

Questions from the November 16th Stevens Creek Corridor Workshop

Mitigation and Sustainability

1. Will monitors of the community groups be authorized to enter construction zone? Mitigation monitoring
2. What recourse will the city or residents have if mitigation not followed?
3. Are there plant replacement plans? \$\$ for?
4. Has the budgeted funds for mitigation requirements and lifelong maintenance of restoration to ensure success?
5. Invasive non-native plants/animals are always brought in and spread by construction zones(the new development). How much real restoration will survive the impact? Eg. More cowbirds in the picnic areas/yellow star thistle Event business impact not reduced . Water district expected 500 but 800 is the capacity. Event area cannot support habitat-how can we improve this?

Plant community restoration

1. What % of the 1.1 mile trail is inside 100 foot setback?
2. What can be done about upstream invasive plants?
3. How many trees will be removed to accommodate the channel re-alignment? The recreational path? Js
4. Why wasn't the creek meandering done closer to its historical/current course? In which case fewer trees needed to be removed.
5. Have you allowed for diversely-open areas as well as shrubs and trees? Eg old orchard/meadow js
6. How will moving creek into picnic and orchard impact existing riparian canopy?
7. Is trail routed to minimize tree removal? Why not

Terrestrial Wildlife population

1. Will restoration project protect the habitats needed for preservation of bird species? jc
2. Evidence of wood rats? jc
3. construction during breeding season?
4. How do refreshment stands, horseshoe pits, help habitat environment. Why needed? Added volleyball court rc/dj
5. Over abundance of vertebrate "pests" in M.R. ground squirrels and rats

6. How will bike areas impact the current quiet contemplate experience? Why are officials who do not appear to be frequenters of the quiet experience making decisions overriding the input and caring of those who do?

Aquatic habitat restoration

1. By how much will the re-aligned channel lengthen the thalweg? Is this balance with the stream profile? Sc
2. Why is the creek being realigned in the way you have prepared in the golf course/stockmeir area. It seems far from where it has been in the distant past? Js/jc
3. Will the project reduce impervious surfaces? Ps/js
4. Could 30 trees at horseshoe bend be saved with another viable creek alignment? (ie. No bike roadway to consider...) js
5. What types of instream habitat will be created? (root wads, lwd)
6. How do you plan to measure functionality of existing and future creek conditions? Js/sc

Project history

1. Were the following documents useful references?
Stewardship Plans done for SCVWD
LFA (Limiting Factors Analysis) by SCVRUPPP
2. Considerations for planned route of re-designed creek. ie Why not the dotted blue route? S or j
3. If FACHE had not been done for this creek, how might the district's partnership been different? Ps/lw
4. Discuss the uniqueness of the project. Could it inform, guide, inspire other restoration efforts? P,s,j or jc

Riparian Zone

1. How intend to manage invasive plant species?
2. Does city intend to pass a Riparian Buffer Ordinance?
Are there many undeveloped parcels that this could effect?
3. Will widening of creek widen the riparian zone? S or j
4. What is current linear length of current creek vs proposed creek alignment?
5. Will fishing be allowed?
6. How will bikes not impact this zone? How will they actually stay on the road over time?
7. What guarantee that the bike road will not become a paved road once it is used and becomes rutted? Will you then take it out considering the harmful runoff that will be created?
8. Bike road to close to creek to allow for meaningful restoration.

9. Was riparian zone wider historically? Jc
10. Why not restore current creek and make necessary changes for the removal of barriers for the steelheads. Basically improving the creek to its historic condition?
11. Why not put creek in true historic location?

Other

1. What goes wrong? How to stop. Jc
2. What is n end trail alignment?
3. How is the media being leveraged? Jc in terms of awareness of this project to the community?
4. Are there issues related to the sediment budget and the operation of the dam?
5. Is the recreational trail located close enough to the creek at any location to interfere with any natural flooding/geomorphic/natural habitat process?
6. Is there a plan to answer this potential problem?
7. Renaming the area(SCCP) has seriously impeded knowledge of project-how will city fix this??