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TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BRAD EGGLESTON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2021

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13 - TITLE: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS 2020-25 AND DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON STRATEGIES FOR SERVICES FOR UNHOUSED PALO ALTO RESIDENTS, INCLUDING DIRECTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PROJECT HOMEKEY PROGRAM FOR AN EMERGENCY SHELTER IN A PORTION OF THE FORMER LOS ALTOS TREATMENT PLANT (LATP) SITE AND DIRECTION RELATED TO OTHER RESOURCES FOR UNHOUSED PALO ALTANS

The following information provides greater detail about the use of 1.16 acres of Area C by GreenWaste of Palo Alto (GWPA) and the potential use of Area B by Valley Water at the Los Altos Treatment Plant site adjacent to the potential Project Homekey site:

GreenWaste of Palo Alto use of Area C

- Time of day site is used – operationally, GWPA arrives on site as early as 4am. This allows them to prepare for commercial bin pull outs and container exchanges, roll-off trucks picking-up debris boxes, and containers being wiped down or set up (add lids and wheels) to drop off to customers.
- Space for charging stations and electric trucks – there is currently 1 charging station being used onsite by GWPA; however, the plan is to have 7 electric charging stations. Staff has been working with PG&E as well as Utilities Electric staff on expanding the electric connection onsite and determining options and costs.
- Container storage – the site is used for the storage of a variety of collection containers including debris boxes that are used at construction and deconstruction sites, commercial collection containers and some wheeled carts.
- Extra space is needed within the site for maneuvering containers – some space is also needed for the large roll-off vehicles to steer and load the containers



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- Hub for deconstruction – the site is used as a weighing station for smaller deconstruction containers and consolidation of deconstruction materials into larger debris boxes that are then transported to the processing facilities. There is currently minimal use for deconstruction purposes because of the pandemic and lower numbers of projects, but the demand is starting to slowly grow and more of the area is expected to be used as staging for deconstruction in the next few months.
- Trailer – used for GWPA supervisors, some drivers and for their outreach staff when they are in the field and conducting work in Palo Alto
- Safety – GWPA drivers are able to go into the yard for emergencies to check collection vehicles. It is a safe, out of the way area to assess vehicle and container situations.
- The site enables GWPA to provide quick turnaround requests on containers, which saves time, costs, and greenhouse gas emissions since the site is so close.

Potential Valley Water use of Area B

In accordance with the terms of the 2019 Partnership Agreement between City of Palo Alto, City of Mountain View, and Valley Water to Advance Resilient Water Reuse Programs in Santa Clara County ([Report #10627](#)), Valley Water is currently assessing the feasibility of locating a regional water purification facility on Area B of the Los Altos Treatment Plant site. Staff is working with Valley Water on preliminary draft terms for a potential lease agreement for the site. If completed, the regional water purification facility would treat 9 million gallons per day of Regional Water Quality Control Plant effluent provided to Valley Water under the terms of the Agreement. The environmental review and permitting process is complex and may include mitigation for wetlands in Area B. Valley Water wants to expedite the process in response to the current drought, but completion of a potential facility would still be several years away.

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