



August 24, 2023

Dear Residents of the Ellis Community:

Last year in October I sent a letter to the Ellis Community detailing the milestones necessary for Franklyn Cole Elementary School to start construction. Many of the milestones that need to take place are outside the control of the school district and continue to be delayed. The Jefferson School District continues to work with the developer, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Shell Corporation, and PJHM Architects to move the site approval process forward for the school site planned in the Ellis Development. In the meantime, students will be educated in the existing schools in our district. While students from Ellis will not attend Corral Hollow Elementary School when it opens in August 2024, the opening of the new school will create more space at the other four schools in the district. Based upon current information, the earliest Franklyn Cole Elementary School will open is August 2027.

Milestones Needed to Move the Project Forward as of October 2022/Updated as of August 2023

1. ~~December 31, 2022~~/Updated to April 2024 – Woodside Homes needs to complete the new detention basin for the Ellis subdivision north of Valpico Rd. This is subject to the City of Tracy providing all needed approvals in a timely manner to start and complete construction. Construction of the Ultimate Basin north of Valpico Rd. is estimated to be completed April 2024 subject to weather.
2. ~~June 30, 2023~~/Updated to April 2024 – Lennar needs to fill in the temporary detention basin that is currently on the school site. The improvement plans for the Avenues which include the storm drain connection to the Ultimate Basin were approved by the City in February 2023. The City has delayed placement on the Council agenda multiple times this year, and more recently pulled this item from the August 15th Council agenda. If the plans are approved by Council in September, the connection to make the basin operational may be completed April 2024 subject to weather. Lennar can fill in the temporary basin immediately after.
3. ~~June 30, 2023~~/Updated to March 2024 – Shell Corporation needs to complete its Remedial Action Plan and have the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) issue a No Further Action (NFA) letter. Shell has awarded the contract for the Remedial Action Plan work and is expected to complete excavations in November 2023. The request for NFA (No Further Action) confirmation from CVRWQCB will be completed by December 2023. Estimated receipt of NFA is March 2024.
4. ~~August 31, 2023~~/Updated to July 2024 – District consultants will complete soil testing and prepare the Geotechnical Report. Pending progress on items # 1-3, this will be delayed at least until July 2024.

5. ~~December 31, 2023~~/**Updated to September 2024** – Jefferson School District will submit all the final documents for California Department of Education approval of the school site pending progress on items #1-4.
6. ~~January 31, 2024~~/**Updated to January 2025** – PJHM Architects will submit final school plans to the Division of State Architects for approval. They have the plans completed, but all of the structural drawings are awaiting the Geotechnical Report expected by January 2025, pending progress on items #1-5.
7. ~~August 31, 2024~~/**Updated to March 2025** – Jefferson School District will advertise for school construction bids pending progress on items #1-6.
8. ~~October 15, 2024~~/**Updated to August 2025** – The Jefferson School District Board will approve the construction project and school construction will begin pending progress on items #1-7.
9. ~~August 2026~~/**Updated to August 2027** – Franklyn Cole Elementary School is expected to open pending progress on items #1-8.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates as needed.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent