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1. The proposed project site is within FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) - Zone AE, and is subject to Base Flood Elevations (BFE) between 192-ft. and 197-ft. (NAVD 88). A floodplain impact study should be undertaken to ensure that the existing FEMA BFEs will not be increased by greater than 1-foot under post-development conditions. The study should also evaluate neighboring parcels and determine if there will be any increases to BFEs.

2. According to the Wholesaler-Retailer Agreement reached in 1999 between the City of Gilroy (City) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water): Valley Water is the wholesaler of recycled water to the City, and the City is the designated retailer. In addition to this, as the Lead Agency for the EIR, the City should conduct a water supply assessment (WSA) to analyze the use of recycled water by the proposed development, as well as any potential impacts to groundwater supplies.