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Council Mayor Enander and Distinguished Council Members,

Council 6/14/2022 Meeting Agenda Item 2, Milverton Stormwater Drain Improvements

**I recommend you provide Engineering Staff guidance to review design with Milverton residents and get their opinion on most important elements of design / phasing of project for cost reduction. Review should be done before approved funding is moved to other projects.**

When Santa Clara County subdivided Milverton in 1947, two drywells were installed at both natural low spots to capture street stormwater runoff. These drywells worked just fine because Santa Clara County cleaned out drywells every 10 years until Milverton was annexed to Los Altos in 1972. Los Altos last cleaned both drywells in 1980 and since then they soon became “loaded with silt” and lost their ability to absorb street stormwater within 2 hours. Currently they absorb street stormwater in 3 or 4 days. Resident requests to Los Altos Maintenance Staff for cleaning drywells have been returned “**we do not clean drywells**”. In late 1980’s Los Altos had a street flooding stormwater pump truck but it soon became too costly to operate.

Thank you for your consideration!

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**Project:** Milverton Road  
**Project Identifier:** AD PA 1002  
**Issue:** Poorly functioning drywells cause flooding

**Priority:** Moderate

**Cost:** \$410,000

*Plan View*



**Master Plan Improvements:**

1. Add new 18" RCP line along Milverton Rd. Top of system is approximately half way between S El Monte Ave and the bend in Milverton Rd. Tie into existing system at MH G2D-608 (S El Monte Ave at University Ave).
2. Construct 3 new inlets on Milverton Rd at the low point where flooding occurs. Drywells should be removed. Improvements consist of 772 LF of 18" RCP, 2 new MH connections, and 1 MH connection to an existing line.



**Project Summary:**  
Milverton Rd, approximately 515 feet NW of S El Monte Rd, has experienced drainage problems. Drywells exist, but function poorly.

New inlets at the low point in Milverton Rd will improve roadway conditions by draining the street and carrying the runoff to the existing city SD system.

The proposed improvements were added to the city's SD model to determine impacts. It appears the El Monte system has capacity for the proposed improvements. The peak flow in the most downstream pipe in the El Monte system increases from 3.9 cfs to 7.1 cfs, however, the system has capacity for this addition flow.



