

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency S Wells PFAS Treatment Project Community Engagement Meeting No. 2 Summary

Introduction

A second community meeting for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Wells Project was held on November 2nd, 2022, from 6 to 7:30 PM on Zoom. The Community Zoom was open to the public. There were two community members in attendance. Members of the project team included representatives from the Santa Clarity Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) and technical consultants undertaking landscape design, environmental consulting and associated community engagement.

Those present included:

SCV Water
Steve Cole
Eunie Kang
Kathie Martin
Orlando Moreno
Brent Payne
Narisa Pipitharut

MIG Melissa Butler Esmeralda García Evan Mather Sasha Ragland Rincon Consultants
Annaliese Torres

Esmeralda García (MIG) opened the meeting with an introduction to the Zoom features then reviewed the meeting agenda. She introduced Orlando Moreno, SCV Water project manager, who provided an overview of the project, the purpose of the treatment facilities, and process for the site location of the treatment facility. He also introduced the site plan for the facility. Esmeralda then reviewed a summary of the input that was received during the first Community Forum on August 31st. She highlighted that community members stated concerns with potential impacts to the adjacent neighborhood and a desire for elements that screen the facility. Esmeralda then introduced Melissa Butler, designer from MIG, who presented the refined design.

Melissa shared how the landscape design team refined the design concept in response to the community input. She presented the design concepts that included plantings and conditions from the river garden and community courtyard design approaches that work to integrate the facility into the existing environment. Esmeralda facilitated a question and discussion session where participants were invited to engage with the team and share their thoughts in the chat or by raising their hands and speaking. The following is a summary of the comments and questions written by participants in the zoom chat.

Participant Questions:

• Is the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared?

SCV Water Response- The project is not exempt from CEQA. The Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration is a CEQA process. It is being finalized and will be available for public review in mid-November.

 Will the public be notified when the environmental documents are ready for public review?

SCV Water Response- Yes, a notice will be published in the local newspaper and an email notification will be sent to the Bridgeport community. The draft environmental documents will be available for review on SCV Water's website at https://yourSCVwater.com/pfas/treatment-facilities/swells/.

Is water from wells tested regularly for PFAS?

SCV Water Response- Yes, groundwater from all SCV Water wells is regularly tested for PFAS.

Will the treatment facility remain once PFAS levels go down?

SCV Water Response- Yes, the facility will remain to maintain treatment and disinfection at all times.

If there is an emergency leak at the facility is there a response plan?

SCV Water Response- Yes, a spill response plan will be prepared for the facility. It was noted that the chemicals to be stored on site contain low concentrations of Sodium Hypochlorite and Liquid Ammonium Sulfate and are not considered hazardous materials.

Are the chemical tanks in a containment area?

SCV Water Response- Yes, the chemical storage tanks will be contained in an enclosed space inside the proposed building with proper venting.

What is the anticipated start date for construction?

SCV Water Response- Summer of 2024

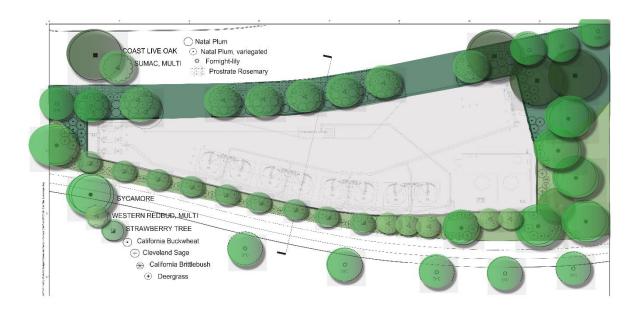
Participant General Comments:

- Concerns around traffic and noise impacts during construction, especially during the weekend
- Concerns about PFAS in drinking water and its origin
- Concerns around noise levels from treatment facility once completed

Concerns around access to the paseo/ bike trail during construction

Design Concept:

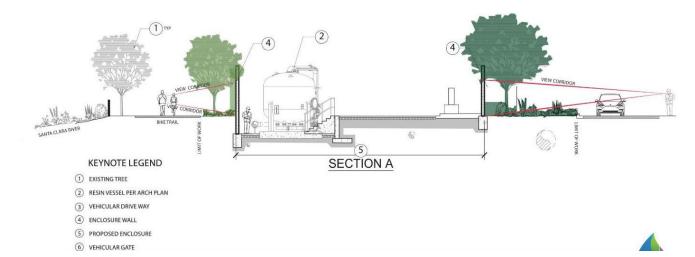
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