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The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Martin Backup Generating Facility (MBGF) and Martin Data Center (MDC) project located at 651 Martin Avenue, received on February 28, 2023. Based on our review, we have the following comments:

1. Data centers can use significant amounts of water. Impacts related to water use and an analysis of water supply, including recycled water, should be conducted as part of the EIR.
2. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map 06085C0227H, effective May 18, 2009, a portion of the site is located in Zone AO, a special flood hazard area with a flood depth of one foot, and the remainder of the site is located in Zone X, an area with reduced flood risk due to levee.
3. According to the Inundation Map for the Hypothetical Fair Weather Failure of Both Austrian Dam and Leniham Dam published by Valley Water in November 2019, the project site is located within the Lexington (Lenihan) Reservoir dam failure inundation area.
4. Valley Water records indicate that 1 active well is located on the subject property. If the well will continue to be used following permitted activity, it must be protected so that it does not become lost or damaged during completion of permitted activity. If the well will not be used following permitted activity, it must be properly destroyed under permit from Valley Water. While Valley Water has records for most wells located in the County, it is always possible that a well exists that is not in Valley Water's records. If previously unknown wells are found on the subject property during development, they must be properly destroyed under permit from Valley Water or registered with Valley Water and protected from damage.
5. Valley Water does not have any right of way or facilities within the project limits; therefore, in accordance with Valley Water's Water Resources Protection Ordinance, a Valley Water encroachment permit is not required for the proposed project.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the NOP of a DEIR for the project at 651 Martin Avenue and would like to review the DEIR when it becomes available. If you have any questions regarding the comments, please contact Matt

Sasaki at (408) 630-3776 or msasaki@valleywater.org. Please reference Valley Water File 34899 on future correspondence regarding this project.