CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Joseph Horwedel

SUBJECT: **COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN STUDY SESSION: HYDROLOGY**

DATE: September 22, 2006

Approved Kay Winer Date 9/22/06

COUNCIL DISTRICT: #2
SNI AREA: None

OUTCOME

The September study session provides the Council an opportunity to discuss hydrology considerations associated with the Coyote Valley Specific Plan (see Exhibit 1 for Study Session agenda). Hydrology considerations include water supply, flood protection, and water quality. The Council is not expected to take any action at the Study Session.

BACKGROUND

In August 2002, the Council voted unanimously to initiate a specific plan for Coyote Valley. At that time, the Council appointed a 20-member Task Force, and specified 16 vision and expected outcomes statements to guide the preparation of the Plan. The Council has held several Study Sessions throughout the development of the Specific Plan to provide an opportunity to discuss key issues associated with this complex planning effort. The September Study Session focuses on the water related issues for the specific plan area.

ANALYSIS

Water is a central issue in Coyote Valley. The Specific Plan has several hydrologic goals:

1. Protect and enhance creek resources and habitats.
2. Protect the quality and quantity of water in the groundwater basin.
3. Protect the area from flooding.
4. Ensure an adequate water supply.

Hydrology consultants and staff from the Santa Clara Valley Water District will participate with City staff in the discussion of hydrology considerations at the study session. The session will cover existing conditions, water supply, flood protection, and water quality. The study session has opportunities for Council questions and input on these important issues. Staff anticipates distributing the slides prior to the session for Council review and preparation.

POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable. No decisions are being made at the Study Session.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Coyote Valley Specific Plan effort involves extensive community outreach, as well as discussions with many other governmental agencies. To date, the Task Force has met almost 50 times. There have also been several well-attended community workshops, Technical Advisory Committee meetings consisting of staff from public and non-governmental agencies, as well as numerous Focus Group and other stakeholder meetings. This process exceeds the City Council Policy 6-30: Public Outreach for Pending Land Use and Development Proposals.

The City Council Study Session on Friday, September 29, 2006 is another opportunity for public input. Information about these meetings and other background on the Coyote Valley Specific Plan can be found at www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley.

COORDINATION

The Specific Plan effort involves almost all City Departments and many outside local, state, and federal agencies, including the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Valley Transportation Agency, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, many of who have been participating actively in the planning process.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

Pursuant to City Council's direction in 2003 regarding external funding sources for new long range planning activities, the Coyote Valley Specific Plan effort is funded by a group of property owners represented by the Coyote Housing Group (CHG), LLC.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The cost of preparing the Coyote Valley Specific Plan, EIR, and other regulatory documents is funded by the CHG. There are no cost implications of the Study Session.

CEQA

Exempt, PP03-06-211

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Exhibits
1. Study Session Agenda

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CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

on the

COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN
HYDROLOGY CONSIDERATIONS

City Hall Council Chambers
Friday, September 29, 2006
9:00 a.m. – Noon

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks	5 minutes
2. Introduction	10 minutes
3. Hydrology Considerations for Coyote Valley	90 minutes
a. Existing Conditions	
b. Water Supply	
c. Flood and Water Quality Protection	
4. Next Steps	5 minutes
5. Public Comments	
6. Adjourn	