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**Subject:** Re: Riparian Policy Compliance Question  
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Hi Shannon,

We would consider the viewing platforms and interpretive signs to be part of the trail. As long as the viewing platform doesn't require a significant amount of vegetation removal, we can use this exception.

Would there be lighting?

Thanks,

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Hi David and John,

I have a follow up question before the roundtable tomorrow. For the proposed trail within the 10 foot setback from the riparian corridor, the project proposes constructing a boardwalk, interpretive signage, and viewing platforms.

It seems the boardwalk is acceptable since the policy specifies "multi-use trails on natural channels (pedestrian/equestrian/bicycle trail)." However, it's unclear whether interpretive signage and viewing platforms would be acceptable.

In your experience, would this type of construction be approved in compliance with the Riparian Policy?

Thanks!

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Hi Shannon,

The EIR and staff report will have to evaluate the exceptions to the City's Riparian Corridor-Bird Safe Design Policy. One of the exceptions is for sites within Downtown and for sites with existing legal uses. The San Jose Water Company site already has reduced setbacks from the previous zoning (50' from Los Gatos Creek and 35' from the Guadalupe River wall).

A key component of the evaluation will be how the project will improve the riparian environment over existing conditions, despite having a riparian setback of less than 100'.

Thank you,

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John, I meant to include you on my email below requesting input about findings necessary to grant exceptions to riparian corridor setbacks.

Thanks!  
Shannon

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Hi David and John,

I have a question about the BIO section. It states that the applicant is proposing a 50-foot setback from the riparian corridor for most of the project, and is proposing to keep the existing 30-foot setback for the San Jose Water Company site.

I know exceptions to the 100-foot setback setback are made in the downtown area and for infill projects. However, what will need to be provided to justify these setbacks?

Thanks!

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