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TECHNICAL AREA: Biological Resources			
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NAME: Ann Crisp, Planner II	DATE: July 22, August 14, and November 18, 2020	TIME: n/a	
WITH: Jeff Schwilk, AICP, Associate Planner, City of Santa Clara			
SUBJECT: Coordination Regarding Applicant Proposed Measures and Tree Removal Guidance			

COMMENTS:

During July, August, and November, staff discussed the Lafayette Backup Generating Facility (proposed project) with Mr. Jeff Schwilk, Associate Planner with the City of Santa Clara Community Development Department, via email. Staff requested clarification on the process for review and approval of tree removal and enforcement of mitigation ratios. Staff also requested review and approval of the applicant’s proposed measures included as PD BIO-1 and PD BIO-2, Responses to Data Requests, Set 1 and Set 2. The following are summaries of the coordination emails with Mr. Schwilk:

- On July 21, 2020, Mr. Schwilk provided clarification regarding protected tree removal and stated that the city would expect the applicant to retain protected trees on site if feasible where they would not conflict with building or required parking placement.
- On July 22, 2020, Mr. Schwilk provided clarification on the process for approving tree removal for the proposed project and stated the Community Development Department has been applying specific conditions of Architectural Review Approval calling for the 2:1 tree replacement and protection of trees to be retained according to the approved landscape plans, rather than as a mitigation measure in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan. The city would review and enforce tree removal and replacement ratios initially through the Architectural Review, and also oversee/enforce tree protection and replacement planning throughout the building permit and construction process to completion of the project.
- On August 14, 2020, staff requested clarification that since the applicant had already provided PD BIO-2 as part of the record for the proposed project, would the Community Development Department be willing to ensure implementation of this mitigation measure, as written or with edits. Mr. Schwilk stated that the City of Santa Clara Community Development Department would ensure the developer complies with it as-written, if the project is approved.



- On November 18, 2020, Mr. Schwilk confirmed that the City of Santa Clara Community Development Department would ensure implementation of PD BIO-1 as drafted in Responses to Data Request Set 1 -LBGF (Part 1) (TN 234295). Mr. Schwilk clarified that the title of the Director has changed from “Director of Planning and Inspection” to “Director of Community Development”. He also confirmed that the Community Development Department was also in agreement with PD BIO-2, as revised in “Responses to CEC Data Request Set 2 – LBGF (TN 234818).

cc: Lon Payne- CEC	Signed: <signed>
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