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Re: February 13, 2025 PDCC agenda, item 12b; Haystack preliminary plan approval - issue with the 20' wide maintenance road

Dear City Council,

We live on the only house actually on the flood channel East of Heliotrope. We very much appreciate the city's efforts to improve the flood channel and overall agree with the proposal except for one item - the 20' wide maintenance road running on the North side of the channel the entire length between Heliotrope and Portola. During earlier community meetings with Planning, Planning was going to attempt to reduce the width of this road to ~15' wide but the conceptual rendering still show 20' wide. Additionally, the conceptual renderings are visually misleading on the look of the channel as they are rendered the existing trail that is only a few feet wide, not with the 20' dirt road.

Some considerations for this 20' wide maintenance road:

1. 50,000 square feet of the existing natural-scape will be forever exposed without any vegetation. This will be another source for local dust and will reduce the actual flood channel width noticeably.
2. A wide dirt road will be an eyesore from the Southside sidewalk and Haystack road.
3. Haystack recently went through a traffic calming activity to reduce speed by narrowing the lanes and adding stop signs. This dirt road will be an uninhibited 0.5 mile straight shot from Heliotrope to Portola which may be inviting to off-roaders, dirt bikes, loiterers, and illegal dumpers.
4. Maintenance intervals are infrequent (nearly existent for many years past) - is such a road really needed?

Thank you for your consideration,
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