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VAUGHAN FORESTRY



Mr. Paul Flores
564 Monhollan Road
Carmel, CA 93923

October 24, 2017

Re: Forester/Arborist Letter to address relocation of two planted coast live oaks at 564 Monhollan Road

Mr. Flores,

Per your request, I visited the above address on September 28, 2017 to assess relocating two planted oak trees. The oaks were originally planted to mitigate tree removals that occurred on the site several years ago. The planting occurred before development plans were finalized, and it turns out two of the replacement oak trees are within the developed footprint of the proposed residence. The attached map (Figure 1) identifies the existing location of the two oak trees (in pink), and their replacement locations (in green). Photos 1 and 2 show the trees in the ground, and Photos 3 and 4 identify the recommended relocation "spot" (orange paint). I discussed with you the technique for digging up, transporting, and reinstalling the trees at the new location. The transplanted trees should be watered immediately before being dug up and again when they are installed at their new location. I will revisit the site in the spring of 2018 to determine if the proposed transplanting was successful, and if it is not, 1:1 tree replacement is required.

As an aside, most of the oaks and pines planted in the fall of 2016 for mitigation purposes made it through the summer and established successfully. To meet required mitigation numbers, a total of 72 trees must be living and capable of surviving without supplements after 3 years, e.g. fall 2019. To assist in meeting this requirement, I recommend identifying and re-flagging all planted oaks and pines on the property. To make the job easier in the future, I also recommend locating the planting trees on a large-scale site map. If I recall, you planted more than 72 trees anticipating some die-off. It would be best to quantify the total number of planted trees to guide replacement decisions if that becomes necessary. If your field inventory suggests the total number of replacement trees are fewer than 72, I recommend replanting after the first few rains this fall. Failure to meet the target numbers after year 3 would mean extending the monitoring and maintenance period which could be costly and could delay sign-off on your project.

Thank you and please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassidy Bill Vaughan".

Cassady Bill Vaughan

Figure 1: Oak Relocation Map

- Existing Location
- Proposed Relocation

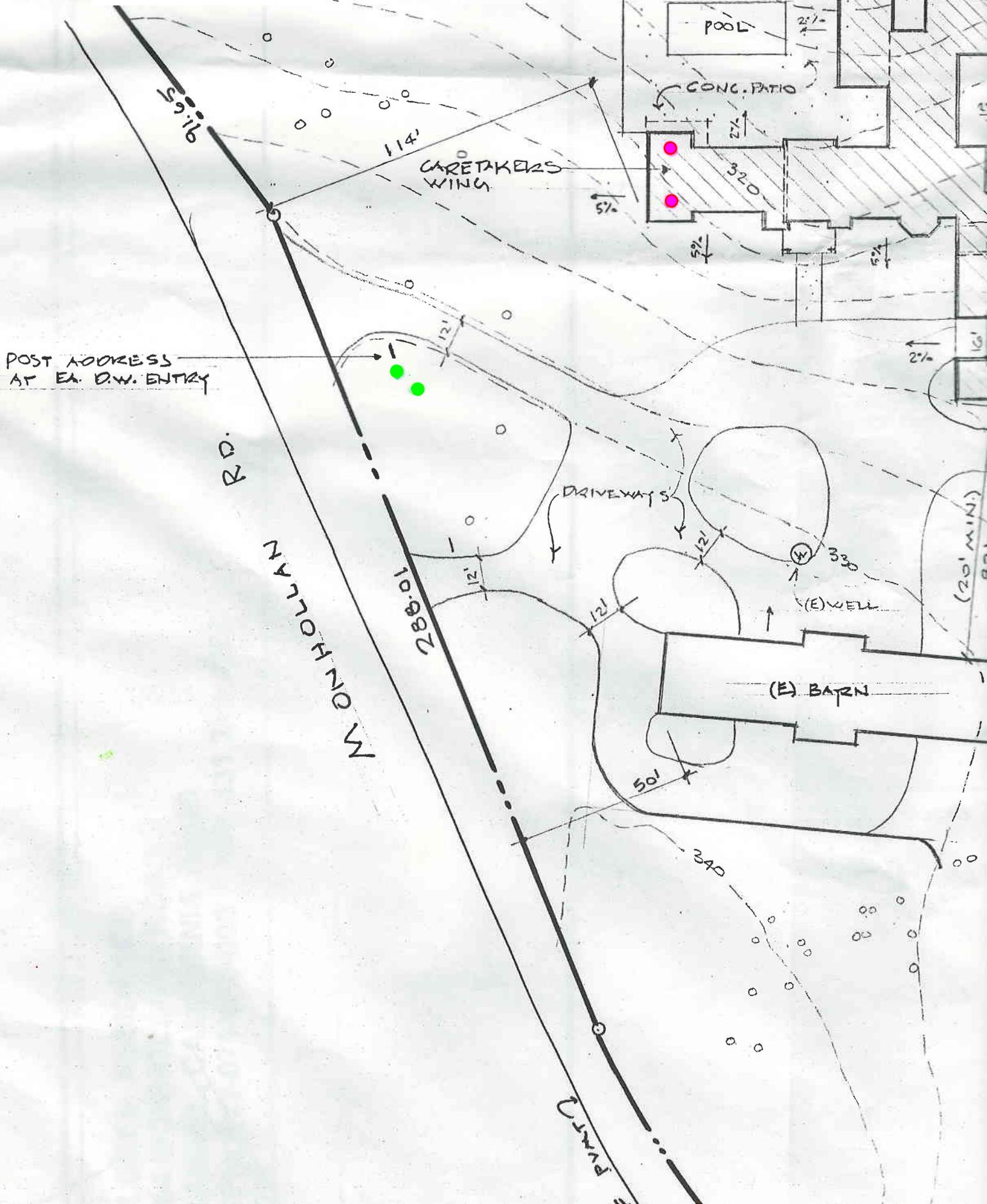


Photo 1: Existing Oak



Photo 2: Existing Oak





Photo 3: Relocation Spot



Photo 4: Relocation Spot