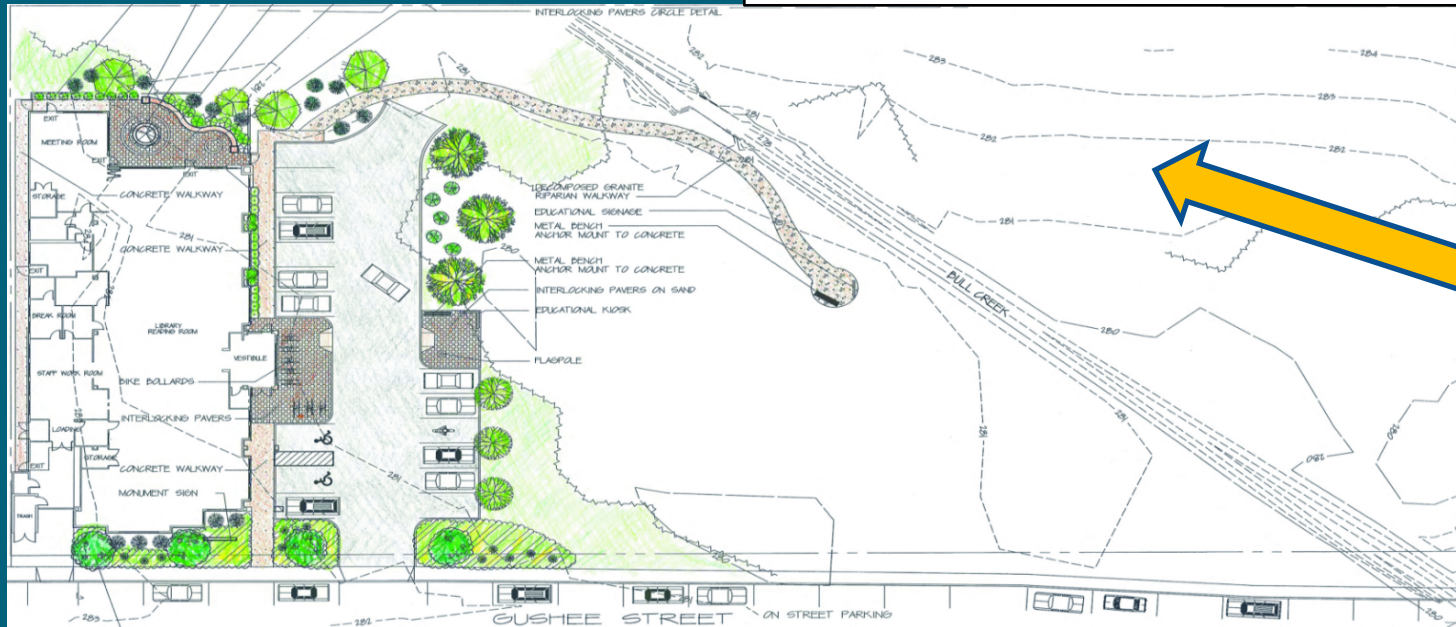


# The Proposed New Felton Library: Community-Based Creekside Zone Project at Bull Creek



# Felton Library Site: Neighbors with SLVWD

**SLVWD Water Treatment  
plant and solar panels**



One acre of  
undeveloped  
riparian land



# **Thinking Outside of the Box: Trends in Libraries throughout the Country**



**Integrating inside  
and outside  
activities at the  
library create  
unlimited  
opportunities for  
community  
engagement and  
partnerships.**

# Libraries and the Environment

- **Libraries are a perfect place to gently and safely help families connect to the outdoors.**
- **Libraries have resources to enhance watershed education opportunities.**
- **Libraries serve as community hubs.**



# **Creekside Zone and the Felton Library: Community Brainstorming to Date**

- **Focus on watershed education for all ages**
- **Riparian education walkway along Bull Creek**
- **“Nature Explore” area for children**
- **Native plant demonstration gardens**
- **Information on water delivery systems**
- **Theme gardens and seed lending library**

# **Creekside Zone and the Felton Library: Potential Partnerships**

- **Santa Cruz County Library System**
- **County Parks and Recreation Department**
- **County Public Works Department**
- **SLV School District**
- **SLV Water District**
- **SLV business community**
- **Other conservation and community organizations**

# Proposed New Felton Branch



- **Designed with community input by Architect Teal Messer**
- **Energy efficient construction**
- **Construction would begin in 2017**



# Campaign to Strengthen our Local Libraries

- **Revenue measure that will fund:**
  - **New library for Felton and Capitola and extensive remodels for Santa Cruz and Aptos**
  - **Major upgrades to Boulder Creek and the other five branches.**
- **Mandatory fiscal accountability provisions will insure funds are expanded as proposed**
- **2/3 majority YES vote required**

# Next Steps for Creekside Project

- **Design workshop with Nature Explore Consultancy for Bull Creek outdoor project April 5-6**
- **Develop preliminary plan and begin county permitting process**
- **Build partnerships and identify funding opportunities**
- **Pass the library revenue measure!**