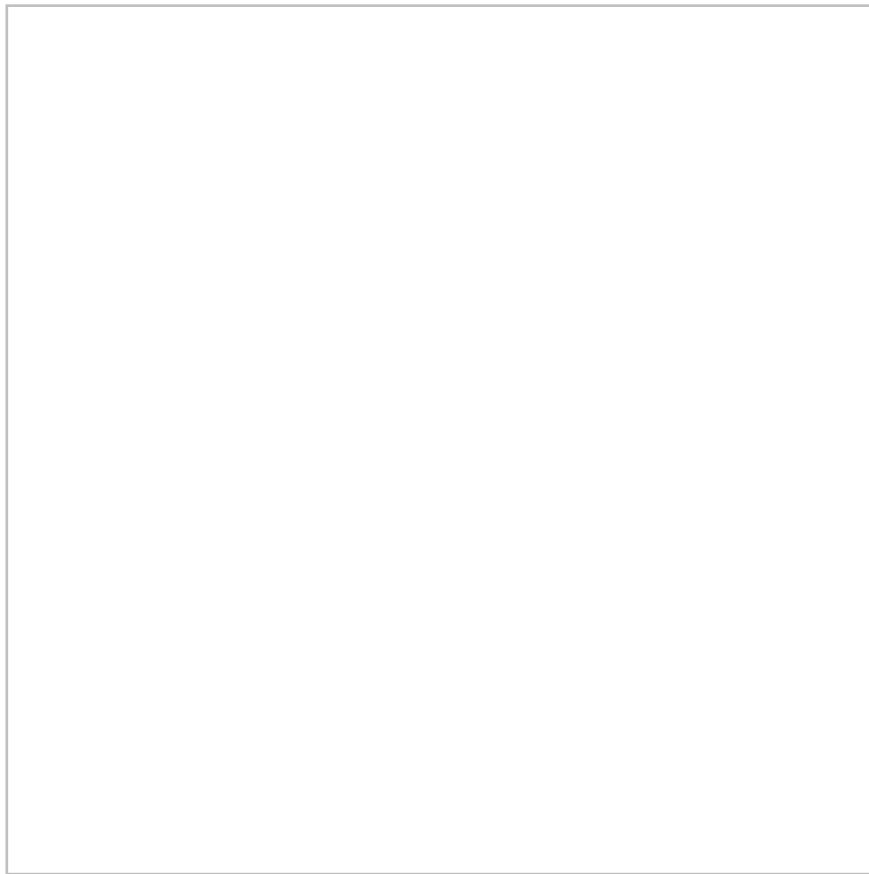
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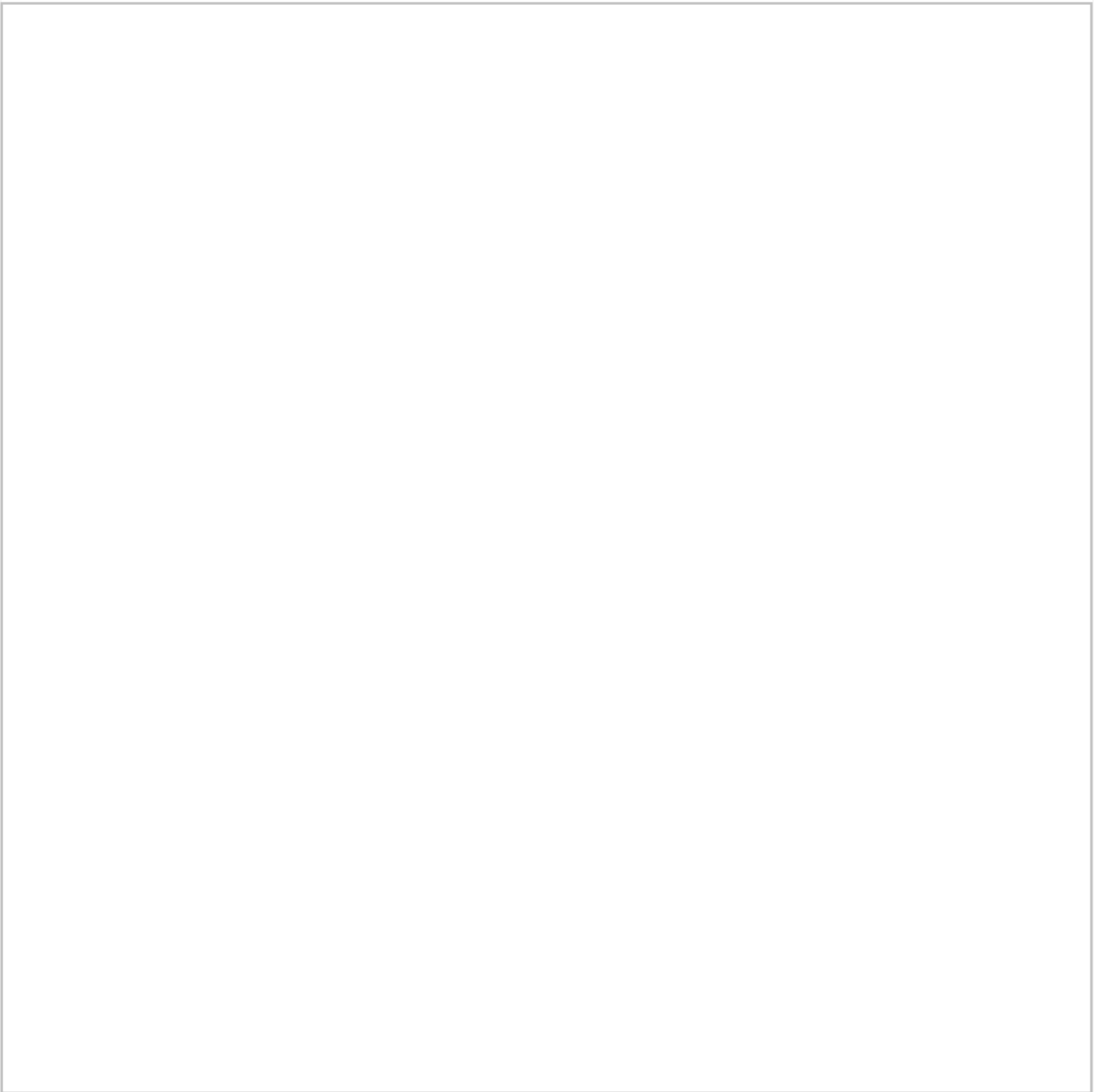
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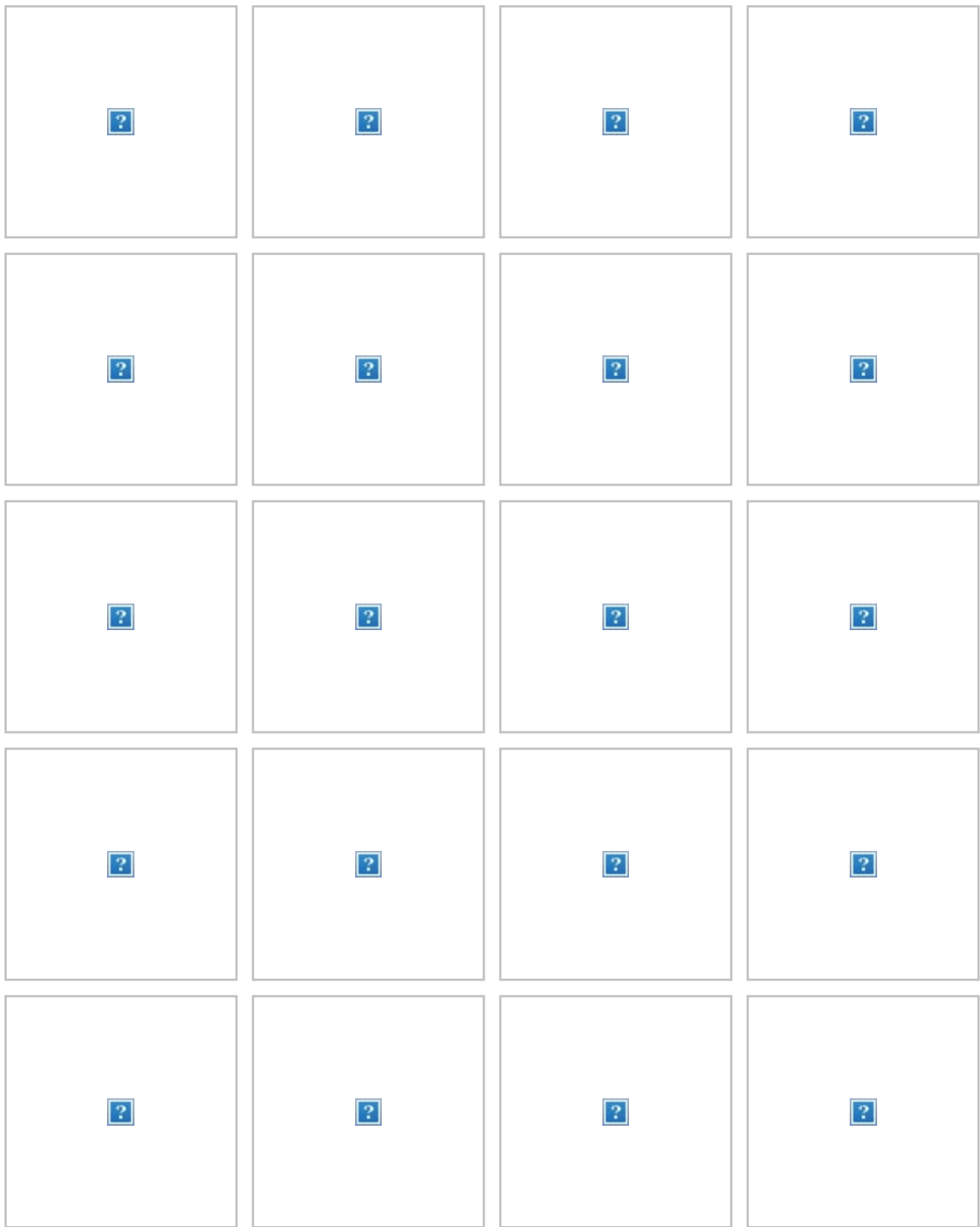


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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission to City Council
Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025 2:42:10 PM

Public Comment Submission to City Council

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Your Public Comment

Hi,
I have a 2-part comment related to recreation, specifically pickle ball
1. Could a system similar to the one in San Carlos be adapted for people waiting for a court where there is a rack to place paddles and move them along. This way it's more efficient as people are not waiting for a specific court, but just for any next court that opens up.
2. I am wondering if the city is considering expanding the number of pickle ball courts. The game is very popular and McKenzie courts get very crowded, where in the evening you may have to be there for 1 hr + to play 2 games. I am wondering if there is opportunity to convert some other tennis courts to pickle ball courts or to be able to use high school/middle school tennis courts as pickle ball courts after hours.

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Marina

Email

marinad@gmail.com

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission to City Council
Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 8:33:40 AM

Public Comment Submission to City Council

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Your Public Comment

I've recently noticed hourly "drone surveillances" over private residences. This creates buzzing noises every hour, causing disturbances in peace & quiet, natural ambience, sound quality. To protect neighborhood tranquility, can we arrange a discussion on rules & regulations on automated drone patrols?

Thank you.

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Email

mwjelly@gmail.com

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From: [Frank Verlot](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [REDACTED]
Cc: [Laura Fay](#)
Subject: Dog Park Surface item on Council Agenda
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:03:59 AM

Members of the Council

I hope you all got a chance to read and think about Laura Fay's letter in last week's Town Crier. FWIW, I agree with her 100% and believe that the use of a crushed granite surface instead of plastic/rubberized artificial turf the far superior choice.

At least to my way of thinking:

- More sustainable & environmentally friendly.
- Easier, more efficient, more sanitary in the picking up and policing of dog poops.
- Less expensive to Install and Maintain.

What's not to Like?

Frank Verlot
Former City Councilman 1981-89
Former Mayor 1984-85
986 Spencer Way
Los Altos, CA 94025
650-417-1829

From: p.landsberger@yahoo.com
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Council Meeting August 26, 2025, Item 10. Adoption of Resolution - Public Art Funds
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:56:01 PM
Attachments: [Public Comment - Council Meeting of Aug. 26, 2025, Item 10 Adoption of Resolution - Public Art Funds.pdf](#)

To: Los Altos City Council

From: Peter Landsberger

Subject: Public Comment, Council Meeting August 26, 2025, Item 10. Adoption of Resolution - Public Art Funds

Date: August 21, 2025

The following public comment is attached:

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to urge you to reject the use of artificial turf in the new Hillview dog park and instead to select decomposed granite, a choice that is both environmentally responsible and fiscally prudent.

Manufacturers of “modern” artificial turf often claim their products are cost-effective and environmentally friendly, but you should be skeptical of those claims because they are misleading. When the full life cycle is considered, artificial turf is far from inexpensive or sustainable. The initial installation is only the beginning; it also requires ongoing maintenance, regular replacement, and ultimately disposal of worn-out material that cannot be recycled. These costs, taken together, almost certainly exceed those associated with decomposed granite.

I recognize that City staff will likely provide an analysis focused narrowly on the use of artificial turf in a dog park. If their conclusion is that turf appears cheaper in that specific context, they will understandably recommend it. However, I think your responsibility as Councilmembers is broader. You must consider not only short-term project costs but also the long-term environmental impacts and persistent health concerns associated with artificial turf.

Los Altos has established itself as a leader in sustainability and as a community committed to a resilient, healthy future. This project provides you with the opportunity to demonstrate that leadership in practice. Choosing decomposed granite over artificial turf would avoid hidden long-term costs, reduce environmental harm, and reinforce the city’s stated values.

I urge you to make the responsible choice for the community and our future. Please reject artificial turf for the dog park and instead select decomposed granite.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Landsberger

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Landsberger".

Peter Landsberger

From: [Pat Marriott](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM #12 AUGUST 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 10:54:45 AM
Attachments: [public comment item 12 august 26, 2025.pdf](#)

Please see attached.

Public Comment Item 12 August 26, 2025 Council Meeting

Council Members:

I don't know why there will be no discussion on this item, since the "memorandum" in the August 26, 2025 packet provides many topics for consideration.

The City Website Update Report at [Website Update.pdf](#) says:

"City staff received multiple training sessions and had the opportunity to work on the new website before its public launch, ensuring a smooth transition on June 11th."

An ironic statement, since the transition was anything but smooth.

"Staff had also anticipated that the weeks and months spent after the launch date of the new website would be spent identifying and fixing reported issues, and we received multiple notifications from members of the public of areas of concern."

Identifying and fixing bugs should not happen AFTER the launch date. Standard practice dictates a schedule for alpha and beta testing BEFORE launch.

"One of the significant issues that occurred after the launch was the identification that the city's current agenda management system, MuniCode, would not work correctly with the new website platform. This came as a surprise to both city staff and CivicPlus, as this was not discovered during the multiple testing phases before June 11th..."

It's hard to imagine this came as a surprise to anyone. It casts doubts on the technical capabilities of the vendor. It indicates inadequate test plans on the part of the vendor and the city. It highlights the importance of preparing a product spec/requirements document before signing a contract, a critical first step that was omitted from the process.

"It is important to note that the city's published agenda packets since the June 11th website launch are fully compliant with California State law."

Yes, that's important, but neglects the impact of reduced functionality and frustrating user experience.

"Once this issue was identified, CivicPlus immediately began working with city staff to update our agenda management system to a more current and streamlined platform ..."

It's too bad no one bothered to notify users about the issue, thus leaving us to waste countless hours reporting problems staff was already aware of.

After sending my first review of the new site on June 18, I got this response: "Thank you for the comments. They are helpful." No mention of the known problem with MuniCode, telling me I need not bother doing any further reviews. No follow-up in the succeeding weeks to any of my additional comments. No indication the issues I raised were recorded as bug reports, though I was surprised to discover the city doesn't keep a bug list.

Contrary to the statement that, *"The City is eager to continue to work with the public on this significant website update and to ensure that our residents' concerns and feedback are heard and attended to promptly,"* it wasn't until August 4th that I found out the new website and the old agenda management system are not compatible. And now, ten weeks after the June 11 launch, the problem is brought to public attention.

While a new document management system is necessary for the website to function properly, will we still have access to all the existing MuniCode documents?

Significantly missing from this update is relevant financial information:

- Did we pay the vendor the full \$78,680 for the website migration when we received the June 11 version?
- What are we paying for development of the new document management system? The annual cost is \$14,700, which I assume is on top of the \$25,184 annual recurring services in the original agreement.

This project demonstrates inadequate technical capabilities, misplaced trust, insufficient attention on Council's part, lack of transparency, disregard for residents' concerns and waste of public funds.

Seems like a lot of potential discussion topics.

Respectfully,

Pat Marriott

From: [Quinten Yearsley](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:24:57 PM

Dear Councilmembers,

I urge the city council to require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf OR to vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

In general, I would like to urge the council to prioritize environmental impact as a factor for consideration when making decisions.

As an additional quick comment: I know a backyard is a different context with different requirements than a dog park, but in my personal experience with artificial turf in my yard I've found that it gets very hot in the summer. It may *look* green, but I actually would have been more comfortable with brown grass or dirt and will eventually consider replacing the artificial turf in my yard.

Thank you,
Los Altos resident Quinten Yearsley

From: [Killian Fay](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:58:22 PM

Dear City Council,

I urge the city council to either a) require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf OR b) vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

Thank you,
Killian Fay

From: [Lonnie Gary](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 – Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 2:56:03 PM

Dear Councilmembers,

I urge the city council to require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf OR to vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

The Los Altos Parks & Recreation Department’s proposal to install artificial turf at the new Hillview dog park directly contradicts the city’s environmental goals, especially the Environmental Commission’s plan to prioritize green landscaping and reduce waste. Los Altos should actively consider decomposed granite as a cost-effective, viable alternative for dog parks - a solution that most Bay Area cities have standardized.

Artificial turf is still made from plastic and rubber—materials that contribute to microplastic pollution, chemical runoff, and high carbon emissions. It contains hazardous chemicals like lead, phthalates, and PFAS (“forever chemicals”), with growing evidence of long-term health impacts. Leading environmental and health groups, including the Sierra Club and the Santa Clara Medical Association, oppose artificial turf use.

Regards,
Lonnie Gary, Member
Los Altos Rotary, Climate Action Committee

From: [Andrea Wald](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 3:30:05 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I urge the city council to either a) require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf OR b) vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration"

My initial interaction with this council was way back on 7/8/24 when I learned that you would be voting on the new dog park at Hillview and that artificial turf was being considered. I showed up in person to make a public comment. Unfortunately my comment did not seem to sway anyone and artificial turf was approved to be part of the project.

Since then I've emailed and made several appearances and public comments to City Council, the Sustainability Commission and the Parks and Rec Commission members. I've provided substantiated info on why artificial turf is bad and how decomposed granite is the better surface for many reasons.

Hoping my emails were received and read and have given you reason to question the installation of artificial turf at the dog park. Rather than repeat all that I've sent and materials I know you've received from others regarding this issue, I am simply including below most of the article that was printed in a recent Los Altos Town Crier. It certainly lays out all the valid concerns about Artificial Turf and why you should reconsider going with decomposed granite instead.

Thank you for all you do for Los Altos residents and for their furry friends!

Andrea Wald

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While artificial turf vendors tout "new technology," the environmental and practical downsides remain significant. These include:

Environmental and Practical Concerns: Artificial turf is still made from plastic and rubber—materials that contribute to microplastic pollution, chemical runoff, and high carbon emissions. It's energy-intensive to manufacture and almost impossible to recycle, ending up in landfills every

few years. Artificial turf also traps heat, contributing to the urban “heat island” effect, especially problematic in Los Altos, which has 263 sunny days per year.

In winter, the low-permeable base beneath artificial turf can exacerbate flooding and harm tree roots. It doesn't absorb pet waste, leading to odors, bacteria, and increased maintenance, including the need for frequent washing—ironically, with water, despite the drought-conscious rationale for its installation.

Cost and Health Risks: *Artificial turf is arguably the most expensive surface option due to high installation, maintenance, and replacement costs. It contains hazardous chemicals like lead, phthalates, and PFAS (“forever chemicals”), with growing evidence of long-term health impacts.*

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From: [Caroline Rumpitz](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 4:31:38 PM

Los Altos City Council,

We are adding my voice against using turf in the planned Hillview Dog Park. As a dog owner, I can say that this material is an awful choice. The plastic becomes incredibly hot in the warm months which is not safe for dogs. The plastic gets imbedded in dog paws causing irritation. The dog's urine and feces will collect and cause an incredibly disgusting stench! This material is a terrible choice.

We would very much like the entire plan to be voted down as it is ridiculously expensive and will not get used by more than a handful of individuals. This project is an incredible WASTE of taxpayer money. The dog park that is already at Hillview is hardly used. This is a joke.

If there is no hope of killing this terrible project, I strongly urge the city council to either require decomposed granite as a surface and exclude the artificial turf.

*Sincerely,
Caroline and Eric Rumpitz
717 Linden Ave
Los Altos*

From: [Peter Fay](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 5:17:35 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I urge the city council to either

a) require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf

OR

b) vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration”

The Los Altos Parks & Recreation Department’s proposal to install artificial turf at the new Hillview dog park directly contradicts the city’s environmental goals, especially the Environmental Commission’s plan to prioritize green landscaping and reduce waste. Los Altos should actively consider decomposed granite as a cost-effective, viable alternative for dog parks - a solution that most Bay Area cities have standardized. Importantly, despite manufactures claims that the artificial turf is recyclable it is not, and after the 10 year life span of the turf is up the city will have to pay to have it taken to the landfill.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Fay

From: [Kay Stenn](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Friday, August 22, 2025 8:34:30 PM

I urge the city council to either a) Require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park and exclude artificial turf OR, b) Vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

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From: [Sherry Auerbach](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment--Agenda Item #10--Hillview Dog Park--Meeting August 26, 2025
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 7:20:27 AM

To: PublicComment@LosAltosCA.gov

Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 – Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025

Dear Councilmembers,

I urge the city council to require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf OR to vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

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While artificial turf vendors tout "new technology," the environmental and practical downsides remain significant. These include:

Environmental and Practical Concerns: Artificial turf is still made from plastic and rubber—materials that contribute to microplastic pollution, chemical runoff, and high carbon emissions. It's energy-intensive to manufacture and almost impossible to recycle, ending up in landfills every few years. Artificial turf also traps heat, contributing to the urban "heat island" effect, especially problematic in Los Altos, which has 263 sunny days per year.

In winter, the low-permeable base beneath artificial turf can exacerbate flooding and harm tree roots. It doesn't absorb pet waste, leading to odors, bacteria, and increased maintenance, including the need for frequent washing—ironically, with water, despite the drought-conscious rationale for its installation.

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Best regards,

Sherry Auerbach
379 Hawthorne Ave.
Los Altos

From: [Robert Hall](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 8:24:58 AM

I urge the council to select DG or wood chips for the dog park.

Artificial turf:

- doesn't biodegrade, it breaks up into microplastic as it ages
- can heat up 50 degrees more than other surfaces and can burn paws
- offgasses as it heats up
- as a fossil fuel product, it's difficult to recycle without using a lot more fossil fuel to break it down
- must be disinfected daily to prevent the spread of diseases

Thanks,
Bob Hall

Sent from my iPad

From: [John McBirney](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: No artificial turf in dog park
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 8:30:08 AM

Dear Councilmembers,

I urge the city council to require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park and exclude artificial turf OR to vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

This is a plastic material now known to be detrimental to the environment and to human health.

Sincerely,

John McBirnrey, 149 Doud Drive, Los Altos

From: [Wendy Walleigh](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 – Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 12:53:37 PM

Dear Council Members,

I urge Los Altos City Council to exclude Artificial Turf from the Hillview dog park and instead require decomposed granite as the surface, which is a cost-effective, viable alternative. OR postpone this decision to further consider what other cities like Millbrae, Santa Rosa, San Marino, and Carmel-by-the Sea have standardized upon. The successful use by many California cities of decomposed granite should influence Los Altos' decision for the new Hillview dog park in a future City Council meeting.

Meanwhile, there are other factors that should be incorporated into decision-making for the new dog park surface:

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Please do what is in the best health and environmental interests of Los Altos: ban the use of artificial turf and use a cost-effective, viable alternative such as decomposed granite.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy Walleigh
1050 Fremont Ave.
Los Altos, CA 95024

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"Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read.

You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore.

We have seen the future, and the future is ours." Cesar Chavez

From: [Janet Harding](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #10
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 1:47:24 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council—I write to report my strong objections to the proposed installation of Astro Turf for the soon-to-open Hillview dog park. Environmental studies abound re. A.T. plastic being harmful to human—also presumably dog—health. I’m counting on each of you to reject Astro Turf installation for ALL our community’s current & future projects. Best, Janet Harding

Sent from my iPad

From: [Laura Fay](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 4:14:28 PM
Attachments: [Sunnyvale Park Design Guidelines - 2022.pdf](#)
[Comparison - Cost and Environmental - K9Grass and Decomposed Granite.pdf](#)
[South Bay Dog Park Samples - Aug 2025.pdf](#)

Dear Los Altos City Council members,

I am a dog lover and a former dog owner. I am a member of the Los Altos Rotary Climate Action Committee.

I urge you to prioritize public health and environmental impact as the most responsible factors when drawing your conclusions on the Hillview dog park surface.

What is a viable alternative to the proposed artificial turf ?

Decomposed granite should be considered as a highly viable alternative to artificial turf, which is in widespread use in dog parks across the Bay Area.

Sunnyvale requires decomposed granite for ALL their dog parks (ref Sunnyvale Park Design Guidelines Nov 2022 attached). Cities around the Bay Area are using decomposed granite successfully in their dog parks including Redwood City, San Jose, Palo Alto, San Ramon, Foster City, San Francisco, Pleasanton, El Cerrito, Oakland, Mountain View, Santa Clara, Milpitas and others. (see also attached reference of south bay dog park surfaces and P&R comments)

The reasons for these municipal decisions are clear . Decomposed granite...

- is natural and durable
- fits with the rural character of Los Altos
- does not contain PFAS (forever chemicals) or chemical adhesives
- does not shed microplastics
- does not end up in a landfill or incinerators
- does not have a fossil-fuel-based manufacturing process

Even if the hard financial costs are equal (ref cost comparison attached), decomposed granite avoids the environmental and health costs that won't appear in the city's budget, but are paid by our ecosystems, our climate, and ultimately our residents.

I urge council members to prioritize public health and environmental impact as the most responsible factors when drawing your conclusions on the Hillview dog park surface.

Thank You.



Sunnyvale

CITY OF SUNNYVALE

PARK DESIGN GUIDELINES

Revised: November 10, 2022

- type of water feature shall be clean, potable (non-recycled), and have a backflow prevention device installed at its connection to the water source.
 2. Water runoff from water play areas shall be conveyed via drain inlet to drainage structures connected to sewer lines.
- C. Playground Surfacing
1. Playground surfacing materials shall be selected on a case-by-case basis to suit the needs of each playground and its intended user group.
 2. Where possible, porous poured-in-place resilient surfacing shall be used as a resilient surface within the playground areas, and/or for use within the accessible path of travel to accessible equipment within a play area.
 3. Synthetic Play Turf shall be used as a resilient surface on sloped play areas and in high traffic play areas such as a "slide zone."
 4. As an alternative option, engineered wood fiber (EWF) may be used as a resilient surface within playground areas.
 5. In play areas designed near or within the dripline of existing trees, porous resilient rubber surfacing shall include an open-graded aggregate base to allow tree roots access to air.
 6. In play areas not designed near existing trees, or requiring separate drainage, a concrete base shall be included beneath the porous resilient surface.
 7. Playground surfacing thickness shall be determined by the critical fall height of the playground equipment within each play area. Critical fall heights shall be provided by the playground equipment manufacturer.
 8. Refer to City Standard Details:
 - a. PK-8A – Porous Resilient Surface with Crushed Rock Base
 - b. PK-8B – Porous Resilient Surface with Concrete Base
 - c. PK-8C - Synthetic Play Turf with Aggregate Base
 - d. PK-8D - Synthetic Play Turf with Concrete Base
 - e. PK-8E – Synthetic Play Turf and Connection

VI. Dog Parks

- A. General Dog Park Design Guidelines
1. Where feasible, parks shall include separate areas designated for dogs and their owners. Inclusion of dog parks in park designs should be reviewed during the design process.
 2. Incorporate shaded areas into dog parks whenever possible, either provided by existing trees, new trees, or by a shade structure.
 3. Dog parks should be located on the periphery of the site, or in an area that does not require park visitors with dogs to walk past or through playgrounds or picnic areas.
 4. Provide separate access for dog park visitors and maintenance staff.
 5. **Surfacing within dog parks shall be decomposed granite.** The decomposed granite shall be contained at the edge with a wood header or concrete edgeband.
 6. The dog park may be divided into two separate areas for large and small dogs. Large dogs shall be designated as those weighing over 25 lbs. Small dogs shall be designated as those weighing less than 25 lbs. Use 6' tall chain link fence for the large dog area and 42" tall fence for the small dog area. Fencing to be black vinyl chain link fence.

7. Provide additional amenities for the comfort and convenience of dogs and dog owners such as bench seating and a drinking fountain with a dog bowl.
8. Refer to City Standard Details:
 - a. PK-1C – 6’ Park Bench, Surface Mount
 - b. PK-1D – 6’ Park Bench, Embedded Mount
 - c. PK-4 – Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler And Pet Station.
 - d. PK-13 - Dog Park Signage.
 - e. PK-35 – 42” Chain Link Fence.
 - f. PK-36 – 6’ Tall Chain Link Fence.

VII. Synthetic Turf Athletic Fields

A. General Synthetic Turf Athletic Field Design Guidelines

1. Synthetic turf athletic fields shall be provided in parks with adequate demand for evening and year-round sports activities. While synthetic turf fields offer reduced maintenance and water-use requirements, they are not maintenance-free and do require some water for intermittent cleaning.
2. Vendor-provided training on the maintenance requirements for synthetic turf shall be incorporated into the project specifications. Grooming and sweeping equipment, and storage space for such equipment, shall be included in the design for synthetic turf athletic fields.
3. For multi-sport applications, the following vendor and product, or a product equal in quality can be used as a basis of design:
 - a. Manufacturer: FieldTurf USA
 - b. Product: 2” Vertex Prime Turf (Hybrid Monofilament Core/Classic blend)
 - c. Infill Material: Silica Sand with Granular Cork Infill
 - d. Synthetic Turf Colors:
 - e. Color for baseball/softball infield shall be “Rust”
 - f. Color for all other area shall be “Field/Summer Green”
 - g. Manufactured Porous Closed Cell Composite: “Powerbase YSR” by Brock International.
 - h. Variations in the specified system/product must be reviewed with Park/City staff during the design process.

B. Field Orientation & Striping

1. Athletic fields shall be oriented optimally for each sport to reduce solar interference during sunrise/sunset for both players and spectators.
2. Baseball/Softball – The line from home plate to the pitcher’s mound shall be oriented along a E/NE axis. Alternatively, the line from home plate to the pitcher’s mound may be oriented along a E/SE axis.
3. Soccer/Cricket – The long axis of the field shall be oriented North-South
4. Synthetic turf areas should be large and contiguous in shape, while including striping for those sports deemed suitable for each park. Fields should be striped for use by multiple sports, with overlapping fields, as deemed appropriate. The field surface shall remain consistent in material (turf product and infill) throughout the entire field area, regardless of the change in striping for different sports.
5. Athletic field striping shall be inlaid in turf field with contrasting colors to allow for visual clarity between different sports fields. Striping for fields deemed to take precedence over others shall be consistently inlaid on top of striping from other/adjacent fields.

Dog Park Samples - Santa Clara County / South Bay

Jurisdiction	Park Name	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
Campbell							--		See Los Gatos Creek
Cupertino	Mary Avenue Dog Park	S	L		DG		0.84	Map	Two fenced areas, one for small dogs under 25 pounds and one for dogs over 25 lbs. “We did research other dog parks in the area and many of them also were using DG. We’ve not had much trouble with the material” – Chad Mosley, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Los Gatos	None						--		No dog park. Dogs off-leash are not allowed in city.
Milpitas	Milpitas Dog Park	S	L		Grass & DG paths		0.92	Map	Part of Ed Levin Park. Owned & operated by Milpitas
Palo Alto	Mitchell	S	L		Grass & DG		0.56	Map	DG and grass fields
Palo Alto	Peers	S	L		Grass	2018	0.84	Map	Includes separate small dog area. Could not discern dog park on Google satellite map.
Palo Alto	Greer	S			DG		0.11	Map	Small dog

Jurisdiction	Park Name	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
Palo Alto	Hoover	S	L		DG		0.20	Map	“It is easier to maintain DG vs the natural grass. Some users prefer DG because it minimizes the amount of mud and it’s typically accessible year-round” – Mark Ribeiro, Community Services Manager Open Space, Parks, and Golf – Palo Alto
Santa Clara	Reed Street Dog Park	S			DG & AT		1.20	Map	AKA Gamma Dog Park
Santa Clara County	Los Gatos Creek	S	L		AT + DG		0.96	Map	
Santa Clara County	Ed Levin						0.92		See Milpitas
Santa Clara County	Hellyer	S	L		Grass + DG		0.98	Map	
Sunnyvale	Las Palmas	S	L		Grass + DG				“Parks staff like decomposed granite as it is easy to keep clean, doesn’t retain the smell of urine and it’s easy to maintain and repair. Other surfaces were considered (i.e. artificial turf, woodchips) but we thought that decomposed granite was the best choice. The City’s two other dog parks are also decomposed granite.” – Jim Stark, Superintendent of Parks

Jurisdiction	Park Name	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
Sunnyvale	Fair Oaks	S	L		DG				
Sunnyvale	Seven Seas	S	L		DG				
Sunnyvale	Muwekma	S	L		DG				
Sunnyvale	Lakewood								
San Jose	Butcher Dog Park	S	L		AT & DG		0.65	Map	
San Jose	Discovery Dog Park	S	L		Grass & DG path		0.40	Map	AKA Delma Dog Park.
San Jose	Fontana Dog Park	S	L		DG	2005	0.66	Map	
San Jose	Miyuki Dog Park	S	L		Soil & grass		0.28	Map	
San Jose	Raleigh Linear Park	S	L		AT & DG		0.15	Map	
San Jose	Ryland Dog Park	S	L		DG		0.12	Map	All dogs. Under bridge.

Jurisdiction	Park Name	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
San Jose	Saratoga Creek Dog Park	S	L		AT, concrete paths, mulch		0.51	Map	All dogs
San Jose	Selma Olinder Dog Park	S	L		Wood chips and DG		0.75	Map	
San Jose	SoFa Dog Park	S	L		AT		0.04	Map	Pocket park. One area. No web page.
San Jose	Watson Park	S	L		Grass & DG		1.64	Map	

10-Year Cost Estimate Comparison

K9Grass® (ForeverLawn) and Decomposed Granite (DG)

Prepared by Laura Fay, Los Altos

Aug 6 2025

Below is a holistic 10-year cost comparison between K9Grass® (ForeverLawn) and Decomposed Granite (DG), considering not only the financial cost but also environmental and human health impacts.

Summary

When weighing environmental and health externalities alongside financial cost:

- Decomposed Granite offers the lowest overall 10-year impact, especially when unsealed and maintained naturally.
- K9Grass provides odor control and lower maintenance, but carries significant environmental costs from microplastics, carbon footprint, and chemical exposure—especially concerning for municipal or public use over large areas.
- Every environmental and health concern mentioned—microplastics, PFAS, VOCs, disposal constraints, heat retention, etc.—is supported by independent academic, public health, or government-related sources. DG’s minimal impact is inferred from its natural mineral state and absence of synthetic additives.



10-Year Cost Comparison: Including Environmental & Health Factors

(Per 1,000 sq ft, U.S. average)

Factor	K9Grass (Synthetic Turf)	Decomposed Granite (DG)
Initial Install Cost	\$11,000 – \$16,000	\$4,000 – \$7,000
10-Year Maintenance Cost	\$2,500 – \$3,500	\$3,000 – \$6,000
10-Year Financial Total	\$13,500 – \$19,500	\$7,000 – \$13,000

Factor	K9Grass (Synthetic Turf)	Decomposed Granite (DG)
Polymer/Plastic Content	High – polyethylene, nylon, backing glues	Minimal – none if untreated
Microplastics Risk	High – shedding of plastic fibers over time	None
Heat Island Effect	High – turf heats to 140–160°F	Low – natural surface, cooler
Drainage/Odor	Very good due to knitted backing	Variable – can retain odor without enzyme
Lifecycle (Disposal)	Landfill only , not recyclable	Natural , reusable or compostable
Chemical Exposure Risk	Possible VOC off-gassing, chemical adhesives, PFAS (in some models)	Low – if not stabilized with binders
Carbon Footprint (est.)	High upfront – fossil-fuel-based manufacturing & transport	Low – local quarrying possible
Human Health Concerns	Possible concern re: prolonged exposure to hot turf, plasticizers, PFAS	Low (unless stabilized with synthetic resin)
Environmental Score (est.)	 Low (2–3/10)	 Moderate–High (7–8/10)

Commentary: Environmental & Health Impacts

K9Grass / Synthetic Turf

- **Material Composition:** Includes polyethylene or nylon grass blades, polyurethane or latex backing, and antimicrobial chemical additives. These are fossil-fuel derived, non-biodegradable.
- **Environmental Externalities:**
 - Releases microplastics over time (especially under foot traffic or UV exposure).
 - Not recyclable; most turf ends up in landfills or incinerators.

- Often installed with adhesives and foams that may release VOCs (volatile organic compounds).
- Recent testing of some turf brands has raised PFAS concerns, though not all contain them
- **Health Risk:**
 - Artificial Turf can reach skin-burn-level temperatures (140°F+).
 - Children and pets in prolonged contact could be exposed to low-level chemical residues.

● Decomposed Granite (DG)

- **Material Composition:** Crushed natural rock, no synthetic polymers. Optional stabilizers (which may be petroleum-based) could alter this.
- **Environmental & Health Profile:**
 - Natural product, **locally sourced** in many regions, **low embedded energy**.
 - No plastics or VOCs if left untreated.
 - **Fully permeable**, supports groundwater recharge, no landfill waste.
 - Dust can be a minor health irritant if not sealed or stabilized.
- **Carbon footprint** is significantly lower than synthetic turf over time.

Conclusion

If you **weigh environmental and health externalities** alongside financial cost:

- **Decomposed Granite** offers the **lowest overall 10-year impact**, especially when unsealed and maintained naturally.
- **K9Grass** provides odor control and lower maintenance, but carries **significant environmental costs** from microplastics, carbon footprint, and chemical exposure—especially concerning for municipal or public use over large areas.

Below are the **sources supporting the environmental and health factors** integrated into the comparison between **K9Grass (synthetic turf)** and **Decomposed Granite (DG)**:

Environmental & Health Impact of Synthetic Turf

- **Artificial Turf & Plastic Pollution:** A 2024 webinar and study highlight that modern turf sheds plastic fibers into waterways—up to 20,000 fibers per day in rivers and over 200,000 per day near shorelines—contributing to global microplastic pollution. PFAS have been detected in turf products, raising public health and environmental alarms. [Collaborative for Health & Environment](#)[Institute for Exposomic Research](#)
 - **Toxic Chemical Exposure:** Studies confirm artificial turf contains lead, heavy metals, benzene, arsenic, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), PAHs, phthalates, and PFAS—substances linked to endocrine disruption, neurotoxicity, and cancer. Even non-infill turf often contains PFAS in plastics. [ScienceDirect](#)[Clean Water Action](#)[PMCI](#)[Institute for Exposomic Research](#)
 - **PFAS Uptake by Users:** A 2024 study found athletes had elevated PFOS levels on their skin after playing on synthetic turf, while levels dropped after playing on natural grass. [The Guardian](#)
 - **Disposal Challenges:** Turf is non-recyclable and typically sent to landfills or incinerated; only a small fraction (< 10%) is diverted through recycling programs. [University of South Florida](#)[The Washington Post](#)
 - **Life Cycle & Climate Impact:** A Zurich University LCA found artificial turf (especially with infill) generates high embodied CO₂ from production and disposal. While turf may reduce maintenance emissions, it contributes significantly to microplastic pollution and ecotoxicity. [fsb-cologne.com](#)[PubMed](#)
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◆ Key Takeaways for Synthetic Turf

- **Material-intensive:** Composed of plastics, PFAS-treated fibers, adhesives, and infill that degrade over time.
 - **Human health concerns:** Elevated chemical exposure potential, especially in children and pets.
 - **Environmental footprint:** High—due to microplastics shedding, toxic leachates, landfill disposal, and heat-trapping surface effects.
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Decomposed Granite (DG): Environmental & Health Profile

- DG is a **natural, inert rock material** with minimal processing.
- **No synthetic polymers or PFAS**, unless treated with synthetic stabilizers.
- Fully permeable, supporting better stormwater infiltration and reducing urban heat buildup.
- Dust generation may cause minor local air quality irritation if unsealed; otherwise, DG is **low impact and biodegradable**.

✓ Summary Table of Sources

Impact Area	Synthetic Turf Sources	DG Sources
Microplastics & PFAS	CHE webinar, USF, Mount Sinai publications Collaborative for Health & EnvironmentInstitute for Exposomic ResearchUniversity of South Florida	N/A (inherent absence of polymer)
Chemical/Toxicity Studies	Clean Water Action, ScienceDirect, PubMed ScienceDirectClean Water ActionPMC	N/A
Skin Exposure / Human Uptake	Guardian study on PFOS exposure The Guardian	N/A
Life Cycle / Environmental Impact	Zurich University LCA; other peer-reviewed data fsb-cologne.comPubMedACSESS	Natural sourcing implications
Disposal & Recycling Issues	USF public health reporting, news investigations University of South FloridaThe Washington Post	Biodegradable/natural reapplication

📄 Summary

Every environmental and health concern mentioned—microplastics, PFAS, VOCs, disposal constraints, heat retention, etc.—is supported by independent academic, public health, or government-related sources. DG’s minimal impact is inferred from its natural mineral state and absence of synthetic additives.

From: [Carol Dabb](#) on behalf of [Carol A. Dabb](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: No astro turf
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 4:35:10 PM

Do not install plastic turf at the Hillview dog park. The production alone pollutes. It provides no CO2 for clean air. It becomes extremely hot in warm weather. Too hot for doggies' feet.
Carol Dabb

Carol A. Dabb, Art Consultant
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"Art makes a statement. Let me help you make the right one."

From: [Ellen Katz](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Artificial Turf in Dog Park in Los Altos Opposition
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 4:47:19 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

I'm appalled that our city would even consider installing artificial turf anywhere in our city. Aren't we trying to get rid of plastics which are a known health risk? Dangerous for humans and pets. We have more important things to do with the city's money.

I vote NO!

Sincerely,
Ellen Katz
134 Coronado Ave.
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From: [Andrea Wald](#)
To: [Public Comment](#); [Jonathan Weinberg](#)
Subject: Agenda item #10 - Tues 8/26 city council meeting
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 5:39:23 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
[palo alto pushes Field Turf to substantiate its PFAS free claim.pdf](#)
[Re-Match bankruptcy filing 6-13-25.docx](#)
['Forever Fields' How Pennsylvania became a dumping ground for discarded artificial turf.pdf](#)

I'm writing in once again with concerns about new information I've learned regarding the new Hillview dog park design and the possibility of staying with the design that includes artificial turf. Please do take the time to read the information provided below and open the attachments. All addresses concerns I've heard.

Thank you.

Andrea Wald

The two paragraphs below are from the August 21st email from Brian Fletcher at Callander Associates regarding the Hillview Dog Park Surface:

CALA continued to provide the city with additional material analysis and manufacturer information to ensure that the city was making an informed decision. We agree with the recommendation in the master plan to utilize synthetic turf due to its moderate requirements for maintenance (washing and annual deep cleaning), its durability and lifespan, moderate environmental impacts (product advancements and recycling options are improving), overall comfort (soft surface but can become hot during the warmest of days/time periods), cleanliness, and its ability to drain water quickly thus extending use hours over other materials.

Are there recycling facilities available in the US for turf? Has staff identified a recycling facility for the turf proposed to be installed in the dog park?

We posed this question to one of the manufacturers being considered and they indicated that not much is actually recycled in the United States (too expensive). Their recycling facility is in Germany. They recycle the turf, infill, and backing (the entire product), and make composite perimeter board out of it. Demand for recycling is high and technologies are changing. These products are anticipated to last between 8-12 years.

It's a shame that we keep hearing about "moderate environmental impacts" including product advancements and recycling options that are improving. First of all, any artificial turf from a dog park would not be a large enough amount to ship off to ANY recycling facility (although they don't really exist) and will only end up in landfill.

And, as far as recycling facilities for artificial turf - one of the biggest companies has closed operations in Denmark (link below) and has filed for bankruptcy (file attached).

<https://sportsfields.info/re-match-discontinues-operations-in-denmark/>

I previously supplied information on places that were supposedly recycling artificial turf but where it was discovered just piling up and had become the problem of the town itself to deal with (Pennsylvania - attached document and NL link below- to name two places):

Zembla - The Artificial Turf Mountain ; September 20, 2018

<https://www.bnnvara.nl/zembla/artikelen/the-artificial-turf-mountain>

To date, there is no artificial turf that is PFAS free and there is no amount of PFAS that is safe in our drinking water, soil and our bodies. There are many research documents that substantiate this. However, most noteworthy is the attached document - extremely current - that came about because of a study done by the City of Palo regarding artificial turf.

I've heard from one city council member that there are concerns that decomposed granite needs to be sealed and those sealants can be toxic. I've just read there are non-toxic binders for decomposed granite surfaces. This should be looked into further.

I've also heard there are concerns about possible drainage issues and a swale would be needed to handle heavy rains. This was not mentioned by any of those in other cities who have chosen decomposed granite over other surfaces. Maybe this, too, needs to be looked into further.

I know that an email you all received contained a chart that showed dog parks in a few local cities. What you did not receive is the actual exchange that I had with the individuals from those cities. I've included two below - one each from Sunnyvale and from Cupertino. They seemed quite pleased with the decomposed granite ground coverings in their dog parks.

From: Parks AP <Parks@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 6:31 AM
To: Jim Stark <JStark@sunnyvale.ca.gov>
Subject: FW: questions re FairOaks dog park

Jim Stark **7-23-25**

7:17 AM (3 hours ago)

to Parks, Chip, me, Jesus

Hi Andrea,

Thanks for checking in about the Las Palmas Dog Park.

Regarding the park renovation, I think all options are still on the table for the different types of surface options. City Council will have final say on the budget and park features.

The dog park was renovated around 10 years ago. After public outreach meetings, the decision was made to have separate areas for large and small dogs and to also use natural grass as a ground cover. Natural grass was the preferred surface by residents.

The natural grass (Bandara variety of Bermudagrass, I believe) lasted about a year before it failed due to the heavy wear and tear and urine from the dogs. For reference, natural grass was tried two times previously over the years at this site and both times it failed, for the same reasons.

At that point, the dog park was converted to decomposed granite. It was decomposed granite prior to trying the natural grass again. There was no consultant involved with the switch to decomposed granite. Parks staff like decomposed granite as it is easy to keep clean, doesn't retain the smell of urine and it's easy to maintain and repair. Other surfaces were considered (i.e. artificial turf, woodchips) but we thought that decomposed granite was the best choice. The City's two other dog parks are also decomposed granite.

Thanks,

Jim

Chad Mosley

Wed, Jul 30, 8:53 AM

to Rachelle, me

Andrea,

See responses to your questions in red.

Maintenance processes for the decomposed granite. – The City typically just adds DG to areas where repairs are needed, waters it down, compacts the material, and then lets it dry to set. Sometimes, depending on the condition of the subsurface, we may remove the DG, recompact the base, and then follow the previous steps. We do not typically use a binder on the DG for the dog park. We've not had much trouble with the material.

Are there issues with the DG, or satisfaction comments? – We've had pretty good luck with the DG at the dog park. When the dog park was originally installed, some users complained that the surface was too hard, but those complaints have dropped off. It should be noted that at the time, we did research other dog parks in the area and many of them also were using DG.

Are there upcoming plans for changes to a dog park's surface? - Not at this time.

Are there any plans for any additional fenced dog parks in Cupertino? – Not at this time. The City has been piloting various off-leash areas though.

Sincerely,

Chad

Chad Mosley

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**Technical Evaluation of Field Turf North America/Eurofins
Lab Analysis for PFAS in Artificial Turf**
*Analysis conducted by Stephanie Hughes, P.E., Chemical Engineer,
Teaching Professor Santa Clara University
May 2, 2025*
Contact: Julie Weiss, Watershed Protection Program Manager, Julie.weiss@paloalto.gov

Summary

The City of Palo Alto Community Services Department asked the Public Works Department–Watershed Protection Division (PWD-WP) to review and interpret lab results of a synthetic turf sample provided by Field Turf North America in regard to Field Turf’s determination that the synthetic turf is PFAS-free. PWD–WP consulted with a chemical engineer specializing in water quality, source characterization and control, and chemical fate and transport to review and interpret the lab analysis.

Field Turf North America indicated to City of Palo Alto staff that their artificial turf is PFAS-free. PFAS is an acronym for a group of nearly 15,000 synthetic chemicals¹ referred to as “forever chemicals” because the fluorine-carbon (F-C) bond is the strongest known single bond in organic chemistry. The City sought documentation from Field Turf North America and, following review of initial documents, City staff requested additional information.

Thus far, staff concludes that the manufacturer claims of PFAS-free are unsubstantiated. In fact, the documents state that the turf fibers are primarily a fluoride-based polymer (polyvinylidene fluoride hexafluoro polyethylene polymer) that has been identified by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) as an intentionally-added PFAS for turf. A scientific paper suggests that this specific compound should be restricted to essential uses². In addition, DTSC has identified a number of other PFAS additives to turf, not all of which were included in the manufacturer-provided lab results.

The City is awaiting additional past test data from Field Turf North America about the fluorine content of the material. Currently, based on insights from DTSC staff, there appears to be no certification or standard for considering materials such as turf with intentionally-added PFAS to be designated as PFAS-free.

Details of the City’s Turf Assessment Process

Initially, Field Turf North America provided the City of Palo Alto with two documents:

1. **March 2024 Lab Report:** A 140-page March 2024 lab report prepared by Eurofins with results for 70 individual PFAS compounds for 5 Tarkett Sports artificial turf samples.

¹ USEPA chemicals database ([CompTox](#)).

² <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.0c03244> (Environmental Science and Technology, 2020)

2. **March 2025 Letter and Summary Tables:** A letter from Field Turf North America with summary tables of laboratory data for 2 samples.

Upon review, the City uncovered inconsistencies between the 2024 lab report and 2025 letter:

- Sample results in the letter had different values than the samples in the lab report.
- While the letter indicated that the results were specific for their Classic HD & Revolution 360 fibers and confirmed that *“the product submitted for the Mayfield Sports Complex is PFAS free,”* the City found the following:
 - i. The lab samples were marked Tarkett Sports artificial turf, without any information about the production line, the model, or manufacture date.
 - ii. The lab report only measured 70 individual compounds rather than total fluorine or total organic fluorine which is the more comprehensive approach.
 - iii. The lab report included several PFAS compounds above the detection limits, in the range of 0.2-5.3 ng/g (ppb).

The City presented these inconsistencies to the manufacturer and received an updated memorandum with additional details:

3. **April 2025 Memorandum from Gradient** with an Appendix containing a 2023 memo.

This April 2025 document corrected the sample numbering. It also clarified the connections between the turf in the 2024 lab report and the FieldTurf fibers.

However, the 2023 memo attached to this third document described prior 2019 and 2022 test data in which the fibers were found to have low level detections of short chain PFAS and as well as detections of longer chain PFAS. It also stated that the fiber components *“are **primarily polyvinylidene fluoride hexafluoro polyethylene polymer.**”*³ This is an organic fluorine polymer that DTSC's Safer Consumer Products team lists in their chemical analysis of artificial turf as the primary intentionally added PFAS compound in artificial turf (DTSC, August 2024).⁴ A policy paper in an American Chemical Society publication noted that these polymers are linked with human exposure throughout their life cycle, there are limited recycling options, and recommended that their production and use be curtailed except for essential uses (emphasis added):⁵

“Production of some fluoropolymers is intimately linked to the use and emissions of legacy and novel PFAS as polymer processing aids. There are serious concerns regarding the toxicity and adverse effects of fluorinated processing aids on humans and the environment. A

³ Appendix A (2023) attached to FieldTurf Analytical Results Summary, Gradient, April 28, 2025.

⁴ <https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2024/07/Background-Document-on-Candidate-Chemicals-in-Artificial-Turf.pdf>, Table 1, page 5

⁵ <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.0c03244>

*variety of other PFAS, including monomers and oligomers, are **emitted during the production, processing, use, and end-of-life treatment of fluoropolymers**. There are further concerns regarding the safe disposal of fluoropolymers and their associated products and articles at the end of their life cycle. While recycling and reuse of fluoropolymers is performed on some industrial waste, there are only **limited options for their recycling from consumer articles**. The evidence reviewed in this analysis does not find a scientific rationale for concluding that fluoropolymers are of low concern for environmental and human health. Given fluoropolymers' extreme persistence; emissions associated with their production, use, and disposal; and a high likelihood for human exposure to PFAS, **their production and uses should be curtailed except in cases of essential uses.**"*

The statements in the third manufacturer document led to another data request by the City, asking for the referenced 2019 and 2022 lab reports and whether the prior test data included either total fluorine or total organic fluorine. Total organic fluorine would be an indication of the total quantity of organic carbon – fluorine bonds. While this would not provide insight about the specific compounds, it would provide insights relative to the full suite of possible compounds rather than just the 70 compounds in the tests provided.^{6, 7, 8}

On April 29th, City representatives met with DTSC scientists that are evaluating artificial turf as part of their Safer Consumer Products program. The City learned that DTSC is most concerned with intentionally-added PFAS (as opposed to PFAS contaminants), and that polyvinylidene fluoride hexafluoro polyethylene polymer is the primary PFAS intentionally added to turf. DTSC also noted that there are a number of other PFAS compounds they are tracking in regard to turf, not all of which were included in the 70 compounds assessed for the turf proposed for Mayfield.

When asked whether there was an industry agreed-upon standard or certification for a safe level of PFAS in consumer materials, DTSC staff indicated that there was not. Therefore, even if the manufacturer is able to provide additional detail, such as total organic fluorine content, the City will have no basis for identifying the product as PFAS-free.

Meanwhile, DTSC's communications with industry indicate that, in the future, artificial turf may no longer contain intentionally-added PFAS. Thus, it is possible that future alternatives will no longer have intentionally-added PFAS. Palo Alto's Watershed Protection Group will continue to monitor DTSC's Safer Consumer Products program and watch for PFAS standards relevant to artificial turf.

⁶ [Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) in Artificial Turf: Test Method.](https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.2c05198)

⁷ <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.2c05198>

⁸ <https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2023/09/PFAS-Factsheet.pdf>

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Interesting article regarding Re-Match Stockholders.



‘Forever Fields’: How Pennsylvania became a dumping ground for discarded artificial turf

Danish company Re-Match secured state incentives to open a recycling plant in 2022. It hasn't happened yet. Meanwhile, thousands of rolls of the fake grass, containing PFAS, are piled up on farms.



Over 6,000 rolls of artificial turf sit on B.D. Hill Side Farm in Nicholson, Pa., on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. Re-Match, a Danish recycling company, allegedly told the farm owner it would pay \$96,000 a ... [Read more](#)
Monica Herndon /

by Barbara Laker and David Gambacorta
Published Dec. 13, 2023, 6:00 a.m. ET

Money doesn't come easily to farmland owners in the tranquil, rolling hills of Pennsylvania. So at first, Jim Halkias thought he'd hit the jackpot.

A real estate broker had approached him in late 2018, and explained that a Denmark-based recycling company called Re-Match wanted to pay \$4,500 a month to store more than 1,000 rolls of used, deteriorating artificial turf on 45 acres that Halkias owns in Grantville, Dauphin County.

Halkias was told that Re-Match intended to one day recycle the old turf. The

offer was enticing.

“It seemed,” he said, “like a great deal.”

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The deal soon soured.

Halkias claims that Re-Match stopped paying him after two years, but left hulking rows of turf, stacked 10 feet high, at the edge of a cornfield, near a farmhouse and visible from the road. Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received a complaint about the unsightly stacks, and inspected Halkias’ land.



Rolls upon rolls of artificial turf were dumped on farmland owned by Jim Halkias in Grantville, Dauphin County, Pa. Re-Match, a Denmark-based recycling company, had initially paid Halkias \$4,500 ... **Read more**
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environmental laws by failing to obtain necessary permits for storing the turf.

For years, Halkias has tried to sell his farm. He says three potential buyers lost interest because of the rolls of turf. “No one will accept the property,” he said, “with all this stuff, which is considered to be waste by the DEP.”

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There is no government agency that monitors or regulates the disposal of artificial turf, which contains toxic chemicals, including PFAS, or per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as forever chemicals because they don’t break down in the environment and stay in the human body for years.

Scrap tires, often used to cushion the fake grass, cannot be dumped in landfills, yet no such regulation is on the books for rolls of turf, which, given its weight, can cost more than \$20,000 per field to be discarded in landfills.

The Synthetic Turf Council, a national organization that represents manufacturers, builders, and infill material suppliers, has estimated that there are as many as 13,000 artificial turf fields across the U.S. Those fields — which add up to almost 24,000 acres — need to be replaced every eight to 10 years.

Some bundles of used turf have found a second life in online marketplaces, where they’re sold and used to carpet batting cages, dog runs, back yards, miniature golf courses, and paint-ball fields. In other instances, though, stockpiles of old, fake grass have found a less conventional fate: being abandoned in Pennsylvania, where the synthetic carpets decay on empty lots, in warehouses, or near quarries.

Experts and activists who monitor the artificial turf industry say that the state has become a dumping ground for cities and towns in neighboring states that want to get rid of their old turf fields. Consultants and landscape architects have even assured municipal leaders that their aging turf can be recycled in Pennsylvania.

That belief could be traced to [Pennsylvania officials having announced](#), in 2021, that Re-Match would locate its first U.S. facility in a Luzerne County factory.

On paper, the company's outlook was encouraging. It had an existing recycling facility in Denmark, with plans to operate 24 factories in multiple countries by 2031. And the process that Re-Match used to recycle turf had been given a stamp of approval by an independent body, the European Union's [Environmental Technology Verification](#) program. Re-Match claimed that, by recycling turf — instead of burning it — the Pennsylvania facility would spare the environment from 100,000 tons of carbon dioxide.

Behind the scenes, though, Re-Match disclosed that it might not be able to recycle 100% of the turf it collects, and that its operations could potentially cause environmental contamination, according to a prospectus that was shared with potential investors in 2021.

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Now, the clock is ticking.

Re-Match's plans for Luzerne County never came to fruition; instead, it's seeking to open a factory in Rush Township, Schuylkill County. And in November, the company agreed to a consent order with Pennsylvania's DEP, which requires it to remove the rolls of turf from Halkias' property.

at two other sites — a concrete business in Jonestown, and at its planned Rush Township plant — and required Re-Match to establish a \$644,000 bond to keep the “waste” at those locations.

Re-Match agreed to have its recycling facility fully operational by the end of 2024. But its troubles also extended to Wyoming County, where a farmer sued the company in federal court, claiming it owes him nearly \$300,000 for about 6,200 rolls of turf that Re-Match has stored on his property since 2018. The case was settled last month. (Parties did not reveal the terms.)

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“We are looking forward to start recycling in Pennsylvania,” Re-Match’s chief funding and expansion officer, Nikolaj Magne Larsen, wrote in an email. “The permits required for this project take time, but we continue to make great progress.”

Re-Match’s slow start in Pennsylvania has coincided with mounting international concern about the impact that chemicals in artificial turf might have on human health.





Workers lay out Monsanto Co.'s AstroTurf at Veterans Stadium on Nov. 11, 1970. The turf contains PFAS, also known as forever chemicals, linked to cancer and a host of health problems. ... **Read more**

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Earlier this year, an Inquirer investigation, “[Field of Dread](#),” found that AstroTurf that covered the field at Philadelphia’s Veterans Stadium in the late 1970s and early 1980s contained 16 different types of PFAS, which are used in the process of manufacturing the fake grass.

These pervasive “forever chemicals” are found in a host of products, including [firefighting gear](#) and nonstick cookware, and have been [linked by the EPA](#) to cancer, asthma, thyroid disease, and decreased immunity to fight infections. Across the country, PFAS chemicals have contaminated drinking water.

Six former Philadelphia Phillies who spent parts of their careers at the Vet between 1971 and 2003 have died from glioblastoma — about three times the average rate of this aggressive form of brain cancer among adult men in the U.S. (The Phillies have said that several brain cancer experts have told the organization that there is no evidence of a link between artificial turf and the disease.)

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Kyla Bennett is a former EPA official and leading expert on PFAS, and now

The turf recycling process, which involves separating sand and crumb rubber infill from the plastic green carpet, doesn't remove PFAS, which Bennett said renders even the recycled product contaminated.

“So what are you going to use it for? Where would it be safe?” she asked. “It’s filled with toxic chemicals, so you don’t want to recycle that and reuse it. You’re just kicking the can down the road. You want to get rid of it somehow ... and no one has figured out a way to do that.”

“They call PFAS chemicals forever chemicals for a reason,” Bennett said.

“These are forever fields.”



More than 6,000 rolls of artificial turf sit on B.D Hill Side Farm in Nicholson, Pa. Re-Match, a Danish recycling company, allegedly told the farm owner it would pay \$96,000 a year to store the dis ... [Read more](#)

Promise and peril

Re-Match's arrival in Pennsylvania, in December 2021, was viewed as a win for both the company and the state, which expected to gain up to 40 full-time jobs once the recycling facility became operational.

Then-Gov. Tom Wolf touted the fact that Re-Match offered a “sustainable solution” to the problem of old turf fields, which, he noted, posed a “significant challenge to the environment.”

In exchange, the state offered financial assistance: a 10-year, \$1.85 million loan — at just 2.5% interest — from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, and a \$148,000 Pennsylvania First grant, for purchasing vital equipment for the recycling plant. (The company has yet to apply for those funds, according to the state's Department of Community and Economic Development.)

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A few days after Wolf welcomed Re-Match to the state, the company shared a prospectus with potential investors. It was seeking to sell 10.9 million shares in an initial public offering of stock (IPO), and wrote that it needed to use some of the proceeds of that sale to finance the construction of the Pennsylvania factory, and another in the Netherlands.

It also included extensive warnings about the nature of its business.

“The [company] is not able to recycle 100% of the artificial turf systems,” reads one section of the prospectus.

risks,” and that it could be held liable by governments for land contamination. The price “for investigation and acting, such as removing or restoring land,” the prospectus reads, “could be significant.”

“In an IPO document, the business must state all the risks that the business could encounter, no matter how unlikely,” Larsen said. “We can absolutely recycle all the turf we have in storage.”

In [the prospectus](#), Re-Match further cautioned that its recycling facilities “may not generate the expected clean products,” and that its business could be imperiled if governments begin banning turf outright due to concerns about chemicals in the product.

The latter prediction has already come true.

Last December, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul signed legislation to ban sales in the state of artificial turf that contains PFAS as of Dec. 31, 2024. Earlier this year, California legislators passed a similar turf sales ban, but Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed the bill, citing lack of regulatory oversight. Similar laws have been proposed in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

In October, the NFL Players Association [brought even more attention to the issue](#). The union called on manufacturers to disclose whether PFAS are present in artificial turf or infill material that’s used by the NFL, and urged the league to replace turf playing fields at 14 stadiums with natural grass.

Jim Halkias knew little about Re-Match — or the contentious debate over artificial turf — when he agreed to let the company store turf on three or four acres for \$4,500 a month.

THIS STUFF IS NOT REALLY DANGEROUS.

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He claims he was assured the company would wrap the turf in plastic bags — so the arrangement would be no different, really, than storing some bales of hay on his property.

“But they used one milliliter plastic bags and the wind would just tear them up,” Halkias said. “So the plastic was just flying down the road because of the wind. And actually I was scared it might cause an accident.”

Halkias said he has spent \$20,000 in legal fees in an attempt to get Re-Match to pay him the money he is owed for the lease. He regrets allowing the company to use his land.

“It was a very bad decision,” he said.

He recently settled the case, and Re-Match has begun to remove some rolls from his land, Halkias said. He did not disclose the terms of the settlement.

Halkias’ story echoes one that played out in Wyoming County, where the owner of B.D. Hill Side Farm alleged that Re-Match agreed in June 2018 to pay \$96,000 a year to store turf on his property. The company deposited more than 400 tractor trailer loads of turf on the farm — and allegedly stopped making payments in 2019.

“These issues have been resolved,” Larsen said.

Re-Match isn’t the only company saying it can effectively recycle artificial turf

AstroTurf tells prospective clients that it can transport used fields to a factory in Dalton, Ga., where fake grass is separated from its infill materials, then shredded, melted, and mixed with chemical pods to create “new” material, according to its vendor contracts.

In 2017, the [Synthetic Turf Council](#), an industry group, published a guideline for recycling, reusing, and removing synthetic turf systems.

The council wrote that the “diversity” of materials in fake grass “presents technical, economic and logistical challenges unlike other commonly recycled materials, such as plastic bottles, carpet and plastic bags.”

There is no mention in the AstroTurf contract, or in the turf council’s guidebook, of how to address PFAS contamination.

Earlier this year, the council told The Inquirer that most turf doesn’t contain “intentionally added PFAS.”

Researchers, though, have found PFAS in the backing material of newer generations of turf, according to the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. The university, in response to questions from municipalities about PFAS and turf, wrote that the chemicals might be used to [ensure that blades of fake grass](#) do not stick to turf manufacturing equipment.

In June, Melanie Taylor, the turf council’s CEO and president, seemingly acknowledged that current generations of turf contain forever chemicals. In a letter to California legislators — who were advancing legislation to ban in 2024 the manufacture or sale of turf that contains PFAS — Taylor argued that manufacturers and suppliers needed more time to “develop viable

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When The Inquirer asked Re-Match about forever chemicals, Larsen cited the council's original stance that turf doesn't contain added PFAS.

"In Europe, we have conducted thorough tests and have not seen any traces of PFAS in our turf, but we will continue to monitor this," Larsen said in an email.

"The process of recycling turf is highly technical," he continued. "We have set a high standard because we want to create clean products after our recycling process that can be sold in many industries."

The appeal of such an easy solution to an environmental nightmare surfaced at a Sharon, Mass., building committee meeting that Bennett attended in 2019.

David Warner, a Boston landscape architect, was "waxing poetic about a beautiful recycling facility in Pennsylvania," Bennett said.

Puzzled, she asked whether he was referring to Re-Match.

"He said, 'Yes. That's the one.'"

"Well guess what," Bennett told him, "it's not built yet."

Warner claimed that he'd seen a video about Re-Match's Pennsylvania factory. Bennett later followed up, and asked Warner, in an email, to share the footage with her.



On July 24, 2023, a trucking company worker tosses a strap to secure rolls of old artificial turf from a football field in Newton, Mass., that was shipped to a warehouse in Pottstown.

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Julia Malakie

An underground market

For decades, government officials have often overlooked a problem that was hiding right under their feet.

Artificial turf was pioneered and sold in the late 1960s by the Monsanto Chemical Co., as an affordable and effective way to provide children and professional athletes with durable, outdoor playing surfaces. ([Philadelphia](#) — and other cities that used turf in their municipal stadiums — discovered in the 1970s and 1980s that the fields actually had to be replaced often.)

Environmental advocates and scientists grew concerned in recent years about the health risks of crumb rubber — tiny pieces of recycled car tires

compounds such as nickel, chromium, benzene, cadmium, and arsenic.

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Yet it wasn't until 2019 that scientists outside of the turf industry determined that the green carpets contained another potential health risk: PFAS.

Little effort has been made, though, to regulate how old turf is reused.

Facebook Marketplace contains pages of listings for artificial turf, ranging in price from \$1 to \$300 a roll. Other websites offer roadmaps to establishing lucrative turf-for-sale franchises. “You could be making an average of \$375 per day selling artificial grass remnants,” one reads, selling remnants for dog runs, putting greens and batting cages.

Some business owners are evasive about why they are stockpiling turf. Jersey Shore Steel Inc. in Jackson Township, Pa., has roughly 100 rolls of aging athletic fields that were delivered by truckload, according to a company official who would identify himself only as Randy.

He said someone — not Re-Match — is paying him to store it.

“I don't really feel comfortable talking to you about this whole thing,” he said.

About three hours to the south of Jackson Township sits a massive industrial complex, next to a sewage plant in Pottstown. There, in a warehouse, Allen Waterman, owner of APW Enterprises, reveals sand and

During a recent visit, about 10 to 15 cut-up fields were stacked in rolls on concrete. Large machines whirled loudly as they cleaned, dried and separated the materials. The sand and rubber would be bagged and sold to the turf industry or other manufacturers, Waterman said.

Two fields came all the way from a high school in Newton, Mass.

Fifteen trucks hauling 228 rolls arrived July 31, according to a chain of custody document. (Re-Match played no role in this transaction.)

Waterman said he sends all the carpet to “partners.” When a reporter asked him who they were, he replied: “None of your business.”

The “partners” will extrude the carpet into new plastic lumber products, he said. “This is just starting up and everything is in trial phases right now in regard to the recycling portion.”

Bennett and other activists say aerial photos show that Pennsylvania has received “rolls upon rolls” of discarded turf.

Cities across America spend millions to install artificial turf fields, “but nobody can figure out a way to dispose of it legally and safely,” Bennett said. “Then how is it possible that it’s safe for your kids to play on?”

Few people know as much about playing surfaces in Philadelphia as Michael DiBerardinis, who ran the city’s Parks and Recreation Department for two mayors — Ed Rendell and Michael Nutter — and also served two years as Mayor Jim Kenney’s managing director.

Children have access to nearly a dozen turf fields: five that are maintained

by the School District of Philadelphia. During his time in city government, DiBerardinis said, no one had yet sounded the alarm about PFAS in artificial turf.

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When the city replaced its turf fields in prior administrations, DiBerardinis said, he had no reason to ask where the old turf would be taken.

“There’s now a new understanding about the dangers associated with artificial turf,” he said, “so people better be paying some attention to it.”

The city’s artificial turf fields are about 10 to 13 years-old, according to the Kenney administration. Industry standards suggest, then, that those fields might soon need to be replaced.

Whether that used fake grass will be recycled, resold on some secondary market, or deposited in a landfill is unclear. The city has yet to establish a process for disposing of its old artificial turf.

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From: [Nyssa Kansal](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 5:44:16 PM

To the City of Los Altos:

I urge the city council to either a) require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf OR b) vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

Sincerely,
Nyssa

From: bonnieburdettwalker@gmail.com
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025 7:19:37 PM

Dear Councilmembers,

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The Los Altos Parks & Recreation Department’s proposal to install artificial turf at the new Hillview dog park directly contradicts the city’s environmental goals, especially the Environmental Commission’s plan to prioritize green landscaping and reduce waste. Los Altos should actively consider decomposed granite as a cost-effective, viable alternative for dog parks - a solution that most Bay Area cities have standardized.

While artificial turf vendors tout “new technology,” the environmental and practical downsides remain significant. These include:

Environmental and Practical Concerns: Artificial turf is still made from plastic and rubber—materials that contribute to microplastic pollution, chemical runoff, and high carbon emissions. It’s energy-intensive to manufacture and almost impossible to recycle, ending up in landfills every few years. Artificial turf also traps heat, contributing to the urban “heat island” effect, especially problematic in Los Altos, which has 263 sunny days per year.

In winter, the low-permeable base beneath artificial turf can exacerbate flooding and harm tree roots. It doesn't absorb pet waste, leading to odors, bacteria, and increased maintenance, including the need for frequent washing—ironically, with water, despite the drought-conscious rationale for its installation.

Cost and Health Risks: Artificial turf is arguably the most expensive surface option due to high installation, maintenance, and replacement costs. It contains hazardous chemicals like lead, phthalates, and PFAS (“forever chemicals”), with growing evidence of long-term health impacts.

Wider Rejection & Better Alternatives: Other Bay Area cities are rejecting artificial turf. Sunnyvale is conducting a study and using natural alternatives like crushed stone, generally referred to as Decomposed Granite. Millbrae enforces an artificial turf ban. Santa Rosa, San Marino and Carmel-by-the-Sea have avoided or are banning artificial turf altogether. Leading environmental and

health groups, including the Sierra Club and the Santa Clara Medical Association, oppose artificial turf use.

Installing artificial turf at the proposed Hillview dog park would be a costly, unsustainable, and unhealthy step that directly undermines Los Altos 2022 Environmental Commission's Climate Action and their 2025 Work Plan. There is no good reason to install artificial turf when viable, natural alternatives are being successfully deployed by our neighboring cities.

Please reject artificial turf at Hillview and choose a solution that reflects Los Altos' leadership on sustainability and commitment to a healthy, resilient future.

Best regards,

Bonnie Burdett Walker

From: [Nancy Gill](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Another objection to artificial turf
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 10:11:20 AM

I cannot attend the meeting on the 26 .But I want to add my voice to those in the community who object to the plan to use artificial turf in the dog park or anywhere else in the community for all the reasons that Sherry Auerback so eloquently presents in her letter.

Nancy Ginsburg Gill

From: [Stephen katz](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: VOTE NO to artificial turf in any dog park or other Los Altos Park
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 10:44:43 AM

VOTE NO to artificial turf in any dog park or other Los Altos Park.

Many reasons exist for not installing artificial turf in parks, primarily related to potential health risks, sanitation challenges, heat buildup, and environmental concerns.

Health and safety risks for dogs

Heat absorption: Artificial turf can reach dangerously high temperatures when exposed to direct sunlight, potentially burning a dog's paws. The surface can be 20°F to 50°F hotter than natural grass and can even exceed 160°F on very hot days.

Bacteria buildup: While solid waste is easy to pick up, urine does not get absorbed and broken down by microorganisms as it would in natural soil. In a dog park with many animals, urine can accumulate, leading to unpleasant odors and bacterial growth (including *E. coli* and *Salmonella*) that pose a health risk to both pets and people.

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Ingestion risk: The infill, often recycled crumb rubber, can be accidentally ingested by dogs while playing. This material may contain harmful chemicals from tires. Sand infill can also harbor mold and mildew, which can be ingested and affect a dog's health.

Maintenance and sanitation challenges

Odor control: In a high-traffic area like a dog park, odor buildup from constant urination is a major challenge. Even with a good drainage system, synthetic turf requires consistent and thorough rinsing and sanitizing to prevent smells. If not properly addressed, the smell can become a persistent issue.

Intensive cleaning: For a large, multi-use dog park, daily sanitation is necessary and can be very resource-intensive. Cleaning involves more than just a quick rinse, especially for embedded waste.

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Environmental and behavioral considerations

Environmental impact: Synthetic turf is often made from non-biodegradable, petroleum-based plastics. When it eventually needs to be replaced (typically every 8 to 15 years), it usually ends up in a landfill. The production process also has a high carbon footprint.

Destruction of natural habitat: Replacing natural soil and grass with artificial materials eliminates a habitat for pollinators and other small wildlife, contributing to plastic pollution.

Altered natural behavior: Artificial turf removes the sensory experience of natural grass, which many dogs enjoy for sniffing, exploring, and digging. This can lead to less stimulation for the dogs using the park.

Urban heat island effect: Artificial turf does not transpire or cool the air like natural plants do, contributing to higher ambient temperatures in urban areas.

Steve Katz
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From: [Donna Verna](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Hillview Dog Park Surfacing
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 10:55:39 AM

I am very opposed to using artificial turf to surface the proposed dog park at Hillview for the following reasons:

1. Artificial turf is hot and unsafe for animals and people;
2. While it “looks pretty”, artificial turf does not promote a healthy green environment in our town;
3. This surface is environmentally unsound and the long-term impact of using it is unfair to our future citizens.

Please reconsider the use of artificial turf and turn to more environmentally friendly natural substances.

Thank you.

Donna J. Verna, NCG CLPF

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From: [Ginny Dolan](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: dog park
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 12:48:55 PM

Artificial turf is the worst thing for the environment.
Please don't use it for any current/future uses in Los Altos,
including the current "about to be" dog park.
A very concerned resident of 52 years.

Ginny and Bill Dolan
Woodstock Lane, LA

From: [ray klinke](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: HILLVIEW
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 1:53:37 PM

The idea of plastic turf in the design of the HILLVIEW dog park is a terrible idea. Even having a dog park at HILLVIEW is a poor choice. Los Altos has the least amount of “green space” than all the other close in suburbs. Plastic NO, and keep the turf natural in the dog park’s current location

Ray Klinke
605 Palm Ave.
Sent from my iPad

From: [Jane Bryan-Jones](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Fake grass
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 6:08:04 PM

I'm hoping to persuade the City of Los Altos not to use Astro turf or other fake grass in the new dog park. Not only is it not good for the environment, it is unhygienic. I'm a dog owner and when I take my dog to parks that use artificial turf there is always an unpleasant urine odor. Although natural grass may require more maintenance, it is a much more pleasurable experience for dogs and owners, alike.

Thank you,
Jane Bryan-Jones
Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Public Comment](#)
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Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 6:36:34 PM

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From: [Stan Scardino](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 6:57:34 PM

I urge the City Council to either:

- a) Require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park and exclude artificial turf, OR*
- b) vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration*

Thank you for your consideration,

Stan

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From: [B. Fong](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Artificial turf at planned dog park
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:17:02 PM

This is in protest of such an action. The climate/environmental issues notwithstanding, an artificial turf is a terrible idea because it has been used at the one on San Antonio Road in MV and it smells of urine, is temperature hot on warm days, and not practical for dogs or any animal because of the clean up mess.

Bernadine Chuck Fong
650 796-9444

From: [Vivien D'Andrea](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Hillview Dog Park
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:56:40 PM

Hello

I'm excited that we may finally have a fully functioning dog park and am fully in support of it. But I've learned more about artificial turf in the past month and realize it is NOT a good option for our pooches and the environment. Please use decomposed granite which is apparently a much more appropriate surface and is used instead of artificial turf in number of other cities.

Vivien D'Andrea
Los Altos resident and dog owner

From: [Kris Olson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Chemical laden, PFAS turf: Dog Park
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 8:33:26 AM

Dear City Council,

In your vote regarding the groundcover for the dog park, please consider the negative environmental effects for the neighbors, residents, dogs and their owners, cost and maintenance. Vote NO for artificial turf for this area. Please choose a viable natural alternative material.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kris Olson
Senior Commissioner

From: [Liz Nyberg](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment-Agenda Item #10-Hillview Dog Park- Meting date Aug. 26, 2025
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 9:52:32 AM

Dear Council Members,

I urge you to not install artificial turf at the proposed dog park. Please read the compelling email from Sherry Auerbach describing all the reasons why this turf is so detrimental to our environment because it is made of plastic.

Mayor Pete Dailey is well aware of how Rotary Los Altos is saving tons of plastic bags for recycling. Plastic is not healthy for people and dogs. Use a different material such as decomposed granite. Traces of poop will act as fertilizer! A win-win.

I hope your good common sense will prevail. Vote against artificial turf. I would attend in person but I am out of town.

Thank you,

Liz Nyberg

From: [Barbara Zieroth-Hoffman](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: August 26th council mtg; agenda #10 Hillview Dog Park
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 9:53:25 AM

Please exclude the use of artificial turf for the proposed Hillview Dog Park, or vote the entire plan down for further discussion after more investigation. Artificial turf emanates a horrendous unpleasant odor. We have experienced this terrible stench in the air first hand while playing tennis on the LAHS courts situated adjacent to the artificial turf installed in 2022. When my son retrieved a ball that flew onto the soccer field, he said the smell from the surface was disgusting. Artificial turf is made from plastics, and think about how plastic food containers retain the smell of the particular food. Then think about dog waste and urine on the plastic surface with nowhere to go. Furthermore to help mitigate the odor from the artificial turf a continuous regiment of more chemicals and water are required to clean it, and might never fully eradicate the smell.

Thank you for your consideration.
Barbara Hoffman

From: [sally chaves](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Don't put artificial turf in dog park
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 11:03:29 AM

Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 – Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025

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There is no good reason to install artificial turf when viable, natural alternatives are being successfully deployed by our neighboring cities.

Thank you,

Sally and Mario Chaves

49 Yerba Buena Ave.
Los Altos, CA 94022

From: [Maria Bautista](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Los Altos City Council Meeting August 26, 2025: Item 10. Adoption of Resolution - Public Art Funds
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 11:34:13 AM
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Dear Councilmembers,

Please PAUSE and RETHINK the Hillview Dog Park Project:

- A dog park does not belong at Hillview. It will result in the destruction of valued community space. The Hillview Field hosts large groups of sports teams and public events like summer concerts. A dog park is not an appropriate adjacent activity.
- The Hillview space is too small. A dog park, per the American Kennel Club, requires a minimum of 1 acre for the benefit of dogs and non-dogs. Dogs, especially both large and small, confined to small spaces adjacent to human activity become nervous. Ask dog owners, especially those within walking distance; they won't use it.
- A dog relief area at Hillview is also not compatible with adjacent activities. No information has been provided on surface material care or cleaning regimen, or the ongoing cost to the city to maintain a dog relief area.
- The City has provided no data indicating a community priority for a dog park at Hillview. Most recent Hillview Community Center plans indicated an improved and landscaped pedestrian corridor/connection between the community center and downtown Los Altos as a priority.
- No Environmental Impact Report or parking study has been conducted as part of the proposed dog park, a new activity that displaces most of the library parking stalls. The cumulative impact of the proposed library courtyard (100+ person capacity) and a dog park has not been determined; the cumulative impact of new land uses is subject to CEQA.
- Recent piecemeal project planning at the Civic Center is a wrongful approach to public land use that is resulting in non-congruent projects and a general aesthetic mess.

- With no notice, the City removed two hundreds-year-old Heritage Oak Trees in the dog park location and is required to replace trees in kind and in place unless otherwise determined through a public process
- The current plan does not indicate the numbers of heritage and other trees that are subject to removal for this project for public consideration.
- Los Altos celebrates its open space. Adding artificial shade structures and decorative fencing is a visual atrocity our community center does not need.

The area at Hillview currently designated for a dog park should be the site of a few picnic tables under the shade of majestic trees with beautiful landscaped surrounds: a simple and flexible place for spectators to gather and library and other visitors to enjoy the outdoors. See attached images.

Los Altos deserves better.

Best,

Maria Bautista

From: [Tom Johnson](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 11:59:32 AM

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Parks & Recreation Department's proposal to install artificial turf at the new Hillview dog park. I urge the city council to require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park, and exclude artificial turf OR to vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

This proposal contradicts our city's environmental goals and the Environmental Commission's Climate Action plan and has numerous problems, including the following:

Environmental Impact: Artificial turf contributes to microplastic pollution, chemical runoff, and high carbon emissions. It's energy-intensive to manufacture, nearly impossible to recycle, and ends up in landfills. The material also traps heat, worsening the urban heat island effect.

Practical Problems: The low-permeable base can worsen flooding and harm tree roots. Artificial turf doesn't absorb pet waste, leading to odors and bacteria buildup, requiring frequent water-intensive cleaning despite being promoted as drought-friendly.

Health and Cost Concerns: This option contains hazardous chemicals including lead, phthalates, and PFAS ("forever chemicals"). It's also the most expensive surface due to high installation, maintenance, and replacement costs.

Regional Trend: Neighboring cities are rejecting artificial turf. Sunnyvale is studying alternatives and using decomposed granite, Millbrae has banned artificial turf, and Santa Rosa, San Marino, and Carmel-by-the-Sea have avoided or are banning it entirely.

I urge you to reject artificial turf for the Hillview dog park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Johnson
885 Clinton Rd.
Los Altos

From: [Robert Specker](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment City Council Meeting 8/26/2025: Item #10 (Adoption of Resolution-Public Art Funds)
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 12:28:50 PM

Dear City Council—

Please do not approve this agenda item. We could and should have parks that are beautiful and natural and befitting the quasi-agrarian/rural, charmingly crafted aesthetic of our community. It's why we don't have side walks and street lights; and it's why we do have trees in surface parking plaza's downtown, etc. It's why we historically had delightful brown wooden signs with carved white letters, and so forth.

There is so much ugly being added to our town. The dog park in concept at all; and as designed in particular—with its proposed awful municipal catalog features—is the latest aesthetic debacle.

Further, watching people play with their dogs in the fields around the community (Hillview baseball field area; Almond School fields, etc.)—when the existing temporary caged dog area sits empty—also demonstrates that a new, astroturf relief area (too small by typical standards to be actually a fun park) will not meet whatever need was thought to drive the creation of this caged astroturf patch in the first place. Community members and their dogs seem to be having great fun playing in the larger fields without any problems. I don't understand why we'd create something ugly (in such a prime location for other things) that won't meet a need anyway. I very much doubt the City will hereafter (once the new astroturf relief area is finished) start to enforce rules against the existing play that is happening in large areas where dogs have the space and grass to play and run. Because it shouldn't!

Below are some photos from a wonderful park in Maine. It's just an example of what things look like that are beautiful. The description of how the wayfinding signs are made, and why, is an example of how taking thoughtful care is the essence of this.

Please don't make Los Altos another nondescript ugly place in the world. There is enough of that elsewhere. This proposed dog park is a particularly bad idea.

Thank you,

Robert

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1912 – 1979

Can't get there from here?

Countering this old Maine expression has prompted the placement of many signs in the Asticou Terraces, Landing, Lodge, and Garden area over the past century. Hikers enter and leave the property at many places because of the unique connection of our paths to the village, private, and park trails that abound in the Northeast Harbor area. Both Joseph H. Curtis, the original owner of this landscape, and Charles K. Savage, longtime trustee, honored the tradition of walking on the trails by posting

"wayfinding" signs in many places throughout the hill. Many of the signs were handcarved by Savage and designed to fit into the spirit and history of the property. Others were cautionary and placed in strategic places by Curtis to limit access of the property and curb the shenanigans of summer visitors with "sap thirsty dispositions and barbarians at heart" who might be tempted to "molest" the natural vegetation.

Today we continue posting signs with differing purposes and many types, sizes, materials, fonts, colors, and finishes throughout the Thuya Garden and Asticou Hill. As the landscapes change over time, so have the needs of hikers and visitors to our property. The creative process of sign carving and design continues in the spirit of Curtis and Savage – not trying to mimic their talents and positions but responding to the spirit of the asticoument that is their legacy.





From: [Maria Bautista](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Los Altos City Council Meeting August 26, 2025: Item 9. Review Main Library Design Concept
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 12:51:58 PM

Dear City Council:

Why are we allowing the installation of a play structure inside the Children's Area of the Los Altos Main Library?

Los Altos tore out the adjacent Whistlestop Park (ages 5+) when the Hillview Community Center was built and has not acted on the promise to replace it.

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) claims they need more programmable children's space in the library (so much so that they are acting to destroy a historic setting), and yet Los Altos is permitting SCCLD to fill the Children's Area with a plastic play structure that more belongs at a roadside fast food play place.

Libraries are for reading. Parks are for playing.

Children go to the library to learn to appreciate what it is to sit quietly with a book, and then they go outside and play in the sunshine. Los Altos is 75 degrees and sunny most of the year!

A large plastic interpretative play structure that references the outdoors and creates a chaotic environment in the library is an atrocity. We are being sold a concept that requires constant supervision and diligent maintenance and sanitation for health and safety, in a space where imagination is supposed to be free.

Please PAUSE and RETHINK. And please ensure the Children's Area of the Main Los Altos Library remains a simple sanctuary for the imagination and not a plastic filled room of unnecessary products and waste.

Los Altos deserves better.

Best,

Maria Bautista

From: [Maria Bautista](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Los Altos City Council Meeting August 26, 2025: Item 9. Review Main Library Design Concept
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 1:57:41 PM

Dear City Council,

Below are observations of the proposed Main Library renovation for your consideration, some of which I shared with the Library Commission on August 7, 2025:

- Additional visitor space is a stated goal, yet FOL and staff areas take up 1/4 of the library: In staff area, are 27 dedicated desks, a staff lounge and two dedicated restrooms necessary?
- The entry lobby, cafe and FOL store are jammed together. This entry section of the library incurs the most traffic and should be more wide open, and each function provided adequate circulation space.
- FOL and the library do not need to be co-located. Consider locating FOL in a downtown storefront as a “used” bookstore with enough space for sorting and storage. The City and the LAMVCF can help support efforts to locate FOL in a space that not only better serves FOL and the library, but also adds vibrancy to downtown.
- The FOL space in the proposed plan can instead be used for additional individual study rooms, and additional room for shelves
- The children’s area has been the focus of public discussions including as the driver for an outdoor space. The Children’s Room should be shown in these presentations even though it is a separate project. Piecemeal planning results in poor design.
- The Children’s Room should NOT include an indoor plastic play structure. An indoor play structure presents health and safety issues and runs counter to our community focus on the outdoors. The library is about books, not plastic waste. The library’s setting is about its connection to nature, not the removal of children to a plastic environment.
- The proposed Main Library design has glass walls on all conference rooms and individual enclosed study rooms. Conference rooms in a public venue should afford greater privacy. Many students use individual study rooms for online tests; online test-taking does not permit students to sit in spaces with full glass walls.

- The proposed floor to ceiling glass partition that divides the entire library interior appears as airport security architecture, and will be a maintenance nightmare.

- At a few workshops, I heard many concerns about after-hours access. The presentation does not include data on a community priority for after-hours access. Are there plans to better determine whether this is a desired feature or just a current trend? What costs are associated with securing an after-hours space, and at whose expense?

In moving toward the actual design details, please consider the following:

- The Los Altos Main Library and Civic Center were designed by renown architect Ernest J Kump who had a very clear Midcentury Bay Tradition vernacular. Please consider the research by Lance Bernard about Kump and the era-defining work of his contemporaries.

- The Library Courtyard project proposed in early 2025 missed the opportunity for a Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) of the Library: the library building qualifies for consideration to the National Registry of Historic Places. The City-contracted historians are aware of its status. Consider initiating a preliminary HRE in order to better understand what you are working with.

- The fit and finish represented in the “concept” is sadly generic. Similarly, the recently completed LAYC renovation is a major disappointment where no effort was made to honor the building, its era-defining vernacular and its intentional connection to the outdoors, specifically the Heritage Orchard.

- Attached are photos of the Mill Valley Library where the interior design not only complements its surrounding Redwood grove, but provides a space whose character is inviting and consistent with its exterior architecture. The fit and finish are of high quality and unique character. Please apply similar principles to final library design decisions.

Los Altos gets only a few opportunities to improve our buildings. Please be sure the ABA team takes the time and does the research to make this a phenomenal project.

Best regards,

Maria Bautista

Please acknowledge receipt of this Public Comment.

From: [Laura Fay](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 5:41:58 PM
Attachments: [palo alto pushes Field Turf to substantiate its PFAS free claim.pdf](#)

Dear Los Altos City Council members,

I want to add an important point to my previously submitted comment.

You may hear some proponents of artificial turf for the Hillview dog parks make assertions like *"DG is a worse environmental choice for a dog park (maybe not for other applications) because of the chemicals required to service DG when used in a dog park. DG is a bad choice for a dog park, which is why most agencies are not building dog parks with DG."*

Please don't be fooled by unproven suggestions about decomposition granite. I urge each city council member to ask for hard evidence and inspect the actual experience of neighboring cities. The health of Los Altans and the environment depends on it.

The fact is that while some "agencies" (the paid consultants, who are influenced by the artificial turf industry) are proposing artificial turf as the most expedient solution in many of their projects, the reality of dog park installations in the Bay Area cities reflect that municipalities are pushing back on AT for the reasons mentioned in my earlier comment (below).

The above objection also implies that DG has more harmful chemicals than AT and requires more maintenance. This is NOT the case. There are chemical free adhesive solutions (i.e. not synthetic resins) available for DG, while there is PROVEN evidence of PFAS and other chemicals in AT. No AT product is PFAS-free despite vendor claims. In fact, the city of Palo Alto challenged a PFAS-free statement of their AT provider and reported *"Thus far, staff concludes that the manufacturer claims of PFAS-free are unsubstantiated."* (report attached)

Every environmental and health concern mentioned—microplastics, PFAS, VOCs, disposal constraints, heat retention, etc.—is supported by independent academic, public health, or government-related sources. DG's minimal impact is inferred from its natural mineral state and absence of synthetic additives.

The Sunnyvale's park & rec leadership endorses DG for dog parks.

"We did research on other dog parks in the area and many of them also were using DG. We've not had much trouble with the material"

– Chad Mosley, Director of Public Works/City Engineer,
Sunnyvale

"Parks staff like decomposed granite as it is easy to keep clean, doesn't retain the smell of urine and it's easy to maintain and repair. Other surfaces were considered (i.e. artificial turf, woodchips) but we thought that decomposed granite was the best choice. The City's two other dog parks are also decomposed granite."

– Jim Stark, Superintendent of Parks, Sunnyvale

In a further indictment of the use of chemicals in maintaining AT, the staff report regarding the proposed AT ban on County property, the Board of Supervisors was informed that: “The turf is disinfected from one to two times a week to avoid the spread of communicable diseases among a dog population with oftentimes unknown vaccination status. Additionally, the turf is deodorized with a treatment from one to two times a week. (Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, August 27, 2024, Item No. 10: Consider recommendations from the Office of the County Executive relating to the prohibition of new installation of artificial turf and synthetic grass on County property, page 7. *Italics added.*)

In sum, when compared side by side, **decomposed granite continues to be hands-down the more environmental choice**. As a natural, rock-based material, decomposed granite has a much lower environmental footprint for the following reasons:

- **A natural and local resource:** DG is a byproduct of naturally weathered granite. It requires minimal processing and is often sourced locally, reducing transportation costs and environmental impact.
- **Permeable and drains well:** Its porous nature allows water to drain through it, reducing runoff and helping to replenish groundwater. This also prevents the muddy spots common with natural grass.
- **Eco-friendly soil amendment:** DG can provide minerals to the surrounding soil and, unlike organic mulches, it does not attract pests, reducing the need for chemical pesticides.
- **Low waste:** Decomposed granite is fully recyclable and, as a natural mineral, it does not contain plastics or other pollutants that would break down and contaminate the environment.

Please don't be fooled by unproven suggestions about decomposition granite. I urge each city council member to ask for hard evidence and inspect the actual experience of neighboring cities. The health of Los Altos and the environment depends on it.

Respectfully,
Laura Fay

On Sat, Aug 23, 2025 at 4:12 PM Laura Fay <fay.laura@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Los Altos City Council members,

I am a dog lover and a former dog owner. I am a member of the Los Altos Rotary Climate Action Committee.

I urge you to prioritize public health and environmental impact as the most responsible factors when drawing your conclusions on the Hillview dog park surface.

What is a viable alternative to the proposed artificial turf ?

Decomposed granite should be considered as a highly viable alternative to artificial turf, which is in widespread use in dog parks across the Bay Area.

Sunnyvale requires decomposed granite for ALL their dog parks (ref Sunnyvale Park Design Guidelines Nov 2022 attached). Cities around the Bay Area are using decomposed granite successfully in their dog parks including Redwood City, San Jose, Palo Alto, San Ramon, Foster City, San Francisco, Pleasanton, El Cerrito, Oakland, Mountain View, Santa Clara, Milpitas and others. (see also attached reference of south bay dog park surfaces and P&R comments)

The reasons for these municipal decisions are clear . Decomposed granite...

- is natural and durable
- fits with the rural character of Los Altos
- does not contain PFAS (forever chemicals) or chemical adhesives
- does not shed microplastics
- does not end up in a landfill or incinerators
- does not have a fossil-fuel-based manufacturing process

Even if the hard financial costs are equal (ref cost comparison attached), decomposed granite avoids the environmental and health costs that won't appear in the city's budget, but are paid by our ecosystems, our climate, and ultimately our residents.

I urge council members to prioritize public health and environmental impact as the most responsible factors when drawing your conclusions on the Hillview dog park surface.

Thank You.

From: [David Cain](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Council Agenda Item #9
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 7:36:13 PM
Attachments: [D. Cain Council Mtg PUBlic Comment Aug 26 Agenda #9.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please find att. copy of my public comment for the Los Altos City Council meeting tomorrow, agenda item #9.

Regards,

Dave Cain
Los Altos Resident & EC Coordinator



From: [Jan Pepper](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 7:59:13 PM

Honorable City Council Members,

Regarding the Hillview Dog Park, I urge the city council to either:

a) require decomposed granite as the surface for the dog park and exclude artificial turf

OR

b) vote the entire plan down so it can be brought back for a future meeting for consideration.

I frequently walk to the library and have seen extremely limited use of the existng Hillview Dog Park. Usually, there is no one there. So I'm still struggling to understand the need for a \$1 million dog park when the vast majority of dog owners meet in school fields, and even the Hillview baseball field, to have a large space for their dogs to run free.

But if the council plans to move forward with this dog park,eliminating the artificial turf and substituting with decomposed granite would be the most environmentally sound, as well as a more economical solution.

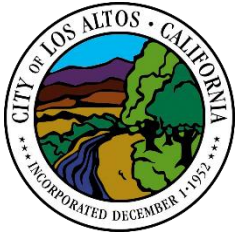
Thank you for listening.

Jan Pepper
Former Council Member 2012-2020, Mayor 2015 and 2020

From: [Liza Coe](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment – Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park - Mtg Aug 26, 2025
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1:11:35 AM
Attachments: [Public Comment – City Council Agenda Item #10 Hillview Dog Park.pdf](#)

Please find attached my Public Comment for Agenda item #10 at the City Council meeting scheduled for August 27.
Thank you!

Liza Coe



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
7:00 p.m.
1 N. San Antonio Rd. ~ Los Altos, CA**

Agenda Item # 1.

*Pete Dailey, Mayor
Neysa Fligor, Vice Mayor
Larry Lang, Councilmember
Sally Meadows, Councilmember
Jonathan D. Weinberg, Councilmember*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Pete Dailey, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM – All Councilmembers were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Sally Meadows, Councilmember, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session meeting.

CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition of 2025 Annual Employee Award Winners

Pete Dailey, Mayor, presented awards to the 2025 Annual Employee Award Winners.

Recognition of 2025 STEM Winners

Pete Dailey, Mayor, presented certificates to the 2025 STEM Winners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public speakers during this item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Larry Lang, Councilmember, requested to pull Item 5 from the Consent Calendar.

Pete Dailey, Mayor, moved Item 5 to after the consent calendar, under Discussion Items.

Motion by Weinberg and Second by Meadows to adopt the Consent Calendar, excluding Item 5.

Motion carried unanimously for Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14, and motion carried 3-2 for Item 12 with Councilmember Weinberg and Councilmember Fligor opposed by roll call vote.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approve the Draft Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2025 and June 24, 2025

2. Commission Appointments

Approve the 2025 Youth Commission Interview Subcommittee's Appointment Recommendations to the Los Altos Youth Commission

3. Adoption of Resolution to Execute Amendment No. 1 —Flock Safety

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 with Flock Safety in the amount of \$70,000 over the two years remaining on the contract for installation, maintenance

and service for Flock Safety cameras in the City of Los Altos and the management of the Camera Registry Program

4. Adoption of Resolution - Design Contract

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the existing design contract with Noll & Tam Architects in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,650, to provide expanded construction administrative services related to the Emergency Operations Center project (CF-01021)

6. Adoption of Resolution - Professional Services Agreement

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with R3 Consulting Group., Inc. (R3) in the amount not to exceed \$585,282 for on-call professional services in support of the City's solid waste management program for the five-year period from FY 2025-26 through FY 2029-30, and find that the proposed agreement is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

7. Adoption of Updated Financial Policy

Adopt the updated Financial Policy, which was reviewed by the Financial Commission on June 16, 2025

8. Adoption of Ordinances - Design Review

Four actions for Council Consideration:

Waive Second Reading and Adopt the Draft Ordinances and Consider the Planning Commission's June 5th, 2025, Recommendations for the Adoption of the Proposed Ordinances, which include:

- An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Adding Chapter 14.77 (Design Review) to the Los Altos Municipal Code; and

- An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Repealing in its Entirety Chapter 14.76 and Chapter 14.78 for Existing Design Review Regulations; and
- An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Los Altos Amending Chapter 14.01 (Administration of Zoning) to the Los Altos Municipal Code; and
- Find that the proposed amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

9. Adoption of Resolution—Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. ("Axon") for the Purchase and Deployment of Public Safety Technology and Equipment, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$453,600 Over a 5-year Contract

10. Adoption of Resolution - Janitorial Services

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with IMPEC Group for Janitorial Services in the Amount Not to Exceed \$885,276 for a Two-year Term on Behalf of the City

11. Adoption of Resolution - Public Art

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Use of Public Art Funds in the Amount of \$9,000 for the Purchase of the Compass Turtle Sculpture Currently Located at Grant Park

12. Adoption of Ordinance - E-Bike and E-Scooters

Waive Second Reading and Adopt the new Chapter 8.32 entitled "Bicycle and Electric Mobility Devices" to Title 8 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Los Altos Municipal Code

13. Adoption of Resolutions - Street Two items for Council consideration:

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with O'Grady Paving, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Street **Resurfacing Project**

Resurfacing Project TS-01001 and TS-01004 in the amount of \$5,379,565 (Base Bid) and up to 10% contingency, if needed, in the amount not to exceed \$537,957. The total project cost will be \$6,211,522, and find the Council's action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15301(c), and that is one of the circumstances in the CEQA Guidelines; and

- Adopt a Resolution for the appropriation of \$168,897 for a total project budget of \$6,211,522

14. Adoption of Resolution - Salary Schedules

Adopt a Resolution Approving an Updated Fiscal Year 2025/26 Pay Schedule to Comply with California Public Employees' Retirement System Statutory and Regulatory Requirements for Compensation Earnable and Publicly Available Salary Schedules

DISCUSSION ITEM

5. Adoption of Resolution - Agreement with CivicPlus LLC

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with CivicPlus LLC to provide CivicRec, a recreation management software, for the Parks & Recreation department registration and facility reservations

Council discussed Item 5.

Motion by Weinberg and Second by Meadows to adopt Item 5 of the Consent Calendar. **Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / COUNCIL Q&A

There will be no discussion or action on informational items.

15. Tentative Council Calendar and Housing Element Implementation Update Calendar

16. Informational report on Flock audits

17. Finalized Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and the Five-year Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance Program (CIMMP) for FY2026-30

18. 2025 Commission Recruitment Update

19. 07-08-2025 Council QA

ADJOURNMENT – The regular meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

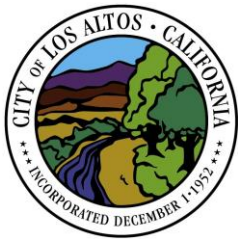
The meeting minutes were prepared by Taylor Soleno, Deputy City Clerk, for approval at the regular meeting on August 26, 2025.

Pete Dailey
Mayor

Taylor Soleno
Deputy City Clerk

The July 8, 2025, City Council meeting recording may be viewed via the following external website: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofLosAltosCA>

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City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Prepared By: Jessie Kim

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the City's Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

None.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025 is attached for review. This report includes quarter-end balances for all City treasury accounts and the check registers for the period April 1 through June 30, 2025, documenting all disbursements made during the quarter.

As of June 30, 2025, the City of Los Altos maintained funds in the following treasury accounts:

1. US Bank General Checking: This account is used to meet the City's daily cash needs, for regular deposit of City receipts, and disbursement of funds for the City's regular obligations.
2. LAIF: the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) is Managed by the California State Treasurer; this investment pool holds funds in excess of the City's daily cash flow needs. This investment is fully liquid and serves as the City's primary repository of

cash to cover the City’s expenses when they exceed the balance held in the City’s general checking account.

3. CAMP: The California Asset Management Program (CAMP) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) established to provide California public agencies with professional investment services. The fund is fully liquid and serves as a repository of cash to cover the City’s short-term expenses when they exceed the balance held in the City’s general checking account.
4. PTA: The Public Trust Advisors is an investment firm specializing in local government investments. The City utilizes their investment account to hold funds not needed to meet current obligations, which are available for longer term investment.

The balances for each of the City’s Treasury accounts as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Transactions	US Bank Checking	LAIF	CAMP	Public Trust	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,850,325.33	\$ 28,437,773.38	\$ 18,553,472.97	\$ 53,589,842.75	\$ 105,431,414.43
Deposits	\$ 27,673,478.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,673,478.30
Withdrawals	\$ (20,461,986.94)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (20,461,986.94)
Interest/Income Earned	\$ -	\$ 227,342.44	\$ 205,471.05	\$ 550,718.95	\$ 983,532.44
Accretion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,631.15	\$ 14,631.15
Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance 06/30/25	\$ 12,061,816.69	\$ 28,665,115.82	\$ 18,758,944.02	\$ 54,155,192.85	\$ 113,641,069.38

The City’s check register for the quarter ending June 30, 2025, has been organized by month for clarity. The disbursement totals for each month are as follows:

- April 2025: \$2,538,512
- May 2025: \$3,055,892
- June 2025: \$6,858,385

Total disbursements for the quarter amounted to \$12,452,789.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment I. Check Register April 2025 – June 2025

City of Los Altos

Check Register

APRIL 2025

Vendor Name	Check Number	Date Issued	Amount
ACHIEVEMENT ENGINEERING CORP.	00178755	04/03/2025	\$ 560.00
ADVEXURE LLC	00178756	04/03/2025	\$ 4,575.58
AITURGAN MYRZAKMATOVA	00178757	04/03/2025	\$ 159.60
ALEXIS IWASAKI	00178758	04/03/2025	\$ 1,203.00
Amazon Capital Services Inc	00178759	04/03/2025	\$ 22.14
AT&T	00178760	04/03/2025	\$ 2,331.53
BEAUCHAINE CONSULTING GROUP LLC	00178761	04/03/2025	\$ 4,477.50
BERLINER COHEN LLP	00178762	04/03/2025	\$ 12,643.11
BOSCO OIL INC DBA VALLEY OIL	00178763	04/03/2025	\$ 11,366.93
BRICK TECH	00178764	04/03/2025	\$ 1,349.40
CALIFORNIA PAINT COMPANY	00178765	04/03/2025	\$ 53.08
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE	00178766	04/03/2025	\$ 835.17
CALTRANS	00178767	04/03/2025	\$ 1,007.58
CIARDELLA'S GARDEN SUPPLY INC.	00178768	04/03/2025	\$ 380.55
COMCAST	00178769	04/03/2025	\$ 117.22
COMCAST	00178770	04/03/2025	\$ 107.93
Darryl Pang	00178771	04/03/2025	\$ 750.00
GIANT CONSTRUCTION INC.	00178772	04/03/2025	\$ 370,222.78
GRAINGER	00178773	04/03/2025	\$ 540.30
Growing IQ - California Inc.	00178774	04/03/2025	\$ 752.50
Hema Gidwani Rajpal	00178775	04/03/2025	\$ 612.00
JAMSHID PARIVASH	00178776	04/03/2025	\$ 2,793.26
Karl L Konnerth	00178777	04/03/2025	\$ 414.60
KENNETH HOWELL PETERSON	00178778	04/03/2025	\$ 1,120.00
Kensuke Sumii	00178779	04/03/2025	\$ 364.80
LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	00178780	04/03/2025	\$ 1,925.00
LOS ALTOS HARDWARE INC	00178781	04/03/2025	\$ 209.34
LOS ALTOS MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	00178782	04/03/2025	\$ 2,327.50
LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER	00178783	04/03/2025	\$ 2,406.00
LYN ROGERS	00178784	04/03/2025	\$ 285.60
MAMMEN JACOB	00178785	04/03/2025	\$ 500.00
MANUEL MINZER	00178786	04/03/2025	\$ 3,330.00
MARIA ELENA De GUEVARA	00178787	04/03/2025	\$ 8,750.00
MARYAM MOSHIRY	00178788	04/03/2025	\$ 1,014.00
METRO MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	00178789	04/03/2025	\$ 382.50
MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	00178790	04/03/2025	\$ 46.00
NAVIA BENEFIT SOLUTIONS	00178791	04/03/2025	\$ 1,977.50
NORATEK	00178792	04/03/2025	\$ 5,565.00
PATTERSON LIFT TRUCKS INC	00178793	04/03/2025	\$ 4,992.47
PAY PLUS SOLUTIONS	00178794	04/03/2025	\$ 652.00
RICHARD T CAMPBELL	00178795	04/03/2025	\$ 360.00
SHAIJA SALIM ALI	00178796	04/03/2025	\$ 1,027.80
SHEZADI MERCHANT	00178797	04/03/2025	\$ 1,027.80

Vendor Name	Check Number	Date Issued	Amount
STEVEN DEBIASIO	00178798	04/03/2025	\$ 1,080.86
THE DAILY POST	00178799	04/03/2025	\$ 191.25
THOMAS SARSFIELD	00178800	04/03/2025	\$ 5,195.40
TRI-SIGNAL INTEGRATION INC	00178801	04/03/2025	\$ 746.75
U.S. BANK	00178802	04/03/2025	\$ 1,396.00
U.S. BANK	00178803	04/03/2025	\$ 38,723.90
Water Industry Training Specialties Inc.	00178804	04/03/2025	\$ 1,600.00
WECO INDUSTRIES LLC	00178805	04/03/2025	\$ 330.00
WEST COAST ARBORISTS INC	00178806	04/03/2025	\$ 11,950.00
YOGA WITH MIKI	00178807	04/03/2025	\$ 3,423.00
101 VOICE	00178808	04/10/2025	\$ 7.38
2911 CONTRACTORS LLC	00178809	04/10/2025	\$ 430.42
ACHIEVEMENT ENGINEERING CORP.	00178810	04/10/2025	\$ 840.00
AIM ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS INC.	00178811	04/10/2025	\$ 24,782.18
ALHAMBRA AND SIERRA SPRINGS	00178812	04/10/2025	\$ 154.87
ALPHAGRAPHICS #759	00178813	04/10/2025	\$ 53.63
Amazon Capital Services Inc	00178814	04/10/2025	\$ 64.65
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS-ABAG	00178815	04/10/2025	\$ 3,404.78
AT&T	00178816	04/10/2025	\$ 2,223.01
BEAUCHAINE CONSULTING GROUP LLC	00178817	04/10/2025	\$ 5,445.00
BENEFIT COORDINATORS CORP	00178818	04/10/2025	\$ 7,049.37
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CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE	00178820	04/10/2025	\$ 52,153.37
CAMIO	00178821	04/10/2025	\$ 5.04
CIVICPLUS LLC	00178822	04/10/2025	\$ 32,300.00
COMCAST BUSINESS	00178823	04/10/2025	\$ 926.78
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA-OFFICE of the SHERIFF	00178824	04/10/2025	\$ 1,086.00
DASHER TECHNOLOGIES INC.	00178825	04/10/2025	\$ 636.06
DAVID J. POWERS & ASSOCIATES INC.	00178826	04/10/2025	\$ 11,650.95
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC	00178827	04/10/2025	\$ 159.00
GARDENLAND POWER EQUIPMENT	00178828	04/10/2025	\$ 963.32
GOOD CITY COMPANY	00178829	04/10/2025	\$ 1,504.25
Hanson Bridgett LLP	00178830	04/10/2025	\$ 22,239.20
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HARUN MUSAEFENDIC	00178832	04/10/2025	\$ 52.50
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HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	00178834	04/10/2025	\$ 635.67
ICMA	00178835	04/10/2025	\$ 1,200.00
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KMVT COMMUNITY TELEVISION	00178837	04/10/2025	\$ 17,846.67
LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MGT LLC	00178838	04/10/2025	\$ 960.00
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LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	00178840	04/10/2025	\$ 278.86
LOS ALTOS HARDWARE INC	00178841	04/10/2025	\$ 87.24
MISSION TRAIL WASTE SYSTEMS	00178842	04/10/2025	\$ 32,187.65
NAPA AUTO PARTS	00178843	04/10/2025	\$ 387.25
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NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC.	00178845	04/10/2025	\$ 4,059.45
OAK ALARM COMPANY	00178846	04/10/2025	\$ 5,000.00
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO	00178847	04/10/2025	\$ 163.87

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SAN JOSE WATER COMPANY	00178850	04/10/2025	\$ 217.43
STERICYCLE INC	00178851	04/10/2025	\$ 114.87
STRUCTECH ENGINEERING	00178852	04/10/2025	\$ 89,390.59
SUMMIT UNIFORMS LLC	00178853	04/10/2025	\$ 707.66
T-Mobile USA Inc.	00178854	04/10/2025	\$ 822.00
TOP DOG POLICE K9 TRAINING AND CONSULTING LLC	00178855	04/10/2025	\$ 275.00
TRACIE BANUELOS	00178856	04/10/2025	\$ 378.44
TRANS BAY ELEVATOR CORPORATION	00178857	04/10/2025	\$ 120.00
TRIPEPI SMITH and ASSOCIATES INC.	00178858	04/10/2025	\$ 2,417.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	00178859	04/10/2025	\$ 4,564.00
WEX BANK	00178860	04/10/2025	\$ 221.83
WILDMIND	00178861	04/10/2025	\$ 900.00
WOWzy CREATION CORP	00178862	04/10/2025	\$ 36.01
ZPODS HOLDINGS LLC	00178863	04/10/2025	\$ 4,999.00
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	00178864	04/11/2025	\$ 7,798.00
A&D AUTOMATIC GATE COMPANY	00178865	04/17/2025	\$ 1,316.00
AIR FILTER SUPPLY INC	00178866	04/17/2025	\$ 241.95
ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	00178867	04/17/2025	\$ 30,374.61
ARIA ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION	00178868	04/17/2025	\$ 126,160.00
AT&T	00178869	04/17/2025	\$ 6,606.57
AT&T MOBILITY	00178870	04/17/2025	\$ 2,577.27
Bear Electrical Solutions Inc.	00178871	04/17/2025	\$ 3,811.80
BEAUCHAINE CONSULTING GROUP LLC	00178872	04/17/2025	\$ 4,590.00
BERLINER COHEN LLP	00178873	04/17/2025	\$ 20,384.04
BMI IMAGING SYSTEMS	00178874	04/17/2025	\$ 18,408.37
BOSCO OIL INC DBA VALLEY OIL	00178875	04/17/2025	\$ 8,515.07
Boucher Law PC	00178876	04/17/2025	\$ 24,816.50
BRIAN WERNER	00178877	04/17/2025	\$ 520.00
C2R ENGINEERING INC	00178878	04/17/2025	\$ 3,895.00
CAL-LINE EQUIPMENT INC	00178879	04/17/2025	\$ 831.24
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.	00178880	04/17/2025	\$ 2,201.88
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC	00178881	04/17/2025	\$ 325.23
CLEANSWEEP SERVICES INC.	00178882	04/17/2025	\$ 16,819.66
COLLINGWOOD RESEARCH LLC	00178883	04/17/2025	\$ 5,000.00
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CRAFCO INC	00178891	04/17/2025	\$ 3,461.34
DAHL'S EQUIPMENT RENTALS INC	00178892	04/17/2025	\$ 117.00
DAVID LOPEZ	00178893	04/17/2025	\$ 1,348.08
DAVID YOUNG	00178894	04/17/2025	\$ 35.00
DEL CONTE'S LANDSCAPING INC.	00178895	04/17/2025	\$ 52,029.00
DEWBERRY ENGINEERS INC	00178896	04/17/2025	\$ 215.00
DOGGIE WALK BAGS INC	00178897	04/17/2025	\$ 272.83

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IMAGE EXPRESSIONS	00178904	04/17/2025	\$ 295.25
IMPEC GROUP INC	00178905	04/17/2025	\$ 32,365.00
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IRVINE & JACHENS INC	00178907	04/17/2025	\$ 403.76
JARVIS FAY LLP	00178908	04/17/2025	\$ 114.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	00178909	04/17/2025	\$ 10.34
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LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER	00178912	04/17/2025	\$ 731.26
METRO MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS	00178913	04/17/2025	\$ 475.79
MUNISERVICES LLC	00178914	04/17/2025	\$ 3,500.60
O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	00178915	04/17/2025	\$ 1,053.68
PATRICK CAMIN	00178916	04/17/2025	\$ 1,209.60
PERMITIUM	00178917	04/17/2025	\$ 250.00
PREFERRED ALLIANCE INC	00178918	04/17/2025	\$ 232.48
PUBLIC TRUST ADVISORS LLC	00178919	04/17/2025	\$ 2,937.67
SAN DIEGO POLICE EQUIPMENT	00178920	04/17/2025	\$ 10,612.19
SANBELL-BAY AREA	00178921	04/17/2025	\$ 20,436.90
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SCOTT GERDES	00178924	04/17/2025	\$ 1,014.77
SDI PRESENCE LLC	00178925	04/17/2025	\$ 10,627.50
SHEPPARD MULLIN RICHTER AND HAMPTON LLP	00178926	04/17/2025	\$ 729.60
SODEXO OPERATIONS LLC (dba INREACH)	00178927	04/17/2025	\$ 946.98
SPOKE HS INC	00178928	04/17/2025	\$ 175.00
SUMMIT UNIFORMS LLC	00178929	04/17/2025	\$ 751.41
THE DAILY POST	00178930	04/17/2025	\$ 821.25
The Lew Edwards Group	00178931	04/17/2025	\$ 3,375.00
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UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA) INC	00178934	04/17/2025	\$ 1,054.15
VARSHA DAMLE	00178935	04/17/2025	\$ 181.38
VERIZON WIRELESS	00178936	04/17/2025	\$ 409.43
VESTRA RESOURCES INC	00178937	04/17/2025	\$ 4,025.00
ABSOLUTE SOFTWARE INC.	00178938	04/24/2025	\$ 1,377.00
ACTION SIGN SYSTEMS INC.	00178939	04/24/2025	\$ 553.19
ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	00178940	04/24/2025	\$ 500.00
ALLAN BRUCE	00178941	04/24/2025	\$ 161.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	00178942	04/24/2025	\$ 1,361.64
AT&T	00178943	04/24/2025	\$ 933.56
BAY AREA PL SERVICES	00178944	04/24/2025	\$ 300.00
BAY2BAY OFFICE SOLUTIONS INC	00178945	04/24/2025	\$ 1,848.58
BEAUCHAINE CONSULTING GROUP LLC	00178946	04/24/2025	\$ 3,285.00
CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION	00178947	04/24/2025	\$ 1,766.70

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CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	00178949	04/24/2025	\$ 31.68
CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS	00178950	04/24/2025	\$ 40.00
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INC CRITICAL REACH	00178952	04/24/2025	\$ 560.00
D&M TRAFFIC SERVICES INC	00178953	04/24/2025	\$ 355.66
DAVID J. POWERS & ASSOCIATES INC.	00178954	04/24/2025	\$ 15,563.00
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION	00178955	04/24/2025	\$ 5,235.93
THE EDELMAN CORPORATION	00178956	04/24/2025	\$ 1,660.50
EDGES ELECTRICAL GROUP LLC	00178957	04/24/2025	\$ 872.81
EVERYTHING2GO.COM	00178958	04/24/2025	\$ 13,278.33
GRAINGER	00178959	04/24/2025	\$ 96.15
HONG WU	00178960	04/24/2025	\$ 576.05
INTERSTATE TRAFFIC CONTROL PRODUCTS INC.	00178961	04/24/2025	\$ 2,260.23
Katy Brecher	00178962	04/24/2025	\$ 172.20
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	00178963	04/24/2025	\$ 383.02
LOS ALTOS HARDWARE INC	00178964	04/24/2025	\$ 23.43
LOS ALTOS PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	00178965	04/24/2025	\$ 3,611.34
LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER	00178966	04/24/2025	\$ 2,285.00
LSA ASSOCIATES INC.	00178967	04/24/2025	\$ 262.50
MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY LLC	00178968	04/24/2025	\$ 790.94
Michael Lang Design	00178969	04/24/2025	\$ 600.00
Ming Ju Wu	00178970	04/24/2025	\$ 425.27
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NOLL & TAM ARCHITECTS	00178972	04/24/2025	\$ 7,382.05
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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO	00178974	04/24/2025	\$ 11,345.33
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO	00178975	04/24/2025	\$ 1,521.06
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R3 CONSULTING GROUP	00178981	04/24/2025	\$ 32,774.50
SANBELL-BAY AREA	00178982	04/24/2025	\$ 73,415.88
SANITARY TRUCK DRIVERS & HELPERS	00178983	04/24/2025	\$ 1,098.00
SANTA CLARA COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER	00178984	04/24/2025	\$ 50.00
SANTA CLARA COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION	00178985	04/24/2025	\$ 1,936.60
SCHAAF & WHEELER Consulting Civil Engineers INC	00178986	04/24/2025	\$ 658.00
SENDnLINK	00178987	04/24/2025	\$ 10,224.63
SH ROOFING & CONTSTRUCTION	00178988	04/24/2025	\$ 2,255.61
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	00178989	04/24/2025	\$ 85,089.00
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VESTIS	00178992	04/24/2025	\$ 827.38
WEBTOWN DRY CLEANERS	00178993	04/24/2025	\$ 1,601.70

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Darryl Pang	00179011	05/01/2025	\$ 375.00
DAVID J. POWERS & ASSOCIATES INC.	00179012	05/01/2025	\$ 2,225.75
DEWBERRY ENGINEERS INC	00179013	05/01/2025	\$ 1,319.70
DUANE WENDEROTH	00179014	05/01/2025	\$ 318.38
EGAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL	00179015	05/01/2025	\$ 1,540.00
ELIZABETH LAZO	00179016	05/01/2025	\$ 164.48
FANGYU DING	00179017	05/01/2025	\$ 92.32
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GLORIA DIAZ	00179019	05/01/2025	\$ 57.00
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JOYCE TSUNODA	00179026	05/01/2025	\$ 60.72
KATHLEEN BLANCHARD	00179027	05/01/2025	\$ 446.08
LOS ALTOS HARDWARE INC	00179028	05/01/2025	\$ 1,233.32
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NAVIA BENEFIT SOLUTIONS	00179030	05/01/2025	\$ 1,983.40
O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	00179031	05/01/2025	\$ 132.32
PATRICIA JONES	00179032	05/01/2025	\$ 142.00
PINA SHAH	00179033	05/01/2025	\$ 268.50
SAN JOSE CONSERVATION CORPS	00179034	05/01/2025	\$ 2,867.77
SANTA CLARA COUNTY CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION	00179035	05/01/2025	\$ 766,451.00
SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	00179036	05/01/2025	\$ 486.00
SHRI GOPAL GARG	00179037	05/01/2025	\$ 320.54
STEPHANIE ATIGH	00179038	05/01/2025	\$ 2,997.50
STERICYCLE INC	00179039	05/01/2025	\$ 114.87

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THE DAILY POST	00179043	05/01/2025	\$ 1,768.00
TOP DOG POLICE K9 TRAINING AND CONSULTING LLC	00179044	05/01/2025	\$ 275.00
TRB AND ASSOCIATES INC	00179045	05/01/2025	\$ 95,497.93
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VENCHE KAO	00179049	05/01/2025	\$ 103.89
VIJAY KUMAR DHIR	00179050	05/01/2025	\$ 139.19
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WHITE ROCK CYBERSECURITY	00179052	05/01/2025	\$ 8,827.00
WINNER CHEVROLET INC.	00179053	05/01/2025	\$ 127,217.16
101 VOICE	00179054	05/08/2025	\$ 7.16
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ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	00179058	05/08/2025	\$ 45,788.80
ALMOND SCHOOL PTA	00179059	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS	00179062	05/08/2025	\$ 264.00
ANGELA BROWN	00179063	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS-ABAG	00179064	05/08/2025	\$ 3,404.78
AT&T	00179065	05/08/2025	\$ 4,197.99
BEAUCHAINE CONSULTING GROUP LLC	00179066	05/08/2025	\$ 4,680.00
BENEFIT COORDINATORS CORP	00179067	05/08/2025	\$ 7,120.44
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA	00179069	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
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Can V. Huynh	00179072	05/08/2025	\$ 1,001.99
Candace Marie Bates Avina	00179073	05/08/2025	\$ 173.08
CANTABILE YOUTH SINGERS	00179074	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
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CHIEN-SHENG TSENG	00179076	05/08/2025	\$ 200.00
CITY OF CUPERTINO	00179077	05/08/2025	\$ 350.74
CIVICPLUS LLC	00179078	05/08/2025	\$ 7,547.40
CleanRiver Recycling Solutions	00179079	05/08/2025	\$ 4,104.60
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COMCAST BUSINESS	00179081	05/08/2025	\$ 926.78
DAVID J. POWERS & ASSOCIATES INC.	00179082	05/08/2025	\$ 1,233.75
DAVID LOPEZ	00179083	05/08/2025	\$ 1,236.49
EAGLE SIGNS AND DESIGNS LLC	00179084	05/08/2025	\$ 1,297.92
ELIZABETH KWAN	00179085	05/08/2025	\$ 185.42
FIRST LOCK AND SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES	00179086	05/08/2025	\$ 15.28
GARDENLAND POWER EQUIPMENT	00179087	05/08/2025	\$ 2,159.72
GB Auto Service Inc/ Bruce's Tire & Auto	00179088	05/08/2025	\$ 1,201.46
GGCW	00179089	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
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HARRIS AND ASSOCIATES	00179091	05/08/2025	\$ 69,929.54
HINDERLITER DE LLAMAS & ASSOC	00179092	05/08/2025	\$ 7,004.54

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IMPEC GROUP INC	00179095	05/08/2025	\$ 32,365.00
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INC	00179096	05/08/2025	\$ 2,193.65
INTERSTATE TRAFFIC CONTROL PRODUCTS INC.	00179097	05/08/2025	\$ 1,216.95
IRVINE & JACHENS INC	00179098	05/08/2025	\$ 649.29
JULIA RECKER	00179099	05/08/2025	\$ 26.74
KASEYA US LLC	00179100	05/08/2025	\$ 3,887.74
KIWANIS CLUB OF LOS ALTOS	00179101	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
KMVT COMMUNITY TELEVISION	00179102	05/08/2025	\$ 18,150.24
LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	00179103	05/08/2025	\$ 6,153.00
LONI B. DAVIS	00179104	05/08/2025	\$ 199.00
LOS ALTOS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS	00179105	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
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MARY McDONALD	00179109	05/08/2025	\$ 519.75
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NCL - ORCHARD VALLEY CHAPTER PRESIDENT	00179115	05/08/2025	\$ 551.00
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GRANITE ROCK CO	00179213	05/22/2025	\$ 5,569.01
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HY Floor & Gameline Painting	00179217	05/22/2025	\$ 7,866.00
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SUPERION LLC	00179287	05/29/2025	\$ 3,988.07
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DAVID J. POWERS & ASSOCIATES INC.	00179314	06/05/2025	\$ 8,297.75
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DOGGIE WALK BAGS INC	00179390	06/12/2025	\$ 287.83
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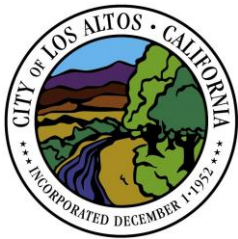
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HARRY HALVORSEN	00179405	06/12/2025	\$ 1,150.00
HEATHER CRESSALL	00179406	06/12/2025	\$ 1,702.70
HECTOR LOPEZ	00179407	06/12/2025	\$ 1,150.00
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JET MULCH INC.	00179413	06/12/2025	\$ 33,949.51
JOHN MILLER	00179414	06/12/2025	\$ 164.38
JOHN W PARKER II	00179415	06/12/2025	\$ 1,150.00
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KATHLEEN BLANCHARD	00179417	06/12/2025	\$ 311.97
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LOOKINGPOINT INC.	00179421	06/12/2025	\$ 21,631.03
LOS ALTOS HARDWARE INC	00179422	06/12/2025	\$ 251.12
LOS ALTOS TOWN CRIER	00179423	06/12/2025	\$ 2,064.26
MAS MODERN MARKETING INC	00179424	06/12/2025	\$ 2,712.52
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OPENPATH SECURITY INC.	00179432	06/12/2025	\$ 3,306.00
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PINNACLE FUEL COMPLIANCE SERVICES INC	00179434	06/12/2025	\$ 5,385.00
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RICK SEIKALY	00179437	06/12/2025	\$ 1,887.50
SAN DIEGO POLICE EQUIPMENT	00179438	06/12/2025	\$ 4,121.45
SARA CALLAHAN	00179439	06/12/2025	\$ 309.38
SDI PRESENCE LLC	00179440	06/12/2025	\$ 9,360.00
SHUSHENG LU	00179441	06/12/2025	\$ 176.00
SNEHAL BALAJI	00179442	06/12/2025	\$ 551.00
SPARK HIRE INC.	00179443	06/12/2025	\$ 6,048.00
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TOP DOG POLICE K9 TRAINING AND CONSULTING LLC	00179449	06/12/2025	\$ 275.00
TRANS BAY ELEVATOR CORPORATION	00179450	06/12/2025	\$ 120.00
TRIEPI SMITH and ASSOCIATES INC.	00179451	06/12/2025	\$ 2,125.00
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VERIZON WIRELESS	00179453	06/12/2025	\$ 407.68
WATRY DESIGN INC.	00179454	06/12/2025	\$ 65,932.50
WEBTOWN DRY CLEANERS	00179455	06/12/2025	\$ 1,752.30
WEST COAST ARBORISTS INC	00179456	06/12/2025	\$ 46,510.00
YOULEE LEE	00179457	06/12/2025	\$ 1,150.00
ZORO TOOLS INC	00179458	06/12/2025	\$ 471.43
4IMPRINT INC	00179459	06/18/2025	\$ 5,530.99
ACTION SIGN SYSTEMS INC.	00179460	06/18/2025	\$ 503.97
ALERT PLUMBING INC	00179461	06/18/2025	\$ 2,348.79
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	00179462	06/18/2025	\$ 29.44
ANDERSON BRULE ARCHITECTS	00179463	06/18/2025	\$ 19,630.48
BAY CITIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY	00179464	06/18/2025	\$ 31,716.93
BEAUCHAINE CONSULTING GROUP LLC	00179465	06/18/2025	\$ 6,937.50
CITY OF PALO ALTO - REV COLLECTIONS	00179466	06/18/2025	\$ 1,274,397.69
CLEANSWEEP SERVICES INC.	00179467	06/18/2025	\$ 16,873.15
COMCAST	00179468	06/18/2025	\$ 220.04
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GINA ATKINSON	00179471	06/18/2025	\$ 64.75
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H.A. BOWEN ELECTRIC INC.	00179473	06/18/2025	\$ 60.25
Hanson Bridgett LLP	00179474	06/18/2025	\$ 77,714.96
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Kokila Doshi	00179478	06/18/2025	\$ 798.82
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NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC.	00179484	06/18/2025	\$ 3,142.80
O'GRADY PAVING INC.	00179485	06/18/2025	\$ 38,500.00
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SRIDHARAN RAGHUNATHAN	00179492	06/18/2025	\$ 73.61
SUMAN SIDANA	00179493	06/18/2025	\$ 116.41
SUMMIT UNIFORMS LLC	00179494	06/18/2025	\$ 503.13
Susmita Mukherjee	00179495	06/18/2025	\$ 605.77
TIMOTHY L KRAPIVKIN	00179496	06/18/2025	\$ 260.00
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VEENA DESAI	00179498	06/18/2025	\$ 50.74

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AARON BRENDAN MOORE	00179504	06/26/2025	\$ 1,704.00
ABLE CONSTRUCTION GROUP INC.	00179505	06/26/2025	\$ 1,930.00
ABS HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING	00179506	06/26/2025	\$ 842.03
ACTERRA: Action for a Healthy Planet	00179507	06/26/2025	\$ 30,504.00
ALEXIS IWASAKI	00179508	06/26/2025	\$ 1,548.00
ALPHAGRAPHICS SUNNYVALE	00179509	06/26/2025	\$ 84.26
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	00179510	06/26/2025	\$ 556.95
AMS.NET INC	00179511	06/26/2025	\$ 1,146.85
ANDREY VANEEV	00179512	06/26/2025	\$ 551.00
ANGELA GAFFNEY	00179513	06/26/2025	\$ 551.00
ANN HEPENSTAL	00179514	06/26/2025	\$ 2,135.00
AT&T	00179515	06/26/2025	\$ 7,232.60
AT&T MOBILITY	00179516	06/26/2025	\$ 2,639.05
Bear Electrical Solutions Inc.	00179517	06/26/2025	\$ 17,631.80
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BENDPAK INC	00179519	06/26/2025	\$ 13,083.14
Boucher Law PC	00179520	06/26/2025	\$ 21,593.50
C2R ENGINEERING INC	00179521	06/26/2025	\$ 367,752.60
CADD MICROSYSTEMS INC	00179522	06/26/2025	\$ 2,600.00
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE	00179523	06/26/2025	\$ 79,205.23
CASEY JENSEN-RICHARDSON	00179524	06/26/2025	\$ 116.95
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CHASE PAPAROTTI	00179526	06/26/2025	\$ 25.00
CHIA YIN MELODY WU	00179527	06/26/2025	\$ 302.40
CINDY KLEIN	00179528	06/26/2025	\$ 666.25
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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW	00179530	06/26/2025	\$ 291.82
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CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS	00179532	06/26/2025	\$ 216.00
DAHL'S EQUIPMENT RENTALS INC	00179533	06/26/2025	\$ 900.00
DAVID J. POWERS & ASSOCIATES INC.	00179534	06/26/2025	\$ 1,142.00
DAVID LOPEZ	00179535	06/26/2025	\$ 3,388.98
DEL CONTE'S LANDSCAPING INC.	00179536	06/26/2025	\$ 34,686.00
DEVIL MOUNTAIN WHOLESALE NURSERY	00179537	06/26/2025	\$ 1,320.41
Dex Background Investigations	00179538	06/26/2025	\$ 2,102.40
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EDGES ELECTRICAL GROUP LLC	00179540	06/26/2025	\$ 129.31
EMERGENCY VEHICLE OUTFITTING COMPANY	00179541	06/26/2025	\$ 39,055.06
ERICA EWING	00179542	06/26/2025	\$ 1,359.37
EXCLUSIVELY ROOFING INC - CHRISTOPHER BROWN	00179543	06/26/2025	\$ 776.32
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #686	00179544	06/26/2025	\$ 359.92
FIRST LOCK AND SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES	00179545	06/26/2025	\$ 39.29
FRANKIE'S AWARDS	00179546	06/26/2025	\$ 745.39
GARDENLAND POWER EQUIPMENT	00179547	06/26/2025	\$ 597.23
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GIULIANI & KULL INC	00179549	06/26/2025	\$ 425.00
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GRANITE ROCK CO	00179551	06/26/2025	\$ 1,768.71

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INSULATION GURU INC.	00179555	06/26/2025	\$ 1,747.36
INTERSTATE TRAFFIC CONTROL PRODUCTS INC.	00179556	06/26/2025	\$ 207.05
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	00179557	06/26/2025	\$ 7,913.57
JUAN P. ZAMORA - 1P ELECTRIC	00179558	06/26/2025	\$ 215.21
KAREN JANOWSKI	00179559	06/26/2025	\$ 551.00
Karl L Konnerth	00179560	06/26/2025	\$ 319.80
KEEPER GOALS	00179561	06/26/2025	\$ 1,545.00
Kensuke Sumii	00179562	06/26/2025	\$ 288.00
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	00179563	06/26/2025	\$ 24.80
LOS ALTOS HARDWARE INC	00179564	06/26/2025	\$ 1,423.79
LOS ALTOS MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	00179565	06/26/2025	\$ 1,941.80
LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT	00179566	06/26/2025	\$ 18,000.00
LOUIE ELECTRIC	00179567	06/26/2025	\$ 215.21
LOZANO SUNNYVALE CAR WASH	00179568	06/26/2025	\$ 25.00
LYN ROGERS	00179569	06/26/2025	\$ 440.40
MANUEL MINZER	00179570	06/26/2025	\$ 5,355.00
MARYAM MOSHIRY	00179571	06/26/2025	\$ 2,001.00
MATT MENDOZA	00179572	06/26/2025	\$ 187.00
MB TOOLS	00179573	06/26/2025	\$ 2,194.97
MIKE COBB CREATIVE	00179574	06/26/2025	\$ 2,067.50
MONIMA BARUAH	00179575	06/26/2025	\$ 551.00
MUNISERVICES LLC	00179576	06/26/2025	\$ 3,500.60
NAI-YU CHUANG	00179577	06/26/2025	\$ 131.68
NAPA AUTO PARTS	00179578	06/26/2025	\$ 995.85
NBS GOVERNMENT FINANCE GROUP	00179579	06/26/2025	\$ 5,032.09
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC.	00179580	06/26/2025	\$ 3,186.45
O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	00179581	06/26/2025	\$ 1,032.86
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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO	00179583	06/26/2025	\$ 8,843.24
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PARTY BY ALINA	00179588	06/26/2025	\$ 787.50
PENINSULA BATTERY INC.	00179589	06/26/2025	\$ 263.85
PENINSULA UNIFORMS AND ARTISAN EMBROIDERY	00179590	06/26/2025	\$ 61.37
PETER K McDONNELL	00179591	06/26/2025	\$ 700.00
PRIMO BRANDS	00179592	06/26/2025	\$ 111.00
R3 CONSULTING GROUP	00179593	06/26/2025	\$ 15,953.23
RAYMOND C. ROAN	00179594	06/26/2025	\$ 2,402.40
RINISHA GOLANI	00179595	06/26/2025	\$ 25.00
RISE 2 REALIZE	00179596	06/26/2025	\$ 551.00
ROSS RECREATION EQUIPMENT INC.	00179597	06/26/2025	\$ 2,258.00
ROYAL BRASS INCORPORATED	00179598	06/26/2025	\$ 237.53
SANBELL-BAY AREA	00179599	06/26/2025	\$ 14,652.00
SHAIJA SALIM ALI	00179600	06/26/2025	\$ 987.00
SHEPPARD MULLIN RICHTER AND HAMPTON LLP	00179601	06/26/2025	\$ 1,824.00
SHEZADI MERCHANT	00179602	06/26/2025	\$ 987.00
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SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES	00179604	06/26/2025	\$ 687.65

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SPARTAN TOOL LLC	00179606	06/26/2025	\$ 2,936.22
Statewide Traffic Safety and Signs Inc.	00179607	06/26/2025	\$ 3,809.45
STRUCTECH ENGINEERING	00179608	06/26/2025	\$ 8,676.71
T-Mobile USA Inc.	00179609	06/26/2025	\$ 993.62
Tesla Energy Operations Inc	00179610	06/26/2025	\$ 129.50
THOMAS SARSFIELD	00179611	06/26/2025	\$ 4,777.50
TRB AND ASSOCIATES INC	00179612	06/26/2025	\$ 90,768.20
U.S. BANK	00179613	06/26/2025	\$ 65,396.40
ULINE	00179614	06/26/2025	\$ 6,611.10
UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA) INC	00179615	06/26/2025	\$ 1,324.24
UNITED STORM WATER INC	00179616	06/26/2025	\$ 11,473.00
VENCY WOO	00179617	06/26/2025	\$ 1,295.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	00179618	06/26/2025	\$ 428.94
VESTIS	00179619	06/26/2025	\$ 770.68
VICTOR STANLEY LLC	00179620	06/26/2025	\$ 6,401.29
VICTORIA BEBEE	00179621	06/26/2025	\$ 1,105.00
VORTEX INDUSTRIES LLC	00179622	06/26/2025	\$ 2,072.10
WECO INDUSTRIES LLC	00179623	06/26/2025	\$ 1,567.79
WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	00179624	06/26/2025	\$ 1,350.44
YOGA WITH MIKI	00179625	06/26/2025	\$ 4,284.00
Total			\$ 6,858,384.68



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025
Prepared By: Anthony Carnesecca
Approved By: Gabe Engeland

Subject: Adoption of Resolution – Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Fee Waiver Policy

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution updating the Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Fee Waiver Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this proposal. However, expanding the fee waiver policy to groups fiscally sponsored by LAMVCF may cause rooms to be rented for free as opposed to at market rate.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This report is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

October 11, 2022

BACKGROUND

During the October 11, 2022 meeting, City Council provided direction to allow non-profit and civic organizations to use the Apricot room in the Los Altos Community Center weekdays (Monday through Thursday) during non-peak hours at no cost. This use is to be limited to once per month and depending upon the availability of the space.

DISCUSSION

As of September 8, 2025, the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation will transfer operations and maintenance of the Neutra House to the City of Los Altos. City staff recommends updating the current policy to reflect current and anticipated use.

Moving forward, City staff recommends updates to the policy that will:

- Incorporate eligible fiscally-sponsored organizations of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation as a named group in the policy;
- Clarify the application procedure; and,
- Incorporate all city facilities as potential locations as opposed to only the Apricot room.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
UPDATING THE NON-PROFIT AND CIVIC ORGANIZATION MEETING FEE
WAIVER POLICY

WHEREAS, the purpose of this policy is to define the process for non-profit and civic organizations to request their monthly waiver for use of a City space for a meeting; and

WHEREAS, this policy allows the City Manager or his or her designee to approve non-profit and civic meeting waivers through a formalized process; and

WHEREAS, providing waivers to certain nonprofit and civic organizations confers a public benefit to the City and the Los Altos community; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby adopts the policy attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the ____ day of ____, 2025 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Pete Dailey, MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, MMC, CITY CLERK

Exhibit 1

Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Fee Waiver Policy

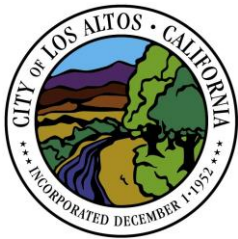
The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for non-profit and civic organizations to request fee waivers for meetings.

This policy is intended for the City's sole benefit, and nothing herein is intended to confer any legal right or privilege on any member of the public.

City of Los Altos requires all non-profit organizations or Los Altos residents interested in having the City of Los Altos waive fees for a facility rental to meet all the below guidelines and submit a completed application packet.

1. Applicant Guidelines
 - a. The organization must be a nonprofit or civic organization, including, but not limited to, eligible fiscally-sponsored organizations of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.
 - b. The organization and meeting must both provide a direct benefit to the Los Altos community.
 - c. The event may not be political or religious in nature.
 - d. The organization may only apply for one meeting fee waiver per month.
2. Application Requirements and Terms
 - a. Completed applications will be due 90 days prior to the event.
 - b. The organization must provide insurance coverage as required by the City.
3. Application Procedure
 - a. Applicant will complete the Facility Rental Application Form, Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Waiver Application Form, and supporting documentation.
 - b. Applicant will provide City staff with their requirements for the facility rental, including number of attendees, date and time of event, and preferred space. Applicants may request a preferred space for the event, but this policy does not guarantee that any eligible organizations will receive the preferred space.
 - c. City staff will review all available facilities that may meet the requirements for the facility rental, identify any available space at any of the City facilities, and provide those options to the applicant as options.
 - d. All applications eligible under this process will be superseded by those of the City or by previously contracted use of space.
4. Review and Approval Process
 - a. Applications will be reviewed by City staff for completion.

- b. The City Manager or their designee will have the authority to approve waivers for nonprofit or civic organizations annually in an amount not to exceed the Council approved expenditure authority of the City Manager.



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Prepared By: Saskia Lagergren

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Accept COPS Grant Funding

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☒ Public Safety
- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Accept grant funding from the Citizens Option for Public Safety/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS/SLESF) and authorize revenue and allocate it to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

If Council approves the proposed recommendation, the Police Department will continue to receive a minimum of \$100,000 in annual SLESF funding. The allocation of SLESF funds will be maintained in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund, which is a special revenue fund, with corresponding revenue and expenditure lines to manage the funds. This ensures the funds are appropriately tracked, with the revenue deposited into the COPS/SLESF grant program. The current grant program allocates an annual minimum of \$100,000 for front-line law enforcement operations.

In May 2025, the City Council approved the appropriation of the balance of \$264,691 of the COPS/SLESF fund. In the months following, \$48,694.70 more was deposited into the Los Altos Police Department’s fund, which was surplus distributed by the County of Santa Clara to participating jurisdictions.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

May 13, 2025

BACKGROUND

In 1996, Assembly Bill 3229 established the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program's Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF). The Legislature determined that there was a compelling need for additional resources at the local level for the purpose of ensuring public safety and established the COPS program to advance community policing in all counties. The COPS program awards non-competitive and non-matching grants to law enforcement agencies to fund frontline municipal police services. These funds are to be used to purchase officer safety and duty equipment, communications equipment and vehicles, among other things, that are all used directly and solely in the provision of frontline police services to the community.

Per Government Code §§ 30061-30063, cities are allocated a proportionate share of COPS funds by the California Department of Finance, through Santa Clara County. Proportionate shares are based on population estimates determined by the California Department of Finance.

This is not a fixed amount grant. Under the standard grant program allocation, the City of Los Altos is eligible to receive a minimum of \$100,000 annually. Each fall, the California Department of Finance estimates the allocation for each law enforcement agency in the county; the actual amount paid varies from the projection and is unknown until the payment cycle is complete. Monthly distributions are received via wire transfer and the City's Finance Department deposits these funds into a separate grant account. These distributions are not received in equal installments from month-to-month; therefore, spending over the course of the payment cycle can be unpredictable.

The COPS/SLESF grant does not have any application or other requirements; the monies are transferred to local entities through the County by operation of law (Government Code §§30061-30063) and are to be expended in accordance with the requirements of those code sections. The Government Code contains the following requirements for a recipient agency:

- The funds shall be used exclusively for front line law enforcement services
- The funds cannot be used to supplant other existing funding sources for general law enforcement services
- Moneys in the fund shall not be transferred to, or intermingled with, the moneys in any other fund in the City treasury, except to the extent necessary to facilitate the appropriation and expenditure of those transferred moneys
- The City Council shall approve the appropriation of COPS funds which authorizes that such funds can be expended by staff
- Once the appropriation of the grant funds is made, it cannot be subsequently altered by the City Council
- The funds cannot be used for a capital or construction project that does not directly support front line law enforcement services

DISCUSSION

Staff recommends the use of SLESF funds continue in the spirit of the COPS program. Staff recommends FY 2025/26 approval and allocation of SLESF funds to the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for Fiscal Year 2025/26. The department intends to utilize the funding for the following purposes:

- Training gear and systems, such as Virtual Reality and other training systems and equipment
- Technology and software, such as that used for digital forensics, Crime Analysis, or other uses that enhance operational efficiency, improve communication, and enable enhanced data analysis, crime deterrent measures, crisis negotiation or case management. The goal is to leverage equipment integration of modern technology that can improve public safety and overall service delivery.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE CITIZENS
OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY/SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES FUND (COPS/SLESF)**

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized a cumulative grant of \$48,694.70 to the Los Altos Police Department under the Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) program to be distributed through the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund-SLESF administered by Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving the grant funds, state law requires the City Council to authorize the expenditure of grant funds for specific purposes related to “front line law enforcement;” and

WHEREAS, the Los Altos Police Department recommends that the grant funds be spent on training gear and systems used to enhance officers’ skills and their ability to respond to various call types including mental health calls, high risk calls, etc; and technology and software, such as that used for digital forensics, Crime Analysis, or other uses that enhance operational efficiency, improve communication, and enable enhanced data analysis, crime deterrent measures, crisis negotiation or case management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby authorize the expenditure of the COPS/SLESF grant funds as outlined above.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on August 26, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Pete Dailey, MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, MMC,
CITY CLERK



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Prepared By: Brittany Whitehill, Senior Planner

Approved By: Nick Zornes, Assistant City Manager

**Subject: Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI)
Annual Report (FY25 - Year 4)**

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☒ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Review and accept the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025 (Year 4)

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines ("Common Sense Exemption") because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may result in significant impact on the environment.

BACKGROUND

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)- Community Rating System

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program administered by FEMA that allows communities to earn flood insurance premium discounts through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for residents and businesses by promoting flood risk reduction practices, floodplain management, and encouraging the purchase of flood insurance. These flood risk reduction practices go above and beyond the normal enforcement of floodplain regulations. Through participation in the CRS, Los Altos earns points for implementing various flood risk management activities, and in turn, property owners within the City are eligible for discounted flood insurance premium rates.

The United States Congress must periodically renew the NFIP's statutory authority to operate. On March 15, 2025, the president signed legislation passed by Congress that extends the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP's) authorization to Sept. 30, 2025. Congress must reauthorize the NFIP no later than September 30, 2025, in order for the NFIP to continue to operate. After September 30, staff will notify the City Council of any changes to the NFIP or CRS program that effect the City.

Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) – Program for Public Information (PPI)

The PPI is a committee-based coordinated approach to flood hazard community outreach efforts. The PPI is primarily organized and led by Valley Water and includes 11 participating agencies within Santa Clara County. The PPI was developed jointly but requires individual approval by each community's elected body for that community to receive CRS points for its implementation. Participation in the PPI is a major component of the public outreach effort for which Los Altos earns points for its CRS rating. According to FEMA, the PPI led by Valley Water is one of the first multi-jurisdictional PPIs to be completed, and it involves the largest number of participating communities to date.

5-Year PPI Update

Under CRS program requirements, the PPI must be updated every five years. Valley Water's Board approved the updated PPI on April 27, 2021 and on July 13, 2021, the City Council adopted the PPI for the City of Los Altos. Each year, the CRS communities must reconvene to evaluate whether the flood risk reduction messages are still appropriate and adjust the PPI, as needed. Additionally, Valley Water, in collaboration with participating PPI agencies, must submit an annual report describing the PPI implementation (the report is provided as Attachment 1 to this staff report).

Annual CRS Reporting

Under CRS program requirements, participating jurisdictions are required to undergo annual CRS Recertification. In June of 2025, City staff were notified that due to reduced Federal funding to the CRS Program, FEMA will not be requiring the annual recertification this year for the City of Los Altos. The CRS program administrators confirmed that the City remains in good standing in the CRS Program, if we continue to meet the CRS Program prerequisites and implement credited activities. Although the City is not required to submit for certification this year, all requirements of the program are still being implemented.

DISCUSSION

In October 2021, the City of Los Altos completed its mandated five-year audit administered by FEMA through the Insurance Services Office (ISO) which reviewed all the local CRS recognized activities. Prior to the audit, the City implemented CRS activities leading to a Class 8 CRS rating, giving residents a 10% discount on insurance premiums. With the adoption of the 2021 Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional PPI and the incorporation of additional CRS activities, the City received additional points to bolster its rating to a Class 7, resulting in a 15% discount on insurance premiums for residents issued or renewed on or after April 1, 2023. Following this year, in order to continue participation in the CRS program, the City would be required to complete its mandatory five-year audit next year (2026).

The FY25 Annual Report is the fourth annual report for the 2021 Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional PPI (see Attachment 1). The report includes background information on how the PPI was developed by the participants, the preparation of the annual evaluation, the PPI accomplishments for FY25, and new initiatives. Appendix A of the Annual Report lists all the projects proposed in the 2021 PPI, with a column titled “Project Accomplishments” noting actions taken during the fourth year of the PPI (FY25). The most extensive outreach project was the Valley Water’s Annual Flood Awareness Campaign, for which the City of Los Altos gets CRS credit for since it targets our community. Specific city activities include: making brochures available in public buildings; including flood information and links to Valley Water Flood Awareness and FEMA information on the city’s website; publishing two newspaper ads in the Town Crier titled “Assess Your Flood Risk and Flood Insurance Availability”; sending letters targeted to property owners in special flood hazard areas; coordinating with Mission Trail to send out a Valley Water flood awareness bill insert (no cost to city); and participating in PPI coordination meetings.

ATTACHMENT

1. Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Evaluation Report for FY25



TO: Melanie Richardson, P.E.
Interim Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Rachael Gibson
Chief of External Affairs

SUBJECT: FY25 Annual Evaluation Report
(Year 4: July 2024 – June 2025) for the 2021
Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional
Program for Public Information (PPI)

DATE: June 12, 2025

Valley Water continues to support local partners in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) program. The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

Through the CRS, flood insurance holders in participating communities receive discounted premium rates to reflect the reduced flood risk. The three goals of the CRS are:

1. Reduce flood damage to insurable property,
2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and
3. Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

Background

Valley Water has supported the local CRS program since 1998. Since Valley Water is not a land-use agency, it is not considered an NFIP community and does not technically qualify to participate in the CRS program.

Valley Water's flood risk reduction activities throughout Santa Clara County (county) earns CRS credits that are transferred to each CRS participating community, supporting savings on NFIP insurance policies within those jurisdictions. Currently, 11 of the 16 communities (cities, towns, and the county) within Santa Clara County participate in the CRS program.

For many of our communities, Valley Water's CRS credits serve as a baseline. Between Valley Water's baseline and the CRS community's credit, NFIP flood insurance policyholders receive an average 15% discount. The average NFIP flood policy premium in Santa Clara County is approximately \$1,000, meaning that CRS participating communities save their flood insurance holders about \$150 to \$200 per year by documenting the flood risk reduction activities it performs. Participation in the CRS program generates an annual savings of approximately \$1.9M for NFIP policyholders in Santa Clara County.

The Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information

FEMA first introduced the Program for Public Information (PPI) as a CRS creditable activity in 2013. The PPI encourages CRS participating communities to work with local stakeholders to design a program for community outreach on flood risk reduction that best fits local needs. This can be done as a single or multi-jurisdictional effort.

Valley Water helped lead the development of the first five-year Multi-Jurisdictional PPI, which was adopted in 2015 and concluded in 2020 (2015 PPI). This countywide collaboration outreach program standardizes our flood risk and loss reduction outreach messaging while increasing communities' CRS points.



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2021 Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI)

On April 27, 2021, the Valley Water Board of Directors adopted the subsequent 2021 PPI after the completion of the 2015 PPI; the CRS participating communities' governing bodies adopted the 2021 PPI soon thereafter.

In addition to updating the PPI every five years, FEMA requires CRS communities seeking continued CRS credit to complete an Annual Evaluation Report on PPI efforts and share the report with their governing bodies. Attached is our submittal of the Annual Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 25 (*Year 4 of the 2021 PPI*). Overall, the CRS Users Group/PPI Committee successfully implemented the 2021 PPI in FY25.

Please direct questions about the PPI Annual Evaluation Report to Kristen Yasukawa, Manager, Office of Civic Engagement at (408) 630-2876.

DocuSigned by:

Rachael Gibson

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Rachael Gibson

Date

Chief of External Affairs
External Affairs Division

cc: R. Gibson, K. Yasukawa, A. Fonseca, R. Moreno, CRS File, Egnyte electronic filing system

Attachment: [Annual Evaluation Report for FY25 \(Year 4\) for the 2021 Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information \(PPI\)](#)

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Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information 2021

FY25 Annual Evaluation Report
(Year 4: July 2024 to June 2025)



June 2025

Prepared by:

Santa Clara Valley Water District

and

Santa Clara County CRS communities

I. INTRODUCTION

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS program allows communities to earn flood insurance premium discounts for their residents and businesses by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management, and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements to reduce the risk of flooding.

In Santa Clara County, 11 (eleven) communities, including Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) have actively participated in the FEMA NFIP CRS for over 30 years.

The CRS participating communities (CRS communities) are City of Cupertino, City of Gilroy, City of Los Altos, City of Milpitas, City of Morgan Hill, City of Mountain View, City of Palo Alto, City of San Jose, City of Santa Clara, City of Sunnyvale, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water).

CRS communities, along with their external non-governmental stakeholders, non-CRS communities: *City of Saratoga, Town of Los Altos Hills, Town of Los Gatos, and the County of Santa Clara* who opted to join the 2021 Program for Public Information (PPI), comprised the 2021 PPI Committee. The original 2021 PPI Committee is listed in *Table 1. Original Members of the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional 2021 PPI Committee* of the 2021 PPI (*Attachment 1*). Since the development of the 2021 PPI, there may have been changes to the community's original 2021 PPI Committee members (*either the internal representatives to the organization and/or the external stakeholders*). Those member changes are noted on the meeting attendance sheets.

CRS-creditable PPIs can be single or multi-jurisdictional. For the 2021 PPI, FEMA requires that each CRS community provide at least two representatives to the regional PPI Committee to meet the credit requirement, with at least half of the representatives from outside the local government. Additionally, at least half of the representatives must attend all the meetings of the regional PPI Committee.

An essential benefit of the PPI Committee's work is close collaboration between local public agency staff who work on flood protection throughout Santa Clara County. Together, PPI Committee members continue strengthening their individual CRS programs and ensuring communities can evaluate their flood programs against a nationally recognized benchmark.

The 2021 PPI Committee, the remaining non-CRS communities (City of Saratoga, Town of Los Gatos, Town of Los Altos Hills, and the County of Santa Clara), and other interested parties make up the Santa Clara County CRS Users Group.

The Santa Clara County CRS Users Group collaborates to ensure floodplain management activities provide enhanced public safety, reduced damage to property and public infrastructure, and avoidance of economic disruption and loss in Santa Clara County. Through the five-year PPI development and the annual reporting process, members of the SC County CRS Users Group learn from one another about local floodplain management activities, including flood protection and land use issues.

Under the CRS program, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reward CRS communities' actions that meet the three goals of the CRS:

- (1) reduce flood damage to insurable property.
- (2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and
- (3) encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

Flood insurance premiums for CRS communities are reduced in 5% increments for every 500 CRS points earned. As of April 30, 2025, the total savings for Santa Clara County residents from CRS discounts is approximately \$1.9 million.

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Valley Water is the lead flood protection agency for Santa Clara County. Valley Water performs many flood preparedness outreach and stream stewardship/maintenance activities that can earn credit points for CRS communities. Since Valley Water is not a land-use agency, the points Valley Water earns as a “fictitious community” provide a foundation upon which the CRS communities can build. FEMA approved this unique arrangement with Valley Water in 1998.

The *CRS Coordinator’s Manual, 2013 Edition*, included the option to undertake a Program for Public Information (PPI), which standardizes our flood preparedness outreach messages and increases communities’ CRS points. Each participant of the PPI Committee brings unique perspectives and suggestions that enhance the PPI. Each community must adopt the PPI through a formal vote by the community’s governing body.

In 2013, Valley Water helped initiate and facilitated the effort to develop the first Multi-Jurisdictional PPI so that all Santa Clara County CRS communities could work together and benefit from this activity. Non-CRS communities were also invited to participate in the development of the PPI. This work effort resulted in the 2015 Multi-Jurisdiction PPI (2015 PPI).

On April 14, 2015, Valley Water’s Board adopted the 2015 PPI, which sunset in April 2020; the other CRS communities’ governing bodies adopted the 2015 PPI soon thereafter.

Under the CRS, a PPI must be updated every five years. Each subsequent year after adopting the PPI, the PPI Committee must submit an annual evaluation report to FEMA describing the PPI implementation for the prior fiscal year. The PPI Committee must evaluate whether the flood risk reduction messages in the PPI are still relevant and adjust the PPI, if needed. The annual evaluation report is shared with each CRS community’s governing body as an informational item.

As required for CRS credit, annual evaluation reports for FY16 (Year 1 of the 2015 PPI) through FY19 (Year 4 of the 2015 PPI) were prepared, sent to each CRS community’s governing body, and included in each community’s respective annual recertifications or as part of a community’s documentation for those that were cycled on any given year.

In FY20 (Year 5 of the 2015 PPI), the PPI Committee updated the expired 2015 PPI. The Insurance Services Office (ISO), FEMA’s CRS program management contractor, exempted the PPI Committee from submitting an annual evaluation report for FY20 (Year 5 of the 2015 PPI) as the committee focused on updating the document.

In February 2020, Valley Water hosted the start of the five-year PPI update process. Fifteen Santa Clara County communities worked together to update the 2015 PPI. These communities included the current 11 CRS communities as well as four non-CRS communities that expressed interest in joining the 2015 PPI and possibly the CRS program. Staff and external stakeholders from each agency participated in developing the new PPI.

In March 2020, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak started. The California State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, and Order of the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer dated March 16, 2020, went into effect.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused far-reaching, unprecedented changes. Businesses and organizations faced economic and operational uncertainty across every industry and sector. The workforce impacts during COVID-19 caused delays beyond control, including the PPI Committee’s ability to continue its work of updating the 2015 PPI. Many communities shifted priorities to respond to the public health crisis; therefore, FEMA provided an extension of completing the update to the 2015 PPI to early 2021.

The 2021 PPI Committee reconvened in October 2020 to resume the 2015 PPI update. Several virtual meetings followed until the 2021 PPI Committee completed the 2021 PPI in April 2021. The 2021 PPI was adopted by CRS communities, as indicated in *Table 1. Adoption Dates 2021 PPI*.

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II. 2021 PPI DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Valley Water, CRS, and non-CRS communities initiated the 2021 PPI process in February 2020. Discussions were postponed due to COVID-19; the process was reinitiated in October 2020. The Santa Clara County 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information document was completed in April 2021 (*refer to Section I. Introduction for COVID-19-related delays*).

Virtual meetings were held between 2020 and 2021 to develop the 2021 PPI. FEMA's six priority topic messages and the three additional messages identified in the 2015 PPI carried forward into the 2021 PPI. The 2021 PPI Committee felt all nine topics and supporting messages were still relevant for reaching Santa Clara County residents and ensuring they were flood-ready.

The below listed is Table 3 in the 2021 PPI: CRS Priority Messages

Topic Number	Topic message	Public Message (Select one message per topic)
TOPIC #1	Know your flood hazard	- Know your flood risk - Contact your floodplain manager to find out if your property is in a floodplain - Check if your home or business is in a Special Flood Hazard Area
TOPIC #2	Insure your property for your flood hazard	- Get flood insurance ahead of time - Insure your property - There is a 30-day waiting period for the policy to take place
TOPIC #3	Protect people from the flood hazard	- Put your 3-day emergency kit together - Follow evacuation orders - Learn the best route to high ground
TOPIC #4	Protect your property from the flood hazard	- Protect your home from flood threats - Prepare your home - Sandbags can offer protection against a foot or less of floodwater - Get sandbags before a flood
TOPIC #5	Build responsibly	- Build responsibly in floodplains - Comply with development requirements - Check with your city/county floodplain manager before you build
TOPIC #6	Protect natural floodplain functions	- Keep creeks clean and flowing - Keep debris and trash out of our streams - Don't pollute, dump, or drain anything in creeks
Additional Outreach Topic Messages (only one message per topic)		
TOPIC #7	Develop an emergency plan	Develop an emergency plan
TOPIC #8	Download disaster apps	Download disaster emergency apps
TOPIC #9	Understand shallow flooding risks— don't drive through standing water	Understand shallow flooding risks - don't drive through standing water

The 2021 PPI Committee worked between the meetings to draft the 2021 PPI and review the extensive list of outreach and flood response projects (*Attachment 2*).

Based on the 2021 PPI Committee's evaluation of the 2015 PPI, the consensus was that most of the 2015 PPI flood risk reduction messages were still relevant, so only minor edits were incorporated as needed. This became the basis for the 2021 PPI; therefore, no additional FEMA review was required, as the 2015 PPI already ensured its provisions were fully compliant with FEMA requirements.

FEMA's ISO CRS Specialist and Technical Reviewers determine how many CRS points the 2021 PPI activities earn. The PPI Committee estimates that of the possible 350 points for Activity 330, each CRS community could earn up to 300+/- points for PPI efforts.

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Once Valley Water approved the 2021 PPI (5-Year Plan), the final document was provided to the 2021 PPI Committee to present to their governing bodies for adoption and implementation. *Table 1. Dates of 2021 PPI Adoption* shows each agency's 2021 PPI approval dates; all 11 CRS communities have adopted the 2021 PPI.

Table 1. Adoption Dates of the 2021 PPI

Community	Date Presented	Adopted
Santa Clara Valley Water District	4/27/21	X
City of Cupertino	8/17/21	X
City of Gilroy	7/01/21	X
City of Los Altos	7/13/21	X
Town of Los Altos Hills (*non-CRS community)	Not required	Not required
Town of Los Gatos (*non-CRS community)	Not required	Not required
City of Milpitas	5/18/21	X
City of Morgan Hill	6/16/21	X
City of Mountain View	6/22/21	X
City of Palo Alto	6/14/21	X
City of San Jose	11/16/21	X
City of Santa Clara	7/06/21	X
County of Santa Clara (*non-CRS community)	Not required	Not required
City of Saratoga (*non-CRS community)	Not required	Not required
City of Sunnyvale	6/29/21	X
Total Approved		11

**Non-CRS communities are encouraged to participate in the ongoing efforts and initiatives of the Santa Clara County CRS Users Group and/or PPI Committee; however, those who opted to participate in the 2021 PPI are not required to adopt the PPI or share annual evaluation reports with their governing bodies.*

III. ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORTS

The 2021 PPI states that the 2021 PPI Committee will meet at least once yearly to evaluate the PPI and incorporate any needed revisions. This meeting is coordinated in conjunction with the ongoing CRS User's Group meetings, which occur at least twice a year.

The evaluation will cover the following:

- Review of projects that were completed.
- Evaluate progress toward outcomes.
- Provide recommendations on projects that have not been completed.
- Provide recommendations for new projects not previously identified.
- Address any Target Audience changes; and
- Assess the program's impact during an actual flood event if one has occurred.

The 2021 PPI Committee prepares the annual evaluation report for submission with each CRS community's annual CRS recertification package (or scheduled 5-year cycle visits). The annual evaluation report is then shared with each CRS community governing body as an informational item.

As required, annual evaluation reports for FY22 (Year 1 of the 2021 PPI) through FY25 (Year 4 of the 2021 PPI) were prepared, sent to each CRS community's governing body, and included in each community's respective annual recertifications or as part of a community's documentation for those that were cycled on any given year.

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Section V. 2024 Santa Clara County CRS Users Group/PPI Committee Meetings – Monitoring and Evaluating the 2021 PPI of this annual evaluation report summarizes the meetings held to develop the FY25 Annual Evaluation Report (Year 4 of the 2021 PPI).

Table 2 below shows how each community expects to share the FY25 Annual Evaluation Report with its governing body.

Table 2. How the 2021 PPI FY25 Annual Evaluation Report, Year 4 will be shared with the Community's Governing Body

Community	Method for Sharing
Santa Clara Valley Water District	Board Non-Agenda Item
City of Cupertino	Consent Item Council Agenda
City of Gilroy	Consent Calendar
City of Los Altos	Council Informational Staff Report
Town of Los Altos Hill (<i>*non-CRS community</i>)	Not required
Town of Los Gatos (<i>*non-CRS community</i>)	Not required
City of Milpitas	Memo to City Council
City of Morgan Hill	Council Consent Calendar
City of Mountain View	Council Weekly Update "Council Connection"
City of Palo Alto	Informational Staff Report
City of San Jose	Council Consent Calendar
City of Santa Clara	Council Consent Calendar
County of Santa Clara (<i>*non-CRS community</i>)	Not required
City of Saratoga (<i>*non-CRS community</i>)	Not required
City of Sunnyvale	City Manager's "Update Sunnyvale"

**Non-CRS communities are not required to share annual evaluation reports with their governing bodies.*

IV. 2021 PPI ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY25

The 2021 PPI Committee identified three efforts needed from each CRS community to prepare and finalize subsequent annual evaluation reports.

1. Governing bodies must adopt the 2021 PPI (*Table 1. Adoption dates of the 2021 PPI*). The 2021 PPI Committee must prepare an annual evaluation report and share it with its governing body as informational items (Table 2. How the 2021 PPI Annual Evaluation Report for FY25, Year 4 will be shared with the *Community's Governing Body*).
2. For each fiscal year (*July 1 - June 30*), the communities must implement and monitor the outreach/flood response projects identified in Appendix A, CRS Creditable Outreach and Flood Response Projects by CRS Community of the 2021 PPI (*Attachment 2*).
3. The PPI Committee must review and consider the 'New Initiatives' identified in the 2021 PPI (*page 66*) for advancing flood risk reduction efforts.

Governing Bodies Approval: All 11 CRS communities' governing bodies, including Valley Water, adopted the 2021 PPI. Each agency (Community) shows the approval dates in Table 1 noted above.

Tracking System: The 2021 PPI is multi-jurisdictional and includes 15 agencies (*11 CRS communities and four non-CRS communities*). Tracking implementation is quite complex compared to a single-agency PPI. As the informal lead agency, Valley Water oversees the record-keeping to ensure consistency throughout the county. An electronic file-sharing system, Egnyte, is set up with folders for each community to file and share documents related to the 109 potential outreach/flood response projects identified in the 2021 PPI and all CRS-related documentation. This also includes a comprehensive spreadsheet tracking which lists outreach projects accomplished in any given fiscal year by each community (*Attachment 2*). This spreadsheet, along with the

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annual evaluation report, will be submitted with annual CRS recertifications or as part of scheduled 5-year cycle visits.

ISO assigns credit for Valley Water outreach/flood response projects to all Santa Clara County CRS communities' ratings. Some communities also choose to carry out and report on their own outreach/flood response projects, in addition to those of Valley Water. These projects are shown on the composite spreadsheet (*Attachment 2 - Appendix A from 2021 SC County Multi-Jurisdictional PPI noting FY25 Project Accomplishments*) and include input from each agency.

The PPI Committee discussed the benefits of using the Egnyte shared filing system for tracking the 2021 PPI outreach/flood response projects and all CRS-related documentation. The PPI Committee also discussed ensuring each agency regularly uploads its CRS documentation. These benefits are:

- Information Share/Knowledge Transfer: CRS communities can view each other's program documentation. When a community improves its CRS rating, another community can access the documents submitted to determine how the CRS credited activities helped improve the score.
- Document Repository: A central location for CRS-related documentation, organized to mirror the CRS Coordinator's Manual (by community/activity/element), proves helpful when a community experiences staff turnover.
- Documentation Submittals: CRS documents are organized and easy to share with the CRS Specialists conducting cycle visits and/or annual recertification.

Summary of PPI Projects Accomplished in FY25

Attachment 2 of this annual evaluation report includes the complete outreach/flood response project list. It lists all projects proposed in the 2021 PPI, with a "Project Accomplishments" column noting actions taken during the fourth year, FY25 of the 2021 PPI.

Audiences	Projects Accomplished	
Community at Large (CAL)	81 potential projects, 64 accomplished	
Residents and Businesses in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)	18 potential projects, 16 accomplished	
Messengers to Other Target Audiences (Organizations & Businesses Serving the Community)	10 potential projects, 10 were accomplished	
*Total Accomplished Projects		90 of 109

** Note: All projects carried out by CRS communities were accomplished in FY25. Variance in the number of potential projects versus accomplished projects is due to no updates from non-CRS communities, which is not required for this annual evaluation report.*

These numbers go well beyond the minimum requirements of the CRS program for PPI credit under Activity 330; we anticipate all CRS communities will receive the maximum number of credits for our collective efforts in FY25.

Valley Water's Outreach/Flood Response Projects

The 2021 PPI Committee identified each community's outreach/flood response projects. The implementation of these projects is reflected in the 'FY25 (Year 4) of the 2021 PPI Project Accomplishments' column of Attachment 2.

FY25 Annual Flood Awareness Campaign

Valley Water's FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign (*Attachment 3 for more details*) effectively educated and engaged residents in Santa Clara County about the risks of flooding, emphasizing the importance of proactive preparation and access to vital safety resources. The campaign leveraged cutting-edge technologies like digital geo-targeting and multilingual outreach, blending traditional strategies with innovative solutions to connect with communities at risk of flooding.

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Goals:

1. **Awareness:** Educate FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) residents and businesses about their flood risks and mitigation strategies.
2. **Preparedness:** Empower residents to take preventative actions, including knowing their flood risk, signing up for emergency alerts, and knowing where to find free sandbags.
3. **Access:** Provide multilingual resources and technologies to connect diverse communities with flood safety information, including the innovative Valley Water's Surface Water Data Portal. When extreme weather strikes, residents can know if their home is at risk of flooding by visiting alert.valleywater.org for the latest information on local creeks and reservoir water levels.

Refer to Attachment 3 for more details on Valley Water's FY25 flood awareness campaign.

CRS Community Outreach/Flood Response Projects

Other Community Engagement Efforts

October 2024 officially kicked off the flood season.

On November 13, 2024, staff participated in a flood preparedness press conference held at Valley Water's Winfield Sandbag Distribution site in San José. The press conference was a joint news event with the City of San José, the County of Santa Clara, and the National Weather Service. The event featured speakers from Valley Water and participating agencies, a sandbagging demonstration, and an emergency kit assembly table, which included flood readiness materials.



Valley Water Director Jim Beall and staff discuss ways to assemble an emergency kit at Valley Water's flood preparedness press conference in San José

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On February 12, 2025, Valley Water hosted the Standard Grants Program Open House event at Valley Water. A ‘Get Flood Ready’ information table was set up, and flood preparedness materials were shared with the participants. Vice Chair Santos welcomed the 41 prospective applicants with opening remarks. This in-person event featured workshops to help applicants navigate the grant process, opportunities to connect with grants staff, and networking with local organizations. The event received overwhelmingly positive reviews, with 100% of survey participants stating they were satisfied with the workshops and event.



In February 2025, Valley Water’s Grant Program hosted the Standards Grant Open House event. The CRS Program team set up a flood preparedness informational table and distributed materials to attendees.

Emergency Preparedness Event

On February 1, 2025, CRS hosted a "Get Flood Ready" booth at The Links, Incorporated's “Emergency Preparedness: Safety Now, Peace Later” event at the African American Community Service Agency in San José. There were approximately 80 attendees.



In February 2025, Valley Water’s CRS Program participated in the Links, Inc. Emergency Preparedness event.

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Valley Water Education Outreach Program

Valley Water’s Education Outreach includes flood awareness messaging in year-round classroom lessons. A dedicated flood-focused lesson is offered from October through April. Valley Water’s role as a flood protection agency is introduced in all lessons so that participants in Education Outreach programs know that flood protection is one of Valley Water’s core objectives in Santa Clara County.

The following are the Education Outreach efforts from October 2024 - April 2025.

Flood-Focused Programs

Education Outreach offers two lessons, and one assembly focused on flood awareness and preparedness: The Three Little Pigs and the Bad Weather Wolf for transitional kindergarten through second grade and Watershed Maps for second and third grades. The Three Little Pigs and the Bad Weather Wolf is also offered as a school assembly.

The results of the Flood-Focused Programs delivered between October 2024 and April 2025 are as follows:

- 85 flood-focused programs
 - *(pull data from “program frequency” tab: 3 Pigs lesson, 3 Pigs assembly, Watershed Maps Oct-Apr)*
- 3,061 students
 - *(pull data from “program frequency” tab: 3 Pigs lesson, 3 Pigs assembly, Watershed Maps Oct-Apr)*
- 133 educators
 - *(count based on 3 Pigs lesson, 3 Pigs assembly, watershed maps from across Oct-Apr monthly tabs)*

Flood Awareness Messaging

In addition to Flood-Focused Programs, Education Outreach provided additional flood awareness messaging in general classroom presentations, assemblies, libraries, and public events.

The results of the general flood protection messaging between October 2024 and April 2025 are as follows:

- 232 programs with general flood protection messaging
 - *(pull data from “program frequency” tab: all program types from Oct-Apr)*
- 7,514 students messaging
 - *(pull data from “report” tab: “students” tab Oct-Apr)*
- 324 educators
 - *(pull data from “report” tab: “teachers” tab Oct-Apr)*
- 1,060 public youth in Santa Clara County
 - *(pull data from “report” tab: “public youth” tab Oct-Apr)*

Community Events and Engagement

Booth Support at Events

Valley Water staff made a concerted effort to actively participate in community events, including community festivals and emergency preparedness affairs, particularly in communities and neighborhoods in or near flood zones. In FY25 (from September 2024 – May 2025), Valley Water and the communities’ staff hosted 29 booths and distributed flood preparedness information on flood safety and emergency preparedness materials, including Valley Water’s annual FPM. Those events are listed below:

- 1) Mountain View Art & Wine Festival – 9/7 – 9/8/24
- 2) Vovinam Viet Vo Dao 33rd Annual Moon Festival – 9/14/24
- 3) Rotary Club Silicon Valley Fall Festival – 9/14/24
- 4) City of Campbell State of the City – 9/18/24

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- 5) County Parks La Fuente Celebration, San Jose, CA – 9/21/24
- 6) Picnic by the Lake Multicultural Festival and Resource Fair, San Jose, CA – 9/28/24
- 7) Friends of Steven Creek Trail's Trailblazer Race – 9/29/24
- 8) Supervisor Lee's Day on the Bay, Alviso, CA – 10/5/24
- 9) City of Saratoga State of the City Address – 10/5/24
- 10) Santa Clara County Parks 2024 Fall Festival at Martial Cottle Park 10/5/24
- 11) Pumpkins in the Park, San Jose, CA – 10/12/24
- 12) South Asian Cultural Association of Sunnyvale's Diwali Festival – 10/26/24
- 13) Councilmember Candelas' Family Fall Festival – 10/26/24
- 14) ASCE Annual Student Scholarship – 11/14/24
- 15) Chopsticks Alley Tea Ceremony – 12/6/24
- 16) Santa Visits Alviso Foundation Drive – 12/7/24
- 17) VHF Swearing in Ceremony and Celebration for Betty Duong – 1/10/25
- 18) VAR Lunar New Year Festival 1/25 – 26/25
- 19) San Jose Chapter of the Links' Emergency Preparedness Workshop – 2/1/25
- 20) City of San Jose District 1 Black History Month Flag Raising – 2/7/25
- 21) CEEF & CUSD Run for Great Schools 5k and Fun Run – 3/29/25
- 22) AAUW 42nd Wildflower Run 3/30/25
- 23) Cupertino Earth & Arbor Day – 4/5/25
- 24) Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association Emergency Resource Fair – 4/5/25
- 25) San Jose Clean Energy's EV Ride & Drive + EcoHome Expo – 4/12/25
- 26) Evergreen Valley College EVC Community Day – 4/26/25
- 27) Morgan Hill Community Earth Day Festival – 4/26/25
- 28) Berryessa Art Festival – 5/10/25
- 29) Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival – 5/24 – 5/25/25

Speakers Bureau Program

In FY25 (from June 2024 through June 2025), [Valley Water's 'Let's Talk Water Speakers Bureau Program'](#) reached the 11 organizations listed below. All general presentations mention flood protection and the need to 'Get Flood Ready' regardless of the county's drought status. They also include links to Valley Water's 'Flood Ready' information and resources webpage (ValleyWater.org/floodready), the hotline to call to report obstructions in creeks, and flood preparedness collateral available for all in-person events.

Valley Water's Speakers Bureau Program can customize presentations to update community groups on water-specific issues and provide updates on projects in their area. The FY25 presentations that included flood preparedness information are listed below.

- 1) July 20, 2024 – Cottle to Lean Neighborhood Association, San Jose
- 2) August 19, 2024 – Rotary Club of Milpitas
- 3) August 20, 2024 – Civic Club of San Jose
- 4) August 22, 2024 – Mountain View Senior Center
- 5) October 9, 2024 – Cupertino Library
- 6) October 19, 2024 – Los Altos Rotary
- 7) February 19, 2025 – Cupertino Rotary
- 8) February 28, 2025 – Valley Water's Water Works Program (via Zoom)
- 9) March 3, 2025 – Leadership Morgan Hill
- 10) March 27, 2025 – Santa Teresa Catholic Church, San Jose
- 11) April 23, 2025 – Willow Glenn Lions Club, San Jose

V. 2025 SANTA CLARA COUNTY CRS USERS GROUP/PPI COMMITTEE MEETINGS – MONITORING AND EVALUATING THE 2021 PPI

The FY25 Santa Clara County CRS Users Group/PPI Committee meetings were held on March 26, 2025, and May 14, 2025. Attendance by CRS communities was high. Staff from some non-CRS communities, external stakeholders, and other interested parties were also in attendance. Agendas, meeting notes, and attendance sheets for each meeting are included (*Attachments 4-8*).

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As required by CRS, the objective of the March and May 2025 meetings was to monitor the implementation of the 2021 PPI, determine if the desired outcomes were achieved, and discuss whether any changes to the 2021 PPI were needed to complete this annual evaluation report. The PPI Committee agreed that the 2021 PPI messaging and projects would remain the same for the duration of the 2021 PPI, which sunsets in 2026.

VI. MESSAGING – Other Initiatives

The multi-jurisdictional PPI Committee identified several possible opportunities in the 2021 PPI to expand on existing initiatives and may consider initiating newer ones as follows:

1. Continue and expand the standardized flood message prepared for each community to include flood messages in utility bills yearly, including PG&E.
2. Expand on partnerships with local chambers of commerce to disseminate and share flood preparedness information.
3. Expand on outreach to the Asian and Latino communities who live in flood-prone areas.
4. Expand on outreach to 'hot spots'/flood-prone areas by hosting on-site or virtual public events.
5. Expand the reach to local homeowners' associations (HOA)s and apartment associations (*i.e.*, *Executive Council of Homeowners [ECHO]*).
6. Expand the reach to residents in historically underserved and low-income communities through partnerships with organizations that serve these communities (*i.e.*, *Second Harvest Food Bank and others*).
7. Communities could pursue FEMA Matching Funds Grants for severe Repetitive Loss Areas.
8. Review and expand other public information activities, such as Flood Protection Assistance (Activity 360) and Flood Insurance Promotion (Activity 370).
9. Develop a region-wide Flood Response Preparations (FRP) messaging plan.

The messages the PPI Committee originally chose are still relevant to Santa Clara County. The committee will continue to increase its efforts to encourage people to prepare personal/family emergency plans and be flood-ready for the duration of the 2021 PPI. The PPI Committee will also continue coordinating efforts with Valley Water's Education Outreach Program to promote flood preparedness in local schools.

The PPI Committee recommends continuing to use social media for messaging for the duration of the 2021 PPI. Mobile usage among individuals has increased exponentially over the years, and online platforms are rapidly adjusting to mobile-friendly standards. This provides an excellent opportunity to modernize campaign ad efforts by utilizing social media and digital advertising to increase exposure and reach more residents in Santa Clara County. Furthermore, these modern advertising methods allow for specialized demographic targeting to reach a narrow and defined audience, improving the ability to reach vulnerable populations effectively.

In support of our preparedness messaging, the PPI Committee continues to promote the importance of having family emergency plans and kits ready before an emergency/flood event occurs.

The PPI Committee continues to promote the American Red Cross All-Hazard App, which monitors alerts for severe weather, including floods, and the Floodsmart.gov and Ready.gov websites. The communities will distribute American Red Cross Emergency Contact Cards at events throughout the county.

VII. CONCLUSION

Overall, the CRS Users Group/PPI Committee successfully implemented the 2021 PPI in FY25. The 2021 PPI allowed PPI Committee members to mutually decide which flood risk reduction messages are most appropriate for our residents and identify how to deliver these messages effectively. Participating in the 2021 PPI aims to enhance the effectiveness of the flood risk messages to residents, reduce flood risks within Santa Clara County, and earn valuable CRS credit points when identified outreach projects are implemented.

The CRS Users Group/PPI Committee will continue its outreach efforts through FY26. The 2021 PPI will sunset in FY26.

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Attachments for submission to Valley Water Board, City Councils/Managers, and FEMA as part of 2024/25 Annual Recertification/5-year Verification Package, as required:

1. Members of the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional 2021 PPI Committee
2. Appendix A from 2021 SC County Multi-Jurisdictional PPI noting FY25 Outreach Project Accomplishments
3. Valley Water's FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign
4. March 26, 2025, Santa Clara County CRS Users Group Meeting Agenda
5. March 26, 2025, Santa Clara County CRS Users Group Meeting Attendance Sheet
6. March 26, 2025, Santa Clara County CRS Users Group Meeting Notes
7. May 14, 2025, Santa Clara County CRS Users Group Meeting Agenda
8. May 14, 2025, Santa Clara County CRS Users Group Meeting Attendance Sheet
9. May 14, 2025, Santa Clara County CRS Users Group Meeting Notes

Table 1. Original Members of the Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional 2021 PPI Committee Agenda Item # 5.

Community	Local Government Representative and Alternates	External Stakeholders
County of Santa Clara	Chris Freitas , Sr. Civil Engineer Neville R. Pereira , PE, Development Services Manager, Department of Planning and Development, Floodplain Manager	Marsha Hovey , CADRE Board Chair
Cupertino	Chad Mosley , Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department, Floodplain Manager Jennifer Chu , Senior Civil Engineer, Public Works Department	Jim Oberhofer , Emergency Coordinator, Cupertino ARES/RACES
Gilroy	Gary Heap , City Engineer, Public Works Department Jorge Duran , Senior Civil Engineer, Floodplain Manager, Public Works Department	Merna Leal , City of Gilroy resident
Los Altos	Steven Golden , Senior Planner, Floodplain Manager Andrea Trese , Associate Civil Engineer	Christopher Wilson , Operations Manager, Los Altos Suburban District, California Water Company
Los Altos Hill	Carl Cahill , City Manager, Floodplain Manager Nichol Bowersox , Public Works Director/City Engineer Christine Hoffmann , Assistant Engineer (DPW)	Phil Witt , General Manager Purissima Hills Water District
Los Gatos	WooJae Kim , P.E, Town Engineer, Parks and Public Works, Floodplain Manager	Annamaria Swardenski , Swardenski Consulting
Milpitas	Steven Erickson , City Engineer/Engineering Director, Floodplain Manager Kan Xu , Principal Civil Engineer, Engineering Land Development Section Brian Petrovic , Associate Civil Engineer, Engineering Land Development Section Elizabeth Koo , Administrative Analyst, Engineering Land Development Section	Warren Wettenstein , Chairman of the Economic Development & Trade Commission and President of the Milpitas Chamber
Morgan Hill	Maria Angeles , Senior Civil Engineer, Floodplain Manager, CFM Charlie Ha , Supervising Civil Engineer, Engineering & Utilities Department	Swanee Edwards , City of Morgan Hill resident
Mountain View	Renee Gunn , Senior Civil Engineer, Public Works Department Gabrielle Abdon , Assistant Engineer, CFM	Kevin Conant , PG&E
Palo Alto	Rajeev Hada , Project Engineer, CFM, Public Works Department, Engineering Services Division, Floodplain Manager	Dan Melick , CERT Volunteer, City of Palo Alto resident
San Jose	Arlene Lew , Principal Engineering Technician Vivian Tom , Senior Transportation Specialist, Department of Public Works Development Services Division	Shari Carlet , City of San Jose resident, certified Floodplain Manager
Santa Clara	Evelyn Liang , Senior Civil Engineer Falguni Amin , Principal Engineer, Public Works – Engineering	Kevin Moore , Retired City Council member
Saratoga	David Dorcich , PE, QSP/D, Associate Civil Engineer, Community Development Department, Floodplain Manager	Rebecca Gallardo , Real Estate Agent for Interio, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate, servicing all areas of the Bay Area
Sunnyvale	Tamara Davis , Senior Management Analyst	Jeff Holzman , Director, Real Estate District Development Google Agnes Veith , City of Sunnyvale resident
Valley Water	Trisha Howard , Program Administrator Paola Giles , Public Information Representative III Sherilyn Tran , Office of Civic Engagement Unit Manager	Nikki Rowe , American Red Cross

Note: Since the development of the 2021 PPI there may have been changes to a community's 2021 PPI Committee members (either the local government representatives and/or the external stakeholders). Those member changes are noted on the meeting attendance sheets.

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Community At Large (CAL) – Multilingual Communities – Groups with Special Evacuation Needs – New Residents, Visitors and Tourists	Topic 1: Know your flood hazard Message 1A - Know your flood risk Message 1B - Contact your floodplain manager to find out if your property is in a floodplain Message 1C - Check if your home or business is in a Special Flood Hazard Area	Educate our community on flood protection and preparedness measures	(VW OP #01) Multi-language Countywide Mailer (CWM) to every postal address in Santa Clara County (Topics 1-5 and 7, 8)	Valley Water Communications	Each late October or November	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	Effective the FY25 flood season (starting in October 2024), Valley Water no longer produces a Countywide Mailer (CWM) that promotes flood messaging. On 1/14/25, during Valley Water’s CRS 5-year cycle visit, we informed our ISO CRS Specialist, Marlene Jacobs, of this change. We explained that in place of the CWM, Valley Water now sends out the following two additional targeted mailers to residents and businesses in the FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Hard and soft copies are provided to all Santa Clara County cities and the county. Flood Tips Postcard includes all 9 PPI Topic Messages: https://s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com/valleywater.org.us-west-1/s3fs-public/VW-Flood%20Postcard-Vertical-bleed-CMYK-Outlined-Final.pdf Flood Trifold includes 5 PPI Topic Messages: https://online.flipbuilder.com/tkap/vbsr/ All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects.
	Topic 2: Insure your property for your flood hazard Message 2A - Get flood insurance ahead of time Message 2B – Insure your property Message 2C – There is a 30-day waiting period for the policy to take place						
	Topic 3: Protect people from the flood hazard Message 3A - Put your 3-day emergency kit together Message 3B - Follow evacuation orders Message 3C – Learn the best route to high ground						
	Topic 4: Protect your property from the flood hazard Message 4A - Protect your property from the flood hazard Message 4B - Prepare your home Message 4C - Sandbags can offer protection against a foot or less of floodwater Message 4E - Get sandbags before a flood						
	Topic 5: Build responsibility Message 5A - Build responsibly in floodplains Message 5B - Comply with development requirements Message 5C - Check with your local floodplain manager before you build		(VW OP #02) Distributes a soft copy of our Flood Safety Tips brochure for all SCC CRS communities’ use (print hard copies to distribute at events and/or post of flood preparedness webpages) (Topics 1-9)	Valley Water Communications	Annually, November/December	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	In January 2025, Valley Water mailed out the trifold guide titled “You Live in a Flood Zone: Beware, Be Ready, Be Flood Safe.” This multilingual resource outlines actions residents can take to protect their lives and property before, during, and after a flood. Additionally, it includes a QR code that directs readers to valleywater.org/floodready for more tips and tools on flood preparedness. Link to Trifold In mid-October 2024, Valley Water released the 'Be Flood Safe' Social Media Toolkit for the 2024-2025 Flood Awareness Outreach Partner (https://conta.cc/3Awd0XS). This toolkit was made
	Topic 6: Protect natural floodplain functions Message 6A -Keep creeks clean and flowing Message 6B - Keep debris and trash out of our streams Message 6C - Don’t pollute, dump, or drain anything in creeks						
	Topic 7: Develop a Family Emergency Plan Message 7A: Develop an emergency plan						

¹ **Message Topics: Outreach Projects (OP):** Topic 1 – Know your flood hazard; Topic 2 – Insure your property for your flood hazard; Topic 3 – Protect people from the flood hazard; Topic 4 – Protect your property from the hazard; Topic 5 – Build responsibly; Topic 6 – Protect natural floodplain functions; Topic 7 – Develop a Family Emergency Plan; Topic 8 – Download disaster Apps; Topic 9 – Understand shallow flooding risks – “Don’t drive through standing water.”
Flood Response Preparations (FRP): What to Do Before, During and After a Flood/Storm

² Each May, all deliverables need to be reported to Valley Water for tracking purposes.

³ A **stakeholder** can be any agency, organization, or person (other than the community itself) that supports the message. Stakeholders can be: an insurance company that publishes a brochures on flood insurance, even if it is set out at City Hall; a local newspaper that publishes a flood or hurricane season supplement each year; FEMA, if, for example, a FEMA brochure is used as an informational material; schools that implement outreach activities; a local newspaper; a neighborhood or civic association that sponsors and hosts a presentation by a community employee; a utility company that includes pertinent articles in its monthly bills; or presentations made by state or FEMA staff at a Risk Map meeting.

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	<u>Topic 8:</u> Download disaster Apps Message 8A - Download disaster emergency apps <u>Topic 9:</u> Understand shallow flooding risks – don’t drive through standing water Message 9A - Understand shallow flooding risks - don’t drive through standing water FEMA’s message: “Turn Around Don’t Drown®.”						available for download to all partnering agencies, including CRS communities. It featured digital and social media banners and animations highlighting key calls to action: know your risk, sign up for emergency alerts, and find sandbags. Additionally, the toolkit included multilingual graphics showcasing essential tips and provided an option to request co-branded bill inserts and postcards. The toolkit includes the following items which contained messages for all nine flood awareness tips (<i>PPI CRS message topics</i>) for all Santa Clara County communities to use: ● Be Flood Safe ● Know your flood risk ● Sign up for emergency alerts ● Get free sandbags ● Flood zone cards and banners ● Multilingual Flood Ready tips Cupertino distributes copies of Valley Water’s Flood Safety Tips at various fairs/events (i.e., Earth Day Festival) and provides additional copies for the public on display at City Hall. Cupertino also has a direct link to Valley Water’s annual mailer and Flood Ready webpage on the City’s “Floodplain Management” webpage. Los Altos distributes brochures available at City Hall, library, and community center. They are also distributed at community events (emergency training, wine stroll, etc.). Morgan Hill hosted ‘National Night Out’ on August 6, 2024. Flood preparedness information (<i>red ‘Get Flood Ready’ tote bags which includes an emergency supply list</i>) was distributed. Valley Water’s flood safety brochures were also available at City Hall. Mountain View promotes and distributes Valley Water’s Flood Safety Tips and emergency kits at fairs (i.e., Earth Day Celebration, Community Summer Kick-Off Event). Valley Water’s flood safety brochures are available at city hall. Palo Alto promotes and distributes Valley Water’s Flood Safety Tip and emergency kits at fairs (i.e.,

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							Earth Day Festival) and provides as an informational item on Utility Inserts sent every year. Valley Water’s flood safety brochures are available at city hall. The City of Santa Clara has hard copy brochures available at city hall and central library. They are distributed at the yearly art & wine festivals as well. All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects.
			(CUP OP #03) Flood notice in the local newsletter, “The Cupertino Scene” (Topics 1-9)	City of Cupertino	Each October or November issue	N/A	Cupertino changed the frequency of the local newsletter from monthly to quarterly. Therefore, the annual flood preparation article was published in the September 2024 issue of “The Cupertino Scene”.
			(LA OP #04) Two (2) newspapers ads, in the Los Altos Town Crier (Topics 1-5)	City of Los Altos	Each fall	N/A	Los Altos published two newspaper ads titled “Assess Your Flood Risk and Flood Insurance Availability” on 10/16/24 and on 10/23/24 in the Los Altos Town Crier.
			(LAH OP #05) The town’s “Our Town” quarterly newsletter includes information on flood preparedness. The newsletter is mailed out town-wide and is also available online on the town’s website (<i>Topics TBD during cycle visit</i>)	Town of Los Altos Hills	Each fall	N/A	Town of Los Altos Hills: No update available - non-CRS participating community.
			(LAH OP #06) The town distributes various flood preparedness and safety materials at events, including Valley Water’s annual floodplain mailer and promotional items (e.g., emergency starter kits, Get Flood Ready Emergency Supply Checklist tote bags, etc.), FEMA flood insurance information, ReadySCC, and American Red Cross Flood apps, AlertSCC, sandbag guidelines, flood protection project-specific notices, FEMA NFIP materials, and preparedness activity/coloring books, etc.) to the public	Town of Los Altos Hills	Annually, spring and late summer	N/A	Town of Los Altos Hills: No update available - non-CRS participating community.
			(MIL OP #07) “Flood Public Advisory” brochure to the community at large (Topics 1-6)	City of Milpitas	Each December to January	N/A	Milpitas: Utility bill inserts was sent to every address in Milpitas in May 2025, and will be sent out within the fiscal year going forward. This was sent out in four languages (English, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Chinese).
			(MH OP #08) Sends a citywide “Flood Report” brochure (Topics 1-9)	City of Morgan Hill	Annually, close to or during the start of the rainy season	N/A	The City of Morgan Hill mailed out citywide the “2025 Flood Report” in April 2025.

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			(MV OP #09) Sends “The View” citywide newsletter, Winter version, includes information on flood risk, flood safety, and the importance of buying flood insurance (Topics 1-9)	City of Mountain View	Fall newsletter edition	N/A	Mountain View sent out “The View” for Fall/Winter 2024 with information on flood risk, flood safety, and the importance of buying flood insurance (Topics 1-9)
			(MV OP #10) Mails a utility bill insert to all resident and businesses that contains information on flood risk, flood safety, and the importance of buying flood insurance (Topics 9)	City of Mountain View	Between July - September	N/A	Mountain View sent out Valley Water’s Get Flood Ready flier as a utility billing insert to every City utility customer in Winter 2024/2025.
			(PA OP #11) Sends the “Are You Ready for Winter Storms?” flier (aka utilities insert) to all residents and businesses in the City, along with their utility bills (Topics 1-9)	City of Palo Alto	Each Fall	N/A	Palo Alto sent “Are You Ready for Winter Storms?” fliers to all residents and businesses along with their utility bills in September 2024. The social media ad campaign (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor) was also included in the utility bills that went out in September 2024.
			(PA OP #12) Sends out utility announcement, “Anytime it can rain, it can flood. Don’t get caught off-guard” (Topics 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 9 – <i>will pursue adding other topic</i>)	City of Palo Alto	Each March/April	N/A	Palo Alto sent a utility announcement as an informational announcement on utility bills went out in December 2024. Effective FY23, the City’s Public Works Department shifted from the March/April time frame of this announcement, to December each year.
			(PA OP #13) The city distributes various flood preparedness and safety documents, including FEMA NFIP materials for public/policyholders	City of Palo Alto	Year Round	N/A	Palo Alto distributed flood preparedness documents, including the emergency starters kit, during Earth Day Event on 4/27/25 and MSC Open House on 7/27/2024 and also makes informational materials available in our HQ lobby.
			(SC OP #14) Mails out a citywide newsletter for residents and businesses called “Inside Santa Clara” (Topics 1-9)	City of Santa Clara	Each fall	N/A	Santa Clara: The latest Inside Santa Clara issue was sent out in the biannual newsletter, with the flood information provided in the Fall/Winter 2024 Edition
		Educate our community on flood protection and preparedness measures Increase in ‘hits’ on Valley Water and communities Flood Protection Resources webpage <i>These website projects are credited under Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information, element c). Flood protection website (WEB), not credited under Activity 330</i> <i>Note: To receive any WEB credit, the community’s website must meet the following criteria:</i>	(VW OP #15) Flood Ready webpage: Flood & Safety, Flood Protection Resources, includes floodplain and countywide mailers https://www.valleywater.org/bfloodready	Valley Water	Year Round	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	Valley Water continues to maintain/update our Flood Ready landing page to ensure content is relevant and current and that there are no broken links. At the March and May 2025 CRS Users Group/PPI Committee Meetings, CRS communities were reminded to review/update their respective flood protection resources landing pages. At the 5/14/25 CRS Users Group/PPI Committee Meeting (<i>agenda item 4</i>), there was discussion regarding Valley Water’s webpage redesign, including updates to our Flood Ready landing page. Megan Azralon (Valley Water, Public Information Representative) provided an update on the Valley Water website redesign, highlighting upcoming

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		<i>The community must check the website's links at least monthly, and fix those that are no longer accurate. At least annually, the community must review the content to ensure that it is still current and pertinent</i>					improvements to make flood and emergency information easier to find. She shared a preview of the new homepage layout. Key features include a reorganized menu, customizable highlight sections, quick links, an interactive map for sandbag locations and flood alerts, and integration of campaign visuals. The updated design will improve accessibility and user experience, with full language translation support. Feedback on layout and content is welcome. Our Flood Ready landing page includes all mailers resulting from the FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign. www.valleywater.org/FloodReady Cupertino's "Floodplain Management" webpage has a link that redirects to Valley Water's Flood Ready landing page. Gilroy's "Flood Management" and "Emergency Preparedness" web pages link to Valley Water's Flood ready landing page. Los Altos' "Floodplain Management Information" web page links to Valley Water's Flood Ready web page. Morgan Hill's "Floodplain Management" landing page redirects to Valley Water's Flood Ready landing page. Mountain View's "Flood Protection and Insurance Information" webpage links to Valley Water's Flood Ready web page. Palo Alto's "Flood Information and Winter Storm Preparedness" webpage redirects to Valley Water's Flood Ready landing page. City of Santa Clara's "Flood Protection Information" web page redirected to Valley Water's Flood Ready page. All Santa Clara County communities flood protection resource landing pages redirect to Valley Water's Flood Ready landing page.

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			(ALL OP #16) All communities’ website flood protection resources webpage includes language that contains the three additional PPI priority messages noted below: 7. Develop an emergency plan 8. Download disaster apps 9. Understand shallow flooding risks—don’t drive through standing water (Above-noted numbering are listed in order of the 2021 PPI).	All Santa Clara County Communities	Year Round	N/A	Valley Water’s flood protection resources landing page includes the top 6 CRS priority topic messages, as well as the 3 additional messages identified in the 2021 PPI (page 45). Reminders to verify that the required language/links were on all community’s websites were discussed at both the 3/26/24 and 5/29/24 CRS Users Group/PPI Meetings. Cupertino’s “Floodplain Management” webpage has a link to Valley Water’s annual mailer which includes the CRS 9 topics. Gilroy’s “Emergency Preparedness” webpage redirects to Valley Water’s Flood Ready landing page, ‘9 Essential Tips to Get Flood Ready.’ Our Emergency Preparedness page also includes topics 7, 8, and 9. Morgan Hill’s “Flood Information, Floodplain Management” webpage currently includes a link to the “2025 Flood Report” that includes the CRS 9 topics. Mountain View’s “Flood Protection and Insurance Information” webpage has a link to Valley Water’s annual mailer which includes the CRS 9 topics. Palo Alto’s utility insert includes all three additional PPI priority messages, and the Flood Information and Winter Storm Preparedness website has a link to the utility insert which shows the three additional PPI. City of Santa Clara’s “Flood Protection Information” web page includes resources for preparedness.
			(SCC OP #17) Hosts a “Storm and Flood Information and Resources” webpage available for all residents in the county, includes re-directing to www.floodsmart.gov https://www.sccgov.org/sites/opa/Pages/storm.aspx	Santa Clara County Office of Public Affairs	Year Round	N/A	Santa Clara County: No update available - non-CRS participating community
			(SCC OP #18) Hosts a “Flood Safety Information” webpage, includes re-directing to www.valleywater.org/floodready https://cpd.sccgov.org/flood-safety-information	Santa Clara County Consumer Protection Division	Year Round	N/A	Santa Clara County: No update available - non-CRS participating community
			(SCC OP #19) Hosts a “Be a Prepared Community Member” webpage that includes emergency preparedness information	Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management	Year Round	N/A	Santa Clara County: No update available - non-CRS participating community

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			https://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/be-prepared-community-member (SCC OP #20) Hosts a “People with Access and Functional Needs (AFN)” webpage https://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/people-access-and-functional-needs-afn (CUP OP#21) Hosts a “Citizen Preparedness” webpage that includes emergency preparedness information, includes re-directing to Valley Water’s www.valleywater.org/floodready webpage https://www.cupertino.org/residents/community-services-programs/emergency-services/citizen-preparedness (GIL OP #22) The city hosts an “Emergency Preparedness” webpage Emergency Preparedness Gilroy, CA - Official Website (cityofgilroy.org) <i>(listed in Appendix B)</i> (LA OP #23) The city’s Public Works Department hosts a ‘Flood Zone Information’ webpage on its website <i>(listed in Appendix B)</i> https://www.losaltosca.gov/publicworks/page/flood-zone-information (LAH OP #24) The town hosts a “Flood Information” webpage on the town’s website. This webpage includes information on the PPI nine topics, including a supporting message. The webpage redirects to the following key resource websites: www.valleywater.org/floodready , www.floodsmart.org , www.ready.gov , and www.weather.gov (LG OP #25) The town’s website encourages residents and businesses to purchase flood insurance and redirects visitors to www.floodsmart.gov	Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management City of Cupertino Office of Emergency Services City of Gilroy Fire Department City of Los Altos Public Works Department Town of Los Altos Hills Town of Los Gatos	Year Round Year Round Year Round Year Round Year Round Year Round	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	Santa Clara County: No update available - non-CRS participating community Cupertino has archived the “Citizen Preparedness” webpage and created a new “Floodplain Management” webpage: https://www.cupertino.gov/Your-City/Departments/Public-Works/Permitting-Development-Services/Floodplain-Management Gilroy continues to maintain an “Emergency Preparedness” webpage, including a link that redirects to Valley Water’s Flood Ready landing page, the National Weather Service webpage, Ready.gov, FloodSmart.gov, and the City’s Flood Management webpage. The Emergency Preparedness webpage is reviewed once a month and updated as needed. Los Altos’ webpage is updated as needed. The webpage URL is: https://www.losaltosca.gov/publicworks/page/floodplain-management-information Town of Los Altos Hills: No update available - non-CRS participating community Town of Los Gatos: No update available - non-CRS participating community

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			(MIL OP #26) The city's website has a "Flood Information" webpage that contains information on several of the PPI message topics; the webpage also redirects to Valley Water, FEMA, NOAA, www.floodsmart.gov , www.Ready.gov , and USGS webpages	City of Milpitas Engineering Department	Year Round	N/A	Milpitas: On-going. Link: https://www.milpitas.gov/280/Flood-Information
			The city's website also has a "Important Flood Hazard Information" webpage that contains information on several of the PPI message topics; the webpage also redirects to Valley Water, FEMA, NOAA, www.floodsmart.gov (listed in Appendix B) https://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/milpitas/departments/engineering/flood-information/				
			(MH OP #27) The city's website has a "Flood Information, Floodplain Management" webpage that contains city's flooding information which redirects to their Floodplain Management page and includes a link to the city's latest annual "Flood Report." The webpage redirects Valley Water's flood ready webpage and also contains FEMA flood information http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/747/Flood-Information	City of Morgan Hill Engineering Land Development	Year Round	N/A	Morgan Hill's "Flood Information, Floodplain Management" webpage includes a link to the "2025 Flood Report" brochure which was mailed out citywide in April 2025.
			Floodplain Management City of Morgan Hill, CA - Official Website				
			(MH OP #28) The city's website has an "Emergency Preparedness" webpage (listed in Appendix B) http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/133/Emergency-Preparedness	City of Morgan Hill Police Department	Year Round	N/A	Morgan Hill continues to maintain its "Emergency Preparedness" landing page. The Emergency Preparedness landing page promotes "Do 1 Thing", a 12-month program with a goal of assisting the community to be better prepared for emergencies and disasters. This information was also included in the "Weekly 411" on 1/10/2025, 2/14/2025, 2/21/2025, 2/28/2025, and 3/7/2025.
			(MV OP #29) Hosts a "Flood Protection and Insurance Information" webpage on its website (listed in Appendix B) www.mountainview.gov/depts/pw/flood_protection.asp	City of Mountain View Public Works Department	Year Round	N/A	City of Mountain View's "Flood Protection and Insurance Information" web page includes resources for preparedness and links to Valley Water's Floodplain Mailer.
			(PA OP #30) Hosts a "Floodplain Management" webpage (listed in Appendix B) https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pwd/stormwater/floodzones.asp	City of Palo Alto Public Works Department	Year Round	N/A	Palo Alto continues to host the "Floodplain Management" webpage that has all relevant information regarding flood plain management topics.
			(PA OP #31) Hosts a "Flood Safety Tips" webpage www.cityofpaloalto.org/storms;flood_safe_11-16.cdr (cityofpaloalto.org)	City of Palo Alto Public Works Department	Year Round	N/A	Palo Alto continues to host the "Flood Information and Winter Storm Preparedness Webpage" which has

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							links to the “Flood Safety Tips” flier under ‘Before the Storm Additional Information.’
			(PA OP #32) Hosts a ‘Creek Monitor’ webpage (listed in Appendix B) https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pwd/creek_monitor/default.asp	City of Palo Alto Public Works Department	Year Round	N/A	Palo Alto continues to host the real time creek monitor webpage that warns residents of imminent danger of flooding.
			(PA OP #33) Hosts a “Flood Information and Winter Storm Preparedness” web page which contains useful information for flood readiness (listed in Appendix B) https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/services/public_safety/flood_information_winter_storms/default.asp	City of Palo Alto Office of Emergency Services	Year Round	N/A	Palo Alto continues to host the “Flood Information and Winter Storm preparedness” website has useful information on flood preparedness for before storm, during storm and after storm.
			(SJ OP #34) The city’s webpages includes a “Flood Hazard Zones” webpage which includes information of flood preparedness https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/public-works/development-services/floodplain-management	City of San Jose Public Works, Development Services	Year Round	N/A	San Jose: Website includes flood zone and flood smart information. Updated link: https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/public-works/development-services/flood-hazard-zone
			(SC OP #35) The city’s “Flood Protection Information” webpage contains valuable information on flood related topics https://www.santaclaraca.gov/our-city/departments-g-z/public-works/engineering/flood-protection (also listed in Appendix B)	City of Santa Clara	Year Round	N/A	Santa Clara: Website is updated and maintains flood topic information
			(SAR OP #36) The city’s website encourages residents/businesses to purchase flood insurance and redirects visitors to www.floodsmart.gov	City of Saratoga	Year Round	N/A	Saratoga: No update available - non-CRS participating community
			(SAR OP #37) The city has a “Staying Safe, Winter Storms” webpage. They have also linked the city’s Winter Storms webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage https://www.saratoga.ca.us/218/Winter-Storms	City of Saratoga	Year Round	N/A	Saratoga: No update available - non-CRS participating community
			(SUN OP #38) The city has a “Flood Protection” webpage Sunnyvale, CA - Flood Protection (listed in Appendix B)	City of Sunnyvale	Year Round	N/A	Sunnyvale: The City continues to maintain its flood protection website.

	Topics 1-9 and supporting messages Flood Awareness Media Campaign, including social media	Educate our community on flood protection and preparedness measures	(VW OP #39) Conducts a flood awareness media campaign, reaching the community at large, including our multilingual community. Many of the Santa Clara County CRS Communities recognize Valley Water’s Flood Awareness Campaign and link it on their community’s flood information web page and redirect to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage (Topics 1-9) <i>Campaign features social media videos and postings on various platforms (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, etc.), digital banners, newspaper advertorials, radio ads, billboards, <u>utility bill inserts for communities to use, communities redirect to ValleyWater.org/FloodReady and television/mobile ads targeting residents who live in flood-prone areas and multilingual ethnic communities</u></i>	Valley Water Communications	Annually, for the duration of the rainy season, typically from November to April	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	Valley Water's FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign centered around the theme, "You Live in a Flood Zone: Beware. Be Ready. Be Flood Safe." The outreach utilized digital geo-targeting technologies to effectively reach businesses and residents within the flood zone. The primary goals of the campaign were to raise awareness about flood risks, encourage residents to sign up for emergency alerts, and inform them on how to obtain sandbags. Additionally, the campaign highlighted our Surface Water Data Portal, where residents can access the latest information regarding local creek and reservoir levels. To enhance Valley Water’s community outreach efforts, an educational paid advertising campaign was implemented. Polling results from the previous winter campaign informed this advertising initiative, allowing us to better understand our target audiences and their levels of awareness. The Flood Awareness Campaign ran for six months, from October 2024 to March 2025, at a total cost of \$389,340. This campaign combined outdoor and digital geo-targeted advertising, supplemented by three direct multilingual mailings sent to approximately 49,555 homes and businesses located in or near high-risk flood areas, as designated by the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). See Attachment 3 of the FY25 Annual Evaluation Report for flood awareness campaign and post campaign survey details. Los Altos included an insert provided by Valley Water to all residents and businesses via a refuse collection bill insert in November 2022 (non-residential) and January 2023 (residential). Morgan Hill’s flood preparedness outreach efforts for FY25 are listed below: • August 6, 2024 - Hosted ‘National Night Out.’ Flood preparedness information (<i>red ‘Get Flood Ready’ tote bags which include an emergency supply list</i>) and emergency starter kits were distributed to the public. • October 18, 2024 - Announced California Flood Preparedness Week (October 19 to 26, 2024) and included links to City and
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							State flood preparedness information in its Weekly 411. - November 29, 2024 - Included link to Valley Water and Flood-Ready information in its Weekly 411. - December 20, 2024 - Included AlertSCC link in its Weekly 411. - January 2025, February 2025, and March 2025 - Included in its Weekly 411 a reminder about the City’s “Ready Together” Emergency Preparedness Series that was presented to the public by the City’s Office of Emergency Services Coordinator and was held at Morgan Hill Library. - April 26, 2025 - Hosted Community Earth Day Festival. Flood preparedness information (<i>red ‘Get Flood Ready’ tote bags which include an emergency supply list</i>), emergency starter kits, and first aid kits were distributed to the public. A copy of the 2025 Flood Report was also posted for public information. - May 2, 2025 - Included a link to the 2025 Flood Report in its Weekly 411. All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects.

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			(VW OP #40) As part of the flood awareness campaign, a 'Get Flood Ready, Social Media and Web Resources Guide' is provided to all cities/county in Santa Clara County for their use as part of their outreach efforts	Valley Water	Upon the completion of the annual FPM	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	In mid-October 2024, Valley Water released the 'Be Flood Safe' Social Media Toolkit for the 2024-2025 Flood Awareness Outreach Partner (https://conta.cc/3AwdoXS). This toolkit was made available for download to all partnering agencies, including CRS communities. It featured digital and social media banners and animations highlighting key calls to action: know your risk, sign up for emergency alerts, and find sandbags. Additionally, the toolkit included multilingual graphics showcasing essential tips and provided an option to request co-branded bill inserts and postcards. See Attachment 3 of the FY25 Annual Evaluation Report for flood awareness campaign and post campaign survey details. Los Altos has included links to the flood awareness campaign web resources in electronic newsletters during the 2022/2023 flood season and on the city's website. Morgan Hill's Public Information utilizes Valley Water's Get Flood Ready social media and resources as they deem applicable on any given period. Mountain View's "Flood Protection and Insurance Information" webpage has links to Valley Water's Get Flood Ready webpage. Palo Alto has Valley Water's Flood Awareness Campaign linked on the City's Flood Information and Winter Storm Preparedness website. Santa Clara has Valley Water's Flood Awareness Campaign linked on the City's Public Works, Engineering, Flood Protection Information landing page on their website. All Santa Clara County communities flood protection resource landing pages redirect to Valley Water's Flood Ready landing page.
			(SCC OP #41) Shares Valley Water's digital social media resource links during the flood season. The "Floods Follow Fires. Are you Ready?" and "Got Sandbags" messages redirect to Valley Water's website. Messages are used on social media, short	Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management	Year Round	N/A	Santa Clara County: No update available - non-CRS participating community

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			form newsletter, short form email, web, and Nextdoor				
			(CUP OP #42) Recognizes the robust social media campaign led by Valley Water and has linked the city’s main flood preparation webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage	City of Cupertino	Year Round	N/A	Cupertino continues to maintain the “Floodplain Management” webpage, including a link that redirects to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage.
			(GIL OP #43) The city recognizes Valley Water’s Flood Awareness Campaign and has linked the city’s main flood webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage	City of Gilroy	Year Round	N/A	Gilroy: The “Emergency Preparedness” and Public Works “Flood Management” webpage both link to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage.
			(LAH OP #44) The town recognizes Valley Water’s Flood Awareness Campaign and has linked the town’s main flood webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage	Town of Los Altos Hills	Year Round	N/A	Town of Los Altos Hills: No update available - non-CRS participating community
			(LG OP #45) Recognizes Valley Water’s Flood Awareness Campaign and has linked the Town’s main flood webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage	Town of Los Gatos	Year Round	N/A	Town of Los Gatos: No update available - non-CRS participating community
			(MV OP #46) The city does a social media notification about storm preparation for winter storms ahead of time. The notification directs residents to their “Flood Protection and Insurance Information” webpage. The city has also linked the city’s webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage	City of Mountain View	Year Round	N/A	Mountain View shared several social media posts before, during and after the major rain events during the winter. Posts included information on preparation, forecasts for rain events and real time updates on current flooding.
			(SC FRP #47) City publishes social media posts, on Facebook, Twitter, and other platforms, focused on safety.	City of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services	During the storm season	N/A	Santa Clara: Information was posted on social media for flood awareness week led by City Streets Division.
			The city has prepared a pre-flood plan (FRP) for public information projects that will be implemented before, during, and after a storm/flood, as well as identifying who is responsible for posting these messages, what type of events they apply to, what social media platforms to post to and how often				
			(SJ OP #48) Recognizes Valley Water’s Flood Awareness Campaign and has linked the city’s main flood webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage. Keeps Valley Water’s floodplain mailer static location at City Hall for residents to pick-up and is also distributed at various events throughout the year	City of San Jose	Year Round	N/A	San Jose places Valley Water’s FPM at City Hall and their website redirects to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage. The City recognizes and supports Valley Water’s Flood Awareness Campaign.
			(SAR OP #49) Recognizes Valley Water’s Flood Awareness Campaign and has linked the city’s main flood webpage to Valley Water’s Flood Ready webpage	City of Saratoga	Year Round	N/A	Saratoga: No update available - non-CRS participating community

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			(SUN OP #51) The city actively posts flood safety and preparedness messaging through social media platforms (i.e., Facebook and Twitter)	City of Sunnyvale Environmental Services	During the rainy season (October – March)	N/A	Sunnyvale: City staff posted information to Facebook regarding keeping the storm drain clear to prevent clogging.																																				
	Topics 1-9 and supporting messages Community Events – Distribute flood preparedness materials to the community	Educate our community on flood protection and preparedness measures Increase in ‘hits’ on Valley Water and cities Flood Protection Resources pages and improve Valley Water’s Flood Campaign results Residents less stress during emergencies and better prepared before a flood event	(VW OP #52) Copies of Valley Water’s multilanguage floodplain mailer is made available to all Santa Clara County CRS Communities to disseminate at various events, including keeping the mailer static in lobby areas for visitors to pick-up. Valley Water attends various communities’ events/fairs throughout the county and disseminates flood readiness materials, including various FEMA flood-related publications and Valley Water flood ready materials (Topics 1– 9)	Valley Water	Annually, September - May	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	The below table reflects the quantities requested/sent by/to the agencies. Copies of Valley Water’s FPM were delivered in early January 2025. <table><tr><th>Community</th><th>Floodplain Mailer</th></tr><tr><td>City of Cambell</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Cupertino</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>City of Gilroy</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Los Altos</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>Town of Los Altos Hills</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>Town of Los Gatos</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Milpitas</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>City of Monte Sereno</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Morgan Hill</td><td>150</td></tr><tr><td>City of Mountain View</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Palo Alto</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>City of San Jose</td><td>50</td></tr><tr><td>City of Santa Clara</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>County of Santa Clara</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Saratoga</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Sunnyvale</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>Valley Water CRS Program</td><td>150</td></tr></table> The FPM is posted on our website https://online.flipbuilder.com/tkap/fbzo/ Cupertino distributes copies of Valley Water’s Floodplain Mailer at various fairs/events and provides additional copies for the public on display at City Hall. Los Altos distributes copies of the Valley Water’s Floodplain Mailer and postcards at City Hall and Community Center buildings. Mountain View distributes copies of Valley Water’s Floodplain Mailer and postcards at City Hall and during tabling events such as Earth Day. Palo Alto distributes Valley Water’s multi-language floodplain mailer during fairs during Earth Day event and Palo Alto’s Open House every year. Santa Clara: Fliers and additional information are currently at city hall and public library.	Community	Floodplain Mailer	City of Cambell	25	City of Cupertino	50	City of Gilroy	25	City of Los Altos	50	Town of Los Altos Hills	25	Town of Los Gatos	25	City of Milpitas	50	City of Monte Sereno	25	City of Morgan Hill	150	City of Mountain View	25	City of Palo Alto	100	City of San Jose	50	City of Santa Clara	25	County of Santa Clara	25	City of Saratoga	25	City of Sunnyvale	25	Valley Water CRS Program	150
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			(CUP OP #53) Distributes flood readiness outreach materials at various events/ facilities	City of Cupertino	Year Round, as needed	N/A	Cupertino distributes copies of Valley Water’s Floodplain Mailer and other promotional items provided by Valley Water at various fairs/events and provides additional copies of the mailer for the public on display at City Hall.
			(GIL OP #54) Participates in two fair/events: Gilroy Garlic Festival (GF) and city’s Public Works Week Community Open House (PWWCOH)	City of Gilroy	End of July (GF) Typically, in May (PWWCOH)	N/A	Gilroy: There was no Garlic Festival (<i>due to the shooting at this festival in July 2019, the City has postponed this event indefinitely</i>), so no materials were distributed at this event. However, on August, 2024, the City hosted National Night Out where flood readiness materials were distributed. Materials were also distributed during the PWWCOH on May 22, 2025.
			(LAH OP #55) Hosts two events - Earth Day (ED) and the Town Picnic (TP)	Town of Los Altos Hills	Annually, Spring (ED) and late Summer (TP)	N/A	Town of Los Altos Hills: No update available - non-CRS participating community
			(MIL OP #56) Distributes FEMA flood-related publications at various events	City of Milpitas	Year Round	N/A	Milpitas: Ongoing. Distributed flood ready kits and information on “Earth Day” which was on April 12, 2025.
			(MV OP #57) The city participates Mountain View Art & Wine Festival (MVA&WF) and Thursday Night Live (TNL) and distributes flood preparedness information	City of Mountain View	Each September (MVA&WF) Months of June/July (TNL)	Valley Water	Mountain View attends various events such as Earth Day and Public Works Week and distributes flood readiness fliers and handouts during these events.
			(PA OP #58) Staff hosts a flood readiness table at city’s annual Earth Day (ED) event and at the city Municipal Corporation Open House (MCOH). Upon request, the city also participates in other fairs and promotes flood readiness, including Creekwise mailer/brochure	City of Palo Alto	Each April (ED) and July (MCOH)	Can vary depending on requests made to City to support fairs	Palo Alto hosted a flood readiness table at the Earth Day Event on 4/27/25 and hosted a table at the City Municipal Corporation Open House on 7/27/24(FY25).
			(SJ OP #59) Staff hosts and participates in the ‘Building Permits and Home Safety Open House.’ The city’s also hosts ‘Pumpkins in the Park’ event which Valley Water staff participates in and promotes flood preparedness	City of San Jose	Each May and October	Valley Water	San Jose hosts the annual Building and Home Safety Open House. This year’s open house was held on 5/22/25. The City also hosted “Pumpkins in the Park” on 10/12/24. Valley Water hosted an information booth and distributed flood preparedness information on flood safety and emergency preparedness materials, including Valley Water’s annual floodplain mailer.

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			(SC OP #60) City hosts a flood readiness table at the Art & Wine Festival. Valley Water also sponsors a table at the festival promoting flood preparedness and distributes various flood readiness materials to the community	City of Santa Clara	Each September	N/A	Santa Clara: Flood readiness table was set-up at Arts & Wine Festival September 2024. Flood promotional packets and fliers provided by Valley Water were distributed to visitors.
	Topic 3: Protect people from the flood hazard Message 3A - Put your 3-day emergency kit together Message 3B - Follow evacuation orders Message 3C – Learn the best route to high ground	Less damage due to the floods; improve sandbag distribution Fewer accidents and rescues	(SUN OP #61) City has permanent “Road May Flood” street signs in areas of the City prone to flooding and promotes the “Flood Zone Look Up” featured on the city’s website	City of Sunnyvale	Year Round	N/A	Sunnyvale: Ongoing. City staff still promote the use of the “Flood Zone Lookup.”
	Topic 9: Understand shallow flooding risks – don’t drive through standing water Message 9A - Understand shallow flooding risks - don’t drive through standing water FEMA’s message: “Turn Around Don’t Drown®.”						
	Topic 4: Protect your property from the flood hazard Message 4A - Protect your property from the flood hazard Message 4B - Prepare your home Message 4C - Sandbags can offer protection against a foot or less of floodwater Message 4E - Get sandbags before a flood	Increase in inquiries on retrofitting measures. Decrease the number of repairs and elevations without permits. Increase number of repairs with permits Ensure people who are interested in protecting their property from flooding are getting the help they need	(CUP OP #62) The city offers Flood Protection Assistance, Property Protection Advice. Staff provides in-person flood risk consultation at the front counter and/or site visits when requested (MIL OP # 63) The city offers Flood Protection Assistance, Property Protection Advice and provides in-person flood risk consultation at the front counter	City of Cupertino	Year Round	N/A	Cupertino: Ongoing. The City maintains a log of FEMA-related requests.
	Topic 5: Build responsibility Message 5A - Build responsibly in floodplains Message 5B - Comply with development requirements Message 5C - Check with your local floodplain manager before you build	Keep families safe	(SC OP #64) The city offers Flood Protection Assistance, Property Protection Advice	City of Milpitas	Year Round	N/A	Milpitas: Ongoing. City maintains logs of FEMA-related requests.
				City of Santa Clara	Year Round	N/A	Santa Clara: On-going per requests to the city
	Topic 6: Protect natural floodplain functions Message 6A - Keep creeks clean and flowing Message 6B - Keep debris and trash out of our streams Message 6C - Don’t pollute, dump, or drain anything in creeks	Cleaner streams and fewer dumping violations Fewer debris blockages during high-flow events Drainage inspectors report fewer calls and a decrease in the amount of trash removed	(VW OP #65) “Do Not Dump”/illegal dumping message is sent each year to all Santa Clara County residents in Valley Water’s CWM and FPM	Valley Water Communications	Each late October or November (CWM) Each November/December (FPM)	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	Valley Water’s FY25 FPM included the ‘Do Not Dump/Illegal to Dump’ (<i>Topic 7 - Keep creeks clean and flowing, page 5</i>) messaging. Additionally, Valley Water’s website ‘Get Flood Ready Essential Tips’ landing page contains ‘Keep debris and trash out of our streams,’ and the, dump, or drain anything in creeks’ under the ‘Flood Safety Advice: Before a Flood’ section., and our ‘Report Creek Blockages and local street flooding’ promotes the do not dump/illegal dumping message. https://www.valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready https://www.valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready/flood-safety-advice https://www.valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready/report-creek-blockages-local-flooding Valley Water hosted Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD) on

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							September 21, 2024 (Preliminary <i>Results</i> : 45 sites; 930 Volunteers; 55.052 distance cleaned (miles); 27,838.76 weight of trash collected (rounded up to the nearest pound); 4,876.05 weight of recyclables collected (rounded up to the nearest pound); and National River Cleanup Day (NRCD) on May 17, 2025 2025 National River Cleanup Day. (Preliminary <i>Results</i> : 17,499 pounds of trash; 778 volunteers; 43 cleanup sites; 70 miles cleaned, 2,200 Volunteer hours). https://cleanacreek.org/past-results-2/ Several Santa Clara communities participate in these clean-up events. Cupertino’s “Floodplain Management” webpage has a link to Valley Water’s Floodplain Mailer. The City also includes the “Do Not Dump” messaging in The Cupertino Scene’s annual flood preparedness article. Morgan Hill includes this message in their annual Flood Report. The 2025 Flood Report is posted on the City’s “Floodplain Management” landing page. Mountain View’s “Flood Protection and Insurance Information” webpage has a link to Valley Water’s Floodplain Mailer and notes who to call in the city to report illegal dumping. Palo Alto has Valley Water’s CWM and FPM linked on the City’s Flood Information and Winter Storm Preparedness website. All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects.
			(VW OP #66) “Do Not Dump” signs placed by waterways/channels	Valley Water O&M	Year Round	N/A	Valley Water’s Operations & Maintenance continues its practice of placing ‘Do Not Dump’ signs on waterways/ channels.
			(VW OP #67) Lists Pollution Hotline number in all Project Notices	Valley Water Communications	Year Round	N/A	All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects. Valley Water’s website includes the pollution hotline number: https://www.valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready

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							https://www.valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready/report-creek-blockages-local-flooding All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects.
			(SCC OP #68) Storm Drain Stenciling/Medallion Program	Santa Clara County	Year Round	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	Mountain View installs Stenciling/Medallion on all catch basins and inlets in the public right of way. Palo Alto installs Storm Drain Stenciling/Medallion on all public right of way catch basin and inlets. City of Santa Clara: Medallion installed on public catch basins/inlets. Santa Clara County: No update available - non-CRS participating community.
			(SUN OP #69) The city’s “Horizon” newsletter, includes Do Not Dump messaging	City of Sunnyvale	Annually, fall	N/A	Sunnyvale: The City still produces the Horizon newsletter and includes a “Do Not Dump” message. It was published in fall 2024.
			(ALL OP #70) Developments that are modifying or constructing new catch basins/storm drains/inlets are required, per the below-noted permits, to stencil the “No Dumping! Flows to Bay.” In addition, some of these cities require all bid documents for capital projects which are modifying or constructing new catch basins, and require the contractors to install the same stencil. The program is also highlighted on cities’ websites. ▪ South County municipalities are subject to the statewide “Phase II” NPDES Permit ▪ North County municipalities are subject to the SF Bay Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit	All	Year Round	N/A	Valley Water mark’s each inlet with a “No Dumping! Flows to Bay” message on Valley Water properties. Cupertino requires all storm drain inlets to include a medallion with “NO DUMPING - FLOWS TO CREEK/BAY” for development projects. Gilroy requires all new storm inlets and catch basins to include a stencil or medallion with no dumping, flows to creek/waterway language for development projects. Morgan Hill requires all storm drain inlets and catch basins within the project area of development applications to be stenciled with prohibitive language (such as: “NO DUMPING – DRAINS TO CREEK”) and/or graphical icons to discourage illegal dumping. Mountain View requires all storm drain inlets to include a medallion with “NO DUMPING - FLOWS TO CREEK/BAY” for development projects. Palo Alto requires all storm drain inlets to include a medallion with “NO DUMPING-FLOWS TO CREEK/BAY” for development projects. City of Santa Clara provides and installs “No Dumping Flows to Bay” medallions near each catch basin for

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							any new storm drain inlets constructed as part of a project per the City specifications.
			(CUP OP #71) The city’s annual flood notice in the local newsletter, ‘The Cupertino Scene,’ contains dumping is illegal messaging and how to report	City of Cupertino	Annually, October - November	N/A	Cupertino includes the “Do Not Dump” messaging in The Cupertino Scene’s annual flood preparedness article.
			(CUP OP #72) Participates in clean-up events: the annual National River Clean-up Day (NRCD) and Coastal Clean-Up Day (CCD). They coordinate with Valley Water on both these clean-up efforts. The city also participates in Valley Water’s Adopt-a-Creek Program	City of Cupertino	Each May (NRCD) and September (CCD)	Volunteers Valley Water Stream Stewardship	Cupertino participated in Coastal Clean-Up Day on 9/21/24 and National River Clean-Up Day on 5/17/25. The City no longer participates in Valley Water’s Adopt-a-Creek Program.
			(LAH OP #73) The town participates in annual clean-up events: National River Clean-up Day (each May) and Coastal Clean-up Day (each September) and coordinates volunteers. They coordinate with Valley Water on both these clean-up efforts. The town also participates in Valley Water’s Adopt-a-Creek Program	Town of Los Altos Hills	Each May (NRCD) and September (CCD)	Volunteers Valley Water Stream Stewardship	Town of Los Altos Hills: No update available - non-CRS participating community.
			(MIL OP #74) “Flood Public Advisory” brochure contains dumping is illegal messaging and how to report	City of Milpitas	Annually from December to January	N/A	Milpitas: Utility bill inserts was sent to every address in Milpitas in May 2025, and will be sent out within the fiscal year going forward. This was sent out in four languages (English, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Chinese).
			(MIL OP #75) Participates in annual clean-up events: National River Clean-up Day (NRCD) and Coastal Clean-Up Day (CCD). They coordinate with Valley Water on both these clean-up efforts. The city also participates in Valley Water’s Adopt-a-Creek Program	City of Milpitas	Each May (NRCD) and September (CCD)	Volunteers Valley Water Stream Stewardship	Milpitas: CCD was held on September 21, 2024. NRCD was held on May 17, 2025.
			(MH OP #76) “Flood Report” contains message on keeping debris and trash out of streams – Do Not Dump messaging	City of Morgan Hill	Annually, close to or during the start of the rainy season	N/A	Morgan Hill’s “2025 Flood Report” brochure contains the message “It’s illegal to dump debris and trash into our creeks.”
			(PA OP #77) “Are You Ready for Winter Storms?” utilities insert contains the Do Not Dump and report illegal dumping messages	City of Palo Alto	Each fall	N/A	Palo Alto includes Do Not Dump and Report Illegal Messages on City’s utility insert that was sent out in September 2024.
			(PA OP #78) Utility bill insert includes a ‘Utility Announcement on Flood Safety Tips,’ including Protect natural floodplains - keep rain gutters and drainage channels free of debris	City of Palo Alto	Annually, March-April	N/A	Palo Alto includes Protect Natural Floodplains-keep rain gutters and creeks free of debris messages on flood safety tips sent as Utility Announcement and the flier sent as an attachment on utility bills every year.

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			(PA OP #79) Participates in annual clean-up events: National River Clean-up Day (NRCD) and Coastal Clean-Up Day (CCD). They coordinate with Valley Water on both these clean-up efforts. Additionally, the city participates in Valley Water’s Adopt-a-Creek Program	City of Palo Alto	Each May (NRCD) and September (CCD)	Volunteers Valley Water Stream Stewardship	Palo Alto participates every year during National River Clean-up Day on Matadero and Adobe Creek. Palo Alto also participates in the multi-jurisdictional effort on creek clean-up of San Francisquito Creek.	
			(PA OP #80) Clean-ups of trash booms located in Matadero Creek and Adobe Creek are done annually on an as-needed basis. The city also assesses its hot spots and cleans up the local drainage system on an ongoing basis and part of its operations and maintenance	City of Palo Alto	Annually, as needed	N/A	Palo Alto City staff continue clean-ups of trash booms on Matadero Creek and Adobe Creek, assess hot spots and clean ups on an ongoing basis on the entire City’s storm drain network system.	
			(SUN OP #81) “Horizon” newsletter includes a “Know How to Be FloodSafe” article that promotes the Do Not Dump message	City of Sunnyvale	Each October, Fall Edition	N/A	Sunnyvale: The City still includes a “flood Safe” message in the fall Horizon. It was published in fall 2024.	
Residents and Businesses in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) – <i>Low Lying Areas, Along Rivers and Creeks</i> – <i>Coastal Communities at Risk for Sea Level Rise/Tsunamis</i> – <i>Repetitive Loss (RL) Areas</i>	Topic 1: Know your flood hazard Message 1A - Know your flood risk Message 1B - Contact your floodplain manager to find out if your property is in a floodplain Message 1C - Check if your home or business is in a Special Flood Hazard Area	Residents/businesses in the SFHA are aware they’re in the SFHA and prepare before floods	(VW OP #82) Multi-language floodplain mailer (FPM) to all residents and businesses within the SFHA in Santa Clara County (Topics 1– 9)	Valley Water	Each November/December	All	Valley Water's Annual Floodplain Mailer (FPM) was distributed in December 2024. This multi-language mailer, available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese, is titled "You Live in a Flood Zone: Beware. Be Ready. Be Flood Safe." Link to Floodplain Mailer	
	Topic 2: Insure your property for your flood hazard Message 2A - Get flood insurance ahead of time Message 2B – Insure your property Message 2C – There is a 30-day waiting period for the policy to take place	Increase in number of flood insurance policies in the SFHAs and RLAs in the county in general					Prospective buyers understand flood risks	The FPM included QR codes, a magnet featuring essential flood safety websites, a detachable emergency phone list, and a centerfold that highlighted our Surface Water Data Portal. One of the QR codes directs residents to a site where they can access the latest information about local creek and reservoir water levels: https://alert.valleywater.org/?p=map .
	Topic 3: Protect people from the flood hazard Message 3A - Put your 3-day emergency kit together Message 3B - Follow evacuation orders Message 3C – Learn the best route to high ground	Increase number of elevation certificates on file, and structures repaired with permits; decrease the number of repetitive loss increase homes					Increase in the number of flood insurance policies with contents coverage	Hard copies of the FPM’s (<i>quantities noted below, as requested by the communities</i>), postcards (in November 2024) and trifolds (in mid-January 2025) were also mailed to each city/County in and the FPM was mailed in early January 2025 for their use, including posting in their lobby or designated area(s)
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	Message 6B - Keep debris and trash out of our streams Message 6C - Don’t pollute, dump, or drain anything in creeks <u>Topic 7:</u> Develop a Family Emergency Plan Message 7A: Develop an emergency plan <u>Topic 8:</u> Download disaster Apps Message 8A - Download disaster emergency apps <u>Topic 9:</u> Understand shallow flooding risks – don’t drive through standing water Message 9A - Understand shallow flooding risks - don’t drive through standing water FEMA’s message: “Turn Around Don't Drown®.”						<table><tr><td>City of San Jose</td><td>50</td><td>25/25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Santa Clara</td><td>25</td><td>25/25</td></tr><tr><td>County of Santa Clara</td><td>25</td><td>25/25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Saratoga</td><td>25</td><td>25/25</td></tr><tr><td>City of Sunnyvale</td><td>25</td><td>25/20</td></tr><tr><td>VW CRS Program</td><td>150</td><td>300/50</td></tr></table> The FPM, postcards, and trifolds are all posted on Valley Water’s website ‘Flood Ready’ landing page: https://www.valleywater.org/flooding-safety/flood-ready Valley Water’s FPM was distributed throughout the county at various events during the flood season, and we kept copies in our HQ lobby area. The City of Los Altos posted Valley Water’s FPM on our flood protection website and we kept copies in the city hall lobby. The City of Cupertino posted Valley Water’s FPM on our flood protection website and we kept copies in the City Hall lobby. All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects.	City of San Jose	50	25/25	City of Santa Clara	25	25/25	County of Santa Clara	25	25/25	City of Saratoga	25	25/25	City of Sunnyvale	25	25/20	VW CRS Program	150	300/50
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			(CUP OP #83) Flood notice in the local newsletter, The Cupertino Scene, which reaches residents and businesses in the SFHA (Topics 1-9)	City of Cupertino	Each October or November issue	N/A	Cupertino published the annual flood preparation article in the September 2024 issue of “The Cupertino Scene”.																		
			(LA OP #84) Letter, along with a “Are You Prepared for a Flood in Your Neighborhood?” brochure to property owners in the SFHA (Topics 1-8)	City of Los Altos	Annually, each fall	N/A	Los Altos mailed letters to all SFHA property owners in October 2024.																		
			(LAH OP #85) The town’s “Our Town” quarterly newsletter includes information on flood preparedness. The newsletter is mailed out town-wide and is also available online on the town’s website (Topics TBD during cycle visit)	Town of Los Altos Hills	Each fall	N/A	Town of Los Altos Hills: No update available - non-CRS participating community.																		
			(MIL OP #86) “Flood Public Advisory” brochure to residents and businesses within SFHA (Topics 1-6)	City of Milpitas	Each December or January	N/A	Milpitas: Utility bill inserts was sent to every address in Milpitas in May 2025, and will be sent out within the fiscal year going forward. This was sent out in four languages (English, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Chinese).																		
			(MH OP #87) Sends a citywide “Flood Report” brochure, including to those in the SFHA (Topics 1-9)	City of Morgan Hill	Annually, close to or during the start of the rainy season	N/A	Morgan Hill’s “2025 Flood Report” brochure was mailed out citywide in April 2025.																		

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			(MV OP #88) Sends “The View” citywide newsletter, Winter version, includes information on flood risk, flood safety, and the importance of buying flood insurance (Topics 1-9)	City of Mountain View	Fall newsletter edition	N/A	Mountain View sent out “The View” for Fall/Winter 2024 with information on flood risk, flood safety, and the importance of buying flood insurance (Topics 1-9)
			(MV OP #89) Mails a utility bill insert to all resident and businesses that contains information on flood risk, flood safety, and the importance of buying flood insurance (Topics 9)	City of Mountain View	Between July - September	N/A	Mountain View sent out Valley Water’s Get Flood Ready flier as a utility billing insert to every City utility customer in December 2024.
			(PA OP #90) Sends the “Are You Ready for Winter Storms?” flier (<i>aka utilities mailer</i>) to all residents and businesses in the city, including to those in the SFHA, along with their utility bills (Topics 1-9)	City of Palo Alto	Each fall	N/A	Palo Alto sent “Are you Ready for Winter Storms?” flier as utility inserts was sent out in September 2024.
			(PA OP #91) Sends out utility announcement, “Anytime it can rain, it can flood. Don’t get caught off-guard” (Topics 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 9 – <i>will pursue adding other topic</i>)	City of Palo Alto	Each March/April	N/A	Palo Alto sent flood safety tips as a utility announcement in December 2024.
			(SC OP #92) Mails out a citywide, including all addresses in the SFHA, newsletter for residents and businesses called “Inside Santa Clara” (Topics 1-9)	City of Santa Clara	Each fall	N/A	Santa Clara: A utility bill insert mailed to residents in Spring of 2024. Flood information was also included in the biannual Inside Santa Clara newsletter, in the Fall/Winter 2024 Edition.
			(SUN OP #93) Sends two (2) mailers and one (1) “Horizon” newsletter article “Know How to Be Flood Safe” that promotes flood safety and flood preparedness messaging targeted to all residents and businesses within the SFHA (Topics 2 and 4)	City of Sunnyvale	Each fall around October	N/A	Sunnyvale: The City still sends out mailers to targeted residents and a flood safe newsletter article. The mailers were sent October (realtor) & November (Utility inserts) 2024.
			(SUN OP #94) Sends mailer to all those in the SFHA (Topics 1-4, and 7)	City of Sunnyvale	Each October	N/A	Sunnyvale: The City still sends out these mailers. The mailers were sent November 2024.
	<u>Topic 2:</u> Insure your property for your flood hazard Message 2A - Get flood insurance ahead of time Message 2B – Insure your property Message 2C – There is a 30-day waiting period for the policy to take place	Increase in number of flood insurance policies in the SFHAs, RLAs, and in the county in general	(SCC OP #95) Sends letters to the properties in the unincorporated section in the areas of the county’s mapped repetitive loss areas	Santa Clara County	Annually, each fall	N/A	Santa Clara County: No update available - non-CRS participating community.
		Prospective buyers understand flood risks	(CUP OP #96) Continues to send a letter to former repetitive loss properties	City of Cupertino	Annually, mid-year	N/A	Cupertino continues to send out an annual letter to former repetitive loss properties.
		Increase in the number of flood insurance policies with contents coverage	(MH OP #97) Sends a notice to repetitive loss (RL) areas as required by FEMA	City of Morgan Hill	Annually, each summer	N/A	Morgan Hill will send letters to properties in the City’s mapped repetitive loss areas in June 2025.
			(PA OP #98) Sends letters to the properties in the city’s mapped repetitive loss areas, highlighting flood safety tips	City of Palo Alto	Annually, typically August - September	N/A	Palo Alto sent letters to properties in the City’s mapped repetitive loss areas, highlighting flood safety tips in August 2024.
			(SJ OP #99) Sends letters to the properties in the city’s mapped repetitive loss areas	City of San Jose	Annually, each typically between September - December	N/A	San Jose sent letters to general repetitive loss property areas in March 2025.

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Messengers to Other Target Audiences (Organizations & Businesses Serving the Community)	<u>Topic 1:</u> Know your flood hazard Message 1A - Know your flood risk Message 1B - Contact your floodplain manager to find out if your property is in a floodplain Message 1C - Check if your home or business is in a Special Flood Hazard Area	Educate our community on flood protection and preparedness measures by working and coordinating with groups who serve as messengers, to people who are at risk of flooding, as they provide their respective business service	(VW OP #100) Administers a “Let’s Talk Water” Speakers Bureau Program that customizes presentations to update groups on specific issues, provide updates on Valley Water projects, including flood protection projects and to educate residents on existing flood risks as well as provide resources and tips to be flood ready. https://www.valleywater.org/learning-center/lets-talk-water-speakers-bureau	Valley Water Communications Unit	On a project-specific basis or as requested	Could vary from year-to-year Kiwanis Rotary Clubs Homeowners and Neighborhood Associations Forum Groups Association of Realtors	In FY25 (from June 2024 through June 2025), Valley Water's 'Let's Talk Water Speakers Bureau Program' reached the 11 organizations listed below. All general presentations mention flood protection and the need to ‘Get Flood Ready’ regardless of the county’s drought status. They also include links to Valley Water’s ‘Flood Ready’ information and resources webpage (ValleyWater.org/floodready), the hotline to call to report obstructions in creeks, and flood preparedness collateral available for all in-person events. Valley Water’s Speakers Bureau Program can customize presentations to update community groups on water-specific issues and provide updates on projects in their area. The FY25 presentations that included flood preparedness information are listed below. - July 20, 2024 – Cottle to Lean Neighborhood Association, San Jose - August 19, 2024 – Rotary Club of Milpitas - August 20, 2024 – Civic Club of San Jose - August 22, 2024 – Mountain View Senior Center - October 9, 2024 – Cupertino Library - October 19, 2024 – Los Altos Rotary - February 19, 2025 – Cupertino Rotary - February 28, 2025 – Valley Water’s Water Works Program (via Zoom) - March 3, 2025 – Leadership Morgan Hill - March 27, 2025 – Santa Teresa Catholic Church, San Jose - April 23, 2025 – Willow Glenn Lions Club, San Jose
	<u>Topic 2:</u> Insure your property for your flood hazard Message 2A - Get flood insurance ahead of time Message 2B – Insure your property Message 2C – There is a 30-day waiting period for the policy to take place						
	<u>Topic 3:</u> Protect people from the flood hazard Message 3A - Put your 3-day emergency kit together Message 3B - Follow evacuation orders Message 3C – Learn the best route to high ground						
	<u>Topic 4:</u> Protect your property from the flood hazard Message 4A - Protect your property from the flood hazard Message 4B - Prepare your home Message 4C - Sandbags can offer protection against a foot or less of floodwater Message 4E - Get sandbags before a flood						
	<u>Topic 5:</u> Build responsibility Message 5A - Build responsibly in floodplains Message 5B - Comply with development requirements Message 5C - Check with your local floodplain manager before you build						
	<u>Topic 6:</u> Protect natural floodplain functions Message 6A -Keep creeks clean and flowing Message 6B - Keep debris and trash out of our streams Message 6C - Don’t pollute, dump, or drain anything in creeks						
	<u>Topic 7:</u> Develop a Family Emergency Plan Message 7A: Develop an emergency plan						
	<u>Topic 8:</u> Download disaster Apps Message 8A - Download disaster emergency apps						
	<u>Topic 9:</u> Understand shallow flooding risks – don’t drive through standing water						
			(VW OP #101) Participates in booth duty support at various events and fairs throughout the county, including Valley Water Capital project meetings or other events, as requested by various organizations	Valley Water Office of Government Relations	Annually. During the flood season (starting in September – May)	All Santa Clara County CRS Communities	Valley Water staff made a concerted effort to actively participate in community events, including community festivals and emergency preparedness affairs, particularly in communities and neighborhoods in or near flood zones. In FY25 (from September 2024 – May 2025), Valley Water and the communities’ staff hosted 29 booths and distributed flood preparedness information on flood safety and

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	Message 9A - Understand shallow flooding risks - don't drive through standing water FEMA's message: "Turn Around Don't Drown®."					emergency preparedness materials, including Valley Water's annual FPM. Those events are listed below: 1. Mountain View Art & Wine Festival – 9/7 – 9/8/24 2. Vovinam Viet Vo Dao 33rd Annual Moon Festival – 9/14/24 3. Rotary Club Silicon Valley Fall Festival – 9/14/24 4. City of Campbell State of the City – 9/18/24 5. County Parks La Fuente Celebration, San Jose, CA – 9/21/24 6. Picnic by the Lake Multicultural Festival and Resource Fair, San Jose, CA – 9/28/24 7. Friends of Steven Creek Trail's Trailblazer Race – 9/29/24 8. Supervisor Lee's Day on the Bay, Alviso, CA – 10/5/24 9. City of Saratoga State of the City Address – 10/5/24 10. Santa Clara County Parks 2024 Fall Festival at Martial Cottle Park 10/5/24 11. Pumpkins in the Park, San Jose, CA – 10/12/24 12. South Asian Cultural Association of Sunnyvale's Diwali Festival – 10/26/24 13. Councilmember Candelas' Family Fall Festival – 10/26/24 14. ASCE Annual Student Scholarship – 11/14/24 15. Chopsticks Alley Tea Ceremony – 12/6/24 16. Santa Visits Alviso Foundation Drive – 12/7/24 17. VHF Swearing in Ceremony and Celebration for Betty Duong – 1/10/25

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							18. VAR Lunar New Year Festival 1/25 – 1/26/25 19. San Jose Chapter of the Links’ Emergency Preparedness Workshop – 2/1/25 20. City of San Jose District 1 Black History Month Flag Raising – 2/7/25 21. CEEF & CUSD Run for Great Schools 5k and Fun Run – 3/29/25 22. AAUW 42nd Wildflower Run 3/30/25 23. Cupertino Earth & Arbor Day – 4/5/25 24. Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association Emergency Resource Fair – 4/5/25 25. San Jose Clean Energy’s EV Ride & Drive + EcoHome Expo – 4/12/25 26. Evergreen Valley College EVC Community Day – 4/26/25 27. Morgan Hill Community Earth Day Festival – 4/26/25 28. Berryessa Art Festival – 5/10/25 29. Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival – 5/24 – 5/25/25 All Santa Clara County communities support and promote Valley Water’s outreach projects.

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			(VW OP #102) Partner with local Second Harvest Food Bank with distributing FEMA and Valley Water flood preparedness materials, including promotional item(s) as available	Valley Water CRS Program	In October <i>(during CFPW)</i>	Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley	On November 13, 2024, staff participated in a flood preparedness press conference held at Valley Water’s Winfield Sandbag Distribution site in San José. The press conference was a joint news event with the City of San José, the County of Santa Clara, and the National Weather Service. The event featured speakers from Valley Water and participating agencies, a sandbagging demonstration, and an emergency kit assembly table, which included flood readiness materials. On December 7, 2024, the Organization for Latino Affairs (OLA), a Valley Water employee resource group, provided emergency starter kits at the Santa Visits Alviso Foundation event in San José. English and Spanish flood preparedness informational material and giveaways were provided to approximately 600 attendees. On February 12, 2025, Valley Water hosted the Standard Grants Program Open House event at Valley Water. A ‘Get Flood Ready’ information table was set up, and flood preparedness materials were shared with the participants. Vice Chair Santos welcomed the 41 prospective applicants with opening remarks. This in-person event featured workshops to help applicants navigate the grant process, opportunities to connect with grants staff, and networking with local organizations. The event received overwhelmingly positive reviews, with 100% of survey participants stating they were satisfied with the workshops and event. On February 1, 2025, CRS hosted a "Get Flood Ready" booth at The Links, Incorporated's “Emergency Preparedness: Safety Now, Peace Later” event at the African American Community Service Agency in San José. There were approximately 80 attendees.

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			(ALL OP #103) Other New Initiatives <u>(as noted in the All PPI document)</u> 1. Continue and expand the standardized flood message prepared for each community to include flood messages in utility bills each year, including PG&E. 2. Expand on partnerships with local chambers of commerce to disseminate and share flood preparedness information. 3. Expand on outreach to the Asian and Latino communities who live in flood prone areas. 4. Expand on outreach to “hot spot” flood prone areas by hosting on-site or virtual events. 5. Expand on reaching local homeowners associations (HOA)s and apartment associations (i.e. Executive Council of Homeowners [ECHO]) 6. Expand on reaching residents in marginal and low-income communities through partnering with organizations that reach these communities. (i.e. Second Harvest Food Bank and others) 7. Communities could pursue FEMA Matching Funds Grants for severe Repetitive Loss Areas. 8. Review and expand other public information activities, such as Flood Protection Assistance (Activity 360) and Flood Insurance Promotion (Activity 370). 9. Develop a region-wide Flood Response Preparations (FRP) messaging plan.		TBD	TBD	The Santa Clara County CRS Group/PPI Committee, included the ‘Other New Initiatives’ topic for discussion at the March 26, 2025. See Section V. SC County CRS Users Group/PPIM Committee Meetings - Monitoring and Evaluating the 2021 PPI in the FY25 Annual Evaluation Report (Attachment 6). 3/26/26 Meeting, Item #5: Review 2021 PPI “Other New Initiatives” discussion was as follows: These initiatives were suggested to be re-evaluated as part of the next PPI update to include only realistic initiatives to reduce the reporting requirements. As part of the update, the committee can discuss how best to word the initiatives to allow flexibility and creativity without being locked into specific commitments. These initiatives do not improve our Activity 330 scores since most communities are already maxed out on the activity.
			(CUP OP #104) The city provides a Winter Preparedness notification informing contractors that during the winter season, they need to winterize their project(s) site as certain soil disturbance activities are not allowed during the rainy season	City of Cupertino	On a project-specific basis	Various contractors	Cupertino continues to prepare and mail the rainy season letters every year to applicable projects. These letters were mailed in mid-August 2024.
			(MIL OP#105) On a project-specific basis, the city provides contractors a Winter Preparedness notification that informs them that during the winter season, they need to winterize their project(s) site. Certain soil disturbance activities are not allowed during the rainy season	City of Milpitas	On a project-specific basis	Various contractors	Milpitas: On-going. The City of Milpitas sends out winterization notices to larger development projects.
	Topic 2: Insure your property for your flood hazard Message 2A - Get flood insurance ahead of time Message 2B – Insure your property Message 2C – There is a 30-day waiting period for the policy to take place	Increase in number of flood insurance policies in the SFHAs and in the county in general Prospective buyers understand flood risks	(MH OP #106) The city mails out a newsletter, “Ask Before You Buy: Know Your Flood Risk!” to local real estate agents which are provided to homebuyers to help determine the flood risk of the property being purchased (listed in Appendix B)	City of Morgan Hill	During or prior to the rainy season	Real Estate Agencies/Agent	Morgan Hill will be sending the brochure to real estate agents in June 2025.

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		<i>These projects are credited under Activity 340 (DFH and REB) – Additional credit is provided if the PPI states that real estate agents should (or have agreed to) advise house hunters about the flood hazard and that real estate agents give house hunters a REB brochure</i>	(PA OP #107) Sends out letters to real estate agencies informing them of their responsibility to identify flood hazard areas and to take advantage of the Flood Zone Lookup on the city's website	City of Palo Alto	Annually, beginning of flood season (September/October)	Real Estate Agencies/Agent	Palo Alto sent letters to real estate agencies informing of their responsibility to identify flood hazard areas in August 2024.
			(SJ OP #108) Sends out letters to real estate and insurance agencies and lenders, informing them of their responsibility to identify flood hazard areas and to take advantage of the Flood Zone Lookup on the city's website on the "Flood Hazard Zones" webpage and advises to contact the city for map reading services and elevation certificates on file	City of San Jose	At the beginning of the flood season (September – December)	Real Estate Agencies/Agent	San Jose emailed letters to real estate, insurance agencies and lenders in January 2025.
			(SUN OP #109) Sends mailer/postcard targeted to real estate agents informing them of the client's responsibility for identification and purchase of flood insurance and the availability of the automatic 15% discount	City of Sunnyvale	Each October	Real Estate Agencies/Agents	Sunnyvale: The City sent the mailers to real estate agents October 2024.

Santa Clara Valley Water District FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign

Valley Water's FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign centered around the theme, "You Live in a Flood Zone: Beware. Be Ready. Be Flood Safe." The outreach utilized digital geo-targeting technologies to effectively reach businesses and residents within the flood zone. The primary goals of the campaign were to raise awareness about flood risks, encourage residents to sign up for emergency alerts, and inform them on how to obtain sandbags. Additionally, the campaign highlighted our Surface Water Data Portal, where residents can access the latest information regarding local creek and reservoir levels.

To enhance Valley Water's community outreach efforts, an educational paid advertising campaign was implemented. Polling results from the previous winter campaign informed this advertising initiative, allowing us to better understand our target audiences and their levels of awareness.

The Flood Awareness Campaign ran for six months, from October 2024 to March 2025, at a total cost of \$389,340. This campaign combined outdoor and digital geo-targeted advertising, supplemented by three direct multilingual mailings sent to approximately 49,555 homes and businesses located in or near high-risk flood areas, as designated by the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

Targeted Mailings

1. FLOOD CAMPAIGN ANNUAL FLOODPLAIN MAILER

Valley Water's Annual Floodplain Mailer (FPM) was distributed in December 2024. This multi-language mailer, available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese, is titled "You Live in a Flood Zone: Beware. Be Ready. Be Flood Safe."

The FPM included QR codes, a magnet featuring essential flood safety websites, a detachable emergency phone list, and a centerfold that highlighted our Surface Water Data Portal. One of the QR codes directs residents to a site where they can access the latest information about local creek and reservoir water levels:
<https://alert.valleywater.org/?p=map>.



[Link to Floodplain Mailer](#)

2. FLOOD TIPS POSTCARD MAILER

'Beware. Be ready. Be Flood Safe.' Extreme Weather multilingual postcards were produced and distributed to 49,555 properties in the FEMA SFHA in November 2024. These postcards included the nine CRS topics, supporting messages, and links to various flood readiness and preparedness web pages.



[Link to Tips Postcard](#)

3. FLOOD TRI-FOLD BROCHURE

In January 2024, we mailed out the trifold guide titled “You Live in a Flood Zone: Beware, Be Ready, Be Flood Safe.” This multilingual resource outlines actions residents can take to protect their lives and property before, during, and after a flood. Additionally, it includes a QR code that directs readers to valleywater.org/floodready for more tips and tools on flood preparedness.



[Link to Trifold](#)

4. TARGETED OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

The 2024-25 outreach campaign included outdoor banners displayed at ten locations identified as high-risk areas for flooding. Additionally, advertisements in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese were featured on 24 public buses operating in regions deemed "hot spots" for flooding.

5. ETHNIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Outreach efforts to multilingual communities included advertisements in local newspapers in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese and television ads in Chinese.

6. FY25 COUNTYWIDE MAILER

Effective the FY25 flood season (*starting in October 2024*), Valley Water no longer produced a Countywide Mailer (CWM) for flood messaging. On January 14, 2025, during Valley Water’s CRS five-year cycle visit, Valley Water informed the ISO CRS Specialist, Marlene Jacobs, about this change. We explained that in place of the CWM, Valley Water distributed two additional targeted mailers to residents and businesses located in the FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Both hard and soft copies of these mailers were provided to all Santa Clara County cities and the county.

The Flood Tips Postcard included all nine topic messages identified in the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI): <https://s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com/valleywater.org.us-west-1/s3fs-public/VW-Flood%20Postcard-Vertical-bleed-CMYK-Outlined-Final.pdf>.

Flood Trifold includes six PPI topic messages: <https://online.flipbuilder.com/tkap/vbsr/>

CRS Community Resources

All Santa Clara County cities and County Public Works and Planning Departments received hard copies of Valley Water’s flood protection materials: FPM, flood postcard, and flood trifold. The table below shows the number of copies requested by and provided to each community.

Public Agency	Annual Floodplain Mailer (FPM)	Postcard	Trifold Mailed on 1/16/25
	FPM mailed on 1/6/25 Postcard mailed on 11/22/24		
City of Campbell	25	25	25
City of Cupertino	50	50	20
City of Gilroy	25	25	25
City of Los Altos	50	100	20
Town of Los Altos Hills	25	150	20
City of Los Gatos	25	25	20
City of Milpitas	50	25	20

City of Monte Sereno	25	25	25
City of Morgan Hill	150	50	50
City of Mountain View	25	25	20
City of Palo Alto	100	25	20
City of San Jose	50	25	25
City of Santa Clara	25	25	25
County of Santa Clara	25	25	25
City of Saratoga	25	25	25
City of Sunnyvale	25	25	20
VW CRS Program	150	300	50

During the CRS Users Group and PPI Committee Meetings on March 26, 2025, and May 14, 2025, all cities and the county were reminded to ensure their respective internet web pages and flood protection resource landing pages redirected visitors to ValleyWater.org/floodready.org, Floodsmart.gov, and Ready.gov.

Flood Protection Partner Toolkit

In mid-October 2024, Valley Water released the 'Be Flood Safe' Social Media Toolkit for the 2024-2025 Flood Awareness Outreach Partner (<https://conta.cc/3Awd0XS>). This toolkit was made available for download to all partnering agencies, including CRS communities. It featured digital and social media banners and animations highlighting key calls to action: know your risk, sign up for emergency alerts, and find sandbags. Additionally, the toolkit included multilingual graphics showcasing essential tips and provided an option to request co-branded bill inserts and postcards.

EXTREME WEATHER

Beware. Be ready.
BE FLOOD SAFE.

Valley Water
Your Flood Protection Partner
valleywater.org/floodready

KNOW
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Be Flood Safe

The rainy season is around the corner, and we've got new digital banners for you to share on social media with the hashtag #BeFloodSafe as a reminder to be prepared.

[Download digital flood safe banners](#)



KNOW
Your Flood Risk

Know your flood risk

You don't have to live near a creek to be impacted by flooding. Visit valleywater.org/floodready to check whether your house or business is in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area.

[Download digital flood risk graphic](#)



SIGN UP
For Alerts

Sign up for emergency alerts

Preparing for emergencies can be overwhelming. You can learn more about Santa Clara County's emergency alert system at valleywater.org/floodready.

[Download digital alerts graphic](#)



GET
FREE Sandbags

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Valley Water offers free sandbags for residents of Santa Clara County. Loose sand and empty bags for self-filling are also available. For a list of locations, visit valleywater.org/floodready.

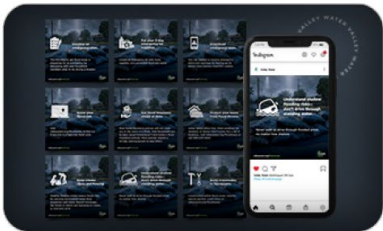
[Download digital sandbag graphic](#)



Flood zone cards and banners

Reply to request a co-branded multilingual Be Flood Safe postcard, bill inserts or a customized banner to quickly share flood preparedness tips with your community.

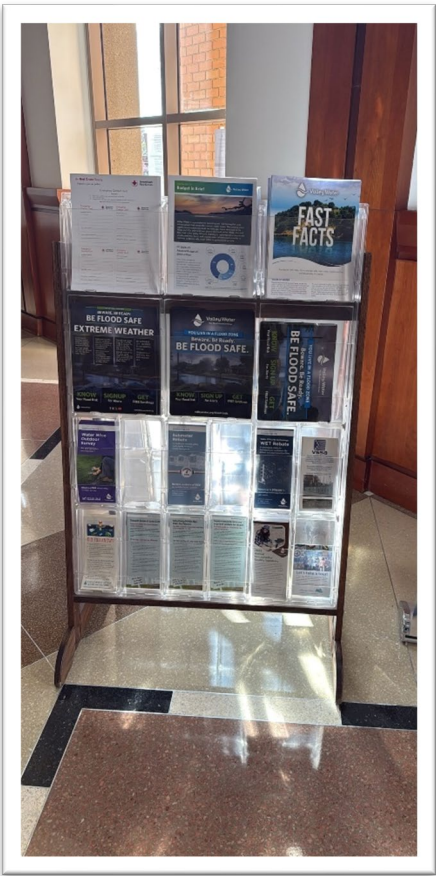
[Request by email: preyes@valleywater.org](mailto:preyes@valleywater.org)



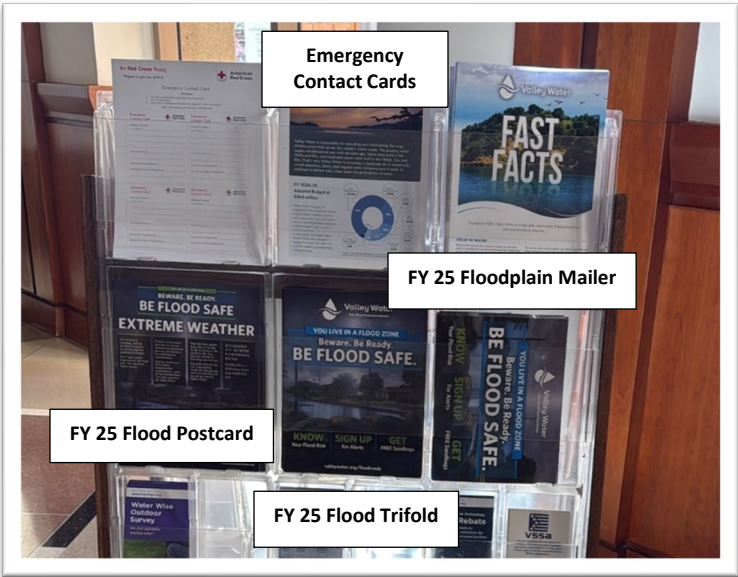
Multilingual Flood Ready tips

Share 9 key multilingual flood preparedness tips on social media. You can post individually or as a multilingual slideshow.

[Download CRS tips for social media](#)



Valley Water HQ Lobby Displaying FY25 Flood Readiness Materials



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Valley Water FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign

See the attached National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) Excellence in Communication campaign submission.



**VALLEY WATER
NAFSMA EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS
AWARD SUBMISSION:
PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FLOODING**

**YOU LIVE IN A FLOOD ZONE:
BEWARE. BE READY. BE FLOOD SAFE.**

Our climate is changing. Extreme weather is the new normal. As we have learned from flooding disasters throughout the region, it is essential to prepare for emergencies, as the weather can be unpredictable. That's why Valley Water works year-round on capital improvement projects to reduce the risk of flooding. Our crews are also at work before, during, and after storm emergencies to keep the community safe from flooding.

For over twenty years, Valley Water has sought to educate Santa Clara County residents about existing flood risks and provide resources and tips to help residents be flood safe. Our efforts to reduce flood risks and outreach support local partners that participate in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

These activities can earn CRS-participating communities credit to reduce National Flood Insurance Program premiums.



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BE FLOOD SAFE.

KNOW

Your Flood Risk

SIGN UP

For Alerts

GET

FREE Sandbags



Valley Water

Your Flood Protection Partner



CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

Valley Water's 2024-2025 Flood Awareness Campaign effectively educated and engaged residents in Santa Clara County about the risks of flooding, emphasizing the importance of proactive preparation and access to vital safety resources. The campaign leveraged cutting-edge technologies like digital geo-targeting and multilingual outreach, blending traditional strategies with innovative solutions to connect with communities at risk of flooding.

GOALS

AWARENESS:

Educate residents in FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) about their flood risks and mitigation strategies.

PREPAREDNESS:

Empower residents to take preventative actions, including knowing their flood risk, signing up for emergency alerts, and knowing where to find free sandbags.

ACCESS:

Provide multilingual resources and technologies to connect diverse communities with flood safety information, including the innovative **Valley Water's Surface Water Data Portal**. When extreme weather strikes, residents can know if their home is at risk of flooding by visiting **alert.valleywater.org** for the latest information on local creeks and reservoir water levels.

KEY STRATEGIES AND EXECUTION

LOCALIZED DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN

Distributed multilingual resources (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese) via three targeted mailings to 49,555 properties in SFHAs. Materials included detachable emergency phone lists, magnets with essential flood safety websites, and QR codes linking to resources like the Surface Water Data Portal.



[Click here to view flood mailer.](#)



[Click here to view trifold.](#)



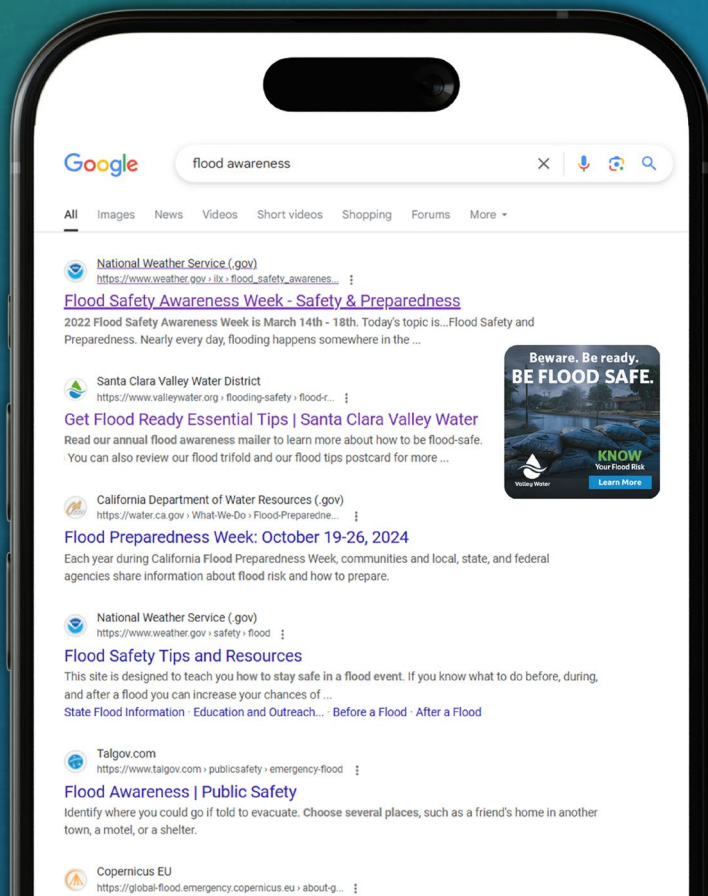
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KEY STRATEGIES AND EXECUTION

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DIGITAL AND GEO-TARGETED ADVERTISING

Deployed **multilingual animated ads** and **social media videos** to IP addresses in high-risk areas, encouraging sign-ups for emergency alerts and promoting flood readiness tips. Ads were coordinated with **National Weather Service notifications** to ensure the timely delivery of information.



KEY STRATEGIES AND EXECUTION

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OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

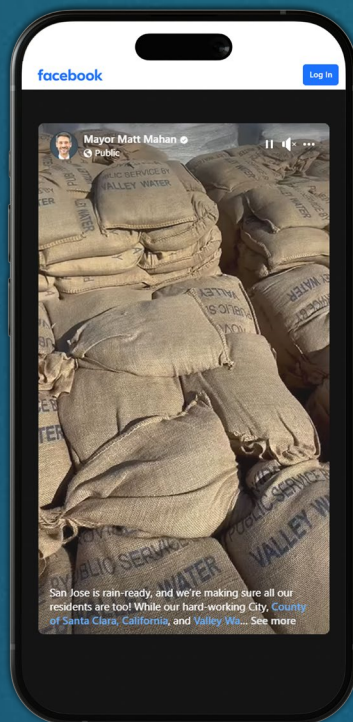
Banners and bus advertisements in English, Spanish and Vietnamese were placed in flood-prone locations to maximize visibility.



KEY STRATEGIES AND EXECUTION

MEDIA OUTREACH

Public partnerships led to a joint press conference emphasizing the importance of winter flood preparation. Valley Water, the Mayor of the City of San José, and the National Weather Service urged the community to prepare for winter storms during a news conference held at a sandbag distribution center in San José. The event featured a full-size interactive sandbagging display and an emergency kit assembly table. All major local news outlets covered the news event, amplifying our preparedness messaging through print media, radio, and television.



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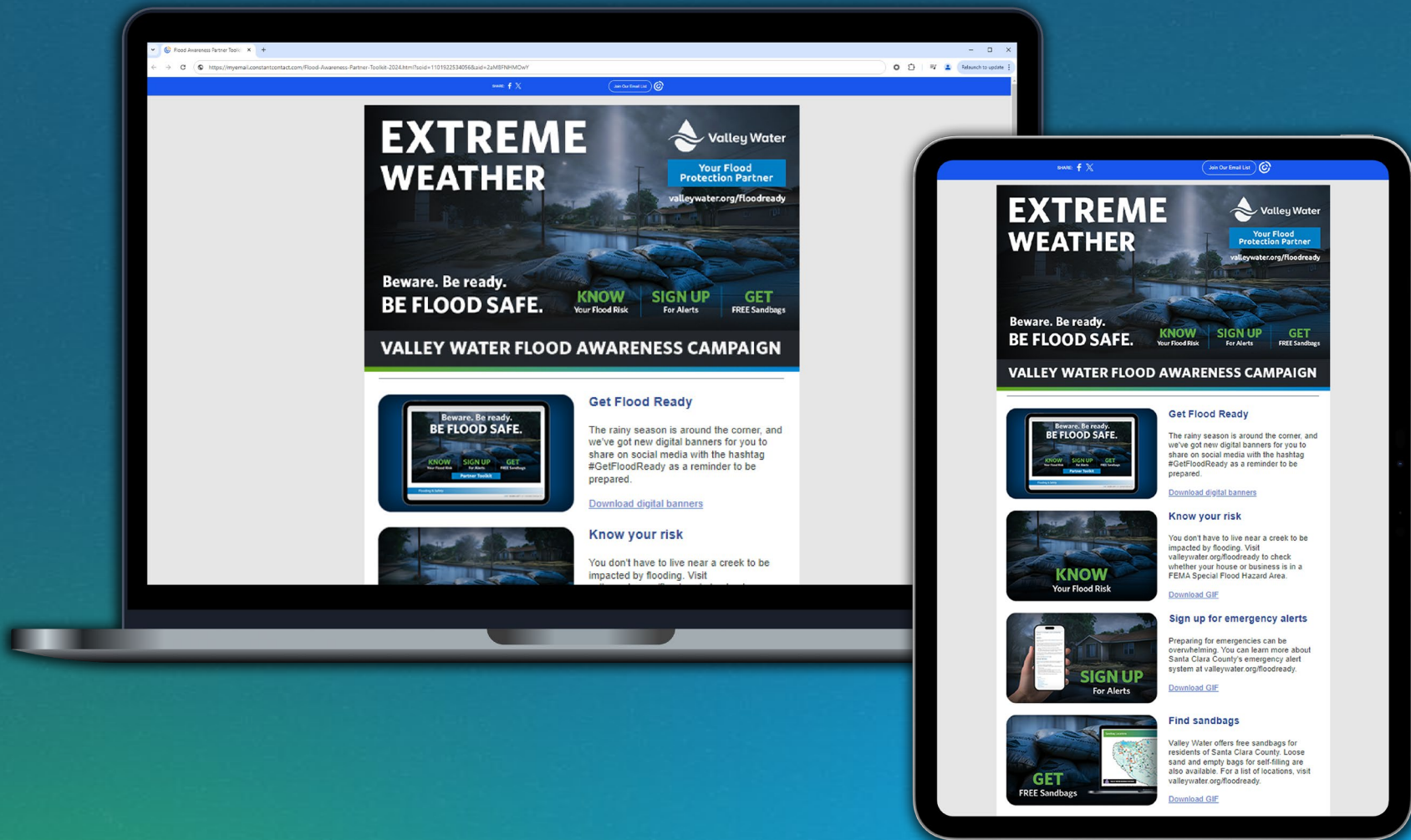
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KEY STRATEGIES AND EXECUTION

Agenda Item # 5.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Partnered with agencies to distribute the “Be Flood Safe” Social Media Toolkit, featuring multilingual banners, animations, and tips co-branded with local CRS communities. A **toolkit** was distributed to over 60 community entities in areas considered at high-risk of flooding.



KEY STRATEGIES AND EXECUTION

CULTURAL INCLUSIVITY

Ethnic community outreach included targeted ads in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese newspapers and **TV channels**.

Agenda Item # 5.

2 OPINION

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DERECHOS REPRODUCTIVOS: RESULTADOS DE LOS REFERENDOS EN 10 ESTADOS

La Red Hispana

Los resultados de los referendos en 10 estados sobre los derechos reproductivos muestran una clara división política y cultural. En los estados donde se aprobó la restricción de los derechos, como Alabama y Georgia, se observó un fuerte apoyo a las medidas restrictivas, especialmente entre los votantes blancos y conservadores. Por el contrario, en estados como California y Colorado, donde se mantuvieron o ampliaron los derechos, predominó el voto de los votantes hispanos y liberales.

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HEALTH EXPERTS BRACE FOR TRUMP ADMINISTRATION 2.0

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Health experts are bracing for a second Trump administration, predicting a shift in healthcare policy. Experts predict that the administration will focus on reducing government spending, which could lead to cuts in funding for public health programs and research. Additionally, there is concern about the potential impact of the administration's stance on reproductive rights and the environment on public health.

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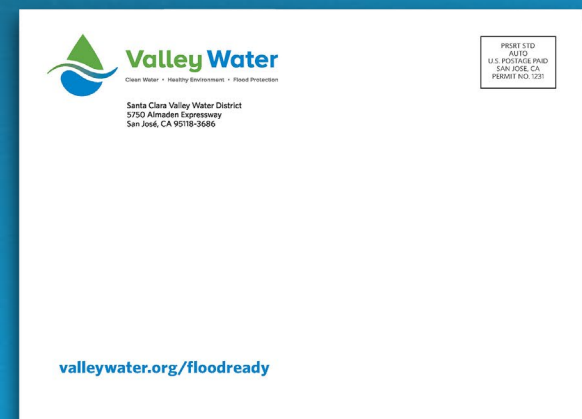
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INNOVATIONS

Agenda Item # 5.

The campaign leveraged geo-targeting technology to localize messaging, while the Surface Water Data Portal offered residents real-time information about creek and reservoir levels. New animations visualized flood preparedness actions in a culturally relevant and engaging manner.



RESULTS AND IMPACT

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OUTREACH SUCCESS:

The campaign successfully generated 37 million impressions and 43,000 visits to valleywater.org/floodready.

Our annual post-campaign survey of 400 residents in flood-prone areas, conducted by Probolsky Polling, found the following results:

50% of the surveyed residents recalled receiving flood safety information via mail.

59% said their home is in a flood zone or an at-risk area; this trend has continued upward from 12% in 2017, when we first began polling.

IMPROVED PREPAREDNESS:

90% of respondents recalled some of the flood safety tips received.

43% of poll respondents recalled where to find sandbags from the materials received.

29% recalled the call to action to sign up for emergency alerts.

70% are confident that they have taken all necessary measures to protect themselves from the impacts of flooding.

Enrollment in flood insurance continued its upward trend, with 46% of households now insured, representing a 7% increase since 2017.

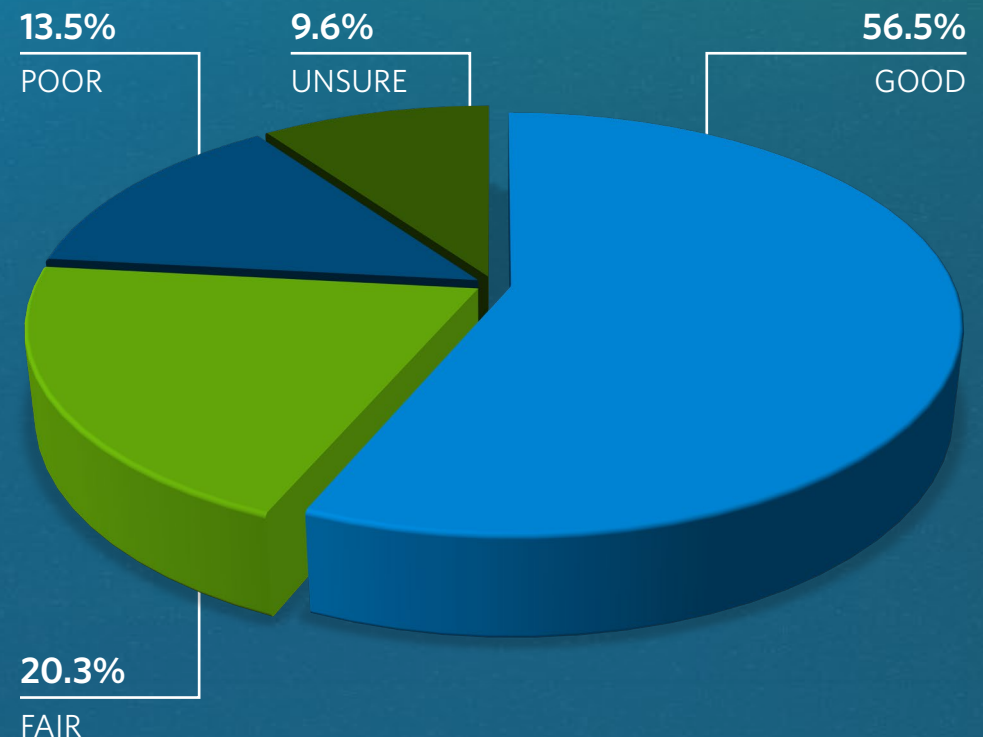
BUDGET AND RESOURCES:

Total campaign cost: \$389,340 Allocated for targeted mailings, digital advertisements, multilingual outreach, and community engagement initiatives.

COMMUNITY TRUST:

57% of respondents rated Valley Water's flood awareness efforts as excellent or good, up from 18% in 2017.

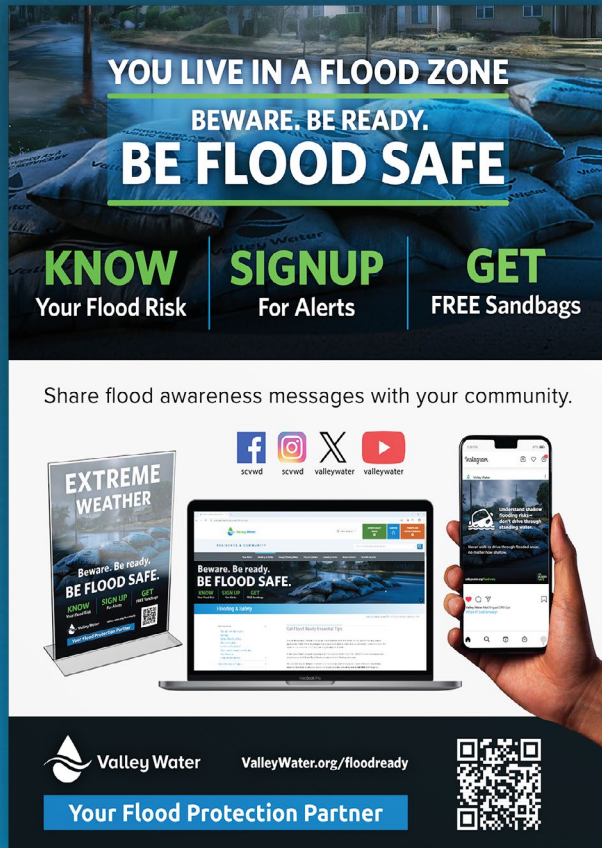
COMMUNITY TRUST BREAKDOWN



CONCLUSION

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Valley Water's 2024-2025 Flood Awareness Campaign exemplifies innovation and inclusivity in public communication. By combining technology, cultural outreach, and community partnership, the campaign not only achieved its objectives but also strengthened public confidence in flood preparedness measures.



THANK YOU!

*2025 NAFSMA Excellence in Communications Award
Public Awareness of Flooding
You Live in a Flood Zone: Beware. Be Ready. Be Flood Safe.*



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Agenda Meeting

Agenda Item # 5.

Santa Clara County CRS Users Group & Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee Meeting

March 26, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/83878517112?pwd=RRgdezW5EH1a2RaEi5zi6Gj1ZaNLtH.1>

Meeting ID: 838 7851 7112 | Passcode: 623213 | +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Purpose: PPI Stakeholder Committee Annual Evaluation Meeting per Activity 330, Outreach Project, Element 332.c. Program for Public Information, Step 7 requirement (*page 2*)

Outcome: Complete development of the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) Annual Report for FY25 (*Year 4: July 2024 to June 2025*)

Section	Meeting Topic	Presenter	Time
1.	Introductions	Amy Fonseca	10 min
2.	Review of the meeting goals and agenda (<i>see page 2</i>)	Amy Fonseca	2 min
3.	Annual review of CRS Communities Roster (Google Link)	Amy Fonseca	2 min
4.	Brief status update on the CRS Regionalization in Santa Clara County Feasibility Study - The County's 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan resulted in FMP credits (Therefore, the flood-centric FMP effort was discontinued). - Update on Valley Water CRS Program	Amy Fonseca	5 min
5.	Review 2021 PPI 'Other New Initiatives' (<i>see page 2</i>)	Amy Fonseca	20 min
6.	Complete development of the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) Annual Evaluation Report for FY25 (<i>Year 4: July 2024 to June 2025</i>) Update the FY25 Project Accomplishments column for your community (Google Link) Communities' updates due by next CRS Users Group Meeting or no later than May 30, 2025	Rene Moreno	45 min
7.	Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information, c. flood protection website (WEB) (<i>page 350-7</i>) The community must: 1) The community must check the website's links at least monthly , and fix those that are no longer accurate. 2) At least annually , the community must review the content to ensure it is still current and pertinent (e.g., make sure names, addresses, phone numbers, and other contact information are still correct; update any ordinance changes; etc.)	Amy Fonseca	2 min
8.	Next meeting (TBD, May 2025) – Joint CRS Users Group/Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee meeting Complete the development of the 2021 PPI Annual Report Year 4 (FY 2025)	Amy Fonseca	2 min
9.	Adjourn		

“Step 7: Implement, monitor, and evaluate the program. The Program for Public Information committee meets at least annually to monitor the implementation of the outreach projects. The committee assesses whether the desired outcomes were achieved and what, if anything, should be changed. This work is described in an evaluation report that is prepared each year, sent to the governing body, and included in the annual recertification.

The community must update its Program for Public Information at least every five years. This can be a new document or an addendum to the existing document that updates the needs assessment and all sections that should be changed based on evaluations of the projects.

The Program for Public Information update will be reviewed for CRS credit according to the *Coordinator's Manual* currently in effect, not the version used when the community originally requested this credit. The update can qualify as the annual evaluation report for the year it was prepared. The updated Program for Public Information must be adopted following the same process as adoption of the original document.”

Excerpt from the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional PPI:

Other New Initiatives

The PPI committee identified a number of new initiatives:

1. Continue and expand the standardized flood message prepared for each community to include flood messages in utility bills each year, including PG&E.
2. Expand on partnerships with local chambers of commerce to disseminate and share flood preparedness information.
3. Expand on outreach to the Asian and Latino communities who live in flood prone areas.
4. Expand on outreach to “hot spot” flood prone areas by hosting on-site or virtual events.
5. Expand on reaching local homeowners associations (HOA)s and apartment associations
(i.e. Executive Council of Homeowners [ECHO])
6. Expand on reaching residents in marginal and low-income communities through partnering with organizations that reach these communities. (i.e. Second Harvest Food Bank and others)
7. Communities could pursue FEMA Matching Funds Grants for severe Repetitive Loss Areas.
8. Review and expand other public information activities, such as Flood Protection Assistance (Activity 360) and Flood Insurance Promotion (Activity 370).
9. Develop a regionwide Flood Response Program messaging plan.

For questions, please contact Amy Fonseca at (408) 630-3005 (office) or (408) 691-8889 (cell) or afonseca@valleywater.org

Santa Clara County CRS Users Group / PPI Committee Meeting

Attendance Sheet

March 26, 2025 | 2:00 - 4:00pm | Zoom

Name	Community
Jennifer Chu	City of Cupertino
Jorge Duran	City of Gilroy
Chris Wilson	City of Los Altos External Stakeholder
Harun Musaefendic	City of Los Altos
Vency Woo	City of Los Altos
Arthur Valderrama	City of Milpitas
Elizabeth Koo	City of Milpitas
Jeremy Wu	City of Milpitas
Maria Angeles	City of Morgan Hill
Lauren Cody	City of Mountain View
Renee Gunn	City of Mountain View
Rajeev Hada	City of Palo Alto
Vicki Thai	City of Palo Alto
Brandon Coco	City of Santa Clara
Christian Tran	City of Santa Clara
Darrell Wong	Santa Clara County
David Dorcich	Santa Clara County
Arlene Lew	City of San Jose
Vivian Tom	City of San Jose
Gina Newbold	City of Sunnyvale
Tamara Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Amy Fonseca	Valley Water
Emily Zedler	Valley Water
Kristen Yasukawa	Valley Water
Merna Leal	Valley Water
Rene Moreno	Valley Water

Agenda Meeting

Santa Clara County CRS Users Group & Program for Public Information (PPI)

Committee Meeting Notes

March 26, 2025 | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Item #1: Introductions/ Roll Call/ Roster Updates

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Item #2: Review of the Meeting Goals and Agenda

- The main objectives of the meeting are as follows:
 - Fulfill the requirements for CRS PPI credit as per the CRS Coordinator’s Manual by initiating the reporting process of the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) Annual Evaluation Report (AER) for FY25 (Year 4: July 2024 to June 2025). Due to the 8/2/25 annual recertification deadline, when the AER is due, the deadline for communities to submit their updates to the AER is May 30, 2025.
 - Review the status of the outreach initiatives listed in the 2021 PPI.
 - Brief status update on the CRS Regionalization in SC County
 - County’s 2023 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - Update on Valley Water’s CRS Program
- Reviewed pending “Action Items” from the committee’s 2024 meetings.

Items from March 26, 2024, and/or May 29, 2024

- Agenda Item #3 – Annual Review of CRS Communities Roster – *Reminder to update the CRS community roster.*
- Agenda Item #5: Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) Update – *Valley Water met with Emily Zedler to discuss hotspots. Based on the conversation, there was no specific outreach to hotspots because they differ based on agency.*

Valley Water has an online resource tool, a GIS layer, that communities can use to conduct targeted outreach.

- *Map of Valley Water’s FIT (Field Information Team) hotspots:*
<https://tinyurl.com/scvwdfit>
- Agenda Item #6: Review 2021 PPI “Other New Initiatives” – Initiative #2: Identify the Chamber of Commerce or equivalent in each city and find ways to share information via websites, blogs, and newsletters. *Due to Valley Water and our largest community, San Jose, being cycled in 2024, we could not follow up on this action item. This initiative may be reconsidered next PPI update.* Initiative #4: Expand outreach to "hot spot" flood-prone areas by hosting on-site or virtual events. *Based on targeted outreach efforts utilizing hotspot information, this initiative is complete.*

- Agenda Item # 8: Activity 350 – Flood Protection, c. flood protection website – *Check links and ensure links direct to 1) valleywater.org/floodready, 2) floodsmart.gov, and 3) ready.gov. to ensure agencies receive CRS WEB credit.*

Item #3: Annual Review of CRS Communities Roster

Action Item:

Requested communities review and update the roster located here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7c6-XXCfQ5urxqRJ-GxZDZ0jG6g/edit#gid=1135493871>

Item #4: Brief Status Update on the CRS Regionalization in Santa Clara County Feasibility Study

Valley Water and its consultant, Tetra Tech, have completed the regionalization feasibility study. However, Valley Water has decided not to pursue a regionalization approach because it would not be possible to regionalize the entire program. We are looking for other ways to streamline our program while continuing to assist CRS communities.

Reminded all communities to use the county's 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) when pursuing Activity 510, Floodplain Management Planning (FMP) credit. Everyone was encouraged to stay updated on the county's MJHMP. It is essential to remind the County that CRS communities receive FMP for their 2023 MJHMP, and to maintain those credits, floodplain management, and CRS planning must be conducted in parallel.

Valley Water is no longer pursuing the multi-jurisdictional flood-centric plan we were considering for FMP credit.

Valley Water shared an update on our CRS Program. Like everybody else, we are constrained by resources and want to ensure we use our time and resources effectively. So, we are looking at ways to right-size our program and identify opportunities to improve it and make it more efficient. Due to this program evaluation, we will communicate if potential impacts are anticipated to any community.

Item #5: Review 2021 PPI 'Other New Initiatives' Identified in the 2021 PPI

These initiatives were suggested to be re-evaluated as part of the next PPI update to include only realistic initiatives to reduce the reporting requirements. As part of the update, the committee can discuss how best to word the initiatives to allow flexibility and creativity without being locked into specific commitments.

These initiatives do not improve our Activity 330 scores since most communities are already maxed out on the activity.

From page 66 of the 2021 PPI

1. Continue and expand the standardized flood message prepared for each community to include flood messages in utility bills each year, including PG&E. *Completed in FY25*
2. Expand partnerships with local chambers of commerce to disseminate and share flood preparedness information. This was discussed *at the March 26, 2025, meeting. We may reconsider this initiative as part of the PPI update in 2026.*
3. Expand on outreach to the Asian and Latino communities who live in flood-prone areas. *Identified an existing nexus with Valley Water’s Office of Civic Engagement (OCE), Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (REDI), and Office of Government Relations (OGR) programming, of which information share flood preparedness materials at various tabling events.*
4. Expand on outreach to “hot spot” flood-prone areas by hosting on-site or virtual events. *Provided link to Valley Water’s GIS Map of the Field Information Team (FIT) hotspots*
<https://tinyurl.com/scvwdfit>
5. Expand on reaching local homeowners associations (HOA) and apartment associations (e.g., Executive Council of Homeowners [ECHO]). This is too large a task to be carried out at this time.
6. Expand on reaching residents in marginal and low-income communities through partnering with organizations that reach these communities. *(i.e. Second Harvest Food Bank and others) Identified an existing nexus with Valley Water’s Office of Civic Engagement (OCE), Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (REDI), and Office of Government Relations (OGR) programs, which make every effort to reach out to marginal and low-income communities.*
7. Communities could pursue FEMA Matching Funds Grants for severe Repetitive Loss Areas. *Only a handful of CRS-participating communities in SC County have repetitive losses; this committee does not track whether these communities pursue grant funding opportunities.*
8. Review and expand other public information activities, such as Flood Protection Assistance (Activity 360) and Flood Insurance Promotion (Activity 370). *Valley Water’s January 2025 5-year cycle visit could potentially score additional points under Flood Protection Assistance. We will inform communities accordingly.*
9. Develop a regionwide Flood Response Program messaging plan. *Achieved by the County’s 2023 MJHMP.*

Item #6: Complete Development of the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) Annual Evaluation Report, FY 25 (Year 4: July 2024 to June 2025)

Action Item:

Deadline – May 30, 2025: Using this [Google Link](#), each community was requested to search (*under the ‘Project(s) Proposed to Support the Messages’ column, search by using their community’s abbreviation*) for their Outreach Project identified in Appendix A - CRS Creditable Outreach and Flood Response Projects by CRS Community, from Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional PPI 2021, and update their community’s FY25 project accomplished.

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Timeline for Sharing the Annual Evaluation Report with Governing Bodies:

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- August 2025: Final AER with a copy of the method shared with the governing body due to the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

Item #7: Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information, c. flood protection website

Reminded communities that their respective flood protection resource landing pages should redirect to floodsmart.gov, ready.gov, and valleywater.org/floodready.

Per the CRS Coordinator’s Manual (*page 350-7*), the community must:

- 1) The community **must check** the website’s links **monthly** and fix those that are no longer accurate.
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Agenda Item #8: Next Meeting

Valley Water will share the 2024/2025 Get Flood Ready Campaign results and our FloodReady website redesign will be discussed at the May meeting.

Look for a Doodle Poll for May’s meeting.

Agenda Meeting
Santa Clara County CRS Users Group & Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee Meeting
May 14, 2025 | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Agenda Item # 5.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/84803455188?pwd=c86WQRUGeU81AdSvaPzvNbWfgJUgil.1>

Meeting ID: 848 0345 5188 | Passcode: 044497 | +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Purpose: PPI Stakeholder Committee Annual Evaluation Meeting to monitor the Implementation of the 2021 Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information per Activity 330, Outreach Project, Element 332.c. Program for Public Information (PPI), Step 7 requirement

Outcome: 2021 PPI Annual Evaluation Report, FY25 Year 4 of 5

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3.	Flood Awareness Survey 2025 Results Presentation - FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign Results - The launch of Valley Water's FY26 Annual Flood Awareness Campaign kicks off in October 2025.	Adam Probolsky Paola Reyes	15 min 10 min
4.	Valley Water Website Re-design: FloodReady landing page	Meghan Azralon	15 min
5.	Information Share: The 14 th Annual California Flood Preparedness Week (CFPW) will be held from October 18-25, 2025 The state's collaboration site has last year's messaging, graphics, risk communication tools, and ideas about events: https://sites.google.com/view/cfpw/home	Amy Fonseca	5 min
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7.	Valley Water CRS Program Updates	Amy Fonseca	10 min
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Pending Action Items from the 3/26/25 CRS Users Group / PPI Committee Meeting

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Elizabeth Koo	City of Milpitas
Jeremy Wu	City of Milpitas
Maria Angeles	City of Morgan Hill
Lauren Cody	City of Mountain View
Renee Gunn	City of Mountain View
Rajeev Hada	City of Palo Alto
Brandon Coco	City of Santa Clara
Christian Tran	City of Santa Clara
Darrell Wong	Santa Clara County
David Dorcich	Santa Clara County
Vivian Tom	City of San Jose
Gina Newbold	City of Sunnyvale
Tamara Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Amy Fonseca	Valley Water
Emily Zedler	Valley Water
Kristen Yasukawa	Valley Water
Liang Xu	Valley Water
Merna Leal	Valley Water
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Agenda Meeting

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Action Item:

See details on Item #6 of the 5/14/25 Meeting Agenda

Item #3: Flood Awareness Survey 2025 Results Presentation

- **FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign Results**
 - Paola Reyes (Valley Water, Public Information Representative) reviewed the FY25 Flood Awareness Campaign results. The group was informed that this information will be in the 2021 PPI Annual Evaluation Report for FY25.
 - Campaign goals were flood awareness, flood preparedness, and access.

- **Awareness:** Educate FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) residents and businesses about their flood risks and mitigation strategies.
 - **Preparedness:** Empower residents to take preventative actions, including knowing their flood risk, signing up for emergency alerts, and knowing where to find free sandbags.
 - **Access:** Provide multilingual resources and technologies to connect diverse communities with flood safety information, including the innovative Valley Water’s Surface Water Data Portal. When extreme weather strikes, residents can know if their home is at risk of flooding by visiting alert.valleywater.org for the latest information on local creeks and reservoir water levels.
- Adam Probolsky gave a presentation overviewing the FY25 Flood Awareness Survey results. The group was informed that the FY25 flood awareness campaign results are available upon request and were asked to contact any member of Valley Water's CRS Program Team.
- **The launch of Valley Water’s FY26 Annual Flood Awareness Campaign kicks off in October 2025**

Paola Reyes shared that we reduced the number of mailers sent to those in the FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area from four to three. As indicated in the flood survey results, the number of people recalling the mailers slightly decreased, so we may consider using a fourth mailer in the future.

She also shared that as the FY26 campaign is being developed, the idea is to focus on the following three topics: 1) Turn around, don’t drown; understanding shallow flooding; 2) How to prepare sandbags; and 3) Downloading disaster emergency apps. Paola shared Valley Water’s Communications’ creative approach for next year’s campaign.

Renee Gunn from the City of Mountain View mentioned that at their tabling events, it’s been more effective to focus on emergency preparedness rather than specifically on flood preparedness. That seemed to resonate more with people, as emergency preparedness for all disasters, including floods, earthquakes, mudslides, power outages, etc., affects everyone, but flooding specifically, not necessarily.

Merna Leal mentioned that the timeline graphic of historical floods after drought seemed to really impact people at tabling events in which Valley Water has participated. The suggestion is to continue updating the timeline graphic, making it available on Valley Water’s website, and sharing it with the cities and counties for their websites.

Item #4: Valley Water Website Re-design: FloodReady landing page

- Megan Azralon (Valley Water, Public Information Representative) provided an update on the Valley Water website redesign, highlighting upcoming improvements to make flood and emergency information easier to find. She shared a preview of the new homepage layout. Key features include a reorganized menu, customizable highlight sections, quick links, an interactive map for sandbag locations and flood alerts, and integration of campaign visuals. The updated design will improve accessibility and user experience, with full language translation support. Feedback on layout and content is welcome.

Action Item:

Provide feedback on Valley Water's website redesign to MAzralon@valleywater.org.

Item #5: Information Share: The 14th Annual California Flood Preparedness Week (CFPW) will be held from October 18-25, 2025

Attendees were reminded of the state's collaboration site for the upcoming flood season's CFPW. The state's website has last year's messaging, graphics, risk communication tools, and ideas about events: <https://sites.google.com/view/cfpw/home> and <https://water.ca.gov/Flood-Prep-Week>

We discussed the importance of communities participating in the state-led CFPW effort as agencies throughout the state participate and share information on invaluable available resources. This is of great importance given that beginning in FY2, Valley Water will likely no longer provide the cities/county with flood readiness promotional/giveaway items. Materials from Valley Water's annual flood awareness campaign will continue to be made available to the cities/counties.

Action Item:

Contact the California Department of Water Resources with questions about CFPW and/or to request that your agency be added to the state's distribution list.

- Nikki Blomquist, Program Coordinator: Nikki.Blomquist@water.ca.gov
- Jason Ince, Public Affairs: Jason.Ince@water.ca.gov

Item #6: Complete Development of the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) Annual Evaluation Report, FY 25 (Year 4: July 2024 to June 2025)

Deadline – May 30, 2025: Using this [Google Link](#), each community was requested to search (*under the 'Project(s) Proposed to Support the Messages' column, search by using their community's abbreviation*) for their Outreach Project identified in Appendix A - CRS Creditable Outreach and Flood Response Projects by CRS Community, from Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional PPI 2021, and update their community's FY25 project accomplished.

All were reminded that no other information can be modified outside the **INPUT HERE ONLY** column. This was the information in the 2021 PPI that was presented and adopted. Any changes to outreach project descriptions should be reflected in the **INPUT HERE ONLY** column.

Timeline for Sharing the Annual Evaluation Report with Governing Bodies:

- June 2025: Valley Water will share with its Board of Directors through non-agenda and provide communities with the final copy as presented to Valley Water’s Board.
- July 2025: Communities share with their respective governing bodies as identified in the Final AER, *Table 2. How the 2021 PPI FY25 Annual Evaluation Report, Year 4 will be shared with the Community’s Governing Body.*
- August 2025: Final AER with a copy of the method shared with the governing body due to the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

Action Item:

Submit your agency’s updates of [CRS Creditable Outreach and Flood Response Projects by CRS Community \(Appendix A of the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information \[PPI\]\)](#) no later than, Friday, May 30, 2025.

Item #7: Valley Water CRS Program Updates

- Valley Water has led CRS as a ‘fictitious community’ since 1998.
 - Federal changes, rising workload, and limited resources have made this voluntary role unsustainable.
- Valley Water is looking into transitioning to a supportive partner role (*not a direct participant*).
 - Working with a consultant to determine the transition plan and details.
- Impact on CRS Communities
 - Cities would work directly with FEMA/ISO for CRS administration and technical support.
- Continued Valley Water Support:
 - Channel maintenance docs (*Activity 540*)
 - Documentation for Valley Water CRS-creditable activities upon request
 - Lead PPI through April 2026
 - Post-2026 Valley Water may no longer participate in PPI for CRS purposes but would continue with our annual flood prep campaign, which could still be eligible for CRS credit.
 - Cities would need to determine how they would like to manage their own/multi-jurisdictional PPI and credit verification.
- Valley Water is also looking to amend the consultant’s contract to help CRS communities with the transition.
- We are open to feedback; email or call Amy with questions or concerns.
- Formal notice will be sent to the cities once decisions are made, and the transition plan is ready.

Action Item:

Send any comments/concerns to CRSProgram@valleywater.org and copy AFonseca@valleywater.org and MLeal@valleywater.org.

Item 8: Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information, c. flood protection website

Reminded communities that their respective flood protection resource landing pages should redirect to floodsmart.gov, ready.gov, and valleywater.org/floodready.

Per the CRS Coordinator’s Manual (*page 350-7*), the community must:

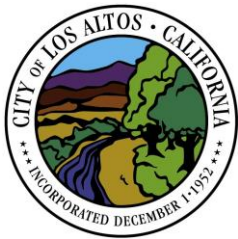
- 1) The community **must check** the website’s links **monthly** and fix those that are no longer accurate.
- 2) **At least annually**, the community **must review** the content to ensure it is current and pertinent (e.g., correct names, addresses, phone numbers, and other contact information; update any ordinance changes, etc.).

Action Item:

Each agency is requested to review/update their organization’s flood protection resources landing pages as indicated above.

Item #9: Other Items

Internal change to Valley Water’s CRS Program; transferring from Office of Civic Engagement to Watersheds.



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Prepared By: Jessie Kim

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Adopt a Resolution approving Contract Amendment 2 with Beauchaine Consulting Group, LLC in the amount of \$75,000 for the Tyler ERP Implementation Project for a total contract not to exceed \$415,000

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Approving Contract Amendment No. 2 with Beauchaine Consulting Group, LLC in the Amount of \$75,000 for the Tyler ERP Implementation Project, for a Total Contract Not to Exceed \$415,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed contract amendment is fully funded in the FY2025-26 adopted budget under the Technology Fund. The existing project budget includes sufficient capacity to absorb the additional \$75,000 without requiring a new appropriation. Services will be billed on a time-worked basis, and any unused funds will be returned to the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not applicable

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

November 12, 2024

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City successfully reached Go-Live on its new Tyler ERP system as of July 1, 2025, marking a major milestone in the modernization of the City’s enterprise financial and operational systems. The project has now entered its final implementation phase, the Go-Live Assistance and Transition Phase, which focuses on stabilizing processes, completing configuration and data cleanup, and providing both technical and user support to departments.

Beauchaine Consulting Group has served as the City's lead consultant throughout the Tyler ERP implementation, and their continued support remains critical as staff navigate system stabilization and post-Go-Live learning. The final phase will focus on:

- Data conversion and validation
- Final configuration and workflow refinement
- End-user support across departments
- Advanced retraining and documentation
- Resolution of system issues in modules such as contracts, procurement, and reporting

To complete this work, staff recommends approving a contract amendment with Beauchaine Consulting Group to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$340,000 to \$415,000. Services will be billed based on time worked, and the City will only incur costs for services rendered.

Maintaining continuity with the existing consultant ensures a smooth and efficient transition to internal ownership of the ERP system, minimizes operational disruptions, and preserves the institutional knowledge built over the life of the project.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 2025-xxx

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT 2 WITH BEAUCHAINE CONSULTING
GROUP, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 FOR THE TYLER ERP
IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos entered into an agreement with Beauchaine Consulting Group, LLC to provide professional services in support of the implementation of the City’s Tyler Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; and

WHEREAS, the City successfully reached the Go-Live milestone for the ERP system on July 1, 2025, marking the transition to the final implementation phase, Go-Live Assistance and Transition; and

WHEREAS, the remaining project work includes critical services such as post-Go-Live data validation, configuration refinements, advanced end-user support and retraining, and resolution of outstanding system issues; and

WHEREAS, Contract Amendment No. 2, in the amount of \$75,000, will increase the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$415,000 and is fully funded in the FY2025-26 adopted budget under the Technology Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby:

1. Approves Contract Amendment No. 2 with Beauchaine Consulting Group, LLC, in the amount of \$75,000, increasing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$415,000 for continued ERP implementation support services; and
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute the amendment and take all necessary actions to carry out the intent of this resolution.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 26th day of August, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

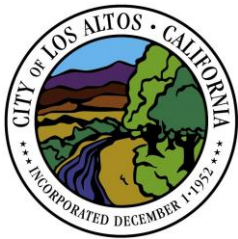
ABSENT:

NAME

Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK NAME
City Clerk



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Prepared By: Melissa Thurman

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Confirm Appointment of Councilmember Larry Lang to serve as Council Liaison for the Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee (JVAC)

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Confirm Appointment of Councilmember Larry Lang to Serve as Council Liaison for the Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee (JVAC) Through the Remainder of 2025

FISCAL IMPACT

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND

In January 2025, Mayor Pete Dailey appointed Vice Mayor Neysa Fligor as Council Liaison to the Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee (JVAC) for 2025. Recently, Vice Mayor Fligor notified the Mayor that due to a conflict in her schedule, she was unable to continue serving as Council Liaison to JVAC and requested a replacement be named to serve as Liaison through the remaining meetings.

Mayor Dailey asked Councilmember Larry Lang to serve as Council Liaison to JVAC, and Councilmember Lang agreed. This action by Council will confirm the appointment of Councilmember Lang as JVAC Liaison through the remainder of 2025.

ATTACHMENT

None

Council Action Advised by September 24, 2025**DATE: Wednesday, July 16, 2025****TO: Mayors, Council Members, City Clerks, and City Managers****RE: DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, Oct. 8-10, 2025
Long Beach Convention Center**

Every year, the League of California Cities convenes a member-driven General Assembly at the [Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo](#). The General Assembly is an important opportunity where city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy.

Taking place on Oct. 10, the General Assembly is comprised of voting delegates appointed by each member city; every city has one voting delegate. Your appointed voting delegate plays an important role during the General Assembly by representing your city and voting on resolutions.

To cast a vote during the General Assembly, your city must designate a voting delegate and up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote if the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity. Voting delegates may either be an elected or appointed official.

Action by Council Required. Consistent with Cal Cities bylaws, a city's voting delegate and up to two alternates must be designated by the city council. Please note that designating the voting delegate and alternates **must** be done by city council action and cannot be accomplished by individual action of the mayor or city manager alone.

Following council action, please submit your city's delegates through [the online submission portal](#) by Wed., Sept. 24. When completing the Voting Delegate submission form, you will be asked to attest that council action was taken. You will need to be signed in to your My Cal Cities account when submitting the form.

Submitting your voting delegate form by the deadline will allow us time to establish voting delegate/alternate records prior to the conference and provide pre-conference communications with voting delegates.

Conference Registration Required. The voting delegate and alternates must be registered to attend the conference. They need not register for the entire conference; they may register for Friday only. Conference registration is open on the [Cal Cities](#) website.

For a city to cast a vote, one voter must be present at the General Assembly and in possession of the voting delegate card and voting tool. Voting delegates and alternates need to pick up their conference badges before signing in and picking up the voting delegate card at the voting delegate desk. This will enable them to receive the special sticker on their name badges that will admit the voting delegate into the voting area during the General Assembly.

Please view Cal Cities' [event and meeting policy](#) in advance of the conference.

Transferring Voting Card to Non-Designated Individuals Not Allowed. The voting delegate card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates, but *only* between the voting delegate and alternates. If the voting delegate and alternates find themselves unable to attend the General Assembly, they may *not* transfer the voting card to another city official.

Seating Protocol during General Assembly. At the General Assembly, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission to the voting area will be limited to the individual in possession of the voting card and with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate.

The voting delegate desk, located in the conference registration area of the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, will be open at the following times: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 18, the voting delegate desk will be open at the General Assembly, starting at 7:30 a.m., but will be closed during roll calls and voting.

The voting procedures that will be used at the conference are attached to this memo. Please share these procedures and this memo with your council and especially with the individuals that your council designates as your city's voting delegate and alternates.

Once again, thank you for submitting your voting delegate and alternates by Wednesday, Sept. 24. If you have questions, please contact Zach Seals at zseals@calcities.org.

Attachments:

- General Assembly Voting Guidelines
- Information Sheet: Cal Cities Resolutions and the General Assembly

General Assembly Voting Guidelines

1. **One City One Vote.** Each member city has a right to cast one vote on matters pertaining to Cal Cities policy.
2. **Designating a City Voting Representative.** Prior to the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo, each city council may designate a voting delegate and up to two alternates; these individuals are identified on the voting delegate form provided to the Cal Cities Credentials Committee.
3. **Registering with the Credentials Committee.** The voting delegate, or alternates, may pick up the city's voting card at the voting delegate desk in the conference registration area. Voting delegates and alternates must sign in at the voting delegate desk. Here they will receive a special sticker on their name badge and thus be admitted to the voting area at the General Assembly.
4. **Signing Initiated Resolution Petitions.** Only those individuals who are voting delegates (or alternates), and who have picked up their city's voting card by providing a signature to the credentials committee at the voting delegate desk, may sign petitions to initiate a resolution.
5. **Voting.** To cast the city's vote, a city official must have in their possession the city's voting card and voting tool; and be registered with the credentials committee. The voting card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates but may not be transferred to another city official who is neither a voting delegate nor alternate.
6. **Voting Area at General Assembly.** At the General Assembly, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission to the voting area will be limited to the individual in possession of the voting card and with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate.
7. **Resolving Disputes.** In case of dispute, the credentials committee will determine the validity of signatures on petitioned resolutions and the right of a city official to vote at the General Assembly.

Developing League of California Cities policy is a dynamic process that engages a wide range of members to ensure Cal Cities represents cities with one voice. These policies directly guide Cal Cities' advocacy to promote local decision-making, and lobby against statewide policies that erode local control.

The resolutions process and General Assembly is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy. If a resolution is approved at the General Assembly, it becomes official Cal Cities policy. Here's how resolutions and the General Assembly work.

Prior to the Annual Conference and Expo

General Resolutions



Sixty days before the Annual Conference and Expo, Cal Cities members may submit policy proposals on issues of importance

to cities. The resolution must have the concurrence of at least five additional member cities or individual members.

Policy Committees



The Cal Cities President assigns general resolutions to policy committees where members

review, debate, and recommend positions for each policy proposal. Recommendations are forwarded to the Resolutions Committee.

During the Annual Conference and Expo

Petitioned Resolutions



The petitioned resolution is an alternate method to introduce policy proposals during

the annual conference. The petition must be signed by voting delegates from 10% of member cities, and submitted to the Cal Cities President at least 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly.

Resolutions Committee



The Resolutions Committee considers all resolutions. General Resolutions approved¹ by either a policy committee

or the Resolutions Committee are next considered by the General Assembly. General resolutions not approved, or referred for further study by both a policy committee and the Resolutions Committee do not go to the General Assembly. All Petitioned Resolutions are considered by the General Assembly, unless disqualified.²

General Assembly



During the General Assembly, voting delegates debate and consider general and petitioned resolutions forwarded by the Resolutions Committee. Potential Cal Cities bylaws amendments are also considered at this meeting.

Who's who

Cal Cities policy development is a member-informed process, grounded in the voices and experiences of city officials throughout the state.

The **Resolutions Committee** includes representatives from each Cal Cities diversity caucus, regional division, municipal department, and policy committee, as well as individuals appointed by the Cal Cities president.

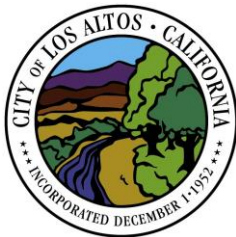
Voting delegates are appointed by each member city; every city has one voting delegate.

The **General Assembly** is a meeting of the collective body of all voting delegates—one from every member city.

Seven **policy committees** meet throughout the year to review and recommend positions to take on bills and regulatory proposals. Policy committees include members from each Cal Cities diversity caucus, regional division, and municipal department, as well as individuals appointed by the Cal Cities president.

¹ The Resolution Committee can amend a general resolution prior to sending it to the General Assembly.

² Petitioned Resolutions may be disqualified by the Resolutions Committee according to Cal Cities Bylaws Article VI. Sec. 5(f).



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025
Prepared By: Anthony Carnesecca
Approved By: Gabe Engeland

Subject: Main Library Design Concept

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

Review Main Library Design Concept and forward funding request to the North County Library Authority (NCLA) for next phase of project.

FISCAL IMPACT

The North County Library Authority has paid all applicable expenses up to this point.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This report is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

January 23, 2024, June 25, 2024, & December 10, 2024

BACKGROUND

During the Future Agenda Items Discussion section of the Los Altos City Council meeting on September 26, 2023, Councilmember Dailey requested the Library Commission to bring forward to Council at a Study Session the status of the library and options they have considered for improving the library for consideration of Council, including, but not limited to the potential use of parcel tax funds. Mayor Meadows and Vice Mayor Weinberg supported the future agenda topic.

During the October 5, 2023 Library Commission meeting, Chair Fawcett moved that the Commission form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Vice Chair Bedard and Commissioner Crane to work on documents in preparation for the Study Session with City Council focused on possible library improvements as directed at the September 26, 2023 City Council meeting that

will terminate upon receipt of the Final Report to the Commission. Commissioner Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

During the January 4, 2024 Library Commission meeting, the final proposal was unanimously approved by the Commission to move onto the City Council.

During the January 23, 2024 City Council Study Session, the Potential Improvements to Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee presented their recommendations for improvements to the City Council. City Council directed the ad-hoc subcommittee to continue with the process by presenting the information to the North County Library Authority and requesting that the NCLA approve funding an RFP to be issued by the City of Los Altos based on their recommendations.

During the January 29, 2024 NCLA Meeting, the ad-hoc subcommittee presented the same information as presented to the City Council one week prior. NCLA board member Dailey made a motion to authorize the City of Los Altos to issue an RFP, jointly by the City and the County Library System with NCLA to cover the costs associated with the issuance of the RFP. Secretary Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

At the June 25, 2024 City Council meeting, City Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements.

The City issued the RFP - Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The RFP closed on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 3 pm.

The RFP divided the improvements into three distinct phases. Phase 1 is a Design Alternative Analysis that will investigate the existing condition, create design alternatives, evaluate cost estimates, and garner consensus for a final preferred design. Phase 2 is 65% drawings that will include technical specifications for the building with a more detailed cost breakdown. Phase 3 is bid-ready construction documents and construction transition.

The City received nine proposals for the project. The review committee reviewed all the proposals and invited the highest-ranking proposers to a final interview.

The review committee conducted interviews with the finalists and selected Anderson Brule Architects (ABA) as the consultant to complete the design work for the Los Altos Main Library Improvements.

During the October 3, 2024 Library Commission meeting, City staff provided an update on the process and next steps, including a request for funds from the North County Library Authority and a contract award from the Los Altos City Council. The Library Commission unanimously recommended approval to move forward in this process.

During the November 18, 2024 North County Library Authority meeting, their board unanimously approved the funding allocation to the City of Los Altos for Phase 1 of the Main Library Improvements Project.

During the December 10, 2024 meeting, the Los Altos City Council unanimously awarded a contract for ABA to execute Phase 1 of the Main Library Improvements Project.

Beginning in January 2025, ABA began their work to complete Phase 1 of the Main Library Improvements project focused on investigating the existing condition, creating design alternatives, evaluating cost estimates, and garnering consensus for a final preferred design.

Initially, ABA investigated the existing conditions of the Los Altos Main Library by evaluating the building, and reviewing the proposals presented by the Library Commission Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and previous Needs Assessments. This analysis helped inform their analysis of the building and proposed improvements to the space.

While evaluating the existing conditions, ABA moved forward with beginning to engage with the library community and beyond. As part of the initial design alternative process, ABA conducted three feedback workshops to review and discuss the proposed improvements into order to gain a shared understanding of project background, goals, and timeline; and, input for validation of prioritized improvements. These events were hosted on March 6, 2025 at a Library Commission meeting, March 12, 2025 3 – 5 pm, and March 22, 2025 10 am – 12 pm.

At the culmination of those meetings and the existing site investigation, ABA reviewed the current site analysis, the proposals from the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, and community feedback.

Accordingly, ABA created the two design concepts that were presented to the public for specific commentary on the concepts created by the architectural team. These two design concepts were presented at three public engagement opportunities, a Special Library Commission meeting on May 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Orchard Room, and two workshops in the Library Open Space on May 24, 2025 from 10 am – 12 pm and May 28, 2025 from 3 – 5 pm.

After reviewing the feedback provided to the design team through those community feedback sessions and beyond, the design team made modifications to the design and identified a preferred design concept that met the prioritized proposals from the Library Commission Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

The design proposal presented for consideration today accomplishes three main objectives:

1. increases the ability of the Library to provide programs and services to the community,
2. improves the infrastructure of the Library as it stands today; and,
3. incorporates feedback received from the community through the engagement process.

DISCUSSION

This preferred design concept was presented to the Library Commission on August 7, 2025, where the Commission unanimously recommended that the project move forward to City Council and with the next steps in the project.

The Commission provided positive feedback on the incorporated design improvements from the previous review and expressed concerns in only two areas that the Library Improvements TAC

and Library Commission will continue to explore through this process, the Friends of the Library sales space and Passport Office location.

The City Council will review the design concept that was unanimously recommended by the Library Commission. After Council review tonight, City staff will bring a funding request to NCLA for the next phases of the project. The next phases will be Phase 2, which is 65% drawings that will include technical specifications for the building with a more detailed cost breakdown, and Phase 3, which is bid-ready construction documents.

If the North County Library Authority authorizes the use of funds for Phases 2 and 3, City staff will bring a proposed contract amendment to City Council for authorization to move forward with those phases.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation

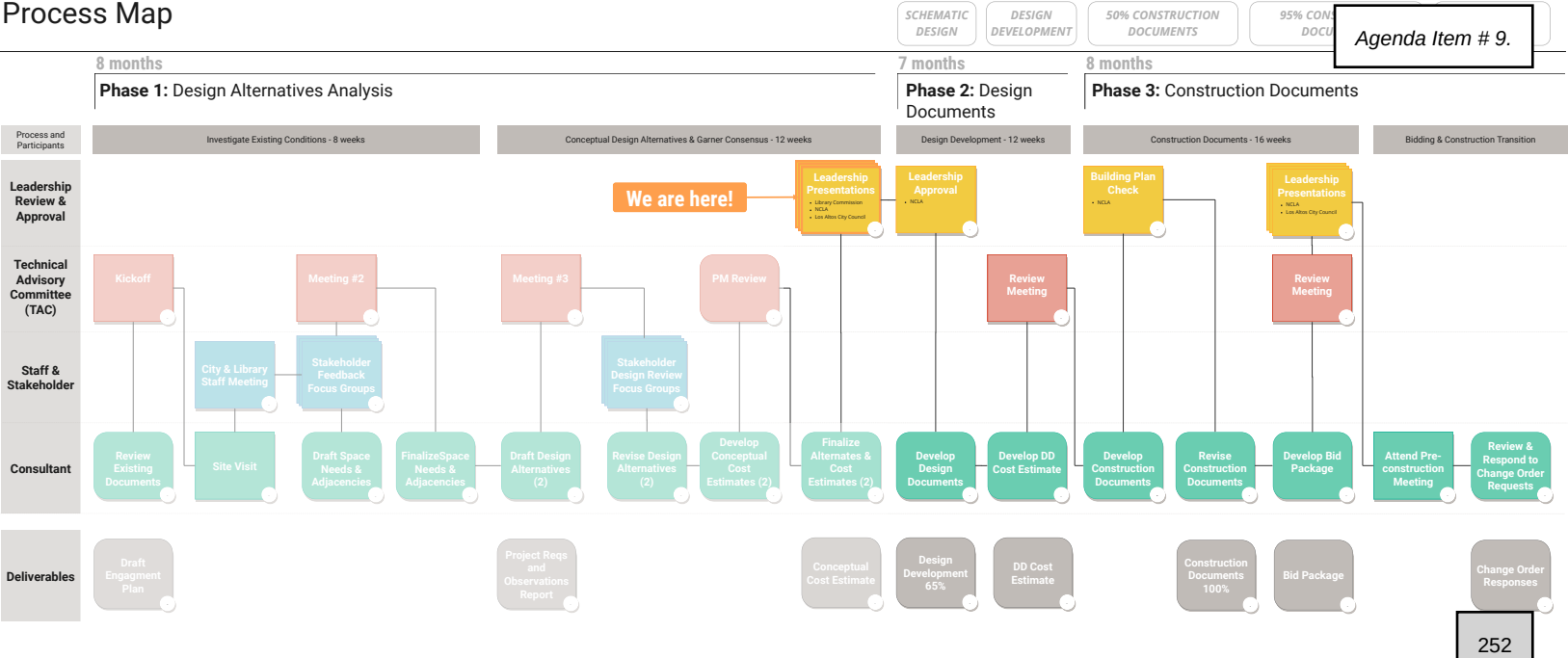


City Council
August 26, 2025

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
Main Library Improvements

City of Los Altos - Main Library Improvements

Process Map



Round 1

Staff Workshop - 2/26/25

Library Commission Meeting - 3/6/25

Public Open House #1 - 3/12/25

Public Open House #2 - 3/22/25

Library Commission Meeting - 5/22/25

Round 2

Public Open House #3 - 5/24/25

Public Open House #4 - 5/28/25

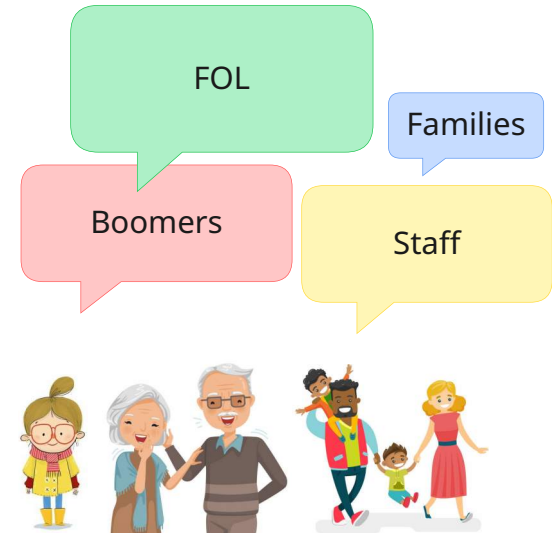
Library Supervisor's Meeting - 6/11/25

Library Commission Meeting - 8/7/25

City Council Meeting - 8/26/25

NCLA Meeting - 9/15/25

Agenda Item # 9.



2 Summary of Outreach

Round 1 - Validation of Work Completed Prior

Agenda Item # 9.

Tier 1	Install family bathrooms	Still relevant. Consider as a higher priority
	Remediate inadequate wiring	Still relevant. Consider as a higher priority
	Remodel to support limited Extended Hours Space	Still relevant. Consider as a higher priority.
	Create acoustic quiet zone	Still relevant. Consider as a higher priority.
Tier 2	Reconfigure and enlarge the lobby	Still relevant.
	Address circulation and reference desk service	Reference desk already improved, circulation is still an issue.
	Find suitable alternative for holds	Expanded capacity now meets needs. Flexible on location.
	Improve Friends' sales space	FOL desire more space for work area and sales. Balance with other library services.
	Address any accessibility concerns as discovered	Still relevant.
Tier 3	Evaluate and consolidate staff areas to improve efficiency	Still relevant.
	Evaluate and consolidate Friends' space to improve efficiency	Location and noise are an issue. FOL desire more space for work area and sales
	Evaluate and redeploy digital needs in computing, printing, and scanning	Still relevant, but re-evaluate quantities.
	Remodel to support full Extended Hours space	Consider as lower priority.
	Move children's area entrance to enable direct access	Noise is still an issue. Other pending improvements make relocation infeasible.
	Create opening between children's space and Orchard Room to expand useable space	Less relevant and feasible with pending improvements.

3 Summary of Outreach

same	increase
remove	modify

Round 2 - Input on First Draft Conceptual Design Ideas

New grid

Agenda Item # 9.

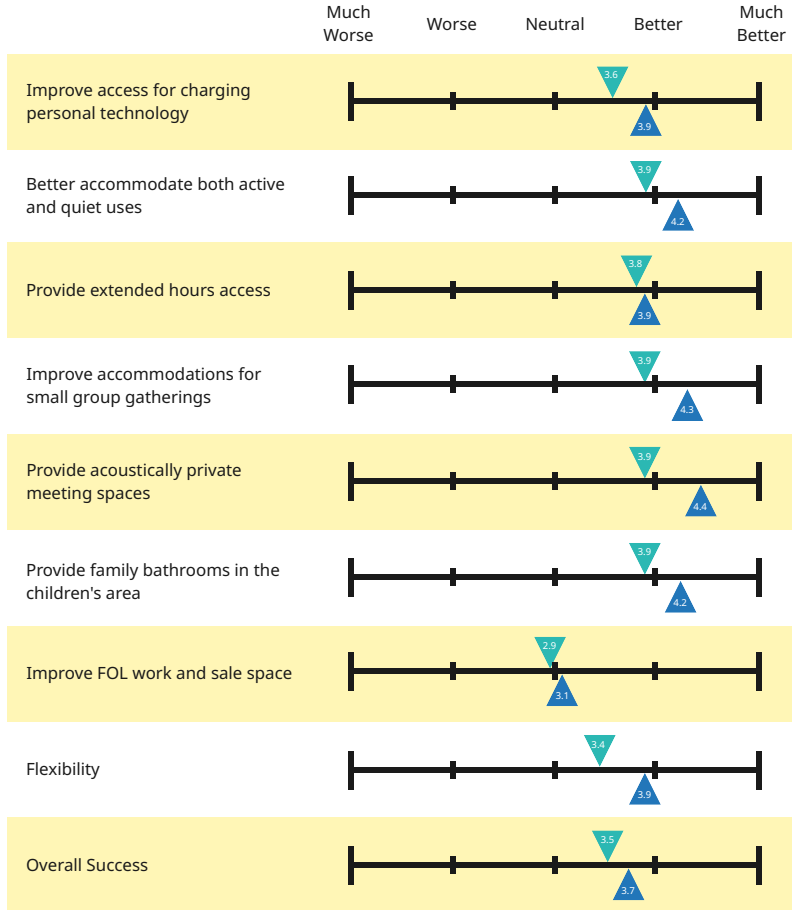
SPACE / LOCATION	FEEDBACK / INPUT
Friends of the Library	• Desire for additional Friends workspace • Flexibility and additional space desired for Friends sales
Restrooms	• Concern about safety and security of all gender restrooms • Consider equivalent option for those that prefer traditional restrooms • Need for two family restrooms if they can be accommodated
Meeting Rooms	• Need clarity and study on quantity and sizes • Right size quantity and sizes to best serve community
Community Space	• Desire for flexible large space for community to come together • Maintain separation from quieter library spaces • Accessible after library business hours
Collections	• Collections require review for rightsizing • Consider reduction to balance with other library needs
Staff Workspace	• Reviewed three (3) different layout options for staff workspace • Received input from multiple staff voices and perspectives • Improve efficiency, workflow, and consideration of new AMH layout
Main Library	• Acoustic separations and zones that allow for both active uses and quiet uses • Consider automatic sliding door at children's area to help with noise isolation • Collections quantity to be reviewed by staff (weeding, assessment for reduction)

4 Summary of Outreach



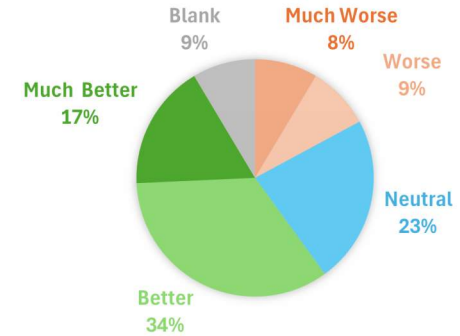
Option 1

Option 2

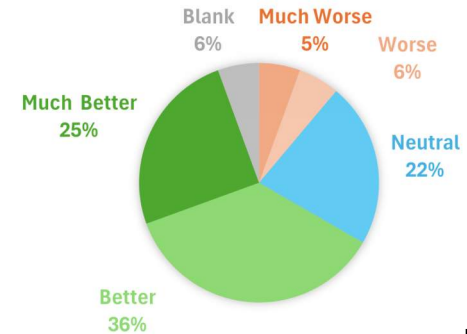


OVERALL SUCCESS OPT 1

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OVERALL SUCCESS OPT 2

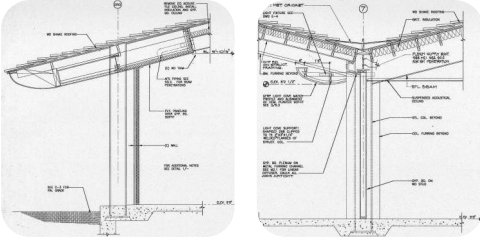


5 Key Findings



6 Design Goals

STRUCTURAL



MECHANICAL & PLUMBING



ELECTRICAL & LIGHTING



TELECOM & AUDIO VISUAL



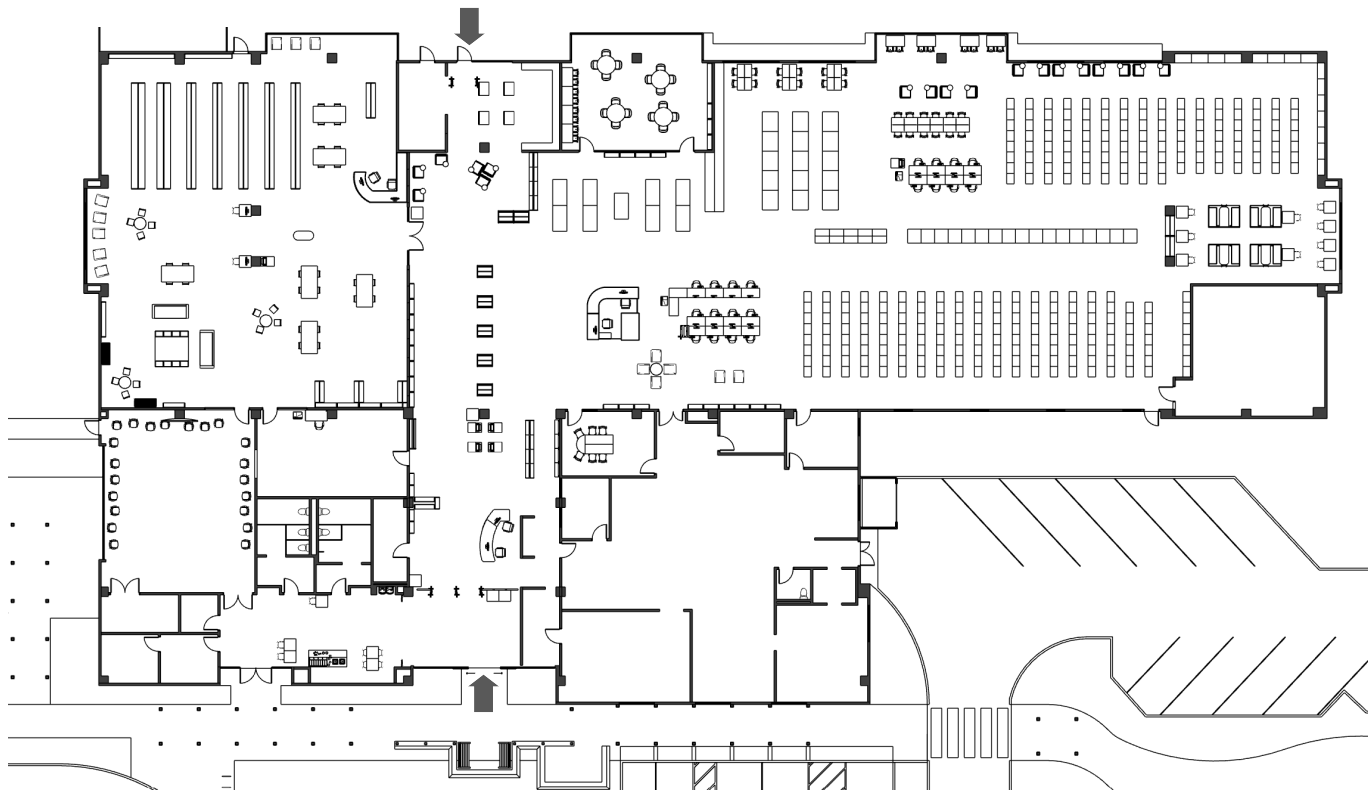
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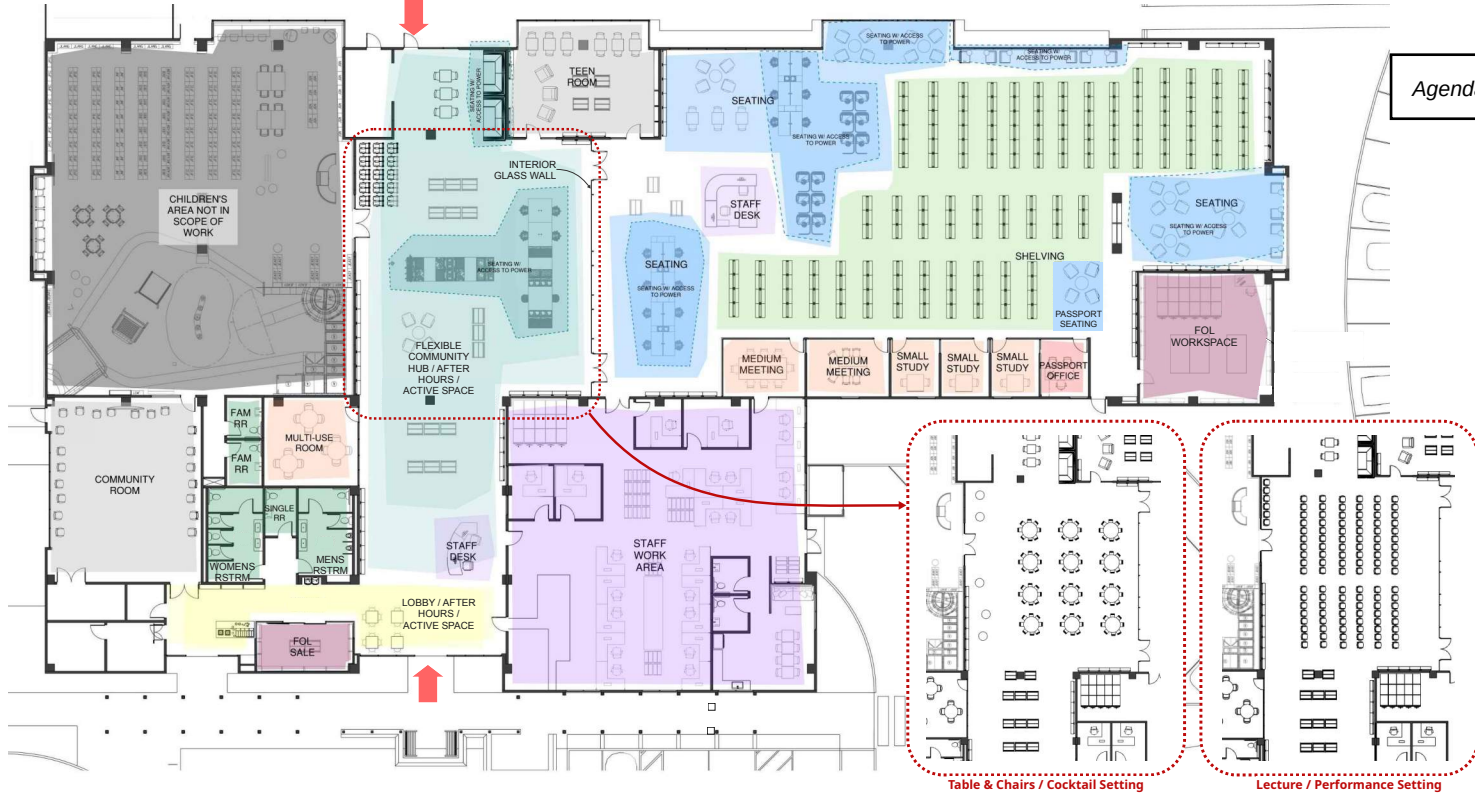


ARCHITECTURE & INTERIORS





8 Existing Floor Plan



9 Proposed Conceptual Floor Plan

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NOTE:

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They are not intended to be realistic and/or representative of final colors and finishes, but to show overall layout and spatial quality.

View Key Plan



10 Community Marketplace



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View Key Plan



11 Quiet Area & Collections

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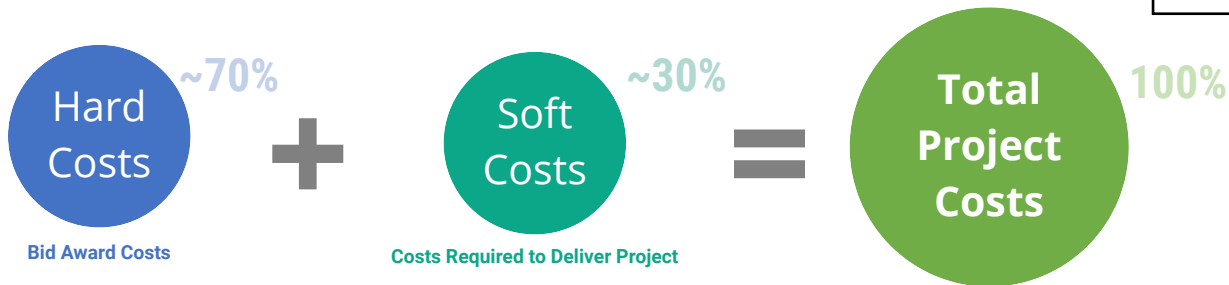
View Key Plan



12 Meeting Rooms

FACTOR OF TIME (ESCALATION)

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Basis of Costs at This Stage:

Based on initial concept plans, renderings, and qualitative narratives. This is not a final estimate of detailed construction costs.

Purpose:

The purpose is to allow for early budgeting and scope to target budget alignment.

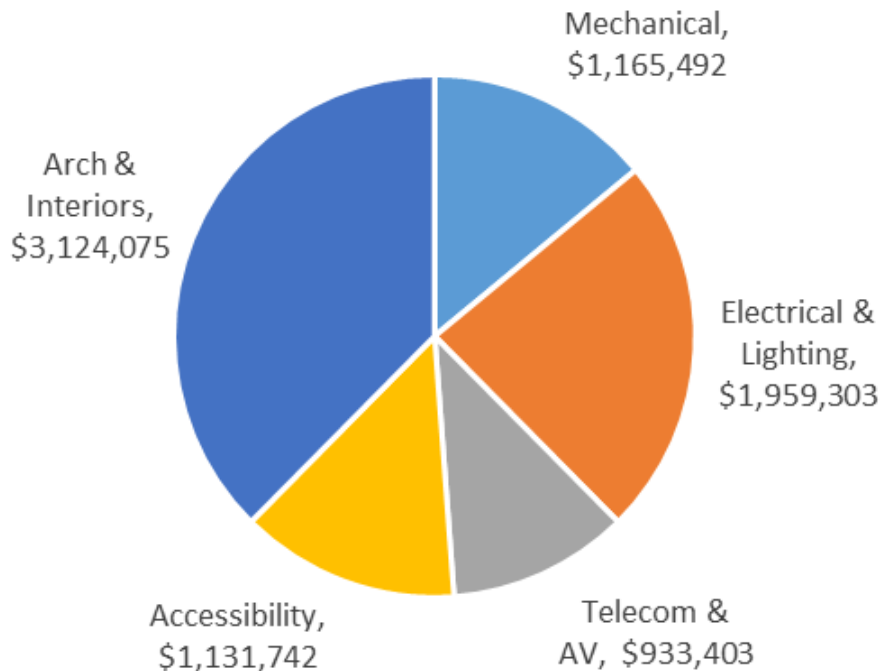
Key Assumptions

Assumes a hard bid (Design bid build)
Construction start in September 2026
Construction finish in November 2027
Selective Building Demolition (interior only)
Single phase construction*

Exclusions

Furniture & Equipment (incl. HD shelving)
Hazardous Materials Abatement
AV Equipment
Seismic Upgrades
Relocation and temporary facilities
Project labor agreement requirements

13 Costs and Budgeting



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN HARD COSTS

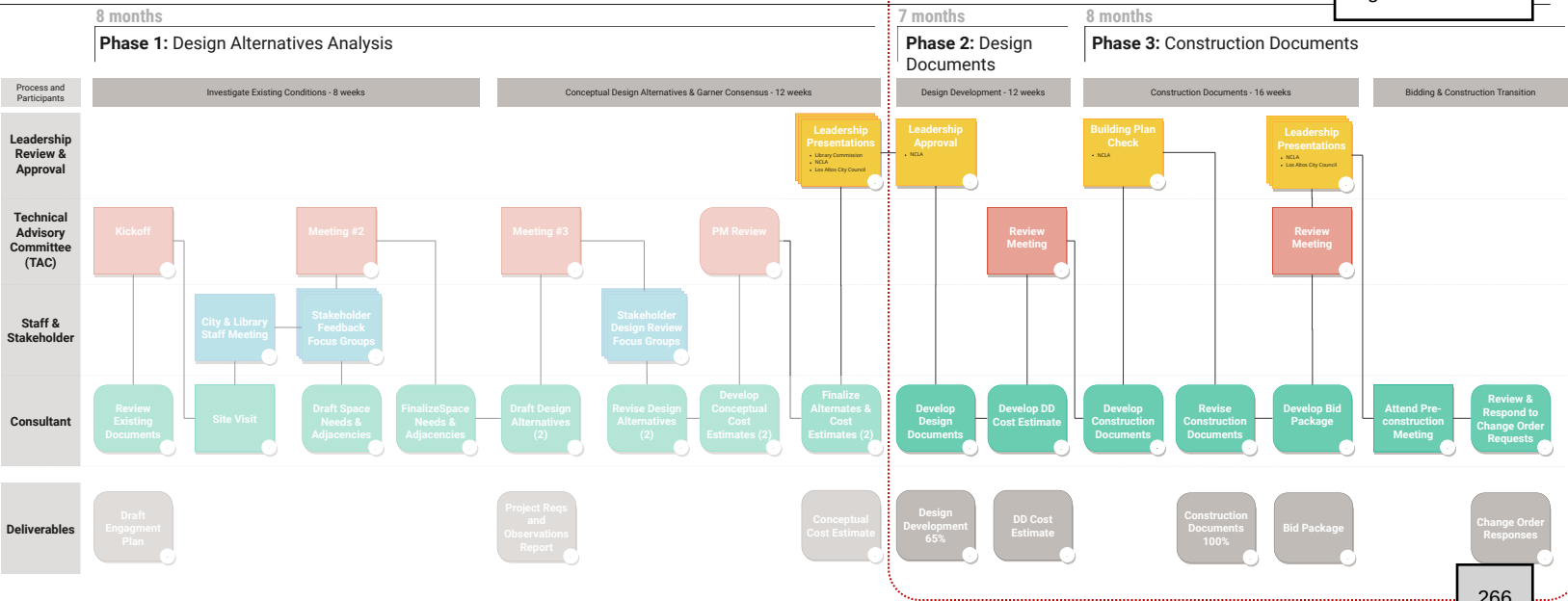
Base Hard Costs: \$8.314 M
Electrification Hard Costs: \$498 k

TOTAL HARD COSTS: \$8.812 M

14 Conceptual Cost Estimate Summary

City of Los Altos - Main Library Improvements

Process Map





City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Prepared By: Manny A. Hernandez

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Subject: Review Hillview Dog Park 95% Submittals and Adopt a Resolution Authorizing use of Public Art Funds for Art Component

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Review Hillview Dog Park 95% submittals.
- 2) Adopt a resolution authoring the use of Public Art funds in the amount not to exceed \$70,000 for art components to be included in the Hillview Dog Park project.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item will cost up to \$70,000 from the Public Art fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

BACKGROUND

Following City Council direction at the July 9, 2024 Council meeting, City staff requested proposals for the creation of Hillview Dog Park construction documents. On May 5, 2025 the City of Los Altos entered into an agreement for professional services to create a construction document package for the Hillview Dog Park project with Callander and Associates Landscape Architecture, Inc. Callander and Associates has since been working on the submittal package and has reached 95%.

ANALYSIS

Callander and Associates presented 65% submittals to the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture (PARC) Commission at their June 17 meeting. The PARC Commission was reviewing designs presented by Verde Design and approved by the City Council at the meeting on July 9th, 2024. The Council unanimously approved the design recommended which included DG and turf as ground cover, removed the “dog wash” feature, and had general discussion about the inclusion and location of an agility course within the Dog Park. The agility course has since been removed.

At that PARC meeting the Commission was given the opportunity to see the plan for construction to this point and was also shown the possible art components that could be added to the project. The Commission then voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend to City Council the use of \$70,000 for the infusion of art fence panels that border the north side and an artistic shade structure, which is the question for approval before Council.

DISCUSSION

The budget for the permanent dog park construction does not include the added cost for artistic components in the fence and/or the planned shade structure. The PARC Commission recommends utilizing public art funds to cover the added cost of enhancing the Hillview Dog Park with an Art Component. It is recommended by the PARC that City Council adopt the included resolution for the use of not to exceed \$70,000 of Public Art fund or this project enhancement.

At the July 9, 2024 meeting the City Council unanimously approved the dog park design concept presented by Verde Design. This concept is now at 95% submittal. Representatives from Callander and Associates are available to answer any questions related to the project.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Resolution for Art Fund Allocation**
- 2) Dog Park 95% Presentation**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS TO
AUTHORIZE THE USE OF PUBLIC ART FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 TO
PURCHASE FENCING AND SHADE STRUCTURE ART COMPONENTS AS PART OF
THE HILLVIEW DOG PARK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, at the June 17, 2025 meeting, the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Commission voted unanimously to recommend the use of Public Art funds in the amount of \$70,000 to purchase fencing and shade structure art components as part of the Hillview Dog Park project; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project currently does not include the higher cost of including art components in this project; and

WHEREAS, staff and the Callander and Associates created art component options to be added as part of the fencing and shade structure along with the estimated cost increase; and

WHEREAS, there is currently adequate funding in the Public Art fund for this purchase.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby:

Authorize the use of Public Art funds in the amount of \$70,000 for the purchase of fencing and shade structure art components in the Hillview Dog Park project.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 26th day of August 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Pete Dailey
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Thurman
City Clerk

Los Altos

Community Center

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Hillview Dog Park

City Council Meeting

August 26, 2025



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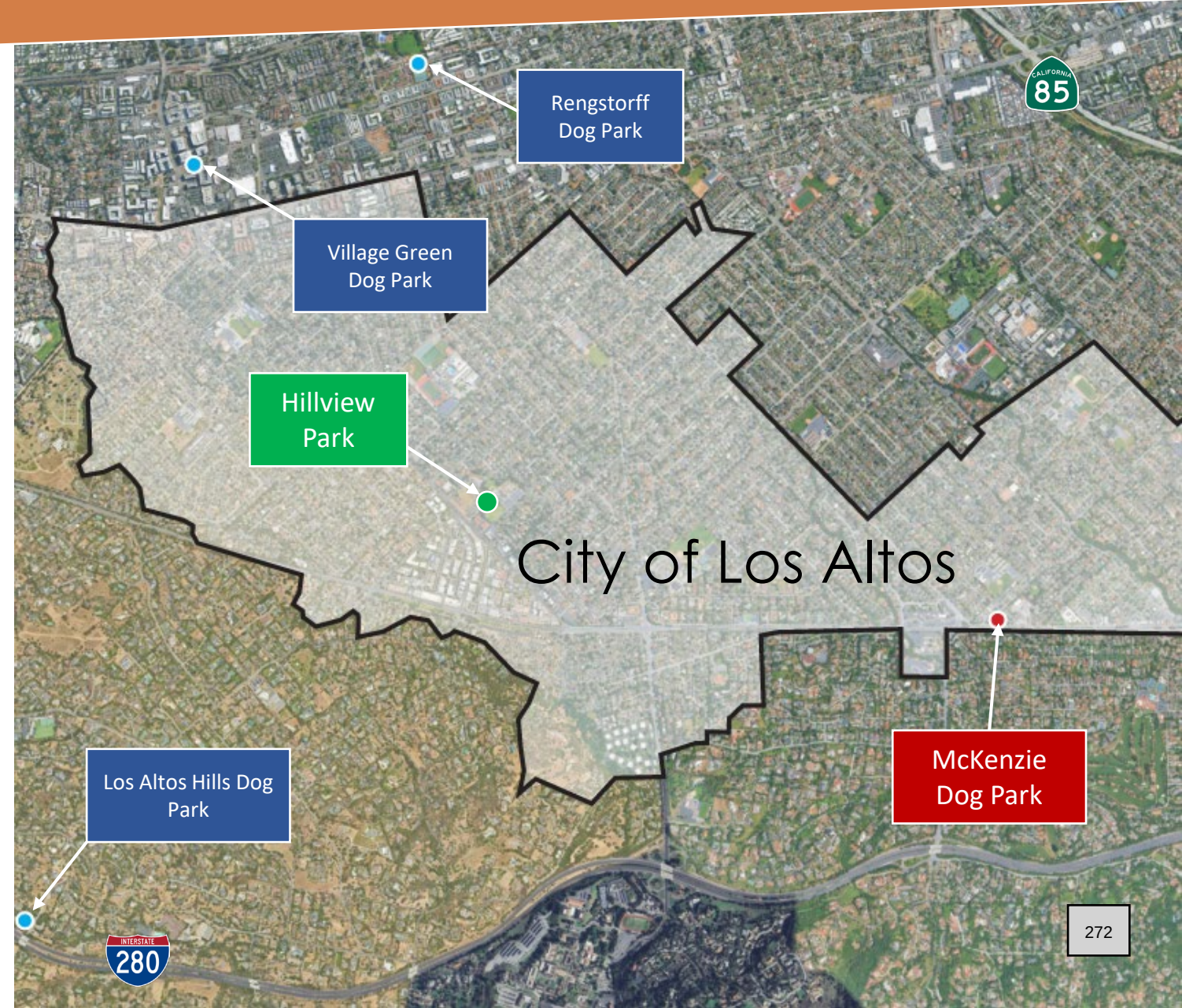
- Project Background
- Master Planning
- Implementation Effort
 - Design Refinements
 - Art Incorporation
 - Material Selections
 - Construction Budget
- Next Steps



Project Background

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- Project Need
- Site Evaluations



Master Planning Effort

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Implementation Effort



Implementation Effort

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BENCH

manufacture: tbd
model: to match existing



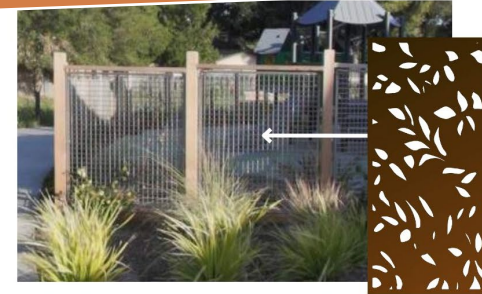
PET WASTE DISPENSER

manufacture: mutt mitt
color: green



SOLID PERIMETER FENCE, ALT. 1

manufacture: omega II fence system
model: louvered omega 80
color: matte black powder coat



SOLID PERIMETER FENCE, ALT. 2

wooden posts with parasoleil laser cut panel



TREE PROTECTION, ALT. 2

large rocks within tree well



SEATWALL BENCH

manufacture: timberform
model: central park 2030



PEDESTRIAN LIGHT

manufacture: philips gardco
model: Pureform Post top & post
color: to match existing



DECORATIVE ENTRY GATE

color: black powder coat



SHADE STRUCTURE

manufacture: poligon structures
panel: parasoleil
color: tbd

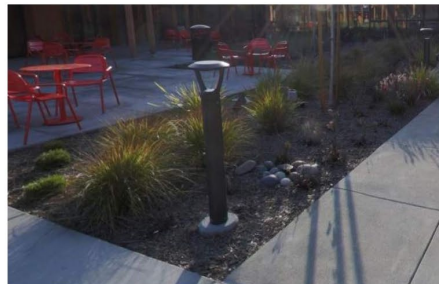


DOG AGILITY FEATURES, ALT. 1



CONCRETE SEATWALL

color: davis integral, mesa buff
finish: light-medium sandblast



BOLLARD LIGHT

manufacture: philips gardco
model: pureform led pbl
color: to match existing



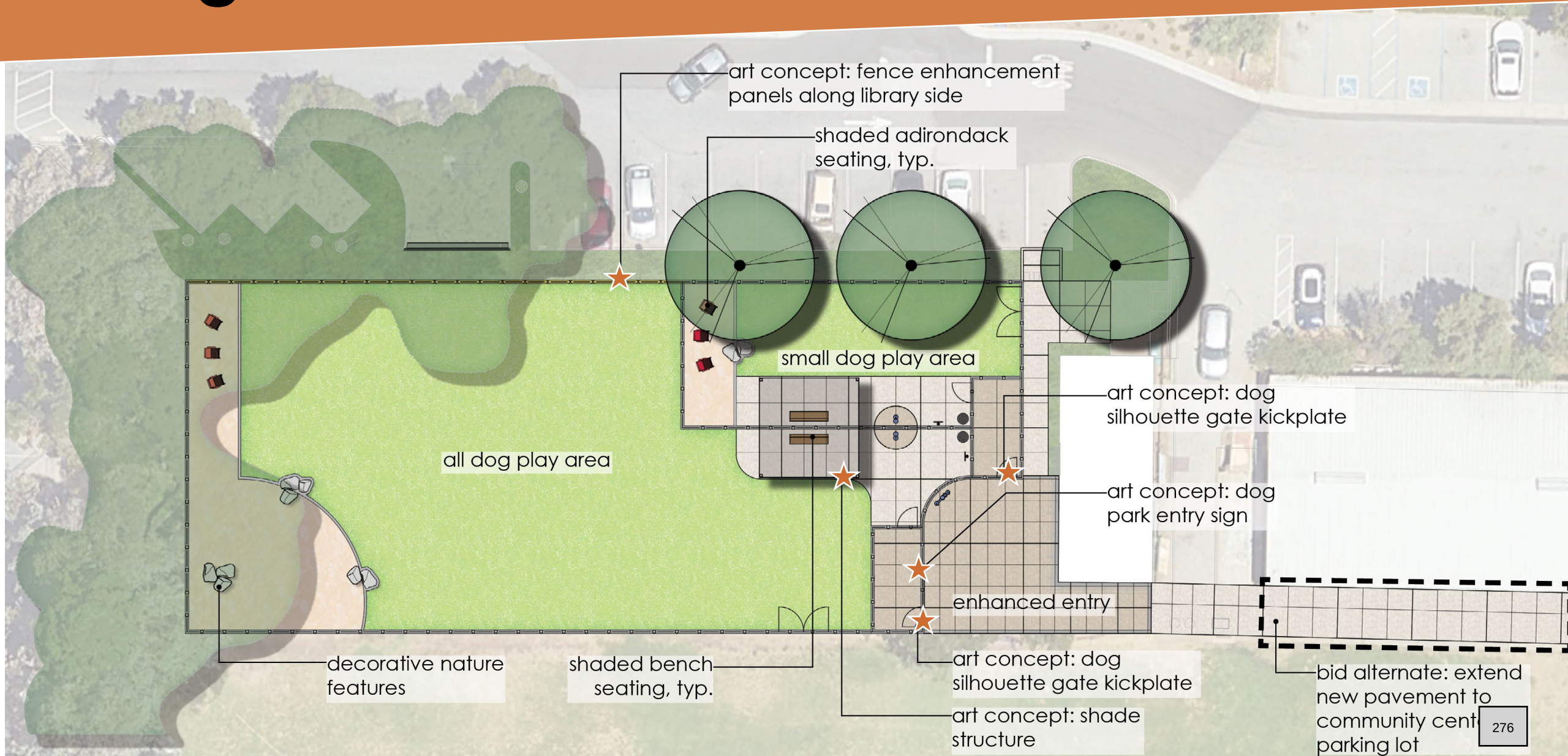
LOG PLAY OBSTACLE



DOG AGILITY FEATURES, ALT. 2

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Design Refinements



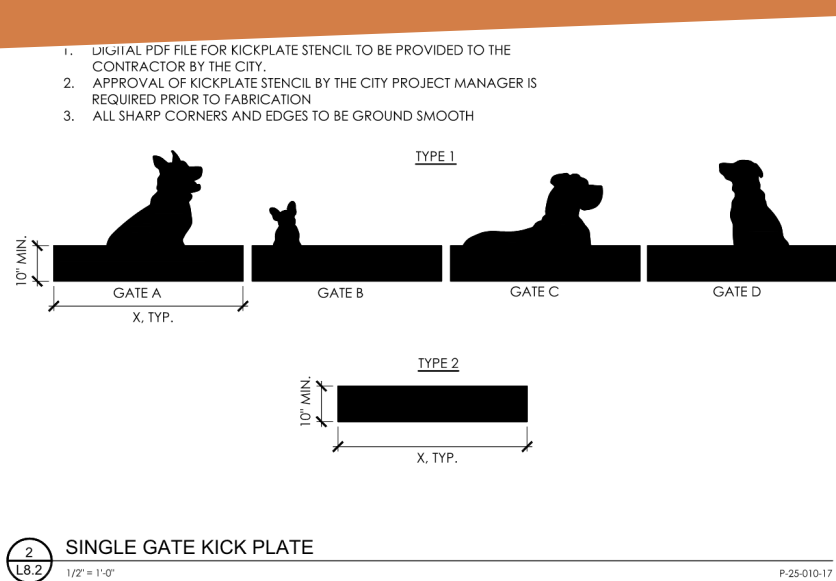
Art Concept: Shade Structure

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Laser-cut aluminum panels with vine pattern, 20'x20' size

Art Concept: Fence Enhancements



Dog silhouette kickplate



Dog Park Entry Sign

Art Concept: Fence Enhancement Panels

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Leaf Pattern Panel,
Color: Black

Laser-cut aluminum panels with leaf pattern, 4' height fence

Site Furnishings

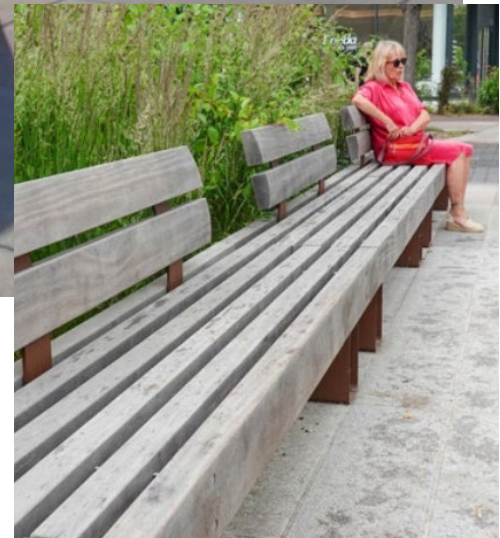
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Adirondack Chair, Color: Cherry

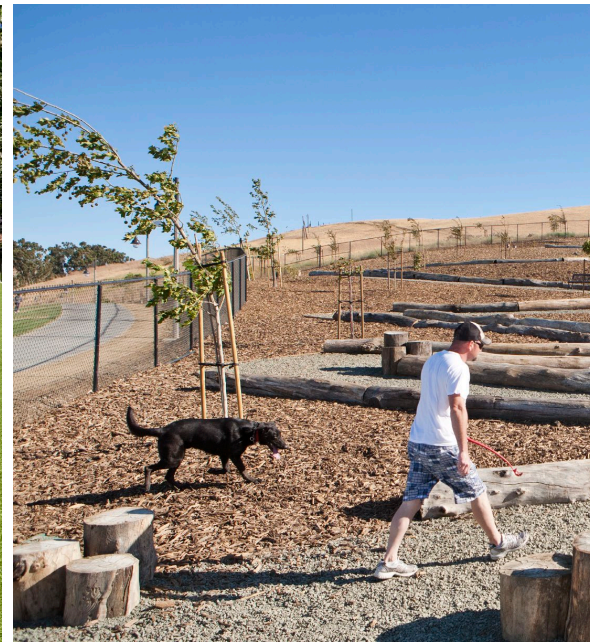


Bench, To match existing within community center



Surface Material Options

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Surface Material Options

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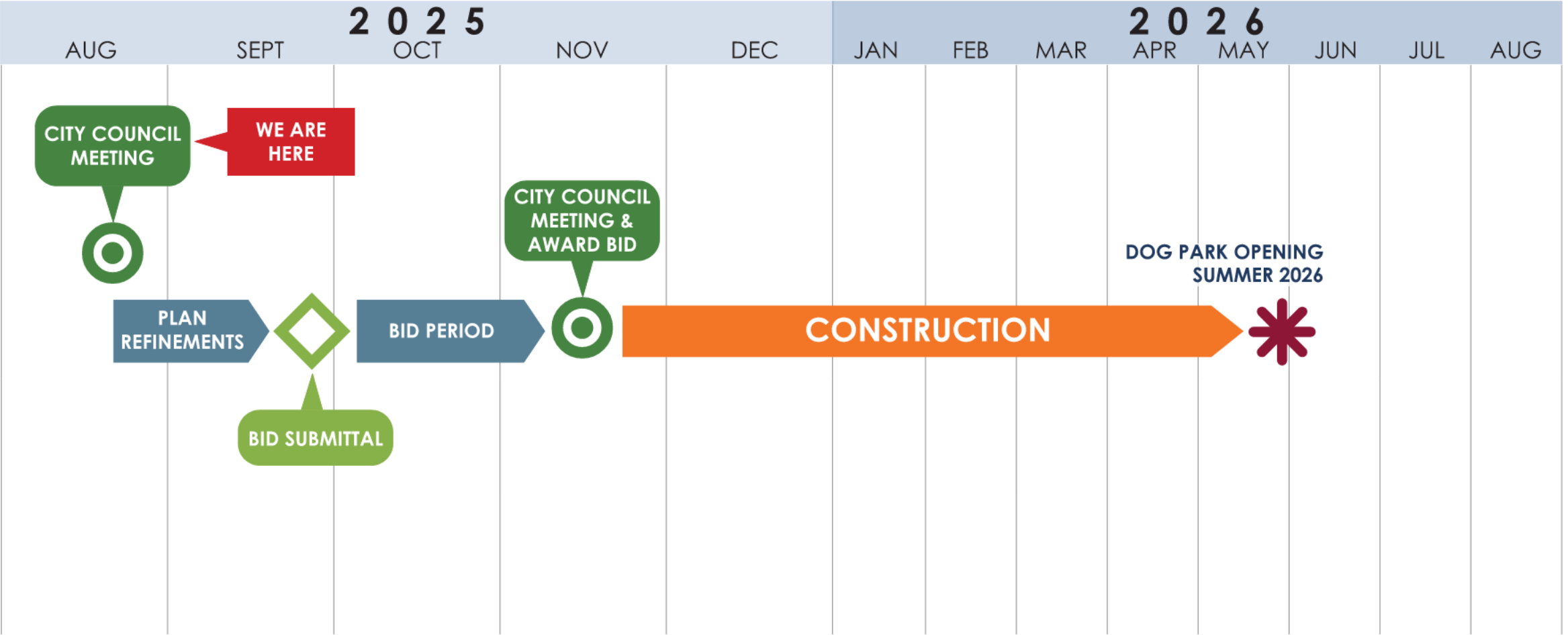
CHARACTERISTIC	SYNTHETIC TURF	DECOMPOSED GRANITE	MULCH
Initial Cost	High – \$8-15 per SF	Moderate – \$4-8 per SF	Low – \$1-3 per SF
Maintenance Cost	Moderate – regular washing and annual deep cleaning	Low – occasional grading and refilling	High – regular replacement, raking and odor control
Replacement Life Cycle	Long – 8-10 years, depends on usage	Long – 8-10 years, depends on maintenance	Short – 1-2 years, breaks down and requires replenishment
Durability	High – withstands heavy use and most weather	Moderate – can erode over time and compacts with heavy use	Low – easily displaces, degrades quickly
Environmental Impact	Moderate – synthetic material, studies show negligible health risk and no significant chemical leeching, recycling is available	Low – natural material, may create dust	Low – organic and biodegradable
Comfort	Moderate – soft surface, becomes hot in sun and during high temperatures	Low – hard surface, becomes warm in sun and during high temperatures	High – soft surface, cool temperature
Cleanliness	High – drains well, can be hosed down and brushed clean	Moderate – absorbs waste and odors, can be raked clean	Low – absorbs waste and odors, difficult to clean without removing material
Stormwater Resilience	High – dries quickly, subdrainage system moves water off surface quickly	Moderate – only semi-permeable, reliant on grading of surface slope	Low – absorbs water slowly, may float away in heavy rain



Construction Budget

Art Components	\$122,115.00
Subtotal Construction Cost	\$848,345.00
Construction Contingency.....	\$97,050.00
Bid Alternate	\$38,330.00
Total Estimated Construction Cost & Contingency.....	\$1,105,840.00

Next Steps



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Questions?





City of Los Altos 2025 Tentative Council Agenda Calendar

September 9, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING (4:00 p.m.):

- Conduct interviews to fill vacancies on City Commissions

REGULAR MEETING (7:00 p.m.):

SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Issue Proclamation Recognizing Public Works Director Aida Fairman

CONSENT:

- Adopt Resolution to Award Contract for Caretaker House Destruction

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Appoint members to City Commissions

September 30, 2025 Special Meeting

7:00 p.m.

CONSENT:

- Award General Plan Consultant

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Introduce Ordinances for Historic Preservation and Mills Act

The remaining 2025 City Council agenda calendar items are pending and will be published at a later date.

All items and dates are tentative and subject to change unless a specific date has been noticed for a legally required Public Hearing. Items may be added or removed from the shown date at any time and for any reason prior to the publication of the agenda.

PROGRAM	SUB PROJECT	INITIATION DATE	HEU COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Budget & Hire Planning Technician		December 31, 2022	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Amend ADU Ordinance based upon HCD's letter		6 months or less	COMPLETED
Program 6.G: Housing mobility	Allow more than one JADU (at least two per site)		with ADU Ordinance Update	COMPLETED
Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Eliminate 3rd Party Architectural Review		February 28, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Dismiss Design Review Commission		February 28, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.L: Eliminate the requirement of story poles.			March 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.E: Conduct annual ADU rental income surveys.	Budget & Hire Housing Manager	March 31, 2023		COMPLETED
residents.	Transportation Demand		June 30, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	RFP-Permit Ready ADU Plans		July 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Financial Analysis	July 1, 2023	December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.D: Evaluate and adjust impact fees.		August 1, 2023	December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Release RFP	December 31, 2023		COMPLETED
Program 6.C: Target housing development in highest resource areas.	Initial Outreach		September 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 6.D: Promote Housing Choice (Section 8) rental assistance program.			September 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.A: Continue to implement and enhance inclusionary housing requirements.			December 31, 2023	ONGOING
Program 2.B: Establish an affordable housing in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee.	Housing in-lieu fee.		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 2.F: Water and Sewer Service Providers.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.B: Modify building height in mixed-use zoning districts.	Downtown Districts		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.E: Ensure that the density bonus ordinance remains consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	ONGOING

Program 3.H: Amend design review process and requirements.	Code Amendments		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.K: Standardize multimodal transportation requirements.	Bicycle Storage and Charging Regulations		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 3.K: Standardize multimodal transportation requirements.	Remove CSC Review of Housing Developments		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.C: Allow Low Barrier Navigation Centers consistent with AB 101.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.D: Allow transitional and supportive housing consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.E: Allow employee/farmworker housing consistent with State law.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 4.F: Reasonably accommodate disabled persons' housing needs.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 6.B: Maintain and expand an inventory of affordable housing funding sources.	Prepare Inventory.		December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 6.E: Prepare and distribute anti-displacement information.			December 31, 2023	COMPLETED
Program 1.A: Rezone for RHNA shortfall.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.G: Rezone housing sites from previous Housing Elements.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.G: Amend Conditional Use Permits findings applicable to housing developments.			March 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.I: Allow residential care facilities consistent with State law.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.J: Explicitly allow manufactured homes consistent with State law.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.F: Reduce Conditional Use Permit requirement for residential mixed-use and multi-family.			September 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.B: Facilitate higher density housing in the Commercial Thoroughfare (CT) District.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 1.C: Allow housing in the Office Administrative (OA) District.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED

Program 1.E: Update the Loyola Corners Specific Plan.			January 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).	Adopt-Permit Ready ADU Plans		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.A: Prepare a Downtown parking plan and update citywide parking requirements.	Downtown Parking Plan		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.A: Prepare a Downtown parking plan and update citywide parking requirements.	Comprehensive Parking Ordinance Update		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.B: Modify building height in mixed-use zoning districts.	Neighborhood (CN) District		December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.C: Remove floor-to-area ratio (FAR) restriction at Rancho Shopping Center and Woodland Plaza.			December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 3.M: Modify parking requirements for emergency shelters consistent with State law.			December 31, 2024	COMPLETED
Program 2.B: Establish an affordable housing in-lieu fee and commercial linkage fee.	Commercial linkage fee.	December 31, 2025		COMPLETED
Program 1.D: Allow housing on certain Public and Community Facilities District sites and facilitate housing on religious institution properties.			December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 6.G: Housing mobility	Allow housing on all religious sites within the City		December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 1.F: Rezone Village Court parcel.			December 31, 2025	COMPLETED
Program 4.H: Provide additional density bonuses and incentives for housing that accommodates special needs groups.			December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 4.I: Allow senior housing with extended care facilities in multi-family and mixed-use zoning districts.			December 31, 2025	IN-PROGRESS
Program 1.I: Incentivize Downtown lot consolidation.			July 31, 2026	
Program 4.G: Assist seniors to maintain and rehabilitate their homes.			July 31, 2026	ONGOING
Program 6.C: Target housing development in highest resource areas.	Follow-up Outreach		September 31, 2026	

Program 1.H: Facilitate housing on City-owned sites.	Entitlement Review		December 31, 2026	
Program 3.N: Modify standards in the R3 zoning districts.			December 31, 2026	COMPLETED
Program 4.J: Facilitate alternate modes of transportation for residents.	Capital Improvement Project for above head pedestrian crossing signals on San Antonio Road near Downtown Los Altos		December 31, 2027	
Program 5.F: Incentivize the creation of play areas for multi-family housing projects.			December 31, 2027	
Program 1.K: Participate in regional housing needs planning efforts.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 1.L: General Plan amendments.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 1.M: SB 9 implementation.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 1.N: Facilitate and monitor pipeline housing projects.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 2.C: Assist in securing funding for affordable housing projects.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 2.D: Encourage and streamline Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 2.E: Conduct annual ADU rental income surveys.	Annual Survey		Annually	ONGOING
Program 4.A: Support efforts to fund homeless services.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 4.B: Continue to participate in local and regional forums for homelessness, supportive, and transitional housing.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.A: Monitor condominium conversions.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.B: Continue to administer the City's affordable housing programs.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.C: Restrict commercial uses from displacing residential neighborhoods.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.D: Implement voluntary code inspection program.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 5.E: Help secure funding for housing rehabilitation and assistance programs.			Ongoing	ONGOING

Program 6.A: Assist residents with housing discrimination and landlord-tenant complaints.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 6.B: Maintain and expand an inventory of affordable housing funding sources.	Inform, Evaluate Apply/Submit		Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 6.F: Affirmatively market physically accessible units.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 7.A: Promote energy and water conservation and greenhouse gas reduction through education and awareness campaigns.			Ongoing	ONGOING
Program 7.B: Monitor and implement thresholds and statutory requirements of climate change legislation.			Ongoing	ONGOING



MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2025
TO: City Council
FROM: Melissa Thurman, City Clerk
SUBJECT: CITY WEBSITE UPDATE

On June 11, 2025, the City of Los Altos launched an updated website, hosted by our long-time website vendor, CivicPlus. The last time the city's website was fully updated was in 2013, and in recent years vital components of the website began to fail, forcing staff to take measures to update to a more robust and user-friendly system. Additionally, the backend portion of the former city website was no longer supported by CivicPlus and further necessitated a comprehensive migration to the current version of the website.

In 2024, staff initiated a year-long process to review all website pages, links, and documents comprehensively, and to migrate data from the old website into the new platform, in collaboration with CivicPlus. City staff received multiple training sessions and had the opportunity to work on the new website before its public launch, ensuring a smooth transition on June 11th. Staff had also anticipated that the weeks and months spent after the launch date of the new website would be spent identifying and fixing reported issues, and we received multiple notifications from members of the public of areas of concern.

One of the significant issues that occurred after the launch was the identification that the city's current agenda management system, MuniCode, would not work correctly with the new website platform. This came as a surprise to both city staff and CivicPlus, as this was not discovered during the multiple testing phases before June 11th, and was unfortunately only discovered after the publication of an agenda packet on June 19th. The first major issue was the removal of the "HTML" link provided by MuniCode. This was a link that allowed users to quickly access the agenda and packet, without the need to download the packet to a device for viewing. It also provided a capability to quickly jump between agenda items and their attachments, without having to scroll through hundreds of pages to get to a particular section of the packet. It is important to note that the city's published agenda packets since the June 11th website launch are fully compliant with California State law.

Once this issue was identified, CivicPlus immediately began working with city staff to update our agenda management system to a more current and streamlined platform that has been built within the website, allowing full capabilities to return to our residents. However, it is important to note that the existing agenda management system is dated,

and beginning to become unsupported by CivicPlus which further necessitates this transition to the most up-to-date platform provided. Typically, this transition takes up to six months to complete; however, due to the immediate need for a system update, CivicPlus and the City Clerk's office have been having weekly meetings since early July to complete this upgrade by October 2025. Ultimately, the new agenda management system will launch in half the time than what typically is required to go-live.

Since the HTML link's disappearance was initially discovered, a workaround has been found. This workaround allows staff to insert the HTML link directly inside the notification message for subscribers to agendas and minutes, enabling them to easily open the packet and access individual agenda items and attachments throughout the document, just as they had been able to do on the previous platform.

Below is a list of other areas of the website that necessitated extra attention and repair, some of which were brought forth by members of the public:

- **NotifyMe**

- The uploading of City agendas and packets, and other relevant documents, was previously transmitted to members of the public via the previous website's "E-Notify" page. When the updated website launched, this notification method transitioned to "NotifyMe", a product of CivicPlus. Initially, users reported that they were asked to create an account with the website to use "NotifyMe" and receive these notifications. Staff contacted CivicPlus, who found that this was a setting on their system that they were able to remove. In June, this was updated to allow all website users to sign up for e-notifications without registering an account.

- **External Codes**

- Staff had been notified of browser requests issued to external sites, including Facebook, by a member of the public shortly after the launch of the website. After researching this issue, it was discovered that the issue was in a particular code hidden on the backend of the website, which allows the display of social media widgets for city accounts on multiple pages of the website. Initially, staff removed the social media widgets which removed the code identified by the public. However, after further review, the code was re-added to allow for members of the public to have easy access to the city's social media accounts and the most recent public meetings on YouTube.
 - Having each navigation to the City Social Media Accounts was one of the main benefits of migrating to a new city website and helps to further share information and messaging with the public. Additionally, city staff have researched that the majority of other Bay Area cities have similar browser

requests present on their website, which is a direct result of embedded social media on city websites.

- **Website Policies**

Working with CivicPlus, staff updated the city’s website policies, which include the web policy and the privacy policy, mirroring industry standards. To ensure the information was relevant to our platform and user demographics, CivicPlus and staff incorporated updates after reviewing similar policies from several local agencies within Santa Clara County, including Palo Alto, Mountain View, Cupertino, and others.

- **Website Issue Submission Page**

- To provide a simple method for members of the public to report website issues quickly, staff created a “Report a Website Issue” form, with fillable fields and an upload option for users to report broken links or any other technical issues they may experience when visiting the website. This would allow staff to document community feedback and proactively address them internally and/or with CivicPlus. That webpage may be found here:

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/FormCenter/General-Forms-4/Report-a-Website-Issue-67> or by completing the following steps:

- From the main webpage, click “I WANT TO…” on the top ribbon
- Select “Report a Website Issue” under the “Submit” subcategory

The City is eager to continue to work with the public on this significant website update and to ensure that our residents’ concerns and feedback are heard and attended to promptly.

DATE: 8/26/2025

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: COUNCIL Q&A FOR AUGUST 26, 2025 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Agenda Item 2 (Acceptance of Treasurer's Report):

- Please provide more detail about these expenditures:
 SAN DIEGO POLICE EQUIPMENT 00178920 04/17/2025 \$ 10,612.19
 SAN DIEGO POLICE EQUIPMENT 00179438 06/12/2025 \$ 4,121.45
 STORMWIND LLC 00179040 05/01/2025 \$ 4,995.00
 ANN HEPENSTAL 00179514 06/26/2025 \$ 2,135.00
Answer:
SAN DIEGO POLICE EQUIPMENT 00178920 04/17/2025 \$ 10,612.19
: Purchase of duty-grade ammunition for Police Department training and qualification.

SAN DIEGO POLICE EQUIPMENT 00179438 06/12/2025 \$ 4,121.45
: Purchase of protective training gear (masks, throat and groin protectors) for scenario-based officer training.

STORMWIND LLC 00179040 05/01/2025 \$ 4,995.00
: Annual IT training subscription for staff development in cybersecurity and systems administration.

ANN HEPENSTAL 00179514 06/26/2025 \$ 2,135.00
: Refund of facility rental and security deposit for canceled reservation at the Community Center.

Agenda Item 3 (Fee Waiver Policy):

- Please provide a red-lined version of the policy.
Answer: Please see attached.
- Exhibit 1, item 1.a. includes the clause "including, but not limited to, eligible fiscally-sponsored organizations of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation." Why is this clause included? Why is it needed when the subsection already says that "[t]he organization must be a nonprofit or civic organization?"
Answer: This is a request of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation as part of the transfer of Neutra House to the City. It is likely that any agency they fiscally sponsor could be considered either a non-profit or a civic organization, but not all sponsorships of LAMVCF may be in line with these definitions.

- 2b. The organization must provide insurance coverage as required by the City. What is this level of coverage? Will this be a burden that will block nascent organizations from using meeting rooms?

Answer: This would be at the discretion of the Facilities Rental team that would determine whether insurance coverage is required for the meeting based on a variety of factors, such as location, attendance, activities, and other items. More often than not, this will not be required for standard meetings, but this will allow staff the ability to require insurance coverage when necessary for larger organizational meetings.

For example, a nonprofit or civic organization may want to do team building activities as part of a meeting that could include physical activities. As a result, the City may request insurance coverage from any potential liabilities for that particular meeting.

Agenda Item 4 (COPS Grant Funding):

- How are the COPS/SLESF funds allocated among agencies?

Answer: Pursuant to Government Code section 30061, subdivision (b), paragraph (3), each law enforcement jurisdiction receiving front-line law enforcement funding is to receive a minimum grant of \$100,000. It is based on population, but each jurisdiction receives a minimum of \$100,000 annually.

- What can the City do to increase the grant funding from COPS/SLESF?

Answer: Not applicable, as it is based on population and we always receive the minimum \$100,000. In some past years, the City of Los Altos has received more than \$100,000, but there is no way to predict how much more we will receive in any given year.

Agenda Item 5 (County Program - PPI Annual Report):

- What can the City do to improve our CRS rating?

Answer: In order to improve the City's CRS rating, the City would need to implement additional CRS-approved flood damage reduction activities. Currently, the CRS Program is being reviewed by the Federal Administration with subsequent changes for future years of program participation. Importantly, Congress must reauthorize the continued funding and operation of the National Flood Insurance Program by September 30, 2025. At this time, staff does not know if the CRS program will continue to operate as it has in the past. Any future changes to improve the city's CRS Rating would need to comply with the new guidelines for the program. The following data is regarding the CRS Program:

- California cities participating in the CRS Program: 108
- Number of cities in each rating category in California:
 - #1 = 1
 - #2 = 2
 - #3 = 0
 - #4 = 0
 - #5 = 6
 - #6 = 14
 - #7 = 33

- #8 = 24
- #9 = 18
- #10 = 10

The City of Los Altos currently has a CRS rating of 7. Only 23 participating jurisdictions in California have a CRS rating better than Los Altos.

- Would improving our CRS rating translate into even bigger discounts on flood insurance premiums for property owners?
Answer: Congress must reauthorize the continued funding and operation of the National Flood Insurance Program by September 30, 2025. At this time, staff does not know if the CRS program will continue to operate as it has in the past. Assuming the NFIP is reauthorized by Congress and there are no changes to the CRS program, improving the City’s CRS rating would result in increased discounts. Refer to the table below from [FEMA’s CRS webpage](#) for CRS ratings and associated flood insurance premium discounts:

CRS Credit Points, Classes and Premium Discounts

CRS Credit Points	CRS Class	CRS Discount (Premium Reduction)
4,500+	1	45%
4,000 – 4,499	2	40%
3,500 – 3,999	3	35%
3,000 – 3,499	4	30%
2,500 – 2,999	5	25%
2,000 – 2,499	6	20%
1,500 – 1,999	7	15%
1,000 – 1,499	8	10%
500 – 999	9	5%
0 – 499	10	0

- Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Evaluation Report for FY25
Both of the web links for Los Altos in this report are broken:
<https://www.losaltosca.gov/publicworks/page/flood-zone-information>
<https://www.losaltosca.gov/publicworks/page/floodplain-management-information>

What steps will be taken to ensure correct web links for Los Altos in the ongoing Program for Public Information?

Answer: The Santa Clara County Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Annual Evaluation was prepared before the rollout of the City's new website, which resulted in broken links to the City website. Floodplain management information is available here: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/422/Floodplain-Management-Information>

Agenda Items 6 (Contract Amendment #2 with Beauchaine Consulting Grp.):

- Why aren't the services sought in amendment #2 covered in the original contract or the first amendment?

Answer: Amendment #2 covers post-Go-Live support needs that were not known when the original contract or Amendment #1 was approved. At those times, the ERP system had not gone live yet, so we couldn't fully define what stabilization or cleanup would be needed. Now that Tyler is live (as of July 1, 2025), additional support is required to address real-time issues, fine-tune system settings, and provide extra training.

- What was the amount of the original contract and what was the amount of the first amendment?

Answer: The original contract with Beauchaine Consulting Group was approved in March 2024 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000. This covered interim functional support for the Finance Department and early assistance with the Tyler ERP project. In July 2024, the City approved Amendment #1, which added \$260,000 to support expanded work during the ERP system testing and pre-Go-Live phase. The current Amendment #2 proposes an additional \$75,000 for post-Go-Live support. With this amendment, the total contract amount will be \$415,000.

- What services were covered/accomplished by the original contract and by the first amendment?

Answer: The original contract provided interim leadership for the Finance Department during a transition period. Stephanie Beauchaine, principal in Beauchaine Consulting Group, was acting as the City's Finance Director. Services included overseeing daily operations, supporting the annual audit, assisting with budget development, and helping the City prepare for the implementation of the new Tyler ERP system. At that time, the focus was on stabilizing internal processes and setting the foundation for a successful system rollout.

Amendment #1 expanded the consultant's role to provide more intensive support during the ERP testing and Go-Live preparation phases. This included managing data validation, coordinating user training, finalizing system configurations, and ensuring departments were ready to operate in the new system.

Together, these efforts supported a successful Go-Live of the Tyler ERP system on July 1, 2025, with all core modules implemented and in active daily use.

- Is the Tyler ERP system connected for data flow with other software systems used by the city (e.g. payroll)? Are those application programming interfaces currently functional?

Answer: No, the Tyler ERP system is not currently integrated through automated data connections (APIs) with other external systems such as payroll. Tyler has the functionality to do this, but the City is bringing different Tyler “modules” online first. Currently, the City has opted for manual data imports and exports between Tyler and external systems (like ADP for payroll). This ensures accurate and current information is maintained without the risk of interface failure, and it allows staff to validate data as needed during each exchange.

Agenda Item 8 (CalCities Voting Delegate):

- What resolutions have been finalized and/or are expected to be brought before the membership?

Answer: The resolutions have not been distributed and are unknown at this time. CalCities produces the resolutions at the conference.

- Which councilmembers are currently scheduled to attend the CalCities annual conference?

Answer: Councilmembers Lang and Weinberg have reservations to attend the conference.

Agenda Item 9 (Main Library Design Concept):

- Presentation slide 3: Why is “accessibility concerns” a tier 2 item (and the very last tier 2 item)? Shouldn’t accessibility be an overriding goal?

Answer: Accessibility is always an overarching goal in any remodel project and this proposal considers accessibility with every design decision. As part of Slide #6, considering an inclusive design integrates accessibility into every element of the design. The tiered list was developed as a result of direct feedback from the public. The accessibility needs and requirements will be met by code and the order of where it is listed on the slide is simply reflective of how the community prioritized it relative to other competing priorities.

- Presentation slide 3: Why is “[r]emodel to support full Extended Hours space” considered a low priority?

Answer: The community did not express a strong interest in providing the smaller extended hours space 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or utilizing the whole library space for the extended hours.

The extended hour space would model after the service we currently provide at Woodland - Open Access. At Woodland, this service currently provides the community 3 extra hours before the library opens to check out holds, books, read the newspaper, work and or study.

- Presentation slide 3: What are the pending improvements referred to at the end of the table? Is that the forthcoming patio?

Answer: The pending improvements refer to the Children’s Area improvements being completed by the County as part of a Countywide refresh of Children’s Area spaces

through the County library system. The Children's Area is not within the scope of work being reviewed as part of this project, but the design team for the Library renovation has coordinated with the current design plans for the children's area.

- Presentation slide 4: Why does ABA suggest that the library should reduce the size of its collection?

Answer: ABA coordinated with Library staff on the ability to consider an adjustment to the collection and this was received well by Library staff. Our librarians continually evaluate how to balance our collections with the need for meeting rooms and seating. With the rise in digital materials use, some physical collections are no longer as heavily used, which allows us to reallocate portions of our materials space to better serve community needs. All changes to the collection will be data driven and Library staff will work closely with ABA to determine the collection size needed.

- Presentation slide 12: Why are the new meeting rooms "fishbowl" style instead of offering some level of privacy?

Answer: Library staff expressed an interest in maintaining visibility into all areas of the Library, including these meeting rooms. In addition, some level of privacy can be offered through film or translucent coatings up to eye level to allow for additional privacy. The glazing also helps to allow light from the exterior windows to spill into the meeting spaces and then also continue to spill into the library space through the glazed walls of the meeting room (shared/borrowed natural light).

- From the timeline, it looks like there is no additional Commission review of the project and no further Council review until the 95% construction documents are complete, is that a correct interpretation?

Answer: At this point in time, the improvements would not return for a formal review by the Commission or City Council until that time. If the design team or City staff needed to receive further clarification on a design element beyond what is presented tonight, the design would return for consideration.

- How does the proposed Friends of the Library space compare to other Friend's spaces in other libraries in the county? My understanding is that this proposal gives more space to FoL in Los Altos proportionately to Friends spaces in other libraries.

Answer: Based on relationship of overall building square footage of other libraries in the County library system, the Friends of the Library Workspace and Sales space combined at Los Altos should be between 500 square feet to 550 square feet total as you can see in the snapshot below. Currently, there is about 780 square feet for workspace and 220 square feet for sales space in the building. The preferred design concept shows 745 square feet for workspace and 200 square feet for sales space.

Location	Total Sq. Ft.	Staff Work Space		FOL Work Space		FOL Sale Space		Additional Notes
		%	Sq. Ft.	%	Sq. Ft.	%	Sq. Ft.	
Campbell	24,000	0.00%	-	1.58%	380	0.13%	32	
Cupertino	59,600	9.37%	5,585	1.80%	1,070	0.30%	180	2nd Floor workspace
Gilroy	53,000	5.72%	3,031	1.40%	742	0.00%	-	Retail is same as storage
Hilpitas	60,000	8.16%	4,893	0.84%	501	0.16%	96	High density shelving in workspace
Morgan Hill	30,500	5.89%	1,795	0.66%	200	1.03%	315	Staff space includes supervisor offices and staff conference room.
Saratoga	48,500	7.17%	3,478	1.48%	720	1.61%	782	Additional off site location
Woodland	4,600	10.63%	489	0.00%	-	0.22%	10	
Averages		8.00%		1.42%		0.54%		
		Not including Campbell		Not including Woodland				
		7.00%		1.24%				
		Including Campbell		Including Woodland				
Los Altos	28,050	8.00%	2,245	1.42%	397	0.54%	150	
Using Averages		7.00%	1,964	1.24%	348			

- How important is the passport space in the plan as desired by the public and by the county library staff?
Answer: The passport space is a highly utilized service of the Library and the County has emphasized the necessity of this service for the community. Los Altos Library passport clerks process about 175 passports per month and over 9300 since we began the service in 2019.

Agenda Item 10 (Hillview Dog Park):

Please note agenda item #10 is asking the City Council to consider the expenditure of public art funds in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the inclusion public art components in the approved dog park design.

The dog park design was unanimously approved by the City Council at the July 9, 2024 meeting. The design consultant, Verde Design, is no longer under contract as their work was completed with the approval of the dog park design at this meeting. If Council would like to discuss changes to the current design, including ground cover options, a study session or agenda item at a future Council meeting would be necessary to make any desired changes or have a discussion.

- Presentation slide entitled “Implementation Effort:” Why does this plan have no straight lines? It’s as if we’re looking at the dog park from under water.
Answer: In the Implementation Effort slide, pavers are being represented with lines that are not straight, as some pavers are produced. This was just a rendering that represents curved shaped pavers.
- Would pea gravel be an appropriate ground covering for the dog park?
Answer: This question will be forwarded to the architect for consideration if City Council desires future discussion on the project.
- The art concept shade structure slide shows a shade cover that has vine/leaf cutouts. Is this decided on, and if so, has the effect of sunlight through irregular shaped openings like

this been considered regarding people with epilepsy, severe headache or other medical conditions associated with light sensitivity?

Answer: The actual design/style of the shade structure has not been decided yet. Being that the final design has not be selected, no research has been put into how sunlight would affect people with light sensitivity issues.

- Although not technically on the agenda, can you please summarize the preferences for Los Altos dog owners for materials for the dog park? Wasn't natural grass most preferred followed by artificial turf and then decomposed granite?

Answer: At the conclusion of the outreach period, the preferences were as follows:

47% Natural Turf
21% Synthetic Turf
19% Mulch
10% DG
3% PeaGravel+Sand

- How much area is proposed to be artificial turf?

Answer: 7,840 square feet

- Questions answered by the Q&A forwarded by City Manager Engeland.

Answer: Please see attachment #2 to this document.

- Please include the attached documents with the Q&A:

Please note these documents were requested to be included in the packet by Councilmember Weinberg. They have not been reviewed by staff or consultants.

- South Bay Dog Park Samples
- 10-Year Cost Estimate Comparison
- Artificial Turf Product Content and Comparison
- The Myth of Artificial Turf Recycling
- Sunnyvale Park Design Guidelines (pages 10 and 11)

Answer: These documents have been attached as requested.

Tentative Council Agenda:

- The Sept. 30 meeting is a regular meeting -

Answer:

During a City Council meeting in November 2024 when the 2025 City Council Calendar was presented for approval, a request was made to cancel a proposed regular meeting date, September 23, 2025, and move the meeting a week back to September 30, 2025, due to a religious holiday on September 23rd. It was verbally announced that September 30th would be considered a regular meeting.

City Council regular meetings are set by ordinance and cannot be verbally amended from the dais and would require a formal amendment. Earlier this year, staff presented

Council with an ordinance amendment, which would allow regular meeting dates to be moved to alternate dates, by resolution adoption. However, the cancellation of the September 23rd meeting date to September 30th has not been formalized by resolution and is still considered a “special meeting” per the Council Norms and Municipal Code (cited below).

If the City Council would like to request a future agenda item to bring a resolution before Council formalizing the change in regular meeting date to September 30, 2025, they may do so with other Council support, and the item will be added as a Consent item on the September 9, 2025 meeting.

Moving forward, when Council sets the calendar for the following year with the new Mayor, staff will return at the following meeting with a resolution adopting the regular meeting schedule.

8.3 Regular Meetings.

The City Council shall conduct its regular meetings at the time and place established by ordinance. At the first regular meeting in December, the City Council will approve the schedule of meetings for the next calendar year, which shall be the Council’s adopted regular meeting schedule. This practice does not, however, preclude the Mayor or a majority of the members of the City Council from calling additional meetings pursuant to Section 8.5, if necessary. If the Council schedules a meeting that is not part of the adopted regular meeting schedule, that meeting shall be a special meeting or a study session. It will be the custom to have a recess at approximately 9:00 p.m. Prior to the recess, the Mayor shall announce whether any items will be carried over to the next meeting. The established hour after which no new items will be started is 11:00 p.m. Remaining items, however, may be considered by consensus of the Council. *(Council Norms)*

2.04.010 - Meetings.

A. The council shall hold its regular meetings in the community meeting chambers located at One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. A special meeting of the city council may be called at any time by the mayor, or by a majority of the members of the city council, in accordance with state law. Any meeting of the city council may be cancelled in advance by majority vote of the council. The mayor may cancel a meeting in the case of an emergency or when a majority of members have confirmed in writing their unavailability to attend a meeting.

B. Exception. *The city council may from time to time, by resolution, change the day and/or time of a regular or special meeting or meetings as provided in subsection A of this section. If the city council so elects, a resolution shall be adopted which clearly states the duration of the change, or if no termination is stated, the revised start time shall prevail until altered by a resolution of the city council. (Municipal Code)*

8.5 Cancelling Meetings.

Any meeting of the City Council may be cancelled in advance by majority vote of the Council. The Mayor may cancel a meeting in the case of an emergency or when a majority of members have confirmed in writing to the City Manager their unavailability

to attend a meeting or agreement to cancel a meeting. **Special Meetings.** A special meeting may be called at any time by the Mayor or by a majority of the City Council in accordance with State Law. Written notice of any such meeting must specify the purpose of the meeting and the identities of members making the call. Notice of 12 the meeting must be given in accordance with law. Public comments at special meetings shall be limited to only those items described on the special meeting notice/agenda. The City Council may hold study sessions or joint meetings with other boards, commissions, committees, or agencies as deemed necessary to attend to City business. These meetings will be coordinated by the City Clerk. Study sessions, which are special meetings, are scheduled to provide Councilmembers the opportunity to better understand a particular item. While Council may legally take action at any noticed meeting, generally no formal action is taken at study sessions. If action is to be taken at a study session, then the agenda will state that action may be taken. *(Council Norms)*

Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Fee Waiver Policy

~~Allow non-profit and civic organizations to use the Apricot room in the Los Altos Community Center weekdays (Monday through Thursday) during non-peak hours at no cost. This use is to be limited to once per month and depending upon the availability of the space.~~

~~The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for non-profit and civic organizations to request fee waivers for meetings.~~

~~This policy is intended for the City's sole benefit, and nothing herein is intended to confer any legal right or privilege on any member of the public.~~

~~City of Los Altos requires all non-profit organizations or Los Altos residents interested in having the City of Los Altos waive fees for a facility rental to meet all the below guidelines and submit a completed application packet.~~

1. Applicant Guidelines

- ~~a. The organization must be a nonprofit or civic organization, including, but not limited to, eligible fiscally-sponsored organizations of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation.~~
- ~~b. The organization and meeting must both provide a direct benefit to the Los Altos community.~~
- ~~c. The event may not be political or religious in nature.~~
- ~~d. The organization may only apply for one meeting fee waiver per month.~~

2. Application Requirements and Terms

- ~~a. Completed applications will be due 90 days prior to the event.~~
- ~~b. The organization must provide insurance coverage as required by the City.~~

3. Application Procedure

- ~~a. Applicant will complete the Facility Rental Application Form, Non-Profit and Civic Organization Meeting Waiver Application Form, and supporting documentation.~~
- ~~b. Applicant will provide City staff with their requirements for the facility rental, including number of attendees, date and time of event, and preferred space. Applicants may request a preferred space for the event, but this policy does not guarantee that any eligible organizations will receive the preferred space.~~
- ~~c. City staff will review all available facilities that may meet the requirements for the facility rental, identify any available space at any of the City facilities, and provide those options to the applicant as options.~~
- ~~d. All applications eligible under this process will be superseded by those of the City or by previously contracted use of space.~~

4. Review and Approval Process

- a. Applications will be reviewed by City staff for completion.
- b. The City Manager or their designee will have the authority to approve waivers for nonprofit or civic organizations annually in an amount not to exceed the Council approved expenditure authority of the City Manager.

**Via Email**

August 21, 2025

MEMO TO: Scott Reeves**FROM:** Brian Fletcher, Principal
Callander Associates**RE: HILLVIEW DOG PARK/SURFACING**

Callander Associates (CALA) was asked to respond to questions in advance of the City Council meeting to approve the use of art funds for elements within the Hillview Dog Park. The questions pertain to the surfacing materials proposed on the plans along with CALA's background designing dog parks with a variety of surfacing materials.

First let me state that selection of surfacing materials for a dog park is challenging in that each potential material has benefits and drawbacks. There is no perfect surfacing material that will work for all dog park applications.

That being said, we utilize a variety of inputs when presenting options for each city to consider including park size, initial and long-term maintenance costs, life cycle and durability, environmental impact, comfort for the dogs, cleanliness, drainage implications, and public input.

Why does Callander recommend artificial turf (AT) instead of decomposed granite (DG)?

It is important to note that CALA was brought on board after the community outreach and master plan was approved. That effort included an extensive discussion of material choices and community ranking. This resulted in synthetic turf being second in preference (natural grass was most preferred). Synthetic Turf was recommended as part of the master plan since natural turf is too difficult to maintain for such a small dog park.

CALA continued to provide the city with additional material analysis and manufacturer information to ensure that the city was making an informed decision. We agree with the recommendation in the master plan to utilize synthetic turf due to its moderate requirements for maintenance (washing and annual deep cleaning), its durability and lifespan, moderate environmental impacts (product advancements and recycling options are improving), overall comfort (soft surface but can become hot during the warmest of days/time periods), cleanliness, and its ability to drain water quickly thus extending use hours over other materials.

How many dog parks has Callander designed?

Our records show that we have helped design at least 27 dog parks within public parks and private developments since 2006.

Of the dog parks designed by Callander, how many times did Callander recommend DG?

If you review our parks, you will see that each one is different including the surfacing materials used. We have several examples (like Allan Witt Park, Fairfield) that are predominately decomposed granite and others (like Centennial Trail Dog Park, South San Francisco) that use a combination of materials including decomposed granite. Most of our dog parks use a mixture of surfacing materials and selections are informed by the site constraints, maintenance practices, and other factors discussed earlier.

What made the dog parks where Callander recommended DG instead of AT different from the proposed dog park at Hillview?

As mentioned, before we utilize a variety of inputs when presenting options for each city to consider including park size, initial and long-term maintenance costs, life cycle and durability, environmental impact, comfort for the dogs, cleanliness, drainage implications, and public input.

When we have used decomposed granite as the predominant material, it has been due to the preference of the client after the evaluation of other materials. Each community has to make the determination what is best for them. Decomposed granite has the benefits of lower maintenance costs (still requires grading, weeding, and refilling), long lifespan, and it is a natural material. Some of its drawbacks are higher supporting drainage costs, dust and spreading of material, and it is a hard and more abrasive surface. Parks utilizing decomposed granite also should be closed during and right after rain events and for annual maintenance.

For Hillview, what would be the cost difference to construct the dog park with DG instead of AT?

Based upon what we see from current bid results we are estimating Synthetic Turf with Base Rock at \$15/sf and Decomposed granite at \$8/sf. Based upon a total of 7,840 square feet we would estimate decomposed granite to be \$54,880 less than synthetic turf (these are installed material costs). However, that is not the entire story.

Decomposed granite is typically not considered a permeable material (not self-treating) as it relates to stormwater treatment requirements. Decomposed granite would require all surface runoff to be treated in a bioswale before being entering into the storm drain system. Synthetic Turf is typically considered permeable and stormwater can be percolated into the ground. The bioswale is a more extensive and costly system and would negate any material savings. Additionally, the construction of a bioswale will reduce the size of the dog park.

What are the different costs to maintain Hillview if constructed with AT vs DG?

Unfortunately, this is something we cannot estimate. The level of maintenance and materials used are determined by the client and can vary wildly. Synthetic Turf is recommended to have regular washing and an annual deep cleaning. We have

proposed a watering system that can be used for automatic washdown and localized quick coupling valves for hose connections. Decomposed granite typically requires occasional grading and refilling of material, weeding, and closure during and immediately after rain events to prevent further erosion.

What is the chemical cleaner used on the proposed AT for Hillview?

As stated above the maintenance practices are determined by the owner's maintenance team and are typically based upon recommended products from the turf manufacturer.

What chemical cleaner would be used if the Hillview dog park were constructed with DG?

As stated above the maintenance practices are determined by the owner's maintenance team. However, decomposed granite will need care to regrade low areas, and add material as needed. This will be especially true at the edge between the decomposed granite and the bioswale mentioned prior. Urine will be concentrated there due to runoff and will need to be addressed.

Are there recycling facilities available in the US for turf? Has staff identified a recycling facility for the turf proposed to be installed in the dog park?

We posed this question to one of the manufacturers being considered and they indicated that not much is actually recycled in the United States (too expensive). Their recycling facility is in Germany. They recycle the turf, infill, and backing (the entire product), and make composite perimeter board out of it. Demand for recycling is high and technologies are changing. These products are anticipated to last between 8-12 years.

Artificial Turf Product Content and Comparison.

Prepared by Laura Fay, Los Altos

Aug 1, 2025

Summary:

Based on the research performed by the Hillview Dog Park architect, [Callander Associates](#), two products have been shortlisted for consideration by the Los Altos PARC Commission and approval by City Council:

- ["Pet Platinum" from Synlawn](#) states that the product has "no-added PFAS" and "manufactured PFAS free". This is a play on words. The base product is polymer-based polyethylene. See [Product Specification](#)
- [K9 Grass from Forever Lawn](#)

Neither of the proposed Artificial Turf products qualify as environmentally friendly. Each are constructed with “high resilience” Polyethylene and polymer blade – petroleum-based derivatives. These materials contain harmful PFAS “forever chemicals” that have been scientifically proven to be harmful for humans and the environment. All artificial turf product must be replaced ever 8-10 year (depending on usage), and are not proven to be recyclable, further contributing to landfill waste.

There are no fully independent third-party comparisons specifically detailing the polymer-based materials of K9Grass® versus SYNLawn Pet Platinum. Much of the available information—including on antimicrobial agents, backing systems, fiber technology, and drainage performance—originates from the manufacturers themselves and from industry-aligned blogs or installation guides. Note the high reference to registered trademark terms. This generates product ingredient obscurity.

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Here's a detailed comparison of K9Grass® (ForeverLawn) vs. SYNLawn® Pet Platinum, focusing on their polymer-based materials and technologies:

Polymer Components & Antimicrobial Features – Vendor Supplied

K9Grass® (Classic+ / Elite)

- **Blade Yarn:** Polyethylene primary blades; some styles use textured nylon for the thatch layer [Reddit+13K9Grass by ForeverLawn+13SYNLawn+13ForeverLawn](#).
- **Antimicrobial Integration:** Embedded AlphaSan® silver-based antimicrobial in the blades during extrusion—permanent, not topical [ARCAT+5K9Grass by ForeverLawn+5ForeverLawn+5](#).
- **Backing:** A knitted Flow-Through Backing™ made from engineered polymers, allowing edge-to-edge drainage (~2,000–3,000 inches/hour) and using no infill [ARCAT+6ForeverLawn+6K9Grass by ForeverLawn+6](#).
- **No Infill Design:** Eliminates rubber or sand infill [ARCAT+7K9Grass by ForeverLawn+7ForeverLawn+7](#).

SYNLawn Pet Platinum

- **Blade Yarn:** Polyethylene grass-zone yarn and polyethylene thatch yarn, with a dense 80–100 oz/sq yd weight and ~1½" pile height [SYNLawn+4SYNLawn+4SYNLawn+4](#).
- **Antimicrobial Integration:** Sanitized® antimicrobial included within the yarn, plus StatBlock™ anti-static and DualChill™ IR-reflective cooling technologies—integrated into the "Super Yarn™" fiber system [K9Grass by ForeverLawn+6SYNLawn Austin+6SYNLawn+6](#).
- **Backing:** Dual backing system—primary polypropylene/polyester layer plus a 22-oz EnviroLoc+™ secondary backing, which replaces up to 60% petroleum-based polyols with renewable soybean-based polymers (maintaining 40% petroleum based products. [SYNLawn+5SYNLawn+5SYNLawn Chicago+5](#).
- **Drainage Design:** Designed with drainage (>1,000 inches/hour) via multiple perforations (SuperDrain+™), infill is optional, often using antimicrobial-coated

granules to enhance odor control [ForeverLawn+4SYNLawn Chicago+4SYNLawn+4](#).

 Material Design Comparison

Aspect	K9Grass®	SYNLawn Pet Platinum
Blade Composition	Polyethylene (+ optional nylon in elite)	Polyethylene yarn for both grass and thatch layers
Antimicrobial Technology	Embedded AlphaSan®	Embedded Sanitized® in Super Yarn™
Additional Fiber Technologies	None	StatBlock™ anti-static, DualChill™ cooling
Backing System	Knitted flow-through backing (no infill)	Primary PP/PET + EnviroLoc+™ backing
Biobased Content	No renewable polymers used	Up to 60% soy-based polyol in backing
Drainage Capability	~2,000–3,000 in/hr edge-to-edge	1,000 in/hr p/h via drainage holes
Infill Requirement	None	Optional, depending on odor-control strategy

 Cleaning & Odor Control via Polymer Design

- **K9Grass®**: With its zero-infill design, liquids and solids pass through fairly quickly via the knitted backing. The antimicrobial fibers reduce bacterial growth and odor buildup. The short, dense blades make debris removal straightforward [Reddit+6K9Grass by ForeverLawn+6ForeverLawn+6ForeverLawn+1ARCAT+1](#).
- **SYNLawn Pet Platinum**: Reasonable drainage, odor control relies on infill materials (like sanitized Envirofill). The antimicrobial in the yarn helps reduce

odor, but the infill can still trap residue. DualChill reduces heat retention, but infill top-offs and cleaning are still needed [SYNLawn Chicago+2ARCAT+2](#).

Performance and Durability

- **K9Grass®**: The knitted backing secures blades more robustly than tufted systems, resisting digging and edge lifting. AlphaSan-infusion and dense blade construction support long-term sanitation and durability [ForeverLawn+3PRWeb+3ForeverLawn+3](#).
- **SYNLawn Pet Platinum**: Built with heavy-duty Super Yarn™ and EnviroLoc+ backing for resiliency. Its high face weight and multiple tech layers provide durability, though infill use may affect resilience over time [SYNLawn ChicagoARCAT](#).

Conclusion: Polymer Differentiators

- **K9Grass®** offers an infill-free design, knitted high-permeability backing, and embedded antimicrobial blades—tailored for maximum drainage, odor elimination, and pet safety.
- **SYNLawn Pet Platinum** brings a broader polymer tech stack—Super Yarn™ with antimicrobial, anti-static, and cooling features—and a hybrid renewable-content backing system. It performs well but usually relies on infill for full odor control and cushioning.

What the Independent Sources Show

1. Buyer Guides and Installation Sites

Sites like *Install-It-Direct* and *Ideal Turf* offer summaries of pet-turf technology, citing drainage, antimicrobial fiber, and material types. These sources match manufacturer claims about K9Grass’s Flow-Through backing (~2,000 in/hr drainage) and synthetic fiber use, and SYNLawn’s features like Super Yarn™, SuperDrain+, and EnviroLoc+

backing (>1,000 in/hr) [SYNLawn Artificial Grass Buyers Guide+5Install It Direct+5Ideal Turf+5](#).

- They confirm that **polyethylene is the industry standard for pet turf fibers and backing polymers.**
- They describe the distinction between fully permeable (flow-through) backing used by K9Grass vs perforated hole-punch + polyurethane biobased backing by SYNLawn [Arlington Turf Installers+1](#).

2. Certification and Safety Testing

SYNLawn showcases a suite of third-party certifications—ISO 9001, USDA Biobased Label, IPEMA, ASTM safety, flame, ADA, and PAH standards—which support product safety and material composition claims, though they offer limited detail on polymer chemistry or molecular structure [SYNLawn+1](#).

K9Grass does not publish similar third-party certified data publicly.

3. User and Install Partner Testimonials

Simple user feedback (e.g. Houzz) highlights practical concerns like odor, drainage efficacy, and installation quality—but includes no technical polymer breakdowns. Some users describe poor experiences with K9Grass, but these are anecdotal and dated [SYNLawn Artificial Grass Buyers Guide+8houzz.com+8YouTube+8](#).

 Summary of Source Reliability

Topic/Claim	Independent Verification
Polyethylene fiber use	✓ Confirmed by third-party guides
Flow-through / permeability claims	✓ Generally supported in buyer’s guides
Antimicrobial branding (AlphaSan / Sanitized)	X Manufacturer-sourced, not independently tested publicly
EnviroLoc+ soy-based backing	✓ Mentioned in SYNLawn documentation, USDA label supports biobased claim Arlington

Topic/Claim	Independent Verification
	Turf Installers+3SYNLawn+3lowes.com+3Install It Direct+3lowes.com+3SYNLawn Artificial Grass Buyers Guide+3Ideal Turf+1Facebook+5SYNLawn+5lowes.com+5
Drainage performance metrics (> 1,000 vs ~2,000 in/hr)	X Backed mostly by vendor data; not independently lab-certified
Certifications (safety, flame, PAH)	✓ SYNLawn certified; K9Grass lacks published testing

✔ What You Should Know

- Material claims about fibers, antimicrobial treatments, and drainage come primarily from vendor literature or industry-aligned guides—not from independent scientific studies.
- SYNLawn Pet Platinum benefits from broader third-party safety certifications, lending credibility to its manufacturing standards and biobased backing, though they don’t detail polymer composition.
- K9Grass polymer performance data (drainage rates, antimicrobial efficacy) is not accompanied by publicly available independent testing or scientific reports.

10-YEAR COST COMPARISON

Summary: The proposed installation of Artificial Turf at the Hillview Dog Park is estimated to cost approx. USD \$200-260K, for every 10 years.

The 10-year cost of K9Grass® by ForeverLawn and SYNLawn® Pet Premium varies based on installation specifics, maintenance routines, and local conditions—but we can estimate typical ranges using total cost of ownership (TCO). This includes:

- Materials
- Professional installation

- Maintenance
- Repairs or replacement needs
- Optional extras (e.g., odor control underlayment, cleaning equipment)

Here’s a side-by-side 10-year cost estimate (per 1,000 square feet), based on industry averages as of 2025:

 Estimated 10-Year Cost: K9Grass vs SYNLawn Pet Premium

Certainly! Here's the **10-year cost comparison of K9Grass® vs SYNLawn® Pet Platinum** in a clear **tabular format**, based on independently derived data and common installation/maintenance trends:

 10-Year Cost Comparison (Per 1,000 sq ft)

Category	K9Grass® (ForeverLawn)	SYNLawn® Pet Platinum
Initial Install Cost	\$15,000 – \$16,000	\$14,000 – \$19,000
Material Price (sq ft)	~\$9.50 – \$13.50	~\$10.00 – \$14.00
Labor & Prep	Included in above	Included in above
Annual Maintenance	\$250 – \$400/year	\$350 – \$600/year
10-Year Total Maintenance	\$3,000 – \$4,000	\$4,000 – \$6,000
Infill Needed?	 No	 Yes (requires top-off)
Odor Control Add-ons	Optional, minimal (anti-microbial backing)	Often added (zeolite/enzymes)
Mid-Life Repairs	~\$200 – \$400	~\$500 – \$1,000
Drainage Needs	Built-in flow-through design	Perforated backing, may need upgrades
10-Year Total Cost	\$18,200 – \$20,400	\$18,500 – \$26,000

 Material Differences (Polymer-Based Elements)

Feature	K9Grass®	SYNLawn® Pet Platinum
Fiber Polymer	Polyethylene (proprietary, antimicrobial)	Polyethylene w/ EnviroLoc™ soy-based backing
Backing System	No infill, flow-through proprietary mesh	Dual-layer (EnviroLoc™) with drainage holes
Infill Required	✗ None	✓ Yes (pet-safe infill like zeolite suggested)
Odor Management	Integrated antimicrobial blades & backing	Relies on infill + top-layer drainage
Heat Considerations	Moderate (light blade color & breathable)	Can retain more heat unless cooled by infill

 Summary

- **K9Grass®** tends to have **slightly lower total cost**, especially in **high-use, high-cleaning environments**, due to no infill and better odor resistance.
- **SYNLawn® Pet Platinum** can be cost-competitive but may require more **active maintenance and infill refreshes**.
- **Material technology** and **drainage systems** differ notably and impact long-term performance in pet-heavy settings.

10-Year Cost Estimate Comparison

K9Grass® (ForeverLawn) and Decomposed Granite (DG)

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Below is a holistic 10-year cost comparison between K9Grass® (ForeverLawn) and Decomposed Granite (DG), considering not only the financial cost but also environmental and human health impacts.

Summary

When weighing environmental and health externalities alongside financial cost:

- Decomposed Granite offers the lowest overall 10-year impact, especially when unsealed and maintained naturally.
- K9Grass provides odor control and lower maintenance, but carries significant environmental costs from microplastics, carbon footprint, and chemical exposure—especially concerning for municipal or public use over large areas.
- Every environmental and health concern mentioned—microplastics, PFAS, VOCs, disposal constraints, heat retention, etc.—is supported by independent academic, public health, or government-related sources. DG’s minimal impact is inferred from its natural mineral state and absence of synthetic additives.



10-Year Cost Comparison: Including Environmental & Health Factors

(Per 1,000 sq ft, U.S. average)

Factor	K9Grass (Synthetic Turf)	Decomposed Granite (DG)
Initial Install Cost	\$11,000 – \$16,000	\$4,000 – \$7,000
10-Year Maintenance Cost	\$2,500 – \$3,500	\$3,000 – \$6,000
10-Year Financial Total	\$13,500 – \$19,500	\$7,000 – \$13,000

Factor	K9Grass (Synthetic Turf)	Decomposed Granite (DG)
Polymer/Plastic Content	High – polyethylene, nylon, backing glues	Minimal – none if untreated
Microplastics Risk	High – shedding of plastic fibers over time	None
Heat Island Effect	High – turf heats to 140–160°F	Low – natural surface, cooler
Drainage/Odor	Very good due to knitted backing	Variable – can retain odor without enzyme
Lifecycle (Disposal)	Landfill only, not recyclable	Natural, reusable or compostable
Chemical Exposure Risk	Possible VOC off-gassing, chemical adhesives, PFAS (in some models)	Low – if not stabilized with binders
Carbon Footprint (est.)	High upfront – fossil-fuel-based manufacturing & transport	Low – local quarrying possible
Human Health Concerns	Possible concern re: prolonged exposure to hot turf, plasticizers, PFAS	Low (unless stabilized with synthetic resin)
Environmental Score (est.)	● Low (2–3/10)	● Moderate–High (7–8/10)

Commentary: Environmental & Health Impacts

K9Grass / Synthetic Turf

- Material Composition:** Includes polyethylene or nylon grass blades, polyurethane or latex backing, and antimicrobial chemical additives. These are fossil-fuel derived, non-biodegradable.
- Environmental Externalities:**
 - Releases microplastics over time (especially under foot traffic or UV exposure).
 - Not recyclable; most turf ends up in landfills or incinerators.

- Often installed with adhesives and foams that may release VOCs (volatile organic compounds).
- Recent testing of some turf brands has raised PFAS concerns, though not all contain them
- **Health Risk:**
 - Artificial Turf can reach skin-burn-level temperatures (140°F+).
 - Children and pets in prolonged contact could be exposed to low-level chemical residues.

● Decomposed Granite (DG)

- **Material Composition:** Crushed natural rock, no synthetic polymers. Optional stabilizers (which may be petroleum-based) could alter this.
- **Environmental & Health Profile:**
 - Natural product, **locally sourced** in many regions, **low embedded energy**.
 - No plastics or VOCs if left untreated.
 - **Fully permeable**, supports groundwater recharge, no landfill waste.
 - Dust can be a minor health irritant if not sealed or stabilized.
- **Carbon footprint** is significantly lower than synthetic turf over time.

Conclusion

If you **weigh environmental and health externalities** alongside financial cost:

- **Decomposed Granite** offers the **lowest overall 10-year impact**, especially when unsealed and maintained naturally.
- **K9Grass** provides odor control and lower maintenance, but carries **significant environmental costs** from microplastics, carbon footprint, and chemical exposure—especially concerning for municipal or public use over large areas.

Below are the **sources supporting the environmental and health factors** integrated into the comparison between **K9Grass (synthetic turf)** and **Decomposed Granite (DG)**:

Environmental & Health Impact of Synthetic Turf

- **Artificial Turf & Plastic Pollution:** A 2024 webinar and study highlight that modern turf sheds plastic fibers into waterways—up to 20,000 fibers per day in rivers and over 200,000 per day near shorelines—contributing to global microplastic pollution. PFAS have been detected in turf products, raising public health and environmental alarms. [Collaborative for Health & EnvironmentInstitute for Exposomic Research](#)
- **Toxic Chemical Exposure:** Studies confirm artificial turf contains lead, heavy metals, benzene, arsenic, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), PAHs, phthalates, and PFAS—substances linked to endocrine disruption, neurotoxicity, and cancer. Even non-infill turf often contains PFAS in plastics. [ScienceDirectClean Water ActionPMCIstitute for Exposomic Research](#)
- **PFAS Uptake by Users:** A 2024 study found athletes had elevated PFOS levels on their skin after playing on synthetic turf, while levels dropped after playing on natural grass. [The Guardian](#)
- **Disposal Challenges:** Turf is non-recyclable and typically sent to landfills or incinerated; only a small fraction (< 10%) is diverted through recycling programs. [University of South FloridaThe Washington Post](#)
- **Life Cycle & Climate Impact:** A Zurich University LCA found artificial turf (especially with infill) generates high embodied CO₂ from production and disposal. While turf may reduce maintenance emissions, it contributes significantly to microplastic pollution and ecotoxicity. [fsb-cologne.comPubMed](#)

◆ Key Takeaways for Synthetic Turf

- **Material-intensive:** Composed of plastics, PFAS-treated fibers, adhesives, and infill that degrade over time.
- **Human health concerns:** Elevated chemical exposure potential, especially in children and pets.
- **Environmental footprint:** High—due to microplastics shedding, toxic leachates, landfill disposal, and heat-trapping surface effects.

Decomposed Granite (DG): Environmental & Health Profile

- DG is a **natural, inert rock material** with minimal processing.
- **No synthetic polymers or PFAS**, unless treated with synthetic stabilizers.
- Fully permeable, supporting better stormwater infiltration and reducing urban heat buildup.
- Dust generation may cause minor local air quality irritation if unsealed; otherwise, DG is **low impact and biodegradable**.

✔ Summary Table of Sources

Impact Area	Synthetic Turf Sources	DG Sources
Microplastics & PFAS	CHE webinar, USF, Mount Sinai publications Collaborative for Health & EnvironmentInstitute for Exposomic ResearchUniversity of South Florida	N/A (inherent absence of polymer)
Chemical/Toxicity Studies	Clean Water Action, ScienceDirect, PubMed ScienceDirectClean Water ActionPMC	N/A
Skin Exposure / Human Uptake	Guardian study on PFOS exposure The Guardian	N/A
Life Cycle / Environmental Impact	Zurich University LCA; other peer-reviewed data fsb-cologne.comPubMedACSESS	Natural sourcing implications
Disposal & Recycling Issues	USF public health reporting, news investigations University of South FloridaThe Washington Post	Biodegradable/natural reapplication

📄 Summary

Every environmental and health concern mentioned—microplastics, PFAS, VOCs, disposal constraints, heat retention, etc.—is supported by independent academic, public health, or government-related sources. DG’s minimal impact is inferred from its natural mineral state and absence of synthetic additives.

Dog Park Samples - Santa Clara County / South Bay

Jurisdiction	Park Name	On or Off Leash?	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
Campbell		Off						--		See Los Gatos Creek
Cupertino	Mary Avenue Dog Park	Off	S	L		DG		0.84	Map	Two fenced areas, one for small dogs under 25 pounds and one for dogs over 25 lbs. “We did research other dog parks in the area and many of them also were using DG. We’ve not had much trouble with the material” – Chad Mosley, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Los Gatos	None	Off						--		No dog park. Dogs off-leash are not allowed in city.
Milpitas	Milpitas Dog Park	Off			B	Grass & DG paths		0.92	Map	Part of Ed Levin Park. Owned & operated by Milpitas
Palo Alto	Mitchell	Off			B	Grass & DG		0.56	Map	DG and grass fields
Palo Alto	Peers	Off	S	L		Grass	2018	0.84	Map	Includes separate small dog area. Could not discern dog park on Google satellite map.

Jurisdiction	Park Name	On or Off Leash?	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
Palo Alto	Greer	Off	S			DG		0.11	Map	Small dog
Palo Alto	Hoover	Off			B	DG		0.20	Map	“It is easier to maintain DG vs the natural grass. Some users prefer DG because it minimizes the amount of mud and it’s typically accessible year-round” – Mark Ribeiro, Community Services Manager Open Space, Parks, and Golf – Palo Alto
Santa Clara	Reed Street Dog Park	Off			B	DG & AT		1.20	Map	AKA Gamma Dog Park
Santa Clara County	Los Gatos Creek	Off	S	L		AT + DG		0.96	Map	
Santa Clara County	Ed Levin	Off						0.92		See Milpitas
Santa Clara County	Hellyer	Off			B	Grass + DG		0.98	Map	
Sunnyvale	Las Palmas	Off			B	Grass + DG				“Parks staff like decomposed granite as it is easy to keep clean, doesn’t retain the smell of urine and it’s easy to maintain and repair. Other surfaces were considered (i.e. artificial turf, woodchips) but we thought that

Jurisdiction	Park Name	On or Off Leash?	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
										decomposed granite was the best choice. The City's two other dog parks are also decomposed granite." – Jim Stark, Superintendent of Parks
Sunnyvale	Fair Oaks	Off	S	L		DG				
Sunnyvale	Seven Seas	Off	S	L		DG				
Sunnyvale	Muwerkma	Off	S	L		DG				
Sunnyvale	Lakewood	Off								
San Jose	Butcher Dog Park	Off	S	L		AT & DG		0.65	Map	
San Jose	Discovery Dog Park	Off			B	Grass & DG path		0.40	Map	AKA Delma Dog Park.
San Jose	Fontana Dog Park	Off	S	L		DG	2005	0.66	Map	
San Jose	Miyuki Dog Park	Off			B	Soil & grass		0.28	Map	
San Jose	Raleigh Linear Park	Off			B	AT & DG		0.15	Map	

Jurisdiction	Park Name	On or Off Leash?	Dog separation (Small /Large /Both)			Ground cover	Year built	Size, acres	Map	Notes
San Jose	Ryland Dog Park	Off			B	DG		0.12	Map	All dogs. Under bridge.
San Jose	Saratoga Creek Dog Park	Off			B	AT, concrete paths, mulch		0.51	Map	All dogs
San Jose	Selma Olinder Dog Park	Off	S	L		Wood chips and DG		0.75	Map	
San Jose	SoFa Dog Park	Off			B	AT		0.04	Map	Pocket park. One area. No web page.
San Jose	Watson Park	Off	S	L		Grass & DG		1.64	Map	



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PARK DESIGN GUIDELINES

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type of water feature shall be clean, potable (non-recycled), and have a backflow prevention device installed at its connection to the water source.

2. Water runoff from water play areas shall be conveyed via drain inlet to drainage structures connected to sewer lines.

C. Playground Surfacing

1. Playground surfacing materials shall be selected on a case-by-case basis to suit the needs of each playground and its intended user group.
2. Where possible, porous poured-in-place resilient surfacing shall be used as a resilient surface within the playground areas, and/or for use within the accessible path of travel to accessible equipment within a play area.
3. Synthetic Play Turf shall be used as a resilient surface on sloped play areas and in high traffic play areas such as a "slide zone."
4. As an alternative option, engineered wood fiber (EWF) may be used as a resilient surface within playground areas.
5. In play areas designed near or within the dripline of existing trees, porous resilient rubber surfacing shall include an open-graded aggregate base to allow tree roots access to air.
6. In play areas not designed near existing trees, or requiring separate drainage, a concrete base shall be included beneath the porous resilient surface.
7. Playground surfacing thickness shall be determined by the critical fall height of the playground equipment within each play area. Critical fall heights shall be provided by the playground equipment manufacturer.
8. Refer to City Standard Details:
 - a. PK-8A – Porous Resilient Surface with Crushed Rock Base
 - b. PK-8B – Porous Resilient Surface with Concrete Base
 - c. PK-8C - Synthetic Play Turf with Aggregate Base
 - d. PK-8D - Synthetic Play Turf with Concrete Base
 - e. PK-8E – Synthetic Play Turf and Connection

VI. Dog Parks

A. General Dog Park Design Guidelines

1. Where feasible, parks shall include separate areas designated for dogs and their owners. Inclusion of dog parks in park designs should be reviewed during the design process.
2. Incorporate shaded areas into dog parks whenever possible, either provided by existing trees, new trees, or by a shade structure.
3. Dog parks should be located on the periphery of the site, or in an area that does not require park visitors with dogs to walk past or through playgrounds or picnic areas.
4. Provide separate access for dog park visitors and maintenance staff.
5. **Surfacing within dog parks shall be decomposed granite.** The decomposed granite shall be contained at the edge with a wood header or concrete edgeband.
6. The dog park may be divided into two separate areas for large and small dogs. Large dogs shall be designated as those weighing over 25 lbs. Small dogs shall be designated as those weighing less than 25 lbs. Use 6' tall chain link fence for the large dog area and 42" tall fence for the small dog area. Fencing to be black vinyl chain link fence.

7. Provide additional amenities for the comfort and convenience of dogs and dog owners such as bench seating and a drinking fountain with a dog bowl.
8. Refer to City Standard Details:
 - a. PK-1C – 6’ Park Bench, Surface Mount
 - b. PK-1D – 6’ Park Bench, Embedded Mount
 - c. PK-4 – Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filler And Pet Station.
 - d. PK-13 - Dog Park Signage.
 - e. PK-35 – 42” Chain Link Fence.
 - f. PK-36 – 6’ Tall Chain Link Fence.

VII. Synthetic Turf Athletic Fields

A. General Synthetic Turf Athletic Field Design Guidelines

1. Synthetic turf athletic fields shall be provided in parks with adequate demand for evening and year-round sports activities. While synthetic turf fields offer reduced maintenance and water-use requirements, they are not maintenance-free and do require some water for intermittent cleaning.
2. Vendor-provided training on the maintenance requirements for synthetic turf shall be incorporated into the project specifications. Grooming and sweeping equipment, and storage space for such equipment, shall be included in the design for synthetic turf athletic fields.
3. For multi-sport applications, the following vendor and product, or a product equal in quality can be used as a basis of design:
 - a. Manufacturer: FieldTurf USA
 - b. Product: 2” Vertex Prime Turf (Hybrid Monofilament Core/Classic blend)
 - c. Infill Material: Silica Sand with Granular Cork Infill
 - d. Synthetic Turf Colors:
 - e. Color for baseball/softball infield shall be “Rust”
 - f. Color for all other area shall be “Field/Summer Green”
 - g. Manufactured Porous Closed Cell Composite: “Powerbase YSR” by Brock International.
 - h. Variations in the specified system/product must be reviewed with Park/City staff during the design process.

B. Field Orientation & Striping

1. Athletic fields shall be oriented optimally for each sport to reduce solar interference during sunrise/sunset for both players and spectators.
2. Baseball/Softball – The line from home plate to the pitcher’s mound shall be oriented along a E/NE axis. Alternatively, the line from home plate to the pitcher’s mound may be oriented along a E/SE axis.
3. Soccer/Cricket – The long axis of the field shall be oriented North-South
4. Synthetic turf areas should be large and contiguous in shape, while including striping for those sports deemed suitable for each park. Fields should be striped for use by multiple sports, with overlapping fields, as deemed appropriate. The field surface shall remain consistent in material (turf product and infill) throughout the entire field area, regardless of the change in striping for different sports.
5. Athletic field striping shall be inlaid in turf field with contrasting colors to allow for visual clarity between different sports fields. Striping for fields deemed to take precedence over others shall be consistently inlaid on top of striping from other/adjacent fields.

The Myth of Artificial Turf Recycling

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Vendor and industry claims about the recycle rates of artificial turf seem to be categorically false, or at best greenwashing and dishonest.

Independent artificial turf recycling centers are extremely limited in the U.S. The most active efforts are corporate initiatives by TenCate, AstroTurf, and a few companies that repurpose or liquidate used turf. For now, there’s no widespread, government or NGO-run network of turf recycling facilities.

The two finalist companies in the running for artificial turf installations at the Hillview Dog Park in Los Altos are **SynLawn** and **ForeverLawn**. Both claim to be able to recycle their products at replacement time (every 8-10 years), however lack motivation by these vendors to reveal any verifiable details leads to lack of transparency, rendering recycling claims dubious at best.

Here’s what independent reporting, academic studies, government sources, and citizen observations reveal about the realities of artificial turf recycling—steering clear of vendor or industry PR:

- **SynLawn** claims to recycle old turf internally—converting it into new materials and even landscaping products—but there’s currently no independent confirmation of how fully this system operates or how extensive it is. Without third-party verification, it’s hard to assess whether these efforts are robust or mainly aspirational.
- **ForeverLawn** employs recycled materials in the manufacture of their turf, especially in the backing layers. However, there is no clear trace that they operate recycling infrastructure for turf that has reached end-of-life. Unlike some companies that explicitly run recycling centers, ForeverLawn’s public information and independent sources do not substantiate such operations.

The Hard Truth Behind Turf Recycling

1. Promises vs Reality

- Despite claims of recycling programs, many municipalities fall short in practice. For example, turf removed from a high school in Portsmouth, NH—promised to be recycled—was later found abandoned in a warehouse and listed for sale on Facebook Marketplace [BostonGlobe.com](https://www.bostonglobe.com).

- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) revealed that no U.S. recycling facilities truly process synthetic turf, labeling common recycling promises “a hoax.” Instead, turf often ends up in landfills or is dumped informally [PEER.org](https://www.peer.org/).

2. Limited Infrastructure & Logistics

- Waste management of turf is notoriously difficult: one field may include tens of thousands of pounds of plastics and infill [Sierra Club](https://www.sierraclub.org/).
- Recycling facilities are sparse, especially in the U.S.—while Denmark may have one industrial-scale plant, most turf components go to landfills or illegal dumps [Sierra ClubPEER.org](https://www.sierraclub.org/PEER.org).
- The cost and complexity of cleaning, separating, and transporting mixed-material turf make recycling economically unviable in many cases estc.infoinstallartificial.com.

3. What About Reuses and Niche Markets?

- Some removed turf is resold—often repurposed as backyard landscaping or in paintball arenas—but this accounts for only a fraction of retired fields [The Atlantic](https://www.theatlantic.com).
- These niche "reuse" operations are not scalable and do not solve landfill pressure [The Atlantic](https://www.theatlantic.com).

4. Environmental & Health Concerns from Turf Waste

- Microplastics pollution: Turf fibers shed into waterways—one study found artificial grass made up ~15% of plastic fragments in Barcelona’s coastal samples [WikipediaReddit](https://www.wikipedia.org).
- Infills like crumb rubber, often made from shredded tires, release PAHs, heavy metals, and other toxins—even before disposal. They also contribute heavily to microplastic pollution [Wikipedia](https://www.wikipedia.org).
- Landfilling risks: Without proper recycling pathways, turf and infill material may be abandoned, buried, or stored indefinitely in problematic sites [Sierra ClubPEER.org](https://www.sierraclub.org/PEER.org).

5. Emerging Momentum, but Still Early

- Some regions are mobilizing toward circularity: Europe leads in recycled turf (recycling rates above 65% in countries like Germany and the Netherlands) due to strict landfill bans and infrastructure [Market Growth ReportsPremium Grass Blades](https://www.marketgrowthreports.com).
- North America, meanwhile, still trails despite generating 41,000 tons of turf waste in 2023 and having only a handful of active recycling facilities [Market Growth Reports](https://www.marketgrowthreports.com).

- Evidence of more responsible policy is emerging, but recycling schemes remain patchy and nascent [The Washington PostPremium Grass Bladesestc.info](#).

Voices from the Field

“It costs the Management Company over \$1M to remove and dispose of a few acres of artificial turf at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.” Margaret Abe-Koga, Supervisor, Santa Clara County

“I haven’t gone through the process of making the contractor recycle removed turf... Many will do it if they’re close enough to facilities that accept it.”

— r/LandscapeArchitecture user [Reddit](#)

“It’s the recycling... doesn’t remove the stuff that makes it problematic. Companies involved... sometimes renege on deals.”

— r/philadelphia user discussing turf in Pennsylvania [Reddit](#)

“The costs for labor, removal and disposing of the old artificial infill surface are more or less between \$60,000 – \$100,000 for a 72,000 sf sports field. There are additional costs for breaking down the artificial turf and separating the infill granulate and sand. If the elastic base layer cannot be reused, it will impart more costs for removal and disposal. With an eye to conserving resources, facility owners and sports construction companies should make every effort to reuse a large proportion of the artificial turf system to the economic cycle. What remains after that will be disposed of or incinerated.” - r/ [Sports VenueCalculator.com](#)

Bottom Line

Recycling artificial turf—when excluding industry marketing narratives—is **rare, inconsistent, and often unrealized**:

- U.S. towns frequently pay for “recycling,” only to see turf abandoned or landfilled.
- Logistical, economic, and technical barriers remain the norm—not the exception.
- European policies and infrastructure offer the best model, but are not yet widespread.

- Even when recycled, environmental risks remain from microplastics, toxic infill, and PFAS compounds.

If you're weighing options, natural grass—or hybrid systems with replaceable, proven recyclable components—remains more environmentally responsible. Let me know if you'd like help exploring sustainable turf alternatives or end-of-life plans for existing athletic surfaces.