

APPENDIX A

Stanford University Scoping Letter

The following is a NOP scoping letter from Stanford University that was considered during EIR preparation, but was omitted from the Draft EIR. The comments noted within are also addressed in response to Comment Letter O (see Chapter 3 of this Response to Comments document).



Stanford University Memorandum

Date: January 30, 2006

To: Emily Harrison
From: Jean McCown
Subject: Emergency Water Supply Project

Please provide the following information to the City Council as part of their consideration of CMR: 124:06 at this evening's Council meeting.

El Camino Park

Over the past several years, Stanford University representatives have had a number of discussions with Palo Alto's utility department staff regarding the use of a portion of El Camino Park land as a potential reservoir site. In those meetings, City staff suggested certain specific areas as possible preferred locations, but Stanford has not agreed to those locations.

Stanford has suggested another area within El Camino Park it feels would be acceptable for such a use and has provided this to the City. The EIR should include consideration of the project in the location suggested by Stanford, among the various alternatives.

Stanford Shopping Center

The major tenants (Macy's, Bloomingdales, Neiman Marcus, and Macy's Men's) have ground lease restrictions in their favor against changing or reducing the size of the existing parking areas or using them for any purpose other than Shopping Center customer parking. These restrictions apply even on a short-term (daily) basis.

Reduction of customer parking, even on a temporary basis, negatively impacts sales, rents and sales taxes.

Reservoirs under the parking lots would preclude locating stores, parking structures, or possibly other improvements over such parking, thereby impairing the Center's flexibility to grow and/or change in a way which improves tenant mix and sales growth.

Northeast corner of Arboretum Road and Quarry Road

The parking area described in this location is not within the City's limits. It is governed by the County GUP and although presently used for parking, is identified as a GUP housing site.