

**Early Notice and Public Review
of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of San José Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement has determined that the following proposed action (Planning File No. ER23-221) is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

The project site is the Guadalupe Washington neighborhood of San José. The proposed action aims to address illegal dumping issues experienced in an alleyway located approximately 100 feet west of Almaden Avenue, between W. Virginia Street and Oak Street. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map 06085C0234H, effective May 18, 2009, the entirety of the project site is within Zone AO, which is identified as a Special Flood Hazard Area.

The proposed action will expand existing street lighting infrastructure in the Guadalupe Washington neighborhood into the alleyway. Four (4) solar-powered street lighting infrastructure will be installed. The new solar-powered street lighting will provide adequate lighting throughout the alleyway, which in turn would aid in preventing illegal dumping activities.

There are three purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of San José Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement at the following address on or before **December 4, 2023**:

City of San José Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement
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Comments may also be submitted via email to charlotte.yuen@sanjoseca.gov

Date: November 20, 2023