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Subject: Comments on the proposed Barlow Hotel / Parking Lot

Barlow hotel comments:

I'd like to see some acknowledgement of the area's industrial, railroad past. Maybe they could put a section of rail back into depot street or develop an interpretive display. Or perhaps they could do something with the West County museum on the history. I think 100% of the trees and plants on site should be California native. Planting "October Surprise" maple trees (basically a single tree that has divided many times and is native to the south) has no ecological value. Work with Laguna Foundation and California Native Plant Society - Milo Baker chapter to source local genetic materials for the project.

Parking lot:

Reduce parking area by half and replace with covered bicycle parking. Remove the shed. Make all pavement permeable - no asphalt. Bioretention to remain in addition to permeable paving. Verify all plants are native / locals and are sourced from Laguna Foundation nursery or Calflora Nursery in Fulton. Use mitigations on parking lot lighting to limit impact to insect life such as timers, yellow bulbs, etc. Improvements to Americorps trail as needed / agreed upon with public works as a public benefit. I see no public facing art installations as part of the parking lot - my understanding was that there would be some.

Thanks, Gavin