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Dear Kelsey Creek Friends and Neighbors,

This letter is to update the you on the West Tributary of Kelsey Creek Restoration Project. Ohno Construction Company is the City's contractor on the project and beginning the week of June 9th started staging their equipment for the implementation of the restoration work on the West Tributary. The West Tributary project will enhance and restore stream and riparian habitat on approximately 2,000 feet of the stream within the Park. The project begins at the north boundary of Kelsey Creek Park and extends to the Kelsey Creek Wetland at the south end of the developed area within the park.

Project elements include:

- **Restore the historic Kelsey West Tributary channel** - The original channel and flows were altered by the construction of an artificial oxbow. This project would restore the natural channel and riparian buffer, allowing habitat enhancement efforts to be successful.
- **Remove fish passage barriers in the stream** - Past upstream development activities have deposited sediments that have braided the stream channel to the point where salmon migration is impaired. The project will remove these sediments and install a sediment pond to facilitate the removal of future sediments.
- **Re-establish the natural channel complexity and stream structure** - The project includes creating pools/riffles and physical configuration, steamed gravel and bottom substrate, logs, root wads, and woody debris restoring salmon spawning and aquatic organism habitat.
- **Enhance degraded riparian habitat** - The project will install native trees and snags, shrubs, and forbs resulting in cooler stream temperatures, vegetative diversity and improved wildlife habitat.
- **Reduce park flooding** - The project will replace the north vehicle bridge and central pedestrian bridge with new arched design bridges that will allow for improved stream flows to help reduce flooding in these areas of the park.
- **Improve recreation opportunities** - The project will also replace the south pedestrian bridge and add a 270' length elevated boardwalk to improve drainage and pedestrian access through this seasonally flooded area of the park.
- **Preserve historic structures** - The project will relocate the historic Fraser cabin to the hillside to protect it from damaging flood waters.

Thank you for your patience and support as we help improve Kelsey Creek Park for people, fish, and wildlife. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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