

## County of Santa Cruz

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the following project has been reviewed by the County Environmental Coordinator to determine if it has a potential to create significant impacts to the environment and, if so, how such impacts could be solved. A Negative Declaration is prepared in cases where the project is determined not to have any significant environmental impacts. Either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for projects that may result in a significant impact to the environment.

Public review periods are provided for these Environmental Determinations according to the requirements of the County Environmental Review Guidelines. The environmental document is available for review at the County Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, in Santa Cruz. You may also view the environmental document on the web at <a href="https://www.sccoplanning.com">www.sccoplanning.com</a> under the Planning Department menu. If you have questions or comments about this Notice of Intent, please contact Matt Johnston at (831) 454-5357.

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**PROJECT: Davenport House** 

APP #: 181133

APN: 058-082-13

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APPLICANT/OWNER: Jacquie Low for Michael Eaton PROJECT PLANNER: Jerry Busch, (831) 454-3234

EMAIL: <u>Jerry.Busch@santacruzcounty.us</u>
ACTION: Negative Declaration with Mitigations

REVIEW PERIOD: April 7, 2019 through April 26, 2019

This project will be considered at a public hearing before the Zoning Administrator. The time, date and location have not been set. When scheduling does occur, these items will be included in all public hearing notices for the project.



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**Owner: Jacquie Low** 

**Applicant: Michael Eaton** 

Staff Planner: Jerry Busch, (831) 454-3234

Email: Jerry.Busch@santacruzcounty.us

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#### California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period, and; on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the attached Initial Study on file with the County of Santa Cruz Clerk of the Board located at 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz, California.

Review Period Ends: <u>April 26, 2019</u>	
	Date:
	MATT JOHNSTON, Environmental Coordinator (831) 454-5357



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# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Date: March 15, 2019 Application Number: 181133

Project Name: Davenport House Staff Planner: Jerry Busch

I. OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

APPLICANT: Jacquie Low APN(s): 05808213

OWNER: Michael Eaton SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: Three

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located on the inland side of Highway 1 within the community of Davenport in unincorporated Santa Cruz County (See Location Map below, Figure 1). Santa Cruz County is bounded on the north by San Mateo County, on the south by Monterey and San Benito counties, on the east by Santa Clara County, and on the south and west by the Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

#### SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Proposal to construct an approximately 1,741 square foot, two-story single-family dwelling with an attached 1-story, 323 square foot garage. Requires a Coastal Development Permit and Archeological Review. (See Site Plan, Attachment 2.)

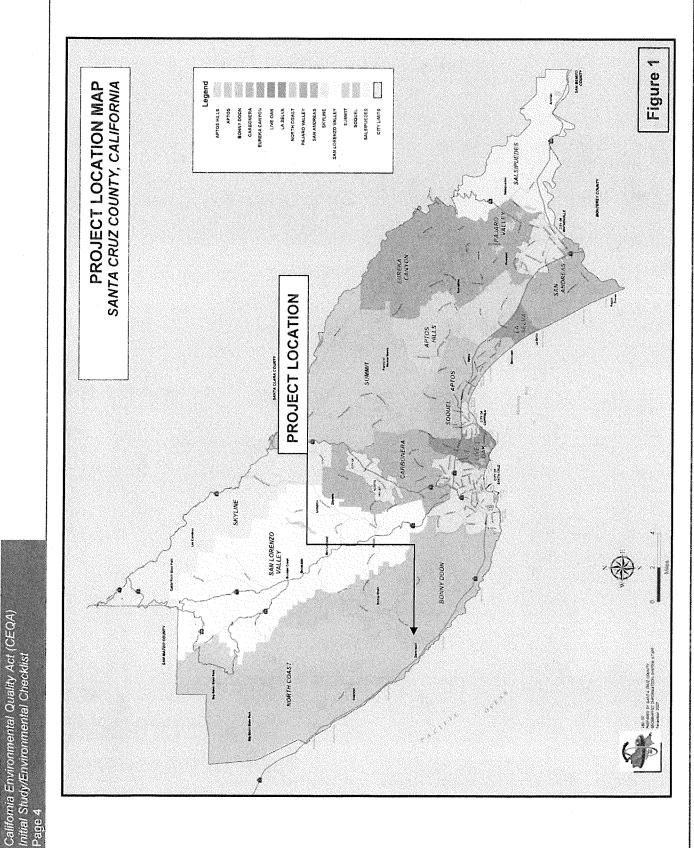
**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** All of the following potential environmental impacts are evaluated in this Initial Study. Categories that are marked have been analyzed in greater detail based on project specific information.

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	Aesthetics and Visual Resources		Mineral Resources
	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	$\boxtimes$	Noise
	Air Quality		Population and Housing
	Biological Resources		Public Services
	Cultural Resources		Recreation
	Geology and Soils		Transportation/Traffic
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Utilities and Service Systems
	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	$\boxtimes$	Tribal Cultural Resources
	Hydrology/Water Supply/Water Quality		Mandatory Findings of Significance
	Land Use and Planning		

DIS	CRETIONARY APPROVAL(S) BEING C	ONS	IDERED:				
	General Plan Amendment	$\boxtimes$	Coastal Development Permit				
	Land Division		Grading Permit				
	Rezoning		Riparian Exception				
	Development Permit		LAFCO Annexation				
Ш	Sewer Connection Permit		Other:				
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	effects that remain to be addressed.  I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.						
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MAT	T JOHŇSYON, Environmental Coordinator		Date				

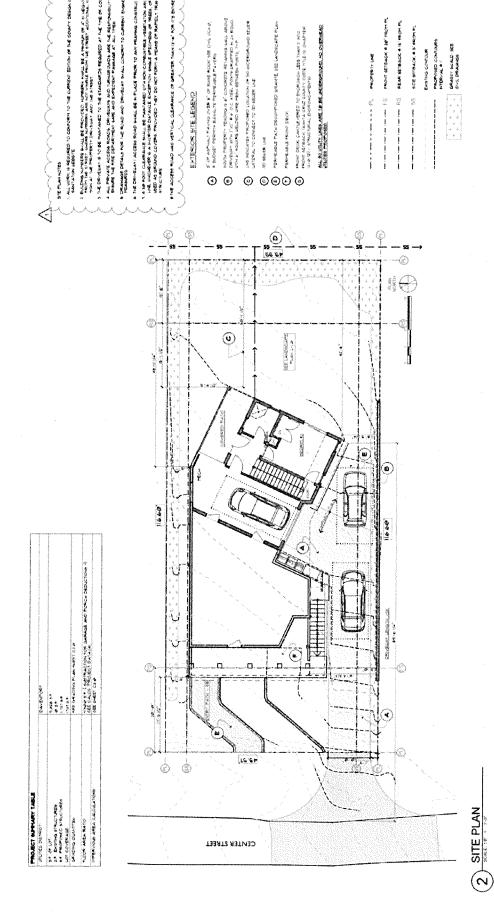


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Project Site Plan

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#### II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### **EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS:** Parcel Size: 5.835 sa.ft. Existing Land Use: Vacant Vegetation: Primarily non-native grasses and weeds Slope in area affected by project: ⊠ 0 - 30% □ 31 – 100% □ N/A **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND CONSTRAINTS:** Water Supply Watershed: No Fault Zone: No Groundwater Recharge: Scenic Corridor: No Yes Timber or Mineral: No Historic: No Agricultural Resource: Archaeology: No Yes Biologically Sensitive Habitat: Noise Constraint: No No Fire Hazard: Electric Power Lines: No No Floodplain: Solar Access: No No Erosion: No Solar Orientation: No Landslide: Hazardous Materials: No No Liquefaction: Other: No No **SERVICES:** Fire Protection: Cal Fire **Drainage District:** NA School District: SCHSD **Project Access:** Private Sewage Disposal: DAVSAN Water Supply: $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}$ **PLANNING POLICIES:** Zone District: Special Designation: R-1-6 General Plan: R-UL Rural Services Line (RSL): ⊠ Inside Outside Coastal Zone: ⊠ Inside Outside

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING AND SURROUNDING LAND USES:

#### **Natural Environment**

Santa Cruz County is uniquely situated along the northern end of Monterey Bay approximately 55 miles south of the City of San Francisco along the Central Coast. The Pacific Ocean and Monterey Bay to the west and south, the mountains inland, and the prime agricultural lands along both the northern and southern coast of the county create limitations on the style and amount of building that can take place. Simultaneously, these natural features create an environment that attracts both visitors and new residents every year. The natural landscape provides the basic features that set Santa Cruz apart from the

surrounding counties and require specific accommodations to ensure building is done in a safe, responsible and environmentally respectful manner.

The California Coastal Zone affects nearly one third of the land in the urbanized area of the unincorporated County with special restrictions, regulations, and processing procedures required for development within that area. Steep hillsides require extensive review and engineering to ensure that slopes remain stable, buildings are safe, and water quality is not impacted by increased erosion. The farmland in Santa Cruz County is among the best in the world, and the agriculture industry is a primary economic generator for the County. Preserving this industry in the face of population growth requires that soils best suited to commercial agriculture remain active in crop production rather than converting to other land uses.

#### **DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed project is a 1,737 square foot, two-story, single-family dwelling with an attached 1-story, 323 square foot garage. The infill development is proposed on an existing, 5,835 sq.ft. lot in the town of Davenport. Most of the habitable floor area of the proposed dwelling is on the main level. The garage and an adjacent bedroom would be located underneath the main floor on the downhill side of the dwelling. The structure is "angled" to the south and located as far as possible toward the west end of the lot to minimize impact on the ocean views of the adjacent existing dwelling to the north. The driveway would come off Center Street at the west end of the parcel, rather than off the unpaved alley at the east end of the lot.

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#### III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

	ESTHETICS AND VISUAL RESOURCES pt as provided in Public Resources Code sect	ion 21099	, Would the	project:				
1.	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$			
<b>Discussion</b> : Although the proposed dwelling unit is within a designated scenic resource, the only views that would be affected by the project are those from private property. The project would not directly impact any public scenic resource.								
2.	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				$\boxtimes$			
<b>Discussion</b> : The project site is not adjacent to or visible from County designated scenic road or state scenic highway or public viewshed area. Though visible from public lands uphill to the north, the proposed dwelling would not stand out from the surrounding urban area. Therefore, no impact is anticipated.								
3.	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			$\boxtimes$				
propo	<b>Discussion:</b> The existing visual setting is the urbanized neighborhood of Davenport. The proposed project is designed and landscaped so as to fit into this setting, so the project will have a less than significant impact.							
4.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?							
<b>Discussion</b> : The project could create an incremental increase in night lighting. However, this increase would be small, and would be similar in character to the lighting associated with the surrounding existing uses.								

#### B. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and

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Significant Significant Page 11 Incorporated Impact No Impact Impact forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project: Convert Prime Farmland, Unique X Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use? **Discussion**: The project site does not contain any lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. In addition, the project does not contain Farmland of Local Importance. Therefore, no Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide or Farmland of Local Importance would be converted to a non-agricultural use. No impact would occur from project implementation. 2. Conflict with existing zoning for X agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? Discussion: The project site is zoned R-1-6 which is not an agricultural zone. Additionally, the project site's land is not under a Williamson Act Contract. Therefore, the project does not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract. No impact is anticipated. 3. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause X rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))? **Discussion:** The project is not located near land designated as Timber Resource. Therefore, the project would not affect the resource or access to harvest the resource in the future. Result in the loss of forest land or 4. M conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

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**Discussion**: No forest land occurs on the project site or in the immediate vicinity. See discussion under B-3 above. No impact is anticipated.

5. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

*Discussion*: The home location is more than 200 feet from lands designated as Type 3 – Viable Agricultural Land Within the Coastal Zone. The land is not cultivated. Several residential dwellings, several outbuildings of Pacific Elementary School, and fences and boundary vegetation exist between the hillside agricultural soils and the proposed dwelling. No Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide, or Farmland of Local Importance would be converted to a non-agricultural use or adversely affected. In addition, the project site contains no forest land, and no forest land occurs within 1.6 miles of the proposed project site. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

#### C. AIR QUALITY

The significance criteria established by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD)<sup>1</sup> has been relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

1.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of		$\square$
	the applicable air quality plan?	L	

**Discussion**: The project would not conflict with or obstruct any long-range air quality plans of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD). Because general construction activity related emissions (i.e., temporary sources) are accounted for in the emission inventories included in the plans, impacts to air quality plan objectives are less than significant.

2. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard??



**Discussion**: The primary pollutants of concern for the NCCAB are ozone and PM10, as those are the pollutants for which the district is in nonattainment. Project construction would have a limited and temporary potential to contribute to existing violations of California air quality standards for ozone and PM10 primarily through diesel engine exhaust

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Formerly known as the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD).

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and fugitive dust. The criteria for assessing cumulative impacts on localized air quality are the same as those for assessing individual project impacts. Projects that do not exceed MBARD's construction or operational thresholds and are consistent with the AQMP would not have cumulatively considerable impacts on regional air quality (MBARD, 2008). Because the project would not exceed MBARD's thresholds and is consistent with the AQMP, there would not be cumulative impacts on regional air quality.

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woul occu maxi (ME)	The proposed project is located in the community of Davenport and sensitive receptors would be as close as 50 feet from the project area. Since grading activity is anticipated to occur over a period of less than two weeks, the sensitive receptors would be affected for a maximum of two weeks, which is well below of the 70-year maximum exposed individual MEI) criteria used for assessing public health risk due to emissions of certain air pollutants MBUAPCD 2008).								
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**Discussion**: Land uses typically producing objectionable odors include agricultural uses, wastewater treatment plants, food processing plants, chemical plants, composting, refineries, landfills, dairies, and fiberglass molding. The proposed project does not include any uses that would be associated with objectionable odors. Odor emissions from the proposed project would be limited to odors associated with vehicle and engine exhaust and idling from cars entering, parking, and exiting the facility. The project does not include any known sources of objectionable odors associated with the long-term operations phase.

During construction activities, only short-term, temporary odors from vehicle exhaust and construction equipment engines would occur. California ultralow sulfur diesel fuel with a maximum sulfur content of 15 ppm by weight would be used in all diesel-powered equipment, which minimizes emissions of sulfurous gases (sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, carbon disulfide, and carbonyl sulfide). As the project site is in a coastal area that contains

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coastal breezes off of the Monterey Bay, construction-related odors would disperse and dissipate and would not cause substantial odors at the closest sensitive receptors (located approximately 20 feet to the northeast, 40 feet to the west, 50 feet to the southwest and 50 feet to the southeast of the project site). Construction-related odors would be short-term and would cease upon completion. Therefore, no objectionable odors are anticipated from construction activities associated with the project.

The project would not create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people; therefore, the project is not expected to result in significant impacts related to objectionable odors during construction or operation.

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	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES uld the project:				
1.	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
was Cali or a	cussion: Habitat for Special Status Species do conducted of the California Natural Diversity ifornia Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the mimal species within the project site or in the sus species have been observed in the project are	Data Base nere are ne vicinity of	e (CNDDB) o records o	, maintaine f special sta	ed by the tus plant
	site does not provide potential nesting habita ratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).	t for birds	s of prey o	r birds liste	d by the
2.	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations (e.g., wetland, native grassland, special forests, intertidal zone, etc.) or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	·.			
	cussion: There are no mapped or designated	riparian o	or sensitive	biotic com	munities
on c	or adjacent to the project site.				
3.	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by				$\boxtimes$

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Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

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adja	cussion: There are no mapped or design cent to the project site. Therefore, a lementation.				
4	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
with	cussion: The proposed project does not in the movements or migrations of fish or we ery site.				
5.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources (such as the Sensitive Habitat Ordinance, Riparian and Wetland Protection Ordinance, and the Significant Tree Protection Ordinance)?				
Disc	cussion: The project would not conflict with	n any local p	olicies or c	ordinances.	
6.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?		7,		
Habi	cussion: The proposed project would not contact tat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conal, or state habitat conservation plan. There	Conservation	Plan, or o	ther approv	-
7.	Produce nighttime lighting that would substantially illuminate wildlife habitats?				$\boxtimes$
	eussion: No native habitat is close enough e-family dwelling. No nighttime lighting im			-	

occur.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study/Environmental Checklist Page 16	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact			
E. CULTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:							
<ol> <li>Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?</li> </ol>							
<b>Discussion:</b> No structures exist on the site. However, because the site is mapped as potentially having Archeological Resources, an archeological review of the site was conducted by Albion Environmental, Inc.							
Albion's initial archeological reconnaissance was reported in <i>Cultural Resources Assessment Of Proposed Construction At 60 Center Street Davenport, California.</i> The site survey uncovered sufficient evidence of archeological material to justify a Phase II survey, which was reported in a letter dated 9/6/2018, regarding "Results and Recommendations of the Phase II Archaeological Study at 60 Center Street, Davenport," from Stella D'Oro, Senior Archaeologist at Albion. Based on the Phase II survey, Albion submitted a letter dated 9/11/2018, regarding "Proposal for a Phase III Archaeological Study at 60 Center Street, Davenport." On 12/10/2018, Albion submitted a follow-up letter to clarify the results of Phase II and the recommendation for a Phase III, regarding "Justification for a Phase III Archaeological Study at Center Street, Davenport, California." These four documents comprise Attachment 3.							
The site survey and excavations yielded a rehistoric assemblage consisting of metal, glass, archeological review concluded that the historoposed project area is not significant and does result, no impacts to historical resources would on	ceramics wrical comp	ood and monent of the bute to CRI	odern tra ne site wi HR eligibil	sh. The thin the lity. As a			
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#### Discussion:

Section 15064.5?

resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines

The archeological survey conducted by Albion Environmental (Attachment 3) found that significant archeological materials exist on the project site. Albion determined that a precolonial deposit found on the site was intact, significant, and contained information that has yielded or may be likely to yield important information about the past; therefore, the site should be considered an historic resource, eligible under CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(a)(3)(D) for inclusion in the California Register of Historic Resources. Per the Guidelines, a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment

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(15064.5(b). Albion recommended a Phase III site study in order to identify and reduce potential impacts to a level of less than significant.

The significance of the site resources in light of State and local law, the analysis of potential impacts, and proposed project mitigation measures – including both avoidance and a site study – are described in greater detail below.

#### Designation of significant resources.

Historic resources are defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, 15064.5. – Determining the Significance of Impacts to Archeological and Historical Resources, to wit:

- (a) For purposes of this section, the term "historical resources" shall include the following:
  - (1) A resource listed in, or determined to be eligible by the State Historical Resources Commission, for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (Pub. Res. Code SS5024.1, Title 14 CCR, Section 4850 et seq.).
  - (2) A resource included in a local register of historical resources, as defined in section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code or identified as significant in an historical resource survey meeting the requirements § 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code, shall be presumed to be historically or culturally significant. Public agencies must treat any such resource as significant unless the preponderance of evidence demonstrates that it is not historically or culturally significant.
  - (3) Any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript which a lead agency determines to be historically significant or significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California may be considered to be an historical resource, provided the lead agency's determination is supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record. Generally, a resource shall be considered by the lead agency to be "historically significant" if the resource meets the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources (Pub. Res. Code SS5024.1, Title 14 CCR, Section 4852) including the following:
    - (A) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage; (B) Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past;
    - (C) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values; or
    - (D) Has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history [emphasis added].

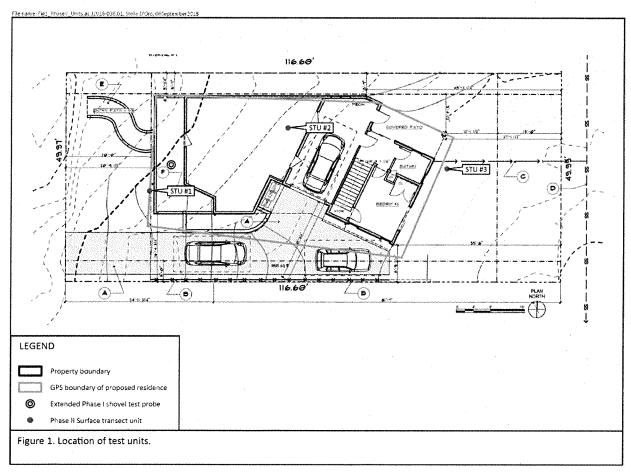
Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) § 16.10.042(C) establishes similar criteria to those of the State regulations for designation of historic resources:

- (C) Designation Criteria. Structures, objects, sites and districts shall be designated as historic resources if, and only if, they meet one or more of the following criteria and have retained their architectural integrity and historic value:
  - (1) The resource is associated with a person of local, State or national historical significance.

- (2) The resource is associated with an historic event or thematic activity of local, State or national importance.
- (3) The resource is representative of a distinct architectural style and/or construction method of a particular historic period or way of life, or the resource represents the work of a master builder or architect or possesses high artistic values.
- (4) The resource has yielded, or may likely yield, information important to history [emphasis added].

#### Project site historic resources

The archeological report indicates that one of the three excavations conducted on the site resulted in the discovery of intact archeological resources associated with indigenous peoples. The intact layers were associated with excavation site #1, located near the



northwest end of the parcel. The top 40-60 cm (1.1'-1.6') of this test excavation were mixed with historic artifacts and therefore considered not intact, but the layers from 40-60 cm down to 100 cm (2.5'), were intact. The recovered resources from the intact layers included one flaked stone tool and 42 pieces of debitage. (Debitage is the material produced during the production of chipped stone tools). The archeological report states that the intact archeological resources encountered on the project site contain material "that has yielded or

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may be likely to yield information about the past, and is eligible [considered an historic resource] under 15064.5(a)(4) of the CEQA guidelines."

Shovel excavation sites STU #2 and STU #3, near the center and rear third of the parcel, respectively, yielded at all depths in the excavation a mixture of debitage, faunal bone fragments, faunal shell fragments and and historic artifacts including ceramics, glass, metal, wood and modern debris. Because the faunal material is mixed with the historic material, and dated to the early to late 1800s, during which period the north coast of Santa Cruz County was occupied by both aboriginal and non-aboriginal settlements, the origin of the faunal material is indeterminate. The soils at the project site show evidence of disturbance and fill placement. The archeological deposits at sites STU #2 and STU #3 are therefore not intact. The archeological materials in these locations did not yield and are not likely to yield information important to history.

#### Compliance with CEQA

Under CEQA guidelines §15064.5(b), a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment.

- (b) A project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment.
  - (1) Substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource means physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of the resource or its immediate surroundings such that the significance of an historical resource would be materially impaired. State Codes and Regulations Related to CEQA and Historical Resources 2
  - (2) The significance of an historical resource is materially impaired when a project:
    - (A) Demolishes or materially alters in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of an historical resource that convey its historical significance and that justify its inclusion in, or eligibility for, inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources; or
    - (B) Demolishes or materially alters in an adverse manner those physical characteristics that account for its inclusion in a local register of historical resources pursuant to section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code or its identification in an historical resources survey meeting the requirements of section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code, unless the public agency reviewing the effects of the project establishes by a preponderance of evidence that the resource is not historically or culturally significant; or
    - (C) Demolishes or materially alters in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of a historical resource that convey its historical significance and that justify its eligibility for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources as determined by a lead agency for purposes of CEQA.

The proposed project involves 65 cubic yards of excavation on the site, which is below the County Code threshold for requiring a grading permit. The primary excavation is at the rear half of the dwelling to allow construction of the garage foundation and lower driveway. The

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archeological materials in this area are not intact and show evidence of previous fill deposition. The archeological materials in these areas were determined by the archeological report to be not significant. Therefore, the excavation for the garage will not create a significant impact.

The excavation towards the front of the dwelling is limited to that necessary to provide a perimeter foundation at the front of the dwelling, a pier foundation for the front deck and part of the crawl space. The perimeter foundation excavations will exceed 60 cm (1.6') in only a small area of the underfloor foundation, which would avoid most of the intact archeological resources, thought to start at 40-60 cm in depth.

Because the project excavation would avoid most or all of the intact archeological resources, the proposed project does not appear to cause the archeological significance of the site to be "materially impaired," and would therefore be considered less than significant under CEQA guidelines §15064.5(b).

The avoidance of the site's archeological resources reflects numerous measures the architect took to mitigate the effect of construction by minimizing grading.

- Proposed a relatively small structure of approximately 1,900 square feet, utilizing only 65% of the maximum allowable floor area provided by the Santa Cruz County Code for the zone district. The maximum allowable floor area for the parcel would be 2,917 sq.ft.
- Used a perimeter foundation rather than slab foundation for the crawl space to avoid disturbing soils below the first floor (underfloor area).
- Changed the foundation beneath the front deck of the dwelling from perimeter to pier foundation to minimize disturbance.
- Stepped the structure down the hillside to minimize excavation at the front of the structure in the area of intact archeological resources.
- Provided an angle in the structure to turn the rear half of the structure, where the garage is located, more down the slope, to reduce excavation.
- Minimized grading in driveway by allowing 20% slope in one section, the steepest slope allowable, rather than grade at the top of the driveway to reduce the slope.

These construction planning measures fulfill the mandate of the CEQA guidelines establishing mitigation measures (15126.4(b)(3)(A) below):

- (3) Public agencies should, whenever feasible, seek to avoid damaging effects on any historical resource of an archaeological nature. The following factors shall be considered and discussed in an EIR for a project involving such an archaeological site:
  - (A) Preservation in place is the preferred manner of mitigating impacts to archaeological sites. Preservation in place maintains the relationship between artifacts and the archaeological context. Preservation may also avoid conflict with religious or cultural values of groups associated with the site.
  - (B) Preservation in place may be accomplished by, but is not limited to, the following:

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- 1. Planning construction to avoid archaeological sites;
- 2. Incorporation of sites within parks, greenspace, or other open space;
- 3. Covering the archaeological sites with a layer of chemically stable soil before building tennis courts, parking lots, or similar facilities on the site.
- 4. Deeding the site into a permanent conservation easement.
- (C) When data recovery through excavation is the only feasible mitigation, a data recovery plan, which makes provision for adequately recovering the scientifically consequential information from and about the historical resource, shall be prepared and adopted prior to any excavation being undertaken. Such studies shall be deposited with the California Historical Resources Regional Information Center.

As an additional mitigation, a condition of approval is proposed that would further mitigate project effects by requiring implementation of a data recovery plan (Attachment 3), pursuant to CEQA Guideline (C) above.

In summary, the proposed project will largely avoid the significant archeological resources on the project site. Additionally, the proposed project will include data recovery to further mitigate any potential impacts. These mitigation measures together exceed the mitigation requirements provided by CEQA law.

#### Compliance with Santa Cruz County Code

The Santa Cruz County Code provides the following criteria for approval of

16.40.035 Project approval.

Whenever a Native American cultural site is discovered during the review of a proposed project any permit subsequently issued shall contain whatever conditions the Decision-Making Body shall determine to promote the purposes of this chapter. Such conditions shall be based on the archaeological report and consultation with local Native California Indian groups, such as N.I.C.P.A. Conditions shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (A) All appropriate preservation or mitigation measures. Such measures shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (1) Preservation of the site through project design or restrictions on use and/or grading, such as restricting improvement and grading activities to portions of the property not containing the resource, or covering the site with earth fill to a depth where the site will not be disturbed by development as determined by a professional archaeologist; and/or
  - (2) Excavation of the site by a professional archaeologist in order to preserve a sample of the remains, artifacts, or other evidence. Such excavation may take place only as authorized by an archaeological excavation permit.
- (B) A provision that if previously undiscovered human remains are encountered during the course of excavation or development, the procedures of SCCC 16.40.050 et seq., be followed.
- (C) A provision that the applicant pay the full costs of any preservation or mitigation measures required under subsections (A) and (B) of this section. [Ord. 3444 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3334 § 1, 1982; Ord. 2385, 1977].

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(C) A provision that the applicant pay the full costs of any preservation or mitigation measures required under subsections (A) and (B) of this section. [Ord. 3444 § 1, 1983; Ord. 3334 § 1, 1982; Ord. 2385, 1977].

As required by and in compliance with 16.40.035, the County conducted a Tribal Consultation for the proposed project. The County obtained a mailing list from the State clearinghouse and mailed notices (Attachment 4) to all contacts provided, including local Native California Indian groups. The notice included a summary description of the cultural resources encountered through Phase II of the archeological reconnaissance and an invitation to the groups to consult on the project.

In addition to the County's tribal consultation, Albion separately contacted one tribal group to request monitoring services for Albion's excavations. (This group was one of the groups listed on the mailing list provided by the state.) The tribal group contacted by Albion provided a monitor who attended the Albion survey and excavations, according to Albion.

The County received three responses from tribal groups. The first tribal respondent notified the County of other sites in the area, which the County duly noted. The second tribal respondent requested information regarding known sites in the area as received by the County from the Northwest Information Center in Sonoma, which was provided to the inquiring party by email. Both of these respondents were invited to consult on the project, but neither has yet responded as of the publication date of this Initial Study document.

The third tribal respondent requested to monitor the project grading and Phase III data recovery excavations. However, this respondent withdrew their monitoring request when informed of the existing monitor contracted by Albion.

The proposed project design will comply with 16.40.035(A)(1) by preserving the site through minimizing grading and avoiding soil layers and locations where intact archeological resources were found, as detailed above. The existing soil cover will remain in place around the dwelling and beneath the dwelling in areas filled or not graded, leaving the cultural resources beneath intact.

The grading activity will be monitored by a tribal representative working in coordination with Albion Environmental.

The project will comply with 16.40.035(A)(2) through data recovery, evaluation and preservation of a sample of the site archeological materials. The archeological consultant has provided a proposal that would preserve a detailed sample proportionate to the resource and the project (Attachment 5). The sample will be scientifically evaluated to answer the cultural questions provided by the proposal, and will be prepared for curation at a local facility to be accessed by future researchers. A small sample will be prepared and offered for display at Pacific School.

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AB-52 from any Native American tribe requesting that they be informed of projects potentially sites of cultural significance. Nonetheless, the County sent out a tribal notification pursuant to SCCC Title 16. Three responses were received as discussed in E-2 above. In addition, a representative of a fourth tribe consulted with the project archeological consultant. The site does not have a cultural significance other than that presented under E-2. Impacts would be less than significant.

Directly or indirectly destroy a unique X paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

**Discussion**: No unique paleontological resources or unique geologic features are known to occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. No impacts are anticipated.

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F. ENERGY Would the project:				
1. Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				

**Discussion**: The project, like all development, would be responsible for an incremental increase in the consumption of energy resources during site grading and construction due to onsite construction equipment, materials processing, and very minor traffic delays. In addition, all project construction equipment would be required to comply with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) emissions requirements for construction equipment, which includes measures to reduce fuel-consumption, such as imposing limits on idling and requiring older engines and equipment to be retired, replaced, or repowered. As a result, impacts associated with the small temporary increase in consumption of fuel during construction are expected to be less than significant.

The project involves construction of a moderately sized dwelling unit. No impacts are expected from project implementation. Therefore, the project will not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources.

In addition, the County has strategies to help reduce energy consumption. These strategies included in the *County of Santa Cruz Climate Action Strategy* (County of Santa Cruz, 2013) are outlined below.

#### Strategies for the Reduction of Energy Use

- Develop a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program, if feasible.
- Increase energy efficiency in new and existing buildings and facilities.
- Enhance and expand the Green Business Program.
- Increase local renewable energy generation.
- Public education about climate change and impacts of individual actions.
- Continue to improve the Green Building Program by exceeding the minimum standards of the state green building code (Cal Green).
- Form partnerships and cooperative agreements among local governments, educational institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and private businesses as a cost-effective way to facilitate mitigation and adaptation.
- Reduce energy use for water supply through water conservation strategies.

### Strategies for the Reduction of Energy Consumption from Transportation

• Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) through County and regional long-range

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planning efforts.

- Increase bicycle ridership and walking through incentive programs and investment in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safety programs.
- Provide infrastructure to support zero and low emissions vehicles (plug in, hybrid plug-in vehicles).
- Increase employee use of alternative commute modes: bus transit, walking, bicycling, carpooling, etc.
- Increase the number of electric and alternative fuels vehicles in the County fleet.

Therefore, the project will not result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. Impacts are expected to be less than significant.

2.	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy		$\boxtimes$
	efficiency?		

**Discussion**: AMBAG's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) recommends policies that achieve statewide goals established by CARB, the California Transportation Plan 2040, and other transportation-related policies and state senate bills. The SCS element of the MTP targets transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in particular, which can also serve to address energy use by coordinating land use and transportation planning decisions to create a more energy efficient transportation system.

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) prepares a County-specific regional transportation plan (RTP) in conformance with the latest AMBAG MTP/SCS. The 2040 RTP establishes targets to implement statewide policies at the local level, such as reducing vehicle miles traveled and improving speed consistency to reduce fuel consumption.

In 2013, Santa Cruz County adopted a Climate Action Strategy (CAS) is focused on reducing the emission of greenhouse gases, which is dependent on increasing energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. The strategy intends to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by implementing a number of measures such as reducing vehicle miles traveled through County and regional long-range planning efforts, increasing energy efficiency in new and existing buildings and facilities, increasing local renewable energy generation, improving the Green Building Program by exceeding minimum state standards, reducing energy use for water supply through water conservation strategies, and providing infrastructure to support zero and low emission vehicles that reduce gasoline and diesel

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consumption, such as plug in electric and hybrid plug in vehicles that reduce.

In addition, the Santa Cruz County General Plan has historically placed a priority on "smart growth" by focusing growth in the urban areas through the creation and maintenance of an urban services line. Objective 2.1 directs most residential development to the urban areas, limits growth, supports compact development, and helps reduce sprawl. The Circulation Element of the General Plan further establishes a more efficient transportation system through goals that promote the wise use of energy resources, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and enhance transit and active transportation options.

Energy efficiency is a major priority throughout the County's General Plan. Measure C was adopted by the voters of Santa Cruz County in 1990 and explicitly established energy conservation as one of the County's objectives. The initiative was implemented by Objective 5.17 and includes policies that support energy efficiency, conservation, and encourage the development of renewable energy resources. Also, Goal 6 of the Housing Element promotes energy efficient building code standards for residential structures constructed in the County.

The project will be consistent with the AMBAG 2040 MTP/SCS and the SCCRTC 2040 RTP. The project would also be required to comply with the Santa Cruz County General Plan and any implemented policies and programs established through the CAS. In addition, the project design would be required to comply with CAL Green, the state of California's green building code, to meet all mandatory energy efficiency standards. Therefore, the project would not conflict with or obstruct any state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency.

## G. GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:

sub	estantial adverse effects, including the of loss, injury, or death involving:		
А.	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.		

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	B.	Strong seismic ground shaking?				$\boxtimes$	
	C.	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				$\boxtimes$	
	D.	Landslides?				$\boxtimes$	
Alquof M zone shak futu large All o site reviered	Discussion (A through D): The project site is located outside of the limits of the State Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone (County of Santa Cruz GIS Mapping, California Division of Mines and Geology, 2001). The project site is located miles from the San Andreas fault zone. The San Andreas fault is larger and capable of generating moderate to severe ground shaking from a major earthquake. Consequently, large earthquakes can be expected in the future. The October 17, 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake (magnitude 7.1) was the second largest earthquake in central California history.  All of Santa Cruz County is subject to some hazard from earthquakes. However, the project site is not located within or adjacent to a county or state mapped fault zone. The site was reviewed by a County Resource Planner and no geologic hazards were identified that would require a geologic report. A soils report was required to insure compliance with California Building Code seismic standards. No impact from geological hazards is anticipated.						
2.	unst as a resu spre	cocated on a geologic unit or soil that is table, or that would become unstable result of the project, and potentially lit in on- or off-site landslide, lateral eading, subsidence, liquefaction, or apse?					
iden	<b>Discussion</b> : The geotechnical report cited above (see Discussion under F-1) did not identify a significant potential for damage caused by any of these hazards. No impact is expected.						
3.	Deve 30%	elop land with a slope exceeding ?					
Disc	cussi	on: There are no slopes that exceed 30%	on the pr	operty.			
4.		ult in substantial soil erosion or the of topsoil?			$\boxtimes$		
Disc	Discussion: Some potential for erosion exists during the construction phase of the						

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project, however, this potential is minimal because the slopes on the parcel are less than 30

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5.	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Section 1802.3.2 of the California Building Code (2007), creating substantial risks to life or property?				
	ecussion: The geotechnical report for the prociated with expansive soils. Therefore, no impart	•		y any elev	ated risk
6.	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks, leach fields, or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				
Cou con	<b>cussion</b> : No septic systems are proposed. The anty Sanitation District, and the applicant we nection and service fees that fund sanitation addition of Approval for the project.	ould be re	quired to	pay standa	rd sewer
7.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				$\boxtimes$
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	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS uld the project:				
1.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
Die	cussion. The proposed project like all des	elonment	would be	responsibl	e for an

incremental increase in greenhouse gas emissions by usage of fossil fuels during the site

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grading and construction. Santa Cruz County has recently adopted a Climate Action Strategy (CAS) intended to establish specific emission reduction goals and necessary actions to reduce greenhouse gas levels to pre-1990 levels as required under AB 32 legislation. The

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2.	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				$\boxtimes$
Dis	cussion: See the discussion under G-1 above.	No signifi	icant impac	ts are antici	pated.
	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS uld the project:	5			
1.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment as a result of the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?				
the Hov prac	cussion: The proposed project would not crenvironment. No routine transport or disposever, during construction, fuel would be used to ensure that no impacts than significant.	osal of ha	zardous m project site	aterials is p e. Best man	proposed. agement
2.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	,			
	cussion: Please see discussion under I-1 abov	e. Projec	t impacts v	vould be co	nsidered
3.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				

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the s stagi	<b>Discussion:</b> Pacific Elementary School is located at 50 Ocean St, Davenport, CA, across he street from the project site. Although fueling of equipment is likely to occur within the taging area, best management practices would be implemented. No impacts are nticipated.								
4.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?								
Cour	eussion: The project site is not included on the compiled pursuant to Government Compated from project implementation.				anta Cruz pacts are				
5.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?								
	eussion: The proposed project is not located ic use airport. No impact is anticipated.	within to	wo miles of	a public a	airport or				
6.	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?								
	cussion: The proposed project is not located ct is anticipated.	in the vio	cinity of a p	orivate airs	trip. No				
7.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?								
of Sa Ther	russion: The proposed project would not condition that Cruz Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 201 efore, no impacts to an adopted emergency refrom project implementation.	5-2020 (	County of	Santa Cru	z, 2020).				
8.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death			$\boxtimes$					

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involving wildland fires?

**Discussion**: See discussion under Wildfire section T-2. The project would not expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires. No impact would occur. Impacts would be less than significant.

	HYDROLOGY, WATER SUPPLY, AND WA	TER QUA	LITY		
1.	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?			$\boxtimes$	
publ amo activ prop man	cussion: The project would not discharge relic or private water supply. However, rund unts of chemicals and other household contributes are proposed that would contribute corposed project would be addressed through agement practices (BMPs). No water quality seld be violated. Impacts would be less than sign	off from the aminants. Intaminants implement tandards o	his project No comn Dotentian Station of e	may continercial or in siltation controls	ain small industrial from the atrol best
2.	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
(DC) incre The decre that	Eussion: The project would obtain water from WD) and would not rely on private well ementally increase water demand, adequate suproject is not located in a mapped groundwate ease groundwater supplies or interfere substate the project may impede sustainable groundwald be less than significant.	water. upplies are r recharge ntially wi	Although available tarea and w	the project to serve the vill not sub- vater recha	ct would e project. stantially arge such
3.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation onor off-site, substantially increase the amount of surface runoff in a manner				

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which would result in flooding on- or offsite; create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or impede or redirect flood flows?

**Discussion**: The proposed project is not located near any watercourses. The Department of Public Works Drainage Section staff has reviewed and approved the proposed erosion control and drainage plans for compliance with Federal, State and County stormwater regulations. The project would not significantly increase erosion from the site, stream sedimentation in receiving waters, or the rate or quantity of stormwater leaving the site. Water quality impacts associated with occupancy of the home and grounds would be minor. Impacts would be less than significant.

4.	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?				$\boxtimes$
Floc	cussion: According to the Federal Emergence of Insurance Rate Map, dated May 16, 2012, note in a 100-year flood hazard area. Project would	o housing	or any oth	•	
5.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?			$\boxtimes$	

**Discussion:** All County water agencies are experiencing a lack of sustainable water supply due to groundwater overdraft and diminished availability of streamflow. Because of this, coordinated water resource management has been of primary concern to the County and to the various water agencies. As required by state law, each of the County's water agencies serving more than 3,000 connections must update their Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) every five years, with the most recent updates completed in 2016.

County staff are working with the water agencies on various integrated regional water management programs to provide for sustainable water supply and protection of the environment. Effective water conservation programs have reduced overall water demand in the past 15 years, despite continuing growth. In August 2014, the Board of Supervisors and other agencies adopted the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update 2014, which identifies various strategies and projects to address the current water resource challenges of the region. Other efforts underway or under consideration are stormwater management, groundwater recharge enhancement, increased wastewater reuse, and transfer of water among agencies to provide for more efficient and reliable use.

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The County is also working closely with water agencies to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014. By January 2020, Groundwater Sustainability Plans will be developed for two basins in Santa Cruz County that are designated as critically overdrafted, Santa Cruz Mid-County and Corralitos - Pajaro Valley. These plans will require management actions by all users of each basin to reduce pumping, develop supplemental supplies, and take management actions to achieve groundwater sustainability by 2040. A management plan for the Santa Margarita Basin will be completed by 2022, with sustainability to be achieved by 2042.

Since the sustainable groundwater management plan is still being developed, the project will comply with SCCC Chapters 13.13 (Water Conservation – Water Efficient Landscaping), 7.69 (Water Conservation) and 7.70 (Water Wells), as well as Chapter 7.71 (Water Systems) section 7.71.130 (Water use measurement and reporting), to ensure that it will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of current water quality control plans or sustainable groundwater management plans such as the Santa Cruz IRWMP and UWMP for the County Sanitation Department, which is the public water purveyor for the Davenport Community.

The impact from the proposed project will be less than significant.

	AND USE AND PLANNING uld the project:					
1.	Physically divide an established community?				$\boxtimes$	
	<b>Discussion</b> : The proposed project does not include any element that would physically divide an established community. No impact would occur.					
2.	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?					
requ prop	cussion: The proposed project will comply irements regarding archeological resources (so osed project does not conflict with any regulations or mitigating an environmental effect.	see Cultural lations or po	Resources olicies ado <sub>l</sub>	section abo	ove). The	
3.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community				$\boxtimes$	

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conservation plan?

Discussion The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable habitat

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mineral re	the loss of availability of a known source that would be of value to and the residents of the state?				$\boxtimes$
	The site does not contain any laion and the residents of the state entation.				
locally-imp recovery s	he loss of availability of a portant mineral resource site delineated on a local general sific plan or other land use plan?				
be an Extractiv Designation Ov loss of availabi recovery (extrac	he project site is zoned single-far e Use Zone (M-3) nor does it hat erlay (Q) (County of Santa Cruz lity of a known mineral resour- ction) site delineated on a local gar ar as a result of this project.	ave a Land Us 1994). Theref rce of locally	se Design Fore, no p importa	ation with a otentially sig nt mineral	a Quarry gnificant resource
<b>M. NOISE</b> Would the proje	ct result in:				
noise leve establishe	of persons to or generation of Is in excess of standards d in the local general plan or nance, or applicable standards gencies?				
Discussion:					

#### County of Santa Cruz General Plan

The Santa Cruz County General Plan (County of Santa Cruz 1994) contains the following table, which specifies the maximum allowable noise exposure for stationary noise sources (Table 2). The County of Santa Cruz has not adopted noise thresholds for construction noise.

The following applicable noise related policy is found in the Public Safety and Noise Element of the Santa Cruz County General Plan (Santa Cruz County 1994).

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Policy 6.9.7 Construction Noise. Require mitigation of construction noise as a condition of future project approvals.

	Daytime <sup>5</sup> (7:00 am to 10:00 pm)	Nighttime <sup>2-5</sup> (10:00 pm to 7:00 am)
lourly Leq average hourly noise level, dB³	50	45
faximum Level, dB³	70	65

- As determined at the property line of the receiving land use. When determining the effectiveness of noise mitigation measures, the standards may be applied to the receptor side of noise barriers or other property line noise mitigation measures.
- Applies only where the receiving land use operates or is occupied during nighttime hours
- Sound level measurements shall be made with "slow" meter response.
- Sound level measurements shall be made with "fast" meter response
- Allowable levels shall be raised to the ambient noise levels where the ambient levels exceed the allowable levels. Allowable levels shall be reduced to 5 dB if the ambient hourly Leq is at least 10 dB lower than the allowable level.

Source: County of Santa Cruz 1994

### County of Santa Cruz Code

There are no County of Santa Cruz ordinances that specifically regulate construction noise levels. However, Section 8.30.010 (Curfew—Offensive noise) of the Santa Cruz County Code contains the following language regarding noise impacts:

- No person shall make, cause, suffer, or permit to be made any offensive noise. (A)
- "Offensive noise" means any noise which is loud, boisterous, irritating, penetrating, or unusual, or that is unreasonably distracting in any other manner such that it is likely to disturb people of ordinary sensitivities in the vicinity of such noise, and includes, but is not limited to, noise made by an individual alone or by a group of people engaged in any business, activity, meeting, gathering, game, dance, or amusement, or by any appliance, contrivance, device, tool, structure, construction, vehicle, ride, machine, implement, or instrument.
- (C) The following factors shall be considered when determining whether a violation of the provisions of this section exists:
  - (1) Loudness (Intensity) of the Sound.
    - (a) Day and Evening Hours. For purposes of this factor, a noise shall be automatically considered offensive if it occurs between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and it is:
      - Clearly discernible at a distance of 150 feet from the property line of the property from which it is broadcast; or
      - (ii) In excess of 75 decibels at the edge of the property line of the property from which the sound is broadcast, as registered on a sound measuring

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instrument meeting the American National Standard Institute's Standard S1.4-1971 (or more recent revision thereof) for Type 1 or Type 2 sound level meters, or an instrument which provides equivalent data.

A noise not reaching this intensity of volume may still be found to be offensive depending on consideration of the other factors outlined below.

- (b) Night Hours. For purposes of this factor, a noise shall be automatically considered offensive if it occurs between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and it is:
  - (i) Clearly discernible at a distance of 100 feet from the property line of the property from which it is broadcast; or
  - (ii) In excess of 60 decibels at the edge of the property line of the property from which the sound is broadcast, as registered on a sound measuring instrument meeting the American National Standard Institute's Standard S1.4-1971 (or more recent revision thereof) for Type 1 or Type 2 sound level meters, or an instrument which provides equivalent data.

A noise not reaching this intensity of volume may still be found to be offensive depending on consideration of the other factors outlined below.

- (2) Pitch (frequency) of the sound, e.g., very low bass or high screech;
- (3) Duration of the sound;
- (4) Time of day or night;
- (5) Necessity of the noise, e.g., garbage collecting, street repair, permitted construction activities;
- (6) The level of customary background noise, e.g., residential neighborhood, commercial zoning district, etc.; and
- (7) The proximity to any building regularly used for sleeping purposes.
- (D) Prior to issuing a citation for this section, the responsible person or persons will be warned by a law enforcement officer or other designated official that the noise at issue is offensive and constitutes a violation of this chapter. A citation may be issued if, after receiving the warning, the responsible person(s) continues to make or resumes making the same or similar offensive noise(s) within three months of the warning. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (C)(1) of this section, enforcement of violations under this chapter shall not require the use of a sound level meter.
  - (1) For purposes of this section "responsible person or persons" means a person or persons with a right of possession in the property from which the offensive noise is emanating, including, but not limited to, an owner or a tenant of the property if the

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offensive noise is coming from private property, or a permittee if the offensive noise is coming from a permitted gathering on public property, or any person accepting responsibility for such offensive noise. "Responsible person or persons" shall additionally include the landlord of another responsible party and the parents and/or legal guardians of a responsible person under the age of 18 years. [Ord. 5205 § 1, 2015; Ord. 4001 § 1, 1989].

### Sensitive Receptors

Some land uses are generally regarded as being more sensitive to noise than others due to the type of population groups or activities involved. Sensitive population groups generally include children and the elderly. Noise sensitive land uses typically include all residential uses (single-and multi-family, mobile homes, dormitories, and similar uses), hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and parks.

The use of construction equipment to accomplish the proposed project would result in noise in the project area, i.e., construction zone. Table 3 shows typical noise levels for common construction equipment. The sources of noise that are normally measured at 50 feet, are used to determine the noise levels at nearby sensitive

Construction Equip Equipment	L <sub>max</sub> (dBA)
Air Compressor	ε <sub>max</sub> ((1-7-4) 81
Air Compressor Backhoe	80
Cement Mixer Truck	85
Cement Pump Truck	82
Chain Saw	85
Compactor	82
Crane	83
Concrete Saw	90
Dozer	85
Excavator	85
Dump Truck	84
Flat Bed Truck	84
Front End Loader	80
Fork Lift	75
Generator	81
Grader	85
Hoe-rams	90
ackhammers	88
Paver	85
Pick-up Truck	55
Pneumatic Tools	85
Rollers	74

receptors by attenuating 6 dB for each doubling of distance for point sources of noise such as operating construction equipment. Noise levels at the nearest sensitive receptors for each site were analyzed on a worst-case basis, using the equipment with the highest noise level expected to be used.

The nearest sensitive receptors, an existing single-family dwelling and vacation unit, are located approximately 5-10 feet to the north of the construction area. Pacific Elementary School is located across the street, approximately 75 feet to the east.

### **Impacts**

Construction noise may be audible to nearby residents. However, periods of noise exposure would be temporary. Noise from construction activity may vary substantially on a day-to-day basis.

### Potential Temporary Construction Noise Impacts

Construction activity would be expected to use equipment listed in Table 3. Based on the activities proposed for the proposed project, the equipment with the loudest operating noise

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level that would be used often during activity would be earth moving equipment or nail guns, which would produce noise levels of less than 90 dBA at a distance of 50 feet. The nearest sensitive receptor is located approximately 5-10 feet from the construction site. At that distance, the decibel level could reach 100 decibels. However, these impacts would be temporary.

The County of Santa Cruz has not adopted significance thresholds for construction noise. However, •Policy 6.9.7 of the General Plan requires mitigation of construction noise as a condition of future project approvals.

The following mitigation measures will be required to assist in the reduction of temporary construction noise impacts. With the implementation of those measures, no adverse noise impacts are expected occur during construction activities.

### Mitigation Measures

- NOI-1 Limit construction activity to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday in order to avoid noise during more sensitive nighttime hours. Prohibit construction activity on Sundays.
- NOI-2 Require that all construction and maintenance equipment powered by gasoline or diesel engines have sound-control devices that are at least as effective as those originally provided by the manufacturer and that all equipment be operated and maintained to minimize noise generation.
- NOI-3 Prohibit gasoline or diesel engines from having unmuffled exhaust.
- NOI-4 Use noise-reducing enclosures around stationary noise-generating equipment capable of 6 dB attenuation.

**Discussion:** The use of construction equipment would potentially generate vibration in the project area. The nearest residential property is located at approximately 5-10 feet to the north of the project site on Center Street. The residence at this site would potentially experience significant some groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels during construction activities associated with the proposed project. However, these impacts, associated with minor earthwork to excavate the foundation, would be very short in duration and temporary in nature, therefore are considered less than significant.

3.	For a project located near a private
	airstrip, within an airport land use plan or,
	where such a plan has not been adopted,
	within two miles of a public airport or
	public use airport, would the project

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expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

**Discussion**: The proposed project is not within two miles of a public airport. Therefore, the proposed project would not expose people residing or working in the project area. No impact is anticipated.

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		lic Services he project:				
1.	are pro inc	duce substantial population growth in an ea, either directly (for example, by oposing new homes and businesses) or directly (for example, through extension roads or other infrastructure)?			$\boxtimes$	
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	C.	Schools?			$\boxtimes$		
	d.	Parks?			$\boxtimes$		
	e.	Other public facilities; including the maintenance of roads?					
the r stand Fore wou	<b>Discussion</b> (a through e): While the project represents an incremental contribution to the need for services, the increase would be minimal. Moreover, the project meets all of the standards and requirements identified by the local fire agency or California Department of Forestry, as applicable, and school, park, and transportation fees to be paid by the applicant would be used to offset the incremental increase in demand for school and recreational facilities and public roads. Impacts would be considered less than significant.						
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2.	facil exp mig	es the project include recreational lities or require the construction or ansion of recreational facilities which ht have an adverse physical effect on environment?					
		<b>ion</b> : The proposed project does not pr l recreational facilities. No impact would		expansion	or constru	iction of	
		NSPORTATION e project:					
1.	or p	flict with a program, plan, ordinance olicy addressing the circulation tem, including transit, roadway, bicycle pedestrian facilities?					
Disc gene		ion: There would be no impact because i	no substan	tive addition	nal traffic v	would be	

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2.	Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)(1) (Vehicle Miles Traveled)?				
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	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
would	ussion: The project consists of one single-follower from project design or from incompact implementation.	•	O		
4.	Result in inadequate emergency access?				$\boxtimes$
	ussion: The project's road access has been as and the California Department of Forestry.		,	partment o	f Public
Q. TI	RIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES				

Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size

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and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: A. Listed or eligible for listing in the X California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources Code section 5020.1(k), or B. A resource determined by the lead X agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead

**Discussion:** The project proposes to establish a single-family dwelling and attached garage at the subject site. As discussed in Section E above, the cultural resources identified on site potentially are sufficient to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, and mitigation measures, emphasizing avoidance but including resource recovery, were proposed for implementation in accordance with State and local law. As mitigated, impacts will be less than significant.

agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native

Section 21080.3.1(b) of the California Public Resources Code (AB 52) requires a lead agency formally notify a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated within the geographic area of the discretionary project when formally requested. The County of Santa Cruz has not received a formal notification pursuant to AB-52 from any Native American tribe requesting that they be informed of projects potentially sites of cultural significance. Nonetheless, the County sent out a tribal notification pursuant to SCCC Title 16. Three responses were received, and one additional tribe contacted by the archeological consultant as discussed in E-2 above. The site does not have a cultural significance other than that presented under E-2. A tribal monitor will be present during site disturbance activities. Impacts would be less than significant with the mitigation measures provided by E-2.

# S. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project:

1.	Exceed wastewater treatment
	requirements of the applicable Regional
	Water Quality Control Board?

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**Discussion:** The proposed project has received a will-serve letter for sanitary sewer service from the Santa Cruz County Dept. of Public Works. Wastewater flows would not violate any wastewater treatment standards. No significant impacts would occur from project implementation.

2.	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant		
	which could cause significant environmental effects?		

### Discussion:

### Sanitation

Existing municipal sewer service and infrastructure is available to serve the project. Impacts will be less than significant.

### **Electric Power**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)\_provides power to existing and new developments in the Santa Cruz County area. As of 2018, residents and businesses in the County were automatically enrolled in Monterey Bay Community Power's community choice energy program, which provides locally controlled, carbon-free electricity delivered on PGE's existing lines. The proposed site is previously undeveloped and not currently served by electric power. Electric power service will be required to serve the site, a new service drop and panel. However, no substantial environmental impacts will result from the additional improvements; impacts will be less than significant.

### Natural Gas

PG&E serves the urbanized portions of Santa Cruz County with natural gas.

The proposed site is already served by natural gas, but additional improvements are necessary to serve the site. However, no environmental impacts will result from the additional improvements; impacts will be less than significant.

### **Telecommunications**

Telecommunications, including telephone, wireless telephone, internet, and cable, are provided by a variety of organizations. AT&T is the major telephone provider, and its subsidiary, DirectTV provides television and internet services. Cable television services in Santa Cruz County are provided by Charter Communications in Watsonville and Comcast

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in other areas of the county. Wireless services are also provided by AT&T, as well as other service providers, such as Verizon.

Minor improvements related to telecommunications may required: to the site, including cable hookups and phone lines if applicable. Wireless services are available in Davenport. No substantial environmental impacts from this work are anticipated, and impacts will be less than significant.

3.	Require or result in the construction of		П		
	new storm water drainage facilities or	لسسا	LI	<b>L</b>	
	expansion of existing facilities, the				
	construction of which could cause				
	significant environmental effects?				

**Discussion:** Department of Public Works Drainage staff have reviewed the drainage information and have determined that downstream storm facilities are adequate to handle the increase in drainage associated with the project. Therefore, no additional offsite drainage facilities would be required for the proposed project. No impacts are expected to occur from the proposed project.

4.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing		$\boxtimes$
	entitlements and resources, during		
	normal dry and multiple dry years?		

**Discussion**: All the main aquifers in this County, the primary sources of the County's potable water, are in some degree of overdraft. Overdraft is manifested in several ways including 1) declining groundwater levels, 2) degradation of water quality, 3) diminished stream base flow, and/or 4) seawater intrusion. Surface water supplies, which are the primary source of supply for the northern third of the County, are inadequate during drought periods and will be further diminished as a result of the need to increase stream baseflows to restore habitat for endangered salmonid populations. In addition to overdraft, the use of water resources is further constrained by various water quality issues

The Davenport County Sanitation District has indicated that adequate water supplies are available to serve the project and has issued a will-serve letter for the proposed project, subject to the payment of fees and charges in effect at the time of service. The development would also be subject to the water conservation requirements in Chapter 7.69 (Water Conservation) and 13.13 (Water Conservation—Water Efficient Landscaping) of the County Code and the policies of section 7.18c (Water Conservation) of the General Plan. Therefore, existing water supplies would be sufficient to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years. Therefore, existing water supplies would be sufficient to serve the proposed project, and no new entitlements or

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expa	anded entitlements would be required. Impac	ts would be	e less than si	gnificant.	
5.	Result in determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
the payr treat	project and has issued a will-serve letter ment of fees and charges in effect at the time tment capacity would be sufficient to serve the er Q-2 above. No impact would occur from pro-	for the pro of service. ne proposed	oposed proj Therefore, l project. P	ect, subject existing wa lease see d	et to the astewater
6.	Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals				
	cussion: Due to the small incremental incr			O	•
7.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				
	cussion: The project would comply with lations related to solid waste disposal. No imp			local stat	utes and
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	cated in or near state responsibility areas or la crity zones, would the project:	ands classif	fied as very	high fire h	azard
1.	Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				$\boxtimes$
Hazar	ussion: The project is not located in a Stated Severity Zone, or a County-mapped Critical emergency response or evacuation plans. There	al Fire Haz	ard Area. aı	nd will no	•

2.

Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or

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	the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?				
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<i>3.</i>	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				
Disc	cussion: The project is not located in a State Re	esponsibili	ty Areas, a	Very High	Fire
Haza assoc	rd Severity Zone, or a County-mapped Critical iated with the project are unlikely to exacerbate significant.	Fire Haza	rd Area. In	provement	cs
<b>4</b> .	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				

**Discussion:** The project is not located within a State Responsibility Area, a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, or a County-mapped Critical Fire Hazard Area. Downslope and downstream impacts associated with wildfires are unlikely to result from the project. Regardless, the project design incorporates all applicable fire safety code requirements and includes fire protection devices as required by the local fire agency. Impacts would be less than significant.

### U. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE Does the project have the potential to X degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? **Discussion**: The potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory were considered in the response to each question in Section III (A through Q) of this Initial Study. Resources that have been evaluated as significant would be potentially impacted by the project, particularly cultural resources. However, mitigation has been included that clearly reduces these effects to a level below significance. This mitigation includes avoidance of the resource and curation of cultural resources in the area of earth disturbance. As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that, after mitigation, significant effects associated with this project would result. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance. 2. Does the project have impacts that are $\boxtimes$ individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future

**Discussion:** In addition to project specific impacts, this evaluation considered the projects potential for incremental effects that are cumulatively considerable. As a result of this evaluation, there were determined to be no potentially significant cumulative effects related to the project. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

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3.	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either		
	directly or indirectly?		

**Discussion**: direct or indirect impacts to human beings were considered in the response to specific questions in Section III (A through T). As a result of this evaluation, there were determined to potentially significant effects to human beings related to noise. However, mitigation measures have been included that reduce these effects to a level below significance. As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that, after mitigation, there are adverse effects to human beings associated with this project. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

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# Attachment 1

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program



# County of Santa Cruz

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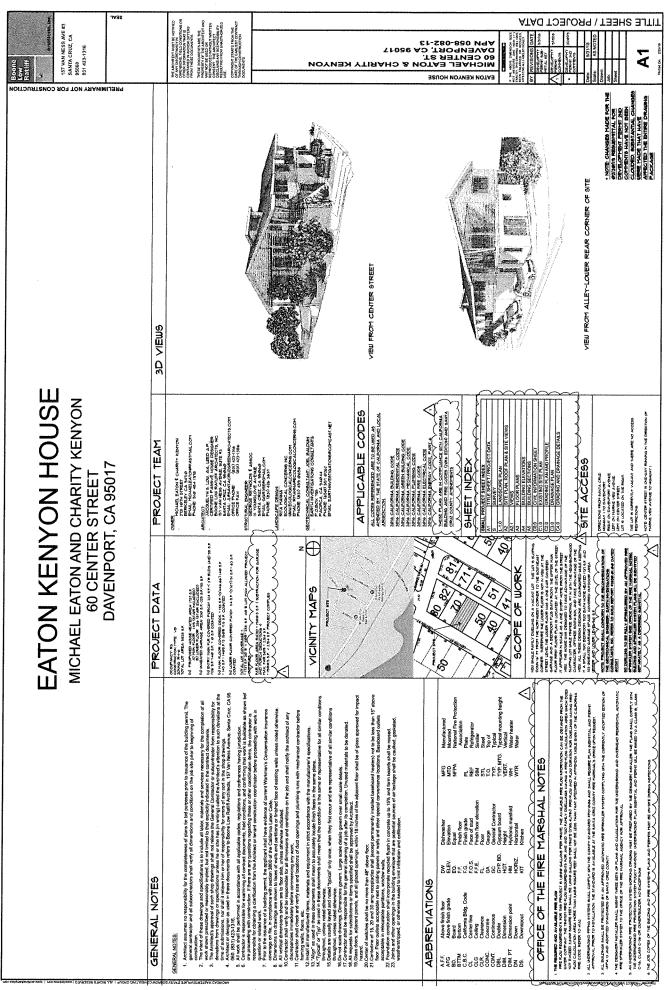
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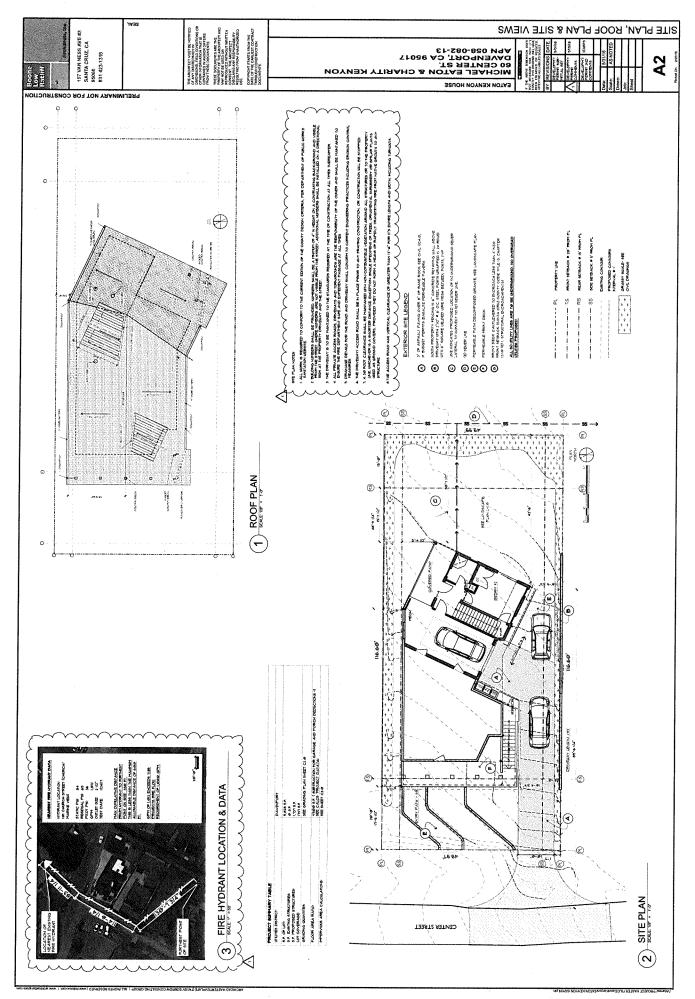
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Method of Compliance		Compliance monitored by the County Planning Department, qualified archeologist and tribal monitor.	Compliance monitored by the County Planning Department and tribal monitor.	Compliance monitored by the County Planning Department and qualified archeologist.		Compliance monitored by the County Planning Department.	Compliance monitored by the County Planning Department.
Responsibility for Compliance		Applicant	Archeologist	Applicant		Applicant	Applicant
Mitigation Measures		The following mitigation measures shall be implemented at the project site: the approved project plans shall incorporate archeological avoidance measures, and the grading and foundation plans, driveway plan and landscaping shall be implemented as proposed to insure minimal disturbance of intact archeological resources.	The Phase III data recovery plan (Attachment 3) shall be fully implemented. A mounted display of selected representative archeological materials with mounted explanatory notes shall be offered to Pacific School.	Pursuant to Section 16.40.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code, and consistent with State Health and Safety Code §7050.5 and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if at any time during site preparation, excavation, or other ground disturbance associated with this project, human remains are discovered, the responsible persons shall immediately cease and desist from all further site excavation and notify the sheriff-coroner and the Planning Director. If the coroner determines that the remains are not of recent origin, a full archeological report shall be prepared and representatives of the local Native California Indian group shall be contacted. Disturbance shall not resume until the significance of the archeological resource is determined and appropriate mitigations to preserve the resource on the site are established.		Limit construction activity to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday in order to avoid noise during more sensitive nighttime hours. Prohibit construction activity on Sundays.	Require that all construction and maintenance equipment powered by gasoline or diesel engines have sound-control devices that are at least as effective as those originally provided by the manufacturer and that all equipment be operated and
Environmental Impact	Cultural Resources	The project could potentially cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, pursuant to Cuidolines Coulon	Significant with mitigation.	Could the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries? Impact less than significant with mitigation.		The project potentially could expose persons to or generation of noise levels in exception of standards	established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other
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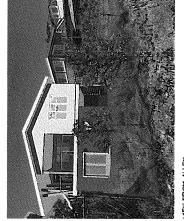
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NOI-4		Use noise-reducing enclosures around stationary noise- Applicant generating equipment capable of 6 dB attenuation.	olicant	Compliance monitored by the County Planning Department.	To be implemented prior to and during project construction.

# Attachment 2

**Project Plans** 



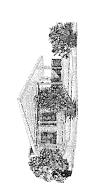






VIEW FROM CENTER STREET





VIEW FROM NORTH CENTER STREET



VIEW BETWEEN (N) HOUSE & NEIGHBORING AIRBNB HOUSE



VIEW ACROSS SITE TO NORTH



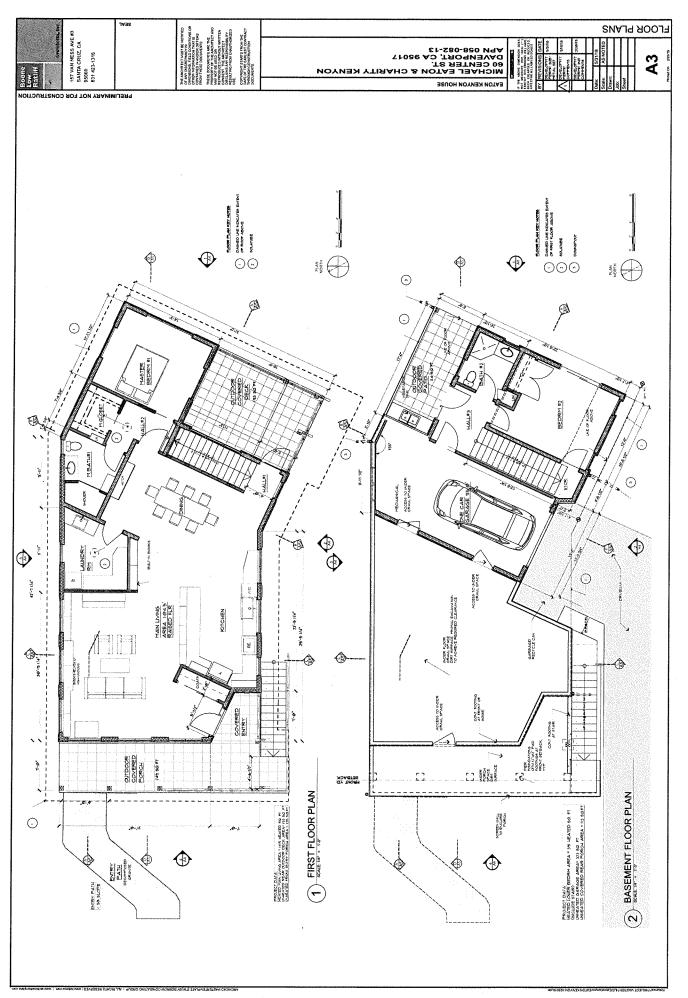
VIEW FROM SOUTH CENTER STREET

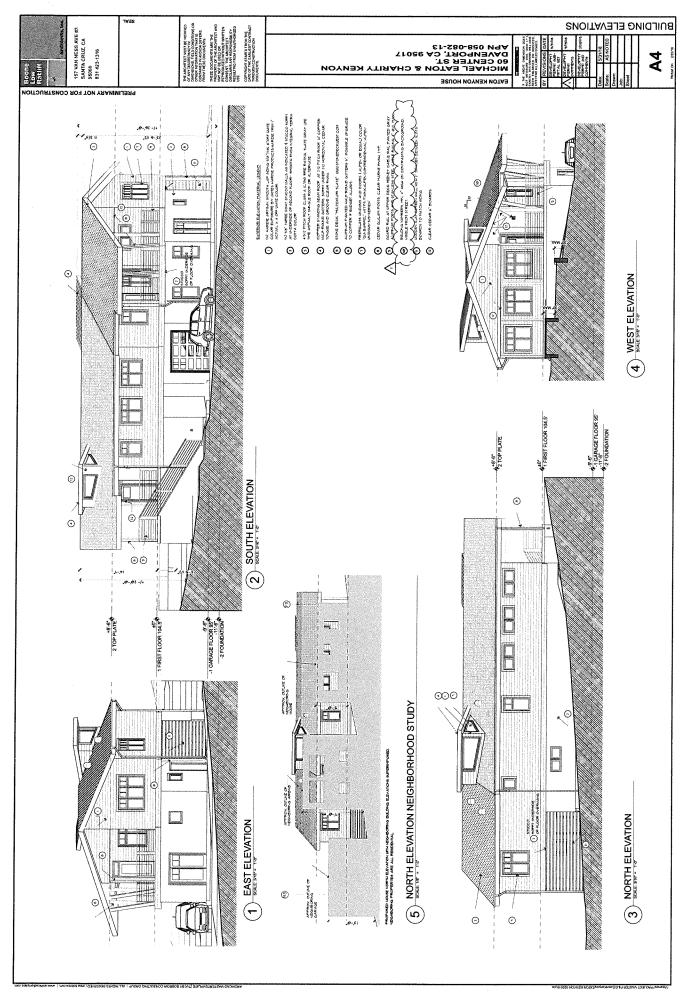
VIEW ALONG CENTER STREET APPROACH

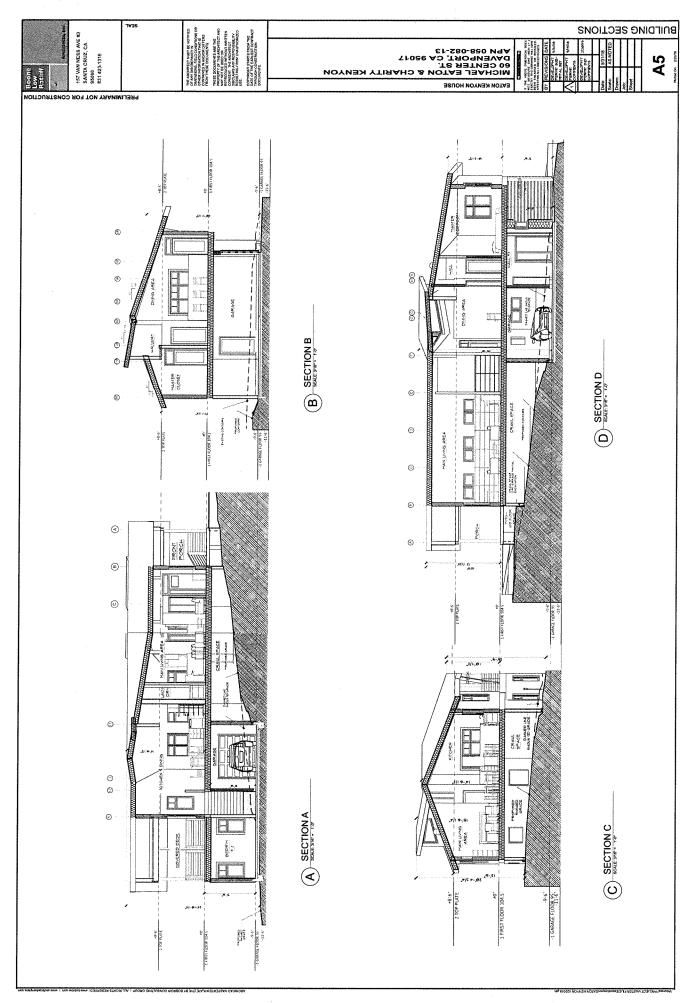


VIEW ACROSS SITE TO SOUTH EAST









# Attachment 3

# **Archeological Documents**

Cultural Resources Assessment Of Proposed Construction At 60 Center Street Davenport, California.

Letter regarding "Results and Recommendations of the Phase II Archaeological Study at 60 Center Street, Davenport, 9/6/2018

Letter regarding "Proposal for a Phase III Archaeological Study at 60 Center Street, Davenport," 9/11/2018

Letter regarding "Justification for a Phase III Archaeological Study at 60 Center Street, Davenport, California," 12/10/2018

# Attachment 4

Tribal Consultation Outreach Letter



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

701 OCEAN STREET, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060 (831) 454-2580 FAX: (831) 454-2131 Tdd: (831) 454-2123 **KATHLEEN MOLLOY, PLANNING DIRECTOR** 

December 13, 2018

<Name of Tribe>
<Name of Contact>
<Address>
<City, State, Zip>

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY FOR 60 CENTER STREET SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

### Dear <Name of Contact>:

Pursuant to Santa Cruz County Code 16.40.035 and California Assembly Bill 52, this letter serves as a notice of opportunity to consult on the single-family residence application at 60 Center Street for the purpose of protecting and/or mitigating impacts to possible cultural places. The County of Santa Cruz invites your tribe's participation in the local planning process.

### <u>Proposed Project</u>

The County of Santa Cruz Planning Department is considering an application to construct a 1,737 square foot, two-story single-family dwelling with an attached one-story, 323 square foot garage. This project requires a Coastal Development Permit. The site is currently a vacant grass lot and is located within a mapped area identified in the Santa Cruz County General Plan for very high site potential for archaeological resources. The project application is incomplete at this time; plans are available on request.

Santa Cruz County Code 16.40.030 requires an archaeological reconnaissance survey for sites with very high site potential for archaeological resources. A survey was conducted by Albion Environmental Inc. Test holes dug during the survey revealed the presence of a cultural resource on the property consisting of two components; a historic component from 40–70 cm below the surface and a precolonial component beginning at 70 cm below the surface and extending to an unknown depth. The date range of materials carbon-dated from the site is post-1800. Parts of the site were disturbed by a previous structure, however, at least some of the resource remains in an undisturbed condition. No human remains were discovered.

The proposed project could have a potentially significant impact on this cultural resource. Therefore, an environmental review is being prepared for the proposed project. Potential mitigation measures include elevating the house to avoid or minimize effects on intact resources; a dirt crawlspace rather than concrete slab; reducing grading for the driveway; relocating the

perimeter foundation away from a test excavation that uncovered intact resources; building a pad footing for the proposed deck; and reducing overall excavation.

Santa Cruz County Code 16.40.035 states that whenever a Native American cultural site is discovered during the review of a proposed project, conditions of approval must be based on the archaeological report and consultation with local Native California Indian groups. Moreover, Assembly Bill 52 encourages jurisdictions to initiate consultation with Native American tribes.

### **Project Location**

The property is located on the southeast side of Center Street (60 Center St, APN 058-082-13) approximately 135 feet southwest of the intersection with Marine View Ave, in the Davenport Area of Santa Cruz County. See map, attached.

### **Applicant**

The applicant is:
Boone/Low Architects and Planning
157 Van Ness Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Phone (831) 423-1316

### Other Tribes Contacted

For your information, the Planning Department is also contacting other tribal representatives including members of <other tribes named>.

Please contact me at (831) 454-2801 or daisy.allen@santacruzcounty.us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Daisy Allen Planner