

Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Regional General Permit #18 – Group Exercise

Review the following examples and discuss them with your group. Discussion questions:

1. *Are they suitable to use the RGP?*
2. *Will they be able to go to construction by the desired date?*
3. *What are the key issues that might arise?*

Example 1. Bridge Replacement

VTA would like to remove and replace a bridge from 1930's. The bridge is currently 45 feet wide and 60 feet long. The replacement bridge will be 65 feet wide and 75 feet long. It will require a construction area of 50 feet on either side of the bridge. Staging is in uplands. There will be 0.35 acres of permanent impact to waters of the U.S. 30% engineering drawings are available and include plan area and cross sections; photos have been taken of the site and these locations are shown on the figure. A wetland delineation has been conducted but no hydro-geomorphic study. It is on a tributary to the Guadalupe River; a Biological Assessment has been prepared. A cultural resource assessment has been conducted for the site and determined the bridge to be eligible; a treatment plan was recommended. There may also be buried resources. The project manager would like to go to construction in July 2016.

Example 2. Development

The Morgan Hill is responding to a request from a developer to create a 40 home subdivision. The developer will pay fees for Zone B (Agricultural and Valley Floor Land). The site is located adjacent to Llagas Creek and the developer is maintaining the required setbacks. However, 0.25 acre of wetland needs to be permanently filled to support drainage improvements on site. The wetland delineation is complete and Llagas Creek will not be affected. A cultural resource assessment has been conducted for the site and no visible resources were identified. The developer would like to go to construction in July 2016.