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Good afternoon Haris and Uriel

During the 12/1/22 WASC Committee meeting, the Via Princessa Park and Regional BMP Project received a question regarding the project's assigned score for both the Community Investment and Leveraging Funds sections of the total project score. Specifically, the Committee member questioned why the project was scored lower in Community Investment and Leveraging Funds than he would have anticipated, based on the project application. Please find the City of Santa Clarita response below ...

### **Community Investment Scoring**

Regarding Community Investment, the project provides 5 of the 7 Community Investment Benefits. The 5 benefits provided include:

- Creation, enhancement, or restoration of park space, habitat or wetland space
- Improve public access to waterways
- Creation or enhancement of new recreational opportunities
- Reduction of heat local island effect and provide an increase in shade
- Provide an increase in shade or the number of trees

The 2 benefits not addressed by the project are 1) Improve flood management, and 2) Creation or enhancement of green spaces at schools.

Points in the CI Section or based on the number of benefits provided as follows:

3 benefits= 5 points.

6 benefits= 10 points

Since our project provides 5 benefits, the project achieved a score of 5 points for Community Investment.

### **Leveraging Funds Scoring**

Regarding Leveraging Funds, Part 1 is a funding calculation based on the matching funds provided. The Via Princessa Park project provides 37% matching based on \$10 Million in leveraged funds and a total project cost of approximately \$27.5 Million. Based on the funding match percentage, the project achieved 3 points for Part 1.

Scoring for Part 2 is more subjective. In the project application, the project applied for 4 points in this section, and achieved a final score of 2 points. The Scoring Committee felt that although we had a Support Letter by the Cordova property owner, at the time of application, we had not yet received support letters from the tenants. Additionally, the Committee thought that the Cordova tenants should have had more involvement in the design process other than the community Public Outreach event. Due to these two items, the project was scored lower than what was originally anticipated.

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