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To: [Downtown West Project](#)
Subject: FW: Downtown West Mixed Use Plan Draft EIR (Google)
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Attachments: [33664 enclosure- Standard Valley Water Project BMPs.docx](#)

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Hi Shannon,
I apologize that the attachment was not included, but I have attached it to this emails. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.
thanks

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Hello Colleen,

I am just following up on my email below. Could you please confirm whether or not the BMPs at the following link are the BMPs referenced in the attached comment letter?

https://www.valleywater.org/sites/default/files/2018-02/Att%20F%20BMPs_070214_CLEAN.PDF

If not, could you please provide a link or attachment with the appropriate BMPs?

Thanks!

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From: Hill, Shannon

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Hi Colleen,

The attached comment letter references BMPs. However, we did not receive the attachment.

Is the appropriate document Attachment F to the “Stream Maintenance Program Update 2014–2023” at the following link? If not, could you please send the referenced attachment?

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Thank you,

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Hi Shannon,

Attached are Valley Water’s comments on the DIEIR for the Downtown West Mixed Use Plan Draft EIR (Google).

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Standard Valley Water Project BMPs:

- No washing of vehicles or equipment will occur in the Project area;
- No fueling or servicing will be done in a waterway or immediate flood plain, unless equipment stationed in these locations is not readily relocated (i.e., pumps, generators). For stationary equipment that must be fueled or serviced on site, containment will be provided;
- All vehicles and equipment will be kept clean;
- All equipment used in waterways will be inspected for leaks each day prior to initiation of work. Maintenance, repairs, or other necessary actions will be taken to prevent or repair leaks, prior to use;
- Store chemicals in watertight containers with appropriate secondary containment;
- Petroleum products, chemicals, cement, fuels, lubricants, and non-storm drainage water or water contaminated with the aforementioned materials will not contact soil and not be allowed to enter surface waters or the storm drainage system;
- All toxic materials, including waste disposal containers, will be covered when they are not in use, and located as far away as possible from a direct connection to the storm drainage system or surface water; toxic materials, such as equipment fuels and lubricants, will be stored with secondary containment that is capable of containing 110% of the primary container(s);
- The discharge of any hazardous or non-hazardous waste will be conducted in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations;
- In the event of any hazardous material emergencies or spills, personnel will call the Chemical Emergencies/Spills Hotline;
- Field personnel will be appropriately trained in spill prevention, hazardous material control, and cleanup of accidental spills;
- Equipment and materials for cleanup of spills will be available on site, and spills and leaks will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of according to applicable regulatory requirements;
- Spill prevention kits will always be in close proximity when using hazardous materials; d
- During the high fire danger period (April 1–December 1), work crews will have appropriate fire suppression equipment available at the work site;
- Pumps and generators will be maintained and operated in a manner that minimizes impacts to water quality and aquatic species;
- Pumps will be operated and monitored to prevent low water conditions, which could pump muddy bottom water, or high-water conditions, which creates ponding; pump intakes will be screened to prevent uptake of fish and other vertebrates. Pumps will be screened according to NMFS criteria;
- Staging areas, and all materials and equipment, should occur/be contained on access roads, surface streets, or other disturbed areas that are already compacted and only support ruderal vegetation;
- Building materials and other Project-related materials, including chemicals and sediment, will not be stockpiled or stored where they could spill into water bodies;

- No runoff from the staging areas may be allowed to enter waterways without being subjected to adequate filtration;
- During the wet season, no stockpiled soils will remain exposed, unless surrounded by properly installed and maintained silt fencing or other means of erosion control;
- During the dry season; exposed, dry stockpiles will be watered, enclosed, covered, or sprayed with non-toxic soil stabilizers;
- Concrete that has not been cured is alkaline and can increase the pH of the water; fresh concrete will be isolated until it no longer poses a threat to water quality. Poured concrete will be excluded from the wetted channel for a period of four weeks after it is poured. During that time, the poured concrete will be kept moist, and runoff from the wet concrete will not be allowed to enter waterways. Commercial sealants may be applied to the poured concrete surface where difficulty in excluding water flow for a long period may occur. If a sealant is used, water will be excluded from the site until the sealant is dry;
- Waters discharged through tidal coffer dam bypass pipes or from pumping will not exceed 10% in areas where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU over the background levels of the tidal waters into which they are discharged. Cofferdams and bypass pipes will be removed as soon as possible. Flows will be restored at a reduced velocity to minimize erosion, turbidity, or harm to habitat;
- Disturbed areas shall be seeded with a California native seed mix suitable to the area as soon as is appropriate after activities are complete;
- The work site, areas adjacent to the work site, and access roads will be maintained in an orderly condition, free and clear from debris and discarded materials on a daily basis. Personnel will not sweep, grade, or flush surplus materials, rubbish, debris, or dust into storm drains or waterways;
- Materials or equipment left on the site overnight will be stored as inconspicuously as possible and will be neatly arranged. Any materials and equipment left on the site overnight will be stored to avoid erosion, leaks, or other potential impacts to water quality.
- Upon completion of work, all building materials, debris, unused materials, concrete forms, and other construction-related materials will be removed from the work site;
- All materials or waters generated during drilling, CIDH pile construction, or levee ground improvements will be safely handled, properly managed, and disposed of according to all applicable federal, State, and local statutes regulating such. In no case will these materials and/or waters be allowed to enter, or potentially enter waterways. Such materials/waters must not be allowed to move off the property where the work is being completed;
- Any substances or materials that may degrade groundwater quality will not be allowed to enter any boring. Lubricants used on drill bits, drill pipe, or tremie pipe will not be comprised of oily or greasy substances or other materials that may degrade groundwater quality;
- Oily, greasy, or sediment laden substances or other material that originate from the Project and may degrade the quality of surface water or adversely affect aquatic life,

fish, or wildlife will not be allowed to enter, or be placed where they may later enter, any waterway;

- The Project will not increase the turbidity of any watercourse flowing past the construction site by taking all necessary precautions to limit the increase in turbidity as follows: 1) where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 NTU, increases will not exceed 5%; and 2) where natural turbidity is greater than 50 NTU, increases will not exceed 10 percent. Water turbidity changes will be monitored. The discharge water measurements will be made at the point where the discharge water exits the water control system. Natural watercourse turbidity measurements will be made in the receiving water at least 100 feet from discharge site. Natural watercourse turbidity measurements will be made prior to initiation of Project discharges, preferably at least 2 days prior to commencement of work; soils exposed due to Project activities will be seeded and stabilized using hydroseeding, straw placement, mulching, and/or erosion control fabric. These measures will be implemented such that the site is stabilized, and water quality protected prior to significant rainfall. Areas below the OHWM are exempt from this BMP; the preference for erosion control fabrics will be to consist of natural fibers; however, steeper slopes and areas that are highly erodible may require more structured erosion control;
- The spread of invasive nonnative plant species and plant pathogens will be avoided or minimized by implementing the following measures: construction equipment will arrive at the Project clean and free of soil, seed, and plant parts to reduce the likelihood of introducing new weed species, any imported fill material, soil amendments, gravel, etc., required for construction activities that will be placed within the upper 12 inches of the ground surface will be free of vegetation and plant material, and certified weed-free imported erosion control materials (or rice straw in upland areas) will be used exclusively.