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San Rafael Update

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Downtown Library Modernization Project

- Secured \$3M in funding for infrastructure improvements at the Downtown Library
- Improvements will address critical infrastructure and life safety issues (roofing, HVAC, restroom deficiencies) as well as design and technology improvements to enhance the patron experience
- City has hired architectural firm for project design and scoping work to identify what can be accomplished within the available budget
- Expect to begin construction later in 2023



Pickleweed Branch Renovation Project

- Secured \$2M in funding to redesign interior space at Pickleweed Branch Library
- Will expand usable public and staff space within the existing building footprint
- Project will launch later in 2023



New Downtown Library

- Downtown Library was originally constructed in 1909, with renovations in the 1960s and 1970s
- While the building has been well-used and well-loved over the decades, there are significant challenges:
 - Significantly undersized for a community with San Rafael's population
 - Challenging to provide the comprehensive, innovative services of a modern library given space constraints
 - Critical infrastructure issues beyond those to be addressed in the Library Modernization Project
- Exploring options for a large-scale project to either expand the current Downtown Library or to build a new joint Library and Community Center at Albert Park

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