Monterey County Zoning Administrator Monterey County Government Center - Thyme Conference Room 1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor



**Meeting Agenda - Final** 

Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:30 AM

**Monterey County Zoning Administrator** 

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#### 9:30 A.M - Call to Order

## **ROLL CALL**

Mike Novo, Zoning Administrator Representative from Environmental Health Representative from Public Works Representative from Environmental Services

# PUBLIC COMMENT

This is a time set aside for the public to comment on a matter that is not on the agenda.

## AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS

The Zoning Administrator Clerk will announce agenda corrections, deletions and proposed additions, which may be acted on by the Zoning Administrator as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.

# **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A. Acceptance of the June 13, 2024, County of Monterey Zoning Administrator meeting minutes.

**Attachments:** Cover Sheet

Draft ZA Meeting Minutes 06-13-24

#### 9:30 A.M. - SCHEDULED ITEMS

#### 1. PLN210165 - MARINOVICH JEAN AND BUTIER PETER

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**Exhibit C - AAC Meeting Minutes** 

Exhibit D - LUAC Minutes
Exhibit E - Vicinity Map

## 2. PLN230291 - RATAUL BALBIR TR

Consider the construction of a test well within 100 feet of environmentally sensitive habitat.

Project Location: 46820 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur

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# **OTHER MATTERS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**



# Item No.A

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

June 27, 2024

# **Board Report**

Legistar File Number: MIN 24-044

Introduced: 6/21/2024 Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1 Matter Type: Minutes

Acceptance of the June 13, 2024, County of Monterey Zoning Administrator meeting minutes.



# Item No.A

# **Zoning Administrator**

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## 9:30 A.M - Call to Order

Mike Novo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mike Novo, Zoning Administrator Conner Cappi and Kyler Asato, Environmental Health Katherine Day, Environmental Services

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS

The Clerk informed the Zoning Administrator of two letters received from the public for Agenda Item No. 1, PLN200097 – Wind and Sea Property LLC.

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

**A.** Acceptance of the May 9, 2024, County of Monterey Zoning Administrator meeting minutes.

The Zoning Administrator accepted the May 9, 2024, County of Monterey Zoning Administrator meeting minutes.

# 9:30 A.M. - SCHEDULED ITEMS

#### 1. PLN200097 - WIND & SEA PROPERTY LLC

Public hearing to consider restoration of approximately 11,750 square feet of Northern coastal bluff scrub habitat, removal of "Deck 2," after-the-fact partial conversion of a detached garage into a 336 square foot guesthouse, and after-the-fact construction of outdoor sauna, hot tubs, an outdoor patio, and a deck within 50 feet of a coastal bluff and 100 feet of environmentally sensitive habitat area to partially clear Code Enforcement Violation No. 16CE00201.

Project Location: 54722 Highway 1, Big Sur.

**Proposed CEQA Action**: Find the project Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 and 15333, and no exceptions apply pursuant to section 15300.1.

Fionna Jensen, Project Planner, presented the request for continuance.

Public Comment: Chris Gourlay, Applicant Agent; Marcus Foster

The Zoning Administrator continued the hearing on this item to July 11, 2024, and requested that Staff provide a status report and scope of the alleged violation from Code Compliance at that hearing.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.



Introduced: 6/18/2024

Version: 1

# **County of Monterey**

# Item No.1

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

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# **Board Report**

Legistar File Number: ZA 24-024

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Project Location: 264 Giberson Road, Moss Landing

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Zoning Administrator adopt a Resolution:

- 1. Considering the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15303, New Structures, and there are no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2; and
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# PROJECT INFORMATION:

Property Owner: Marinovich Jean and Butier Peter

APNs: 413-012-011-000

Parcel Size: 45,540 Square Feet (1.05 Acres)

**Zoning:** Coastal Agricultural Preserve, Coastal Zone (CAP(CZ))

Plan Area: North County Land Use Plan

Flagged and Staked: Yes

#### SUMMARY:

The subject parcel is located at 264 Giberson Road, Moss Landing, (APN: 413-012-011-000) within the North County Land Use Plan area. The project consists of construction of a 4,425 square foot, three story single family dwelling with an attached 300 square foot carport, a detached 1,968 square foot barn, a 62 square foot pump house, a 75 square foot garden shed, two 10,000 gallon water

tanks, conversion of an irrigation well into a domestic production well and a Variance to increase the allowed site coverage from 3% to 8%. The project is consistent with applicable goals and policies in the 1982 General Plan, policies in the North County Land Use Plan (NC LUP), and regulations and development standards contained in the North County Coastal Implementation Plan (NC CIP) and Title 20 Zoning Ordinance.

#### DISCUSSION:

## Land Use & Development Standards

The property is zoned Coastal Agricultural Preserve in the Coastal Zone or "CAP (CZ)". This zoning allows all soil dependent agricultural uses, single family dwellings accessory to the agricultural use on the property, all non-habitable accessory structures including barns and water system facilities including wells and storage tanks serving 14 or fewer service connections. Due to the small size of the property, the 3% allowed lot coverage is quite restrictive. Properties zoned CAP are required to have a minimum building lot size of 40 acres, the subject parcel is approximately 1 acre. Under normal circumstances (a 40 acre parcel), the 3% lot coverage would not impact development as it would allow approximately 52,272 square feet of structural coverage. In this case, to allow a site coverage beyond 1,366 square feet (3% of 1 acre), the applicants have applied for a Variance to increase the site coverage from 3% to 8%. With the approval of the Variance, the proposed project would be consistent with all applicable site development standards. The applicants' proposed site coverage of 8% (3,643 square feet) includes a single family dwelling, attached car port, barn, garden shed and water tanks with a pump house. The proposed development will be within all required setbacks from the property lines and road right of way and maintain the required setbacks between structures. The main dwelling will be setback 35 feet from the private road right of way and utilities easement. The dwelling also exceeds to the required 20 foot side and rear setbacks and a 46 foot setback from the barn. The barn also exceeds all required setbacks with a front setback of 120 feet (50 feet required), side setbacks of 10 feet and 104 feet (6 feet required) and a rear setback for 110 feet (6 feet required). The pump house is required to have 5 foot front, side and rear setbacks, the pump house will be located 6 feet from the closest property line. All proposed structures are in compliance with the 35 foot required height restriction, the main home will be 34 feet from the average natural grade, the barn will be 23 feet tall and the pump house, water tanks and garden shed will also be well below 35 feet.

#### Health and Safety

The property receives services via public utilities:

The project includes the installation of an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS). The applicant proposes to install a new 2,000 gallon septic tank and leach fields. The Environmental Health Bureau (EHB) reviewed the OWTS plan and confirmed the proposed system meets the required setbacks from nearby wells. The OWTS will feature supplemental treatment with nitrogen reduction to meet Monterey County's Nitrogen Loading requirements, as well as to supplement very fast percing soils. Potable water will be supplied by a nearby well on the neighboring property (APN: 413-012-012-000). Source Capacity Testing witnessed by Isaiah Tuazon of EHB, credited the well with 18.18 gallons per minute of capacity. A Culligan Water centralized treatment plan dated 1/3/24 was submitted and reviewed by the EHB. The reverse osmosis plan was accepted by EHB staff and the well conversion was deemed feasible.

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Approval of a Variance requires three specific findings to be made: special circumstances causing the application of development standards in the Monterey County Code to deprive the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity; that the Variance would not grant privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity; and that the Variance would not grant a use or activity which is not authorized by the zone regulation governing the subject property. These findings have all been made and staff recommends the granting of the Variance.

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cc: Front Counter Copy; Planning Commission; North County Fire Protection District; HCD-Environmental Services; HCD-Engineering Services; Environmental Health Bureau; Zoe Zepp, Assistant Planner; Anna Ginette Quenga, AICP, Principal Planner; Marinovich Jean and Butier Peter, Property Owner; The Open Monterey Project; LandWatch (Executive Director); Lozeau Drury LLP; Project File PLN210165

# Exhibit A

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

# **Project Information for PLN210165**

Application Name: Marinovich Jean And Butier Peter

Location: 264 Giberson Rd, Moss Landing

Applicable Plan: North County LCP Primary APN: 413-012-011-000

Advisory Committee: North County Advisory Committee Coastal Zone: Yes

Permit Type: Combined Development Permit Final Action Deadline (884): 4/29/2024

Environmental Status: Categorical Exemption

Zoning: CAP(CZ) Land Use Designation: Agricultural Preservation

Project Site Data:

Lot Size: 45302 Coverage Allowed: 1,366

Coverage Proposed: 3643

Existing Structures (sf): 0 Height Allowed: 35

Proposed Structures (sf): 6996

Total Sq. Ft.: 6996

Height Proposed: 34

FAR Allowed:

Special Setbacks on Parcel: FAR Proposed:

Resource Zones and Reports:

Seismic Hazard Zone: VI Soils Report #:

Erosion Hazard Zone: Moderate Biological Report #:

Fire Hazard Zone: None Forest Management Rpt. #:

Flood Hazard Zone: X (unshaded) Geologic Report #: LIB220118

Archaeological Sensitivity: high Archaeological Report #: LIB220117

Visual Sensitivity: None Traffic Report #:

Historic Report #:

Other Information:

Water Source: WELL Grading (cubic yds.): 0

Water Purveyor: Sewage Disposal (method): OWTS

Fire District: North County FPD Sewer District Name:

Tree Removal: 0

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# Exhibit B

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# **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

# Before the Zoning Administrator in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

In the matter of the application of:

MARINOVICH JEAN AND BUTIER PETER (PLN210165)

**RESOLUTION NO. ----**

Resolution by the Monterey County Zoning Administrator:

- 1) Finding the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15303, new structures, and there are no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2; and
- 2) Approving a Combined Development Permit consisting of a:
  - a) a Coastal Administrative Permit to allow the construction of a 4,425 square foot three story single family residence with an attached 300 square foot carport and a detached 1,968 square foot two story barn, garage, and office, accessory to an agricultural use (lavender cultivation);
  - b) a Coastal Administrative Permit to allow alteration of an existing irrigation well to allow use as a domestic production well; and
  - c) a Variance to allow an increase in the maximum allowable building site coverage, from 3.0% to 8.0%.

[PLN210165, Marinovich Jean and Butier Peter, 264 Giberson Road, Moss Landing, North County Land Use Plan, Coastal Zone (APNs: 413-012-011-000)]

The Marinovich Jean and Butier Peter application (PLN210165) came on for hearing before the Monterey County Zoning Administrator on June 27, 2024. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the administrative record, the staff report, written testimony, and other evidence presented, the Zoning Administrator finds and decides as follows:

# **FINDINGS**

1. **FINDING: CONSISTENCY** – The Project, as conditioned, is consistent with the

applicable plans and policies which designate this area as appropriate for

development.

**EVIDENCE:** a) During the course of review of this application, the project has been

reviewed for consistency with the text, policies, and regulations in:

Marinovich Jean and Butier Peter (PLN210165)

- the 1982 Monterey County General Plan;
- North County Land Use Plan (NC LUP);
- Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 1, Zoning Ordinance (Title 20); and
- Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 2, Regulations for Development in the North County Land Use Plan Area (NC CIP).

No conflicts were found to exist. No communications were received during the course of review of the project indicating any inconsistencies with the text, policies, and regulations in these documents.

- b) Project Scope. The project consists of construction of a 4,425 square foot, three-story single family dwelling with an attached 300 square foot carport, a detached 1,968 square foot barn, a 62 square foot pump house, a 75 square foot garden shed, two 10,000 gallon water tanks, conversion of an irrigation well into a domestic production well and a Variance to increase the allowed site coverage from 3% to 8%.
- Allowed Use. The project is located at 264 Giberson Road, Moss Landing, (APN: 413-012-011-000) within the North County Land Use Plan area. The parcel is zoned Coastal Agricultural Preserve, Coastal Zone (CAP(CZ)) which allows the first single family dwelling accessory to the main agricultural use, subject to a Coastal Administrative Permit. In this case, the applicant is proposing a lavender farm as their main agricultural use. CAP(CZ) zoning also allows non-habitable accessory structures, such as barns, and water systems serving 14 or fewer connections subject to a Coastal Administrative Permits. The applicant has requested a Variance to increase the maximum lot coverage from 3% to 8%. As demonstrated in Findings 5, 6, 7 and supporting evidence, necessary findings to support granting the Variance in this case. All necessary entitlements have been added to this permit; therefore, the project is an allowed use for this site.
- d) Lot Legality. The subject parcel is shown in its current configuration as "Parcel B" on Pg 105 of Vol 4 of Parcel Maps. The Parcel Map is titled "MS-72-173, A Division of a Part of the NW1/4 of the SW ¼ of Sec. 6, T.13 S., R.2 E, MDM, in Monterey County, California, made for Mrs. Nola Yost". The subject lot was created through a minor subdivision (MS-72-173) approved by the Monterey County Subdivision Committee on July 13, 1972. A Use Permit was approved on June 28, 1972 to allow a reduction of the required minimum building site from 2.5 acres to 1 acre. Therefore, the County recognizes it as a legal lot of record.
- e) Development Standards. Development standards for the Coastal Agricultural Preserve zoning district can be found in Title 20 section 20.30.060. With the approval of the requested Variance to increase the site coverage from 3% to 8%, the proposed development will conform with all regulated site development standards. The proposed site coverage is 3,643 square feet (8%), this includes the main dwelling and attached carport, barn, pump house, water tanks and garden shed. Consistent with the maximum allowed height of 35 feet for main structures, the proposed single family dwelling has a height of 34 feet from the average natural grade. The barn is also allowed a maximum

height of 35 feet and is proposed to be 23 feet from the average natural grade. The pump house, water tanks and garden shed will also be well below the 35 foot maximum height limit. The proposed development will be within all required setbacks. Consistent with required 30 foot front setback for main structures, the main dwelling will be setback 35 feet from the private road right of way and utilities easement. The dwelling also exceeds to the required 20 foot side and rear setbacks. The barn exceeds all required setbacks with a front setback of 120 feet (50 feet required), side setbacks of 10 feet and 104 feet (6 feet required) and a rear setback for 110 feet (6 feet required). The pump house is required to have 5 foot front, side and rear setbacks, the pump house will be 6 feet from the closest property line. Title 20 also requires non-habitable accessory structures to have a six foot setback from main structures on the property. The barn will be setback 46 feet from the main dwelling. Therefore, the proposed project is in conformance with all applicable development standards.

- f) Variance. The project includes a request for a Variance to increase the allowed site coverage from 3% to 8%. As demonstrated in Findings 5, 6, 7 and supporting evidence, the required findings for granting of a Variance have been made.
- g) Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). This project was referred to the AAC due to the request for a variance on an agriculturally zoned lot. The project went before the AAC on April 25, 2024 and was unanimously supported by the committee. There was no public comment made regarding this project at the meeting.
- h) <u>Land Use Advisory Committee.</u> The project was brought before the North County Land Use Advisory Committee on December 7, 2023. The committee unanimously recommended support of the application as proposed. Questions from the committee included the request for clarification between lot coverage and floor area of the proposed house and clarification regarding ownership and location of the proposed domestic well. No public comment was made at this meeting.
- The application, project plans, staking & flagging photos and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD- Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.
- 2. **FINDING: SITE SUITABILITY** The site is physically suitable for the use proposed.
  - EVIDENCE: a) The project has been reviewed for site suitability by the following departments and agencies: HCD-Planning, HCD-Engineering Services, North County Fire Protection District, HCD-Environmental Services and Environmental Health Bureau. There has been no indication from these departments/agencies that the site is not suitable for the proposed development. Recommended conditions have been incorporated.
    - b) Staff identified potential impacts to soil stability and archaeological resources. The following reports have been prepared:
      - "Geotechnical Investigation" (LIB220118) prepared by John Kasunich, Watsonville, California, February 3, 2022.

- "Phase 1 Inventory of Archaeological Resources" (LIB220117) prepared by Ruben Mendoza, Salinas, California, September 21, 2021.

The above-mentioned technical reports by outside consultants indicated that there are no physical or environmental constraints that would indicate that the site is not suitable for the use proposed. County staff has independently reviewed these reports and concurs with their conclusions. All development shall be in accordance with these reports.

- c) Staff conducted a site visit on May 10, 2022 and reviewed aerial imagery and site photos and determined the project site to be suitable for the proposed construction and use.
- d) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to the Monterey County HCD- Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.

# 3. **FINDING:**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** - The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the use or structure applied for, will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use; or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood; or to the general welfare of the County.

## **EVIDENCE:**

- The project was reviewed by HCD-Planning, HCD-Engineering Services, North County Fire Protection District, HCD-Environmental Services and Environmental Health Bureau (EHB). Conditions have been recommended, where appropriate, to ensure that the project will not have an adverse effect on the health, safety, and welfare of persons either residing or working in the neighborhood.
- b) The project includes the installation of an onsite wastewater treatment system. The applicant proposes to install a new 2,000 gallon septic tank and leach fields. The EHB reviewed the onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) plan and confirmed the proposed system meets the required setbacks from nearby wells. The OWTS will feature supplemental treatment with nitrogen reduction to meet Monterey County's Nitrogen Loading requirements, as well as to supplement very fast percing soils.
- property (APN: 413-012-012-000). Currently, the existing well is used exclusively for irrigation. The applicant confirmed no other domestic connections are proposed or currently in use for the existing irrigation well, and that it is to only serve the development proposed and an easement is already in place to allow the applicant's use of the well. Source Capacity Testing witnessed by Isaiah Tuazon of EHB, credited the well with 18.18 gallons per minute of capacity. Water quality tests dated 9/6/22 and 9/26/22 were received and showed total coliform was present, and Nitrates were over their respective maximum contaminant level. Additional water quality from Soil Control lab dated 12/3/22 received showing absent results for Bacteria and Perchlorate. A Culligan Water centralized treatment plan dated 1/3/24 was submitted and

- reviewed by the EHB. The reverse osmosis plan was accepted by the EHB staff and the well conversion was deemed feasible.
- d) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to the Monterey County HCD- Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.

# 4. **FINDING:**

**NO VIOLATIONS** - The subject property is in compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to zoning uses, subdivision, and any other applicable provisions of the County's zoning ordinance. No known violations exist on the property.

**EVIDENCE:** 

- a) Staff reviewed Monterey County HCD-Planning and Building Services Department records and is not aware of any violations existing on subject property.
- b) Staff conducted a site visit on May 10, 2022, reviewed aerial imagery and photos of the project site and researched County records to assess if any violation exists on the subject property.
- c) The application, plans and supporting materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.

# 5. **FINDING:**

# VARIANCE (SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES) – Special

circumstances apply to the subject property, including the size, shape, topography, location or surroundings. Therefore, the strict application of development standards in the Monterey County Code would deprive the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity and under identical zoning classification.

**EVIDENCE:** 

- The subject 1 acre parcel is zoned for Coastal Agricultural Preserve which requires a 40 acre minimum building site and is subject to a 3% site coverage. Under normal circumstances, a 3% site coverage for CAP zoned lots is not restrictive as it is meant to control structural of development on 40 acre lots or larger to ensure viable agricultural uses. In 1972, a Use Permit was approved to reduce the required minimum building site size from 2.5 acres to 1 acre, back when the lot was zoned "Unclassifed". Immediately following the approval of this Use Permit, a subdivision was approved to create four lots from the original 6 acre parcel. The subdivision resulted in three 1 acre lots, and one 3 acre lot. All four lots have since been rezoned to Coastal Agricultural Preserve and are all subject to the 3% maximum lot coverage, despite being well under the required minimum lot size.
- b) Due to the size of the subject parcel being much smaller than the required minimum size for the CAP zoning district, the 3% lot coverage is highly restrictive. A single family dwelling is an allowed use in this zoning district, but only as accessory to the main agricultural use on the property. The applicants are proposing a lavender farm as their main agricultural use, as well as fruit trees and a vegetable garden. The structures associated with this operation include a barn, garden shed, water tanks, pump house and single family dwelling. The 3% lot coverage would only allow for 1,366 square feet of development which would heavily encumber the size of each of the proposed structures. For

- reference, 3% lot coverage on a 40 acre lot would allow 52,272 square feet of development. Increasing the lot coverage to 8% (3,643 square feet) would allow the applicant to live onsite while maintaining and supporting the proposed onsite agricultural activities.
- c) Besides the other three lots created under the same subdivision, the other nearby lots vary from 5 to 160 times the size of the subject parcel. Most of these lots are occupied by row crops and do not include any structures. However, they would be allowed at least 6,500 square feet of development or more, which is about 3,000 more square feet of coverage than is being requested in this variance. Due to the special circumstance of the inconsistency between the size of the subject parcel and the required minimum lot size, the application of the 3% maximum lot coverage deprives it of the privilege of larger development that is enjoyed by the adjacent, similarly zoned, lots.
- d) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to the Monterey County HCD- Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.

# 6. **FINDING:**

**VARIANCE (SPECIAL PRIVILEGES)** – Granting of this Variance does not constitute a grant of privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and zone in which such property is situated.

# **EVIDENCE:** a)

- There are two other 1 acre lots that resulted from the 1972 subdivision, however, these lots have already been built out and are currently exceeding the 3% allowed coverage. Therefore, the granting of this Variance would not constitute a grant of privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity under the same zoning.
- b) The 1 acre parcel at 260 Giberson Road is currently built out to over 3%, County records show the property was permitted a site coverage of approximately 5.3%. The original home was built in 1986. County records show a building permit (BP072247) was approved for an addition and remodel of the single family dwelling and garage in 2007. This building permit approved a site coverage of 5.3%. However, there is no record that the property ever received a Variance for the excess site coverage and there was no agricultural use on the property at the time of issuance of the permit.
- c) The neighboring 1 acre parcel at 262 Giberson Road was approved for development in 2017 through an amended permit (PLN090252). The homeowners had originally applied for a Variance to increase the allowed site coverage but were discouraged by the LUAC and ultimately removed the request from their application prior to hearing. The homeowners were approved to build to 3% coverage but without a main agricultural use on the property. Had the applicants gone through with their Variance request, the findings for a Variance could have been made considering the property it under the same circumstances as the project parcel.
- d) As the other parcels nearby are either over the allowed site coverage or could qualify for a similar Variance, the proposed Variance does not

- constitute a grant of privileges inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity.
- by the project applicant to the Monterey County HCD- Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.
- 7. **FINDING:** VARIANCE (AUTHORIZED USE) The Variance does not grant a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the zone regulation governing the parcel of property.
  - EVIDENCE: a) The proposed Variance would not allow additional uses that are not expressly allowed for this zoning. The requested increase in allowed lot coverage is to allow a barn and single family dwelling accessory to onsite agricultural activities, both of which are allowed uses subject to Coastal Administrative Permits.
    - b) After the structures are built, the property will be at its maximum allowed site coverage. Additional structures could not be built unless the then existing structures are demolished, partially demoed or converted. Any future development would be reviewed for consistency with allowed uses and development within the property's zoning district.
    - c) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to the Monterey County HCD- Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.
- 8. **FINDING: CEQA (Exempt)** The project is categorically exempt from environmental review and no unusual circumstances were identified to exist for the proposed project.
  - **EVIDENCE:** a) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Article 19 Section 15303 categorically exempts the construction of new structures including small habitable accessory structures.
    - b) None of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project:
      - The location of a project site is not located within an environmentally sensitive area;
      - Successive projects of the same type and in the same place (construction of structures and implementation of ag uses) would not contribute to a significant cumulative impact. The property is currently vacant and does not contain any sensitive habitat areas, any future development would be constructed on an occupied parcel that has undergone human disturbance. At that point, the property would be unlikely to contain sensitive habitat that could be impacted by additional development;
      - There are no unusual circumstances regarding this project that would cause a significant effect to the environment (see Findings 1, 2 and supporting evidence);
      - The project site is not visible from any scenic highways, and the proposed development would not result in damages to scenic resources: and
      - The project site is not located on or near any hazardous waste sites listed in Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

- c) Staff conducted a site visit on May 10, 2022, reviewed aerial imagery and photos of the project site to verify that the site and proposed project meet the criteria for an exemption.
- d) See supporting Finding Nos. 1 and 2. The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicants to Monterey County HCD-Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN210165.
- 9. **FINDING: APPEALABILITY -** The decision on this project may be appealed to/by the Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission.
  - **EVIDENCE:** a) Pursuant to Title 20 section 20.86.030, an aggrieved party may appeal a decision of the Zoning Administrator to the Board of Supervisors.
    - b) Pursuant to Title 20 section 20.86.080.A.3, the project is appealable to/by the California Coastal Commission because it involves a conditional use (Variance).

# **DECISION**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based on the above findings and evidence, the Zoning Administrator does hereby:

- 1) Find the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15303, new structures, and there are no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2; and
- 2) Approve a Combined Development Permit consisting of a:
  - a. a Coastal Administrative Permit to allow the construction of a 4,425 square foot three story single family residence with an attached 300 square foot carport and a detached 1,968 square foot two story barn, garage, and office, accessory to an agricultural use (lavender cultivation);
  - b. a Coastal Administrative Permit to allow alteration of an existing irrigation well to allow use as a domestic production well; and
  - c. a Variance to allow an increase in the maximum allowable building site coverage, from 3.0% to 8.0%.

Said decision is to be in substantial conformance with the attached plan and subject to the attached conditions which are incorporated herein by reference.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024:

Mike Novo AICP, Zoning Administra	itor
COPY OF THIS DECISION MAILED TO APPLICANT ON	
THIS APPLICATION IS APPEALABLE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.	
IF ANYONE WISHES TO APPEAL THIS DECISION, AN APPEAL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE ON OR BEFORE	

THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED IN THE COASTAL ZONE AND IS APPEALABLE TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION. UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF THE FINAL LOCAL ACTION NOTICE (FLAN) STATING THE DECISION BY THE FINAL DECISION MAKING BODY, THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES A 10 WORKING DAY APPEAL PERIOD. AN APPEAL FORM MUST BE FILED WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COASTAL COMMISSION AT (831) 427-4863 OR AT 725 FRONT STREET, SUITE 300, SANTA CRUZ, CA.

This decision, if this is the final administrative decision, is subject to judicial review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1094.5 and 1094.6. Any Petition for Writ of Mandate must be filed with the Court no later than the 90th day following the date on which this decision becomes final.

# **NOTES**

1. You will need a building permit and must comply with the Monterey County Building Ordinance in every respect.

Additionally, the Zoning Ordinance provides that no building permit shall be issued, nor any use conducted, otherwise than in accordance with the conditions and terms of the permit granted or until ten days after the mailing of notice of the granting of the permit by the appropriate authority, or after granting of the permit by the Board of Supervisors in the event of appeal.

Do not start any construction or occupy any building until you have obtained the necessary permits and use clearances from Monterey County HCD- Planning and HCD- Building Services Department office in Salinas.

2. This permit expires 3 years after the above date of granting thereof unless construction or use is started within this period.

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# County of Monterey HCD Planning

# **DRAFT Conditions of Approval/Implementation Plan/Mitigation** Monitoring and Reporting Plan

PLN210165

#### 1. PD001 - SPECIFIC USES ONLY

**Responsible Department: Planning** 

> Condition/Mitigation **Monitoring Measure:**

This Combined Development Permit (PLN210165) allows construction of a 4,425 square foot three story single family residence with an attached 300 square foot carport and a detached 1,968 square foot two story barn accessory to agricultural use (lavender cultivation), alteration of an existing irrigation well to allow use as a domestic production well and a Variance to allow an increase in the maximum allowable building site coverage, from 3% to 8%. The property is located Giberson Road (Assessor's Parcel Number 416-012-011-000), North This permit was approved in accordance with County ordinances and land use regulations subject to the terms and conditions described in the project Neither the uses nor the construction allowed by this permit shall commence unless and until all of the conditions of this permit are met to the satisfaction of the Director of RMA - Planning. Any use or construction not in substantial conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit is a violation of County regulations and may result in modification or revocation of this permit and subsequent legal action. No use or construction other than that specified by this permit is allowed unless additional permits are approved by the appropriate authorities. To the extent that the County has delegated any condition compliance or mitigation monitoring Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Water Resources Agency shall provide all information requested by the County and the County shall bear ultimate responsibility to ensure that conditions and mitigation measures are properly fulfilled. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

The Owner/Applicant shall adhere to conditions and uses specified in the permit on an ongoing basis unless otherwise stated.

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#### 2. PD002 - NOTICE PERMIT APPROVAL

#### Responsible Department:

Planning

#### Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

The applicant shall record a Permit Approval Notice. This notice shall state:

"A Combined Development Permit (Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_\_) was approved by the Zoning Administrator for Assessor's Parcel Number 413-012-011-000 on June 27, 2024. The permit was granted subject to 9 conditions of approval which run with the land. A copy of the permit is on file with Monterey County RMA - Planning."

Proof of recordation of this notice shall be furnished to the Director of RMA - Planning prior to issuance of grading and building permits, Certificates of Compliance, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

Prior to the issuance of grading and building permits, certificates of compliance, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable, the Owner/Applicant shall provide proof of recordation of this notice to the RMA - Planning.

#### 3. PD003(A) - CULTURAL RESOURCES NEGATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT

#### **Responsible Department:**

Planning

(RMA - Planning)

#### Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

archaeological, during the course of construction, cultural, historical paleontological resources are uncovered at the site (surface or subsurface resources) work shall be halted immediately within 50 meters (165 feet) of the find until a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate it. Monterey County RMA - Planning and a archaeologist archaeologist registered with the qualified (i.e., an Register Professional Archaeologists) immediately contacted by shall be the responsible individual present on-site. When contacted, the project planner and the archaeologist shall immediately visit the site to determine the extent of the resources and to develop proper mitigation measures required for recovery.

#### Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

The Owner/Applicant shall adhere to this condition on an on-going basis.

Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits and/or prior to the recordation of the final/parcel map, whichever occurs first, the Owner/Applicant shall include requirements of this condition as a note on all grading and building plans. The note shall state "Stop work within 50 meters (165 feet) of uncovered resource and contact Monterey County RMA - Planning and a qualified archaeologist immediately if cultural, archaeological, historical or paleontological resources are uncovered."

When contacted, the project planner and the archaeologist shall immediately visit the site to determine the extent of the resources and to develop proper mitigation measures required for the discovery.

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# 4. PD012(H) - LANDSCAPING PLAN (NO. COUNTY NATIVE)

#### Responsible Department:

Planning

#### Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

The site shall be landscaped. The use of native species consistent with and found in the project area shall be required in all landscaping plans as a condition of project approval. A list of appropriate native plant species identified in Attachment #2 and #3 in the North County Implementation Plan Development Regulations is available in brochure form (Suggested Native Species Landscaping List - North County Coastal Zone) from HCD - Planning. (HCD - Planning)

#### Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

Prior to building permits, Owner/Applicant/Licensed issuance of the Landscape Contractor/Licensed Landscape Architect shall submit landscape plans and contractor's estimate to the HCD - Planning for review and approval. Landscaping plans shall include the recommendations from the Forest Management Plan Biological Survey as applicable. All landscape plans shall be signed and stamped by licensed professional under the following statement, "I certify that this landscaping and irrigation plan complies with all Monterey County landscaping requirements including use of native, drought-tolerant, non-invasive species; limited turf; and low-flow, water conserving irrigation fixtures."

#### 5. PD014(A) - LIGHTING - EXTERIOR LIGHTING PLAN

#### Responsible Department:

Planning

(HCD - Planning)

#### Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

All exterior lighting shall be unobtrusive, down-lit, harmonious with the local area, and constructed or located so that only the intended area is illuminated and off-site glare is fully controlled. The lighting source shall be shielded and recessed into the fixture. The applicant shall submit three (3) copies of an exterior lighting plan which shall indicate the location, type, and wattage of all light fixtures and include catalog sheets for each fixture. The lighting shall comply with the requirements of the California Energy Code set forth in California Code of Regulations Title 24 Part 6. The exterior lighting plan shall be subject to approval by the Director of HCD - Planning, prior to the issuance of building permits.

#### Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

Prior to the issuance of building permits, the Owner/Applicant shall submit three copies of the lighting plans to HCD - Planning for review and approval. Approved lighting plans shall be incorporated into final building plans.

Prior to final/occupancy, the Owner/Applicant/Contractor shall submit written and photographic evidence demonstrating that the lighting has been installed according to the approved plan.

On an on-going basis, the Owner/Applicant shall ensure that the lighting is installed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan.

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#### 6. PD038 - WATER TANK APPROVAL

Responsible Department: Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

The water tank shall be painted an earth tone color to blend into the area and landscaped (including land sculpturing and fencing, where appropriate), subject to the approval of the Director of HCD - Planning, prior to the issuance of building permits. (HCD - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the Owner/Applicant shall submit proposed color of water tank and landscaping plans to HCD - Planning for review and approval.

Prior to final inspection or occupancy, the Owner/Applicant shall provide evidence to the Director of HCD - Planning that the water tank has been painted and the landscaping has been installed according to the plans approved by HCD - Planning.

On an on-going basis, the Owner/Applicant shall continuously maintain all landscaped areas and fences; all plant material shall be continuously maintained in a litter-free, weed-free, healthy, growing condition.

#### 7. PW0043 - REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE

Responsible Department: Public Works

Condition/Mitigation
Monitoring Measure:

Prior to issuance of building permits, applicant shall pay the Regional Development Impact Fee (RDIF) pursuant to Monterey Code Chapter 12.90. The fee amount shall be determined based on the parameters adopted in the current fee schedule.

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Prior to issuance of Building Permits Owner/Applicant shall pay Monterey County Building Services Department the traffic mitigation fee. Owner/Applicant shall submit proof of payment to the HCD-Engineering Services.

## 8. PW0045 - COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC FEE

Responsible Department: Public Works

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

Prior to issuance of building permits, the Owner/Applicant shall pay the Countywide Traffic Fee or the ad hoc fee pursuant to General Plan Policy C-1.8. The fee amount shall be determined based on the parameters in the current fee schedule.

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Prior to issuance of Building Permits, the Owner/Applicant shall pay Monterey County HCD-Building Services the traffic mitigation fee. The Owner/Applicant shall submit proof of payment to HCD-Engineering Services.

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#### 9. EHSP01 - Deed Restriction and Installation of Water Treatment (Non-Standard)

#### Responsible Department:

Health Department

# Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

A residential building shall be provided with an adequate supply of potable water pursuant to Section 601.1 of the Uniform Plumbing Code.

Due to Title 22 water quality dated 9/6/22 and 9/26/22 showing nitrates over their respective MCL, it will be necessary to install a centralized treatment system prior to final inspection of the construction permit.

The treatment system shall be installed before a building is occupied and the applicant shall record a deed restriction indicating that treatment is necessary for the domestic water source. The water treatment system shall be maintained by the owner in perpetuity.

#### Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

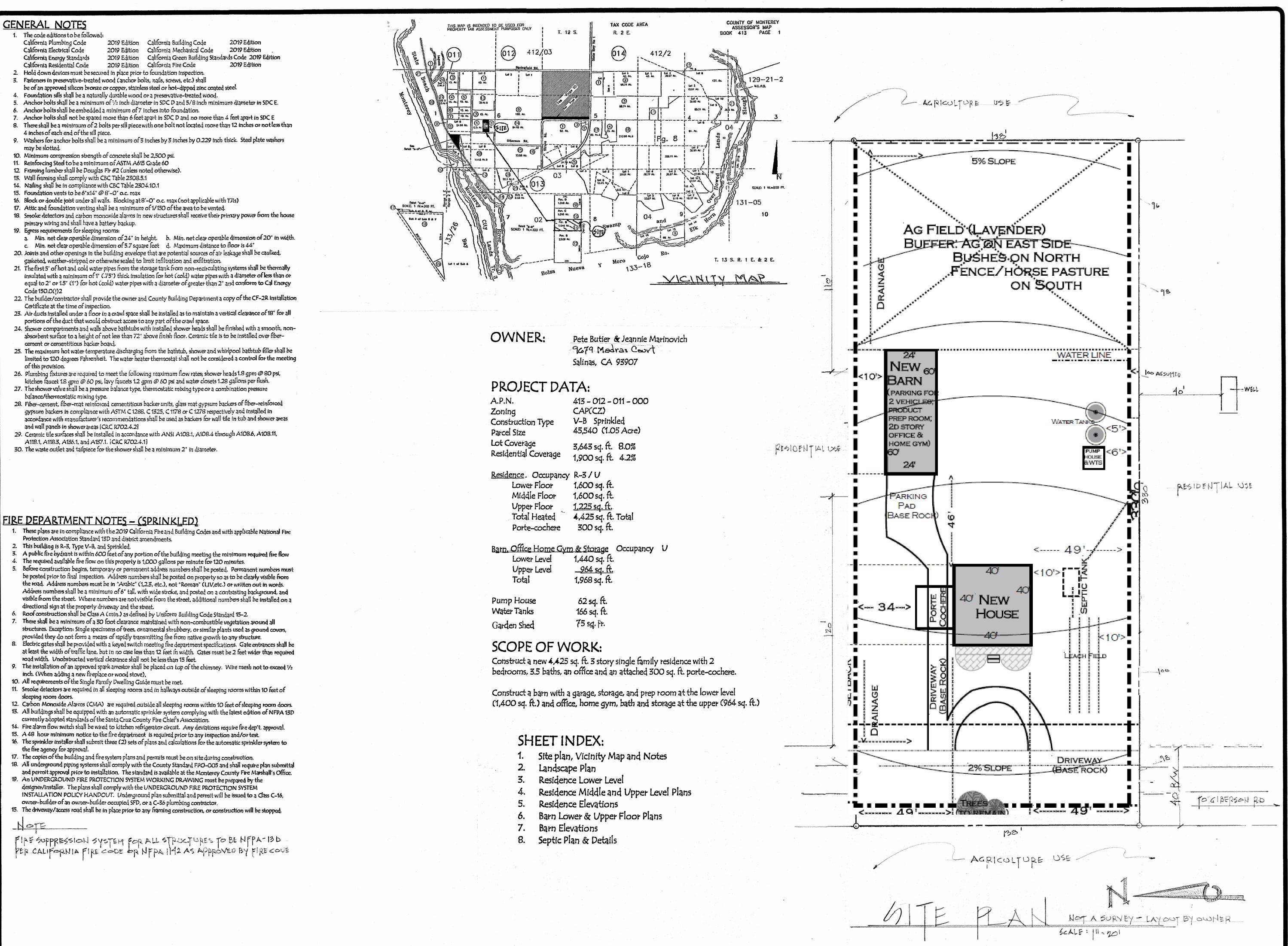
Prior to issuance of a construction permit, the applicant shall provide the following to the Environmental Health Bureau (EHB):

- Grant Deed and Legal Description for the property.
- Drinking water treatment system design, prepared by a qualified individual, that includes filtration and disinfection.

Prior to final inspection of the construction permit, the applicant shall:

- Obtain the notarized signature(s) of the property owner(s) on the deed restriction form, obtained from the EHB.
- Record the notarized deed restriction with the Monterey County Recorder.
- Provide proof of recordation of the Deed Restriction to the EHB.
- Provide EHB with a copy of as-built plans, prepared by a qualified individual, for the water treatment system
- Collect a finished water sample and provide a copy of the water quality analysis lab results to the EHB for review and approval.

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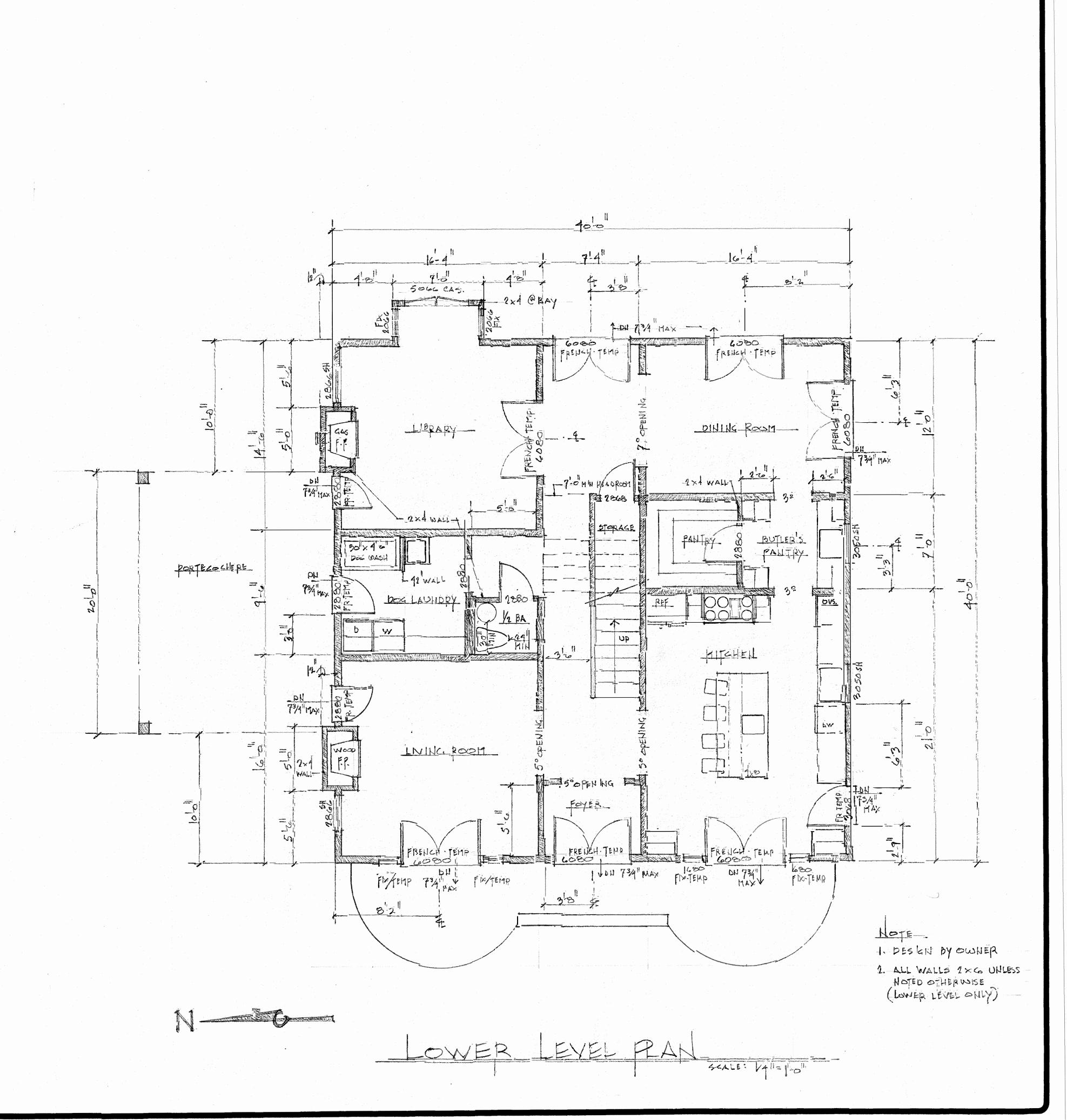


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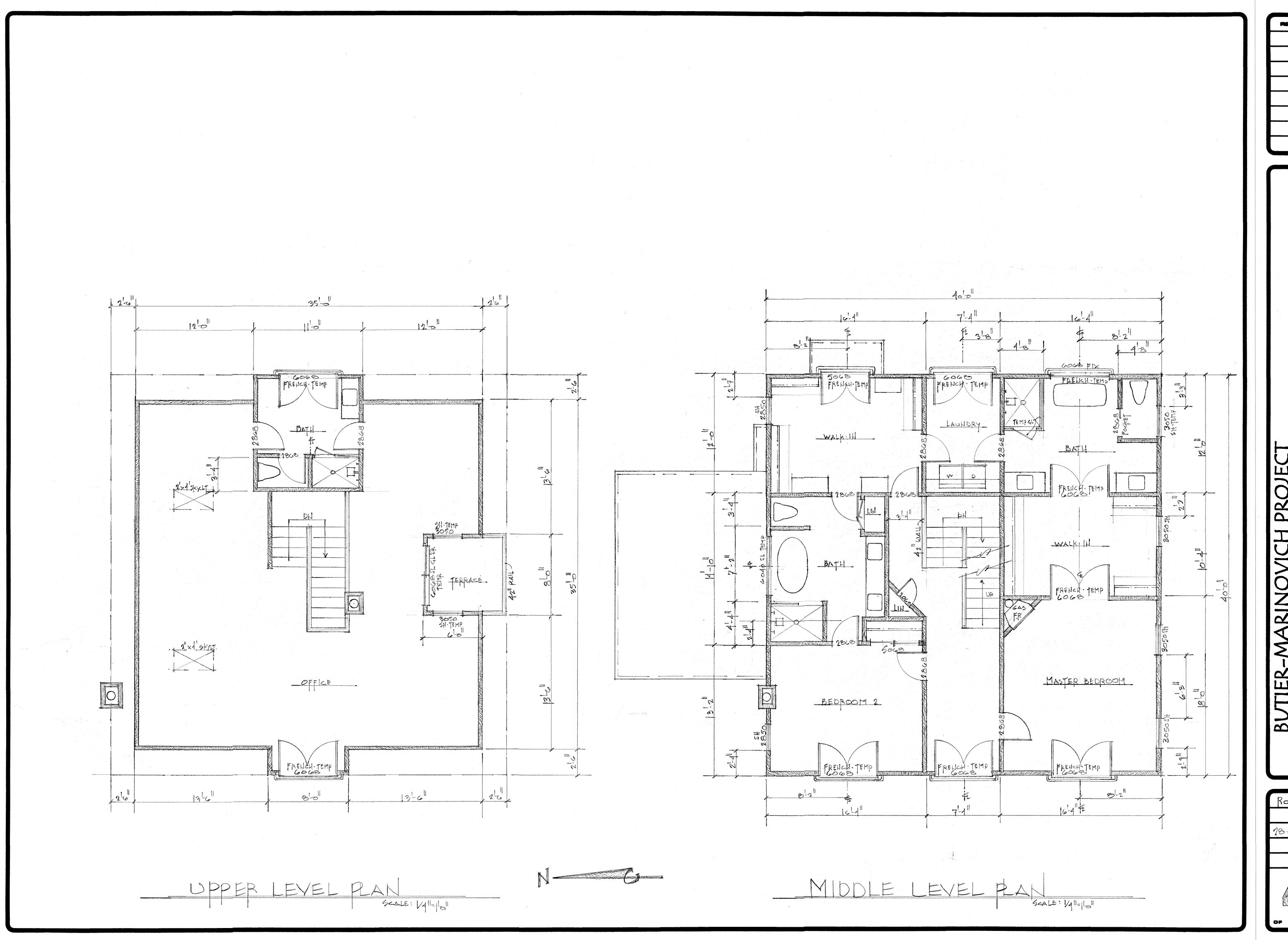
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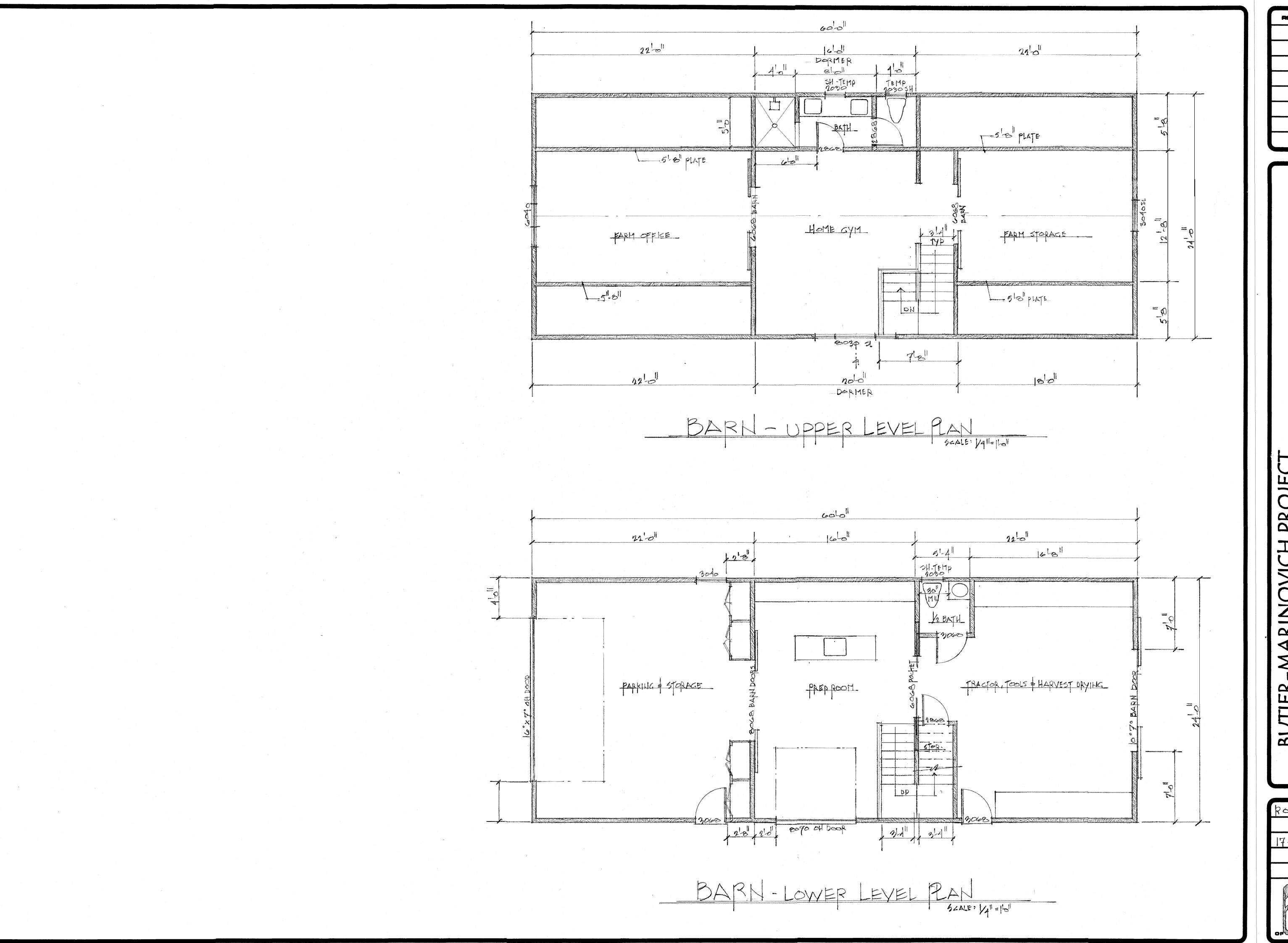
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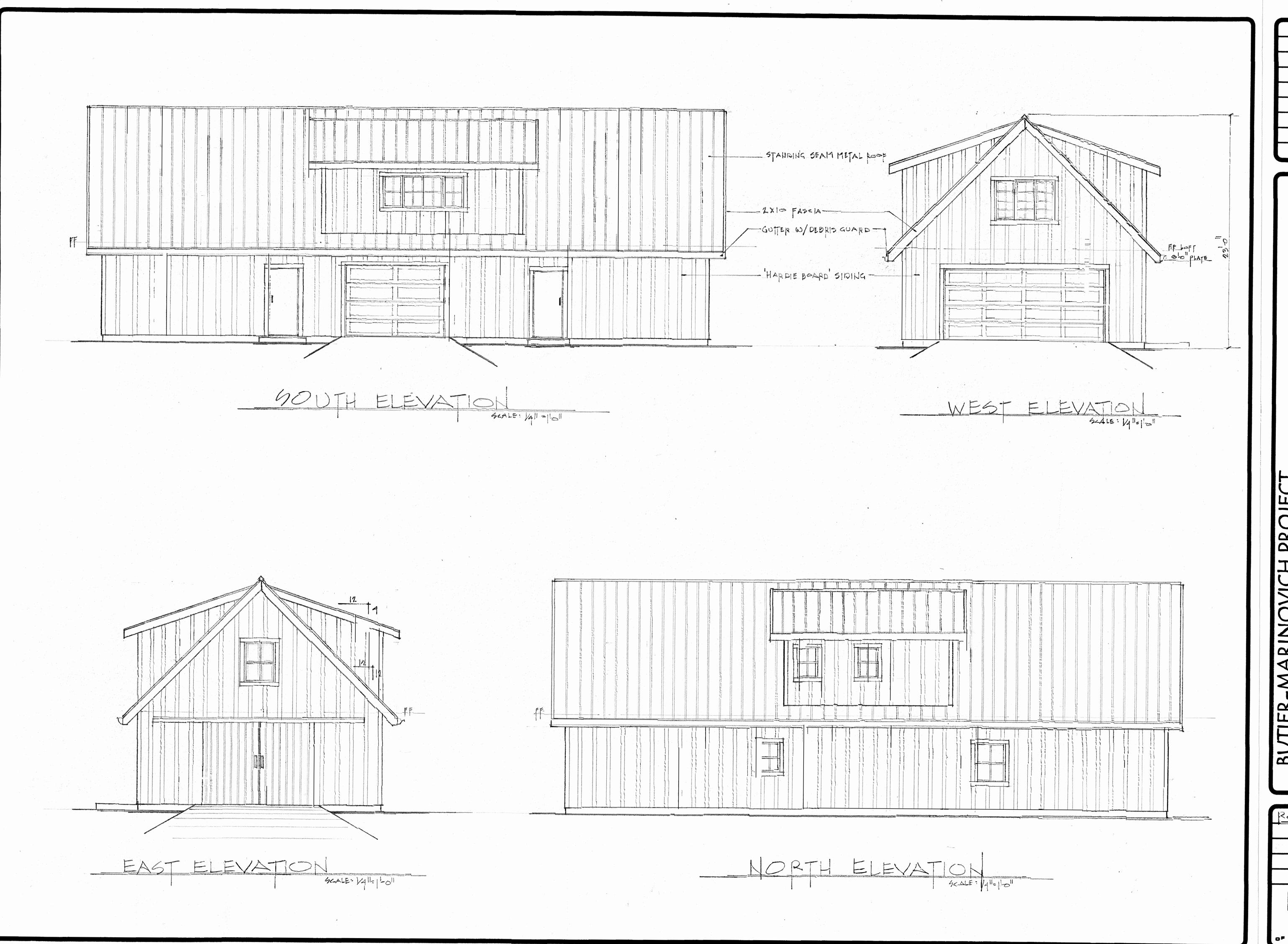
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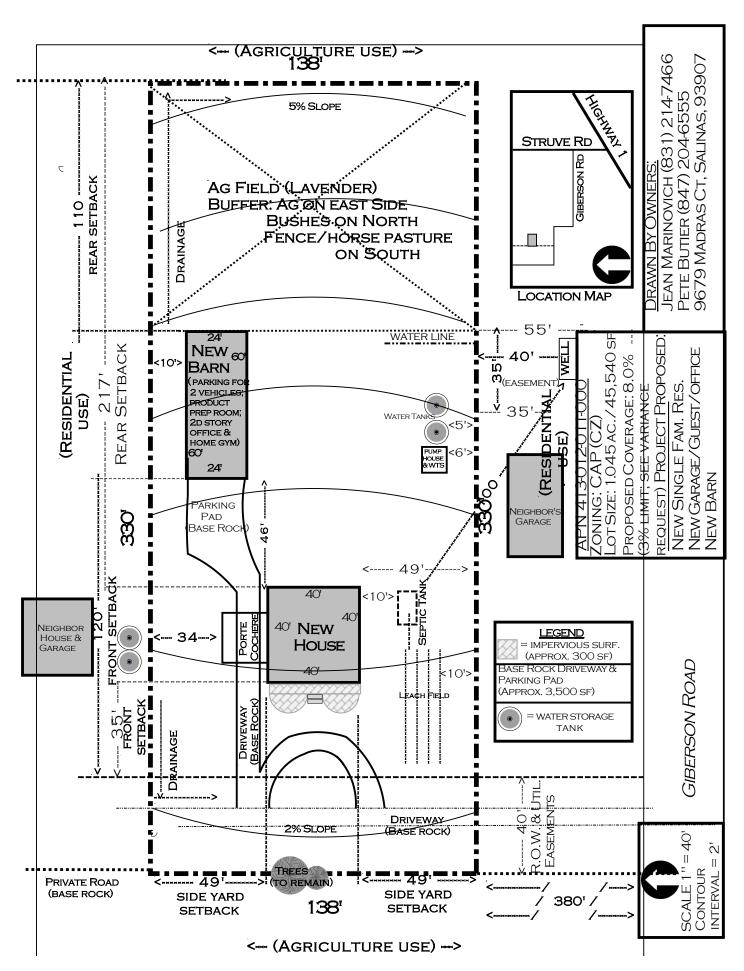


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# **Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)**

# **ACTION MINUTES**

Location:	Ag Conference Center, 1428	Abbott Street, Salinas, CA. 93901		
Date:	April 25, 2024			
Time:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.			
	Committee Members	Staff and Guests		
Present:	Scott Violini - <i>Chair</i> * Alex Eastman - <i>Vice Chair</i> * Sherwood Darington CJ Miller Marc Del Piero Otto Kramm Nick Huntington Kevin Piearcy – (arrived at 2:35pm; after Item V.)	Juan Hidalgo, Agricultural Commissioner, ACO Nadia Ochoa, Ag Programs Manager, ACO Berlina Nunez, Administrative Secretary-Confidential, ACO Brianna Rico, Office Assistant III, ACO Mary Grace Perry, Deputy County Counsel Taylor Price, HCD Planning Zoe Zepp, HCD Planning Norm Groot, Farm Bureau		
Absent:	Erik Heacox, Kurt Gollnick, Mike Ferguson, Scott Storm			

# I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Violini at 2:31 pm.

# II. Additions and Corrections

There were none.

# **III.** Consent- Committee Business

A. Minutes from Jan. 25, 2024

**MOTION**: Approval of consent items moved and seconded by Committee Members Mark Del Piero and CJ Miller and **passed** by the following vote:

AYES: Del Piero, Miller, Violini, Darington, Eastman, Kramm, Huntington

**NOES:** None

ABSENT: Heacox, Ferguson, Storm, Piearcy, Gollnick

**ABSTAIN:** None

# IV. Public Comment- On items not on the agenda.

None

# V. Agricultural Commissioner's Update

-Influenza in dairy cattle, 8 states reported.

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- Influenza reported in birds, cows, and now humans. However, humans are showing mild symptoms.
- USDA new requirements in moving cattle into state.
- Border station checks
- New restrictions, CDPR

# VI. Monterey County Housing and Community Development -Planning A. MARINOVICH JEAN & BUTIER PETER

**Project Planner:** Zoe Zepp, Assistant Planner **Project Title:** Marinovich Jean & Butier Peter

Planning File No.: PLN210165 **APN(s):** 413-012-011-000

Project Location: 264 Giberson Road, Moss Landing

Zoning/Area Plan: North County Land Use Plan, Coastal Zone

**Project Description:** Combined Development Permit consisting of a Coastal Administrative Permit for the construction of a single-family residence with attached carport, detached barn; Variance to increase the maximum allowed building site coverage from 3 to 8 percent; Altering an existing agricultural well to a domestic well.

**ACTION REQUESTED**: Recommend support approval of the Combined Development Permit.

**Proposed CEQA Action:** Find the project categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15303, *New Structures* with no exceptions to section 15000.2.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

• None

**MOTION:** Item VI.A was moved and seconded by Committee Members Marc Del Piero and Sherwood Darington and **passed** by the following vote to recommend support approval of the project:

AYES: Del Piero, Violini, Miller, Darington, Eastman, Kramm, Huntington,

Piearcy

**NOES:** None

ABSENT: Heacox, Ferguson, Storm, Gollnick

**ABSTAIN:** None

# <u>B. VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCES-- WILLIAMSON ACT COMPATIBLE USES</u> AMENDMENT

**Project Planner:** Taylor Price, Associate Planner

Project Title: Vacation Rental (aka Short-Term Rental) Ordinances Williamson Act Compatible

Uses Amendment

Planning File No.: REF100042/REF130043

APN(s): N/A

**Project Location:** County-wide Unincorporated Areas **Zoning/Area Plan:** Coastal zoning and inland zoning

**Project Description:** Monterey County began policy outreach and the process of drafting ordinances pursuant to Vacation Rentals (also known as short-term rentals for overnight

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accommodations) in 2015. This process resulted in significant public input as well as comments and direction from the Board of Supervisors (Board), the Planning Commission (Commission), and the Land Use Advisory Committees (LUACs).

**ACTION REQUESTED**: Recommend to the Planning Commission amending the Compatible Uses for Williamson Act Contracts (Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones) by adding "Vacation Rentals within a single-family dwelling" as a permitted compatible use.

**Proposed CEQA Action:** The proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, which exempts actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

•Norm Groot, Farm Bureau

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**MOTION:** Item VI. B was moved and seconded by Committee Members Alex Eastman and Marc Del Piero and **passed** by the following vote to recommend support approval of the project

AYES: Eastman, Darington, Del Piero, Huntington, Miller, Violini

**NOES:** Kramm, Piercy

ABSENT: Heacox, Ferguson, Storm, Gollnick

**ABSTAIN:** None

# VII. Administrative Matters

• Ag Commissioner Update

# **VIII. Agricultural Advisory Committee Comments**

• None

# IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

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# MINUTES North County Land Use Advisory Committee April 19, 2023

Members A	Absent:  Leslie Noble, Emily Tafo	pya
Approval o	of Minutes:	
A. Apr	ril 5, 2023 minutes	
Motion:	Minutes not available to members	(LUAC Member's Name)
Second:		(LUAC Member's Name)
Ayes:		
Noes:		
Absent:		
Abstain:		
		public comment on non-agenda items that are within the n of individual presentations may be limited by the Chair
	N/A	

6.	Other Items:					
	A)	Preliminary Courtesy Presentations by Applicants Regarding Potential Projects				
		N/A				
	B) Announcements					
	Comi	mittee member John Robinett suggested opening up Kirby park and repair it's access road.				
7.	Meeti	ng Adjourned: 6:07 pm				
Minut	es taker	h by: Michael Mastroianni				

# Action by Land Use Advisory Committee Project Referral Sheet

Monterey County Housing & Community Development 1441 Schilling Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Salinas CA 93901 (831) 755-5025

**Project Name:** MARINOVICH JEAN AND BUTIER PETER

**Advisory Committee:** 

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North County

File Number: PLN210165

Project Location: Assessor's Parcel Number(s): Project Planner: Area Plan: Project Description:	square foot two-stor square foot carport, an agricultural use (	Use Plan, Coarative Permit ty single family and a detached lavender cultive an increase in	astal Zone to allow the construction of a 4,425 y residence with an attached 300 d 1,968 square foot barn accessory to	
Was the Owner/Applicant/Represe	ntative present at 1	neeting?	YES X NO	
(Please include the names of the tho	ose present)			
Applicant Jean Marinovich, Marcy Mcl	Kearn (neighbor), Nar	ncy Jobst (neig	ghbor) Brad Twadle	
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Site Nei	ghbor?	Issues / Concerns	
Name	YES	NO	(suggested changes)	
None				
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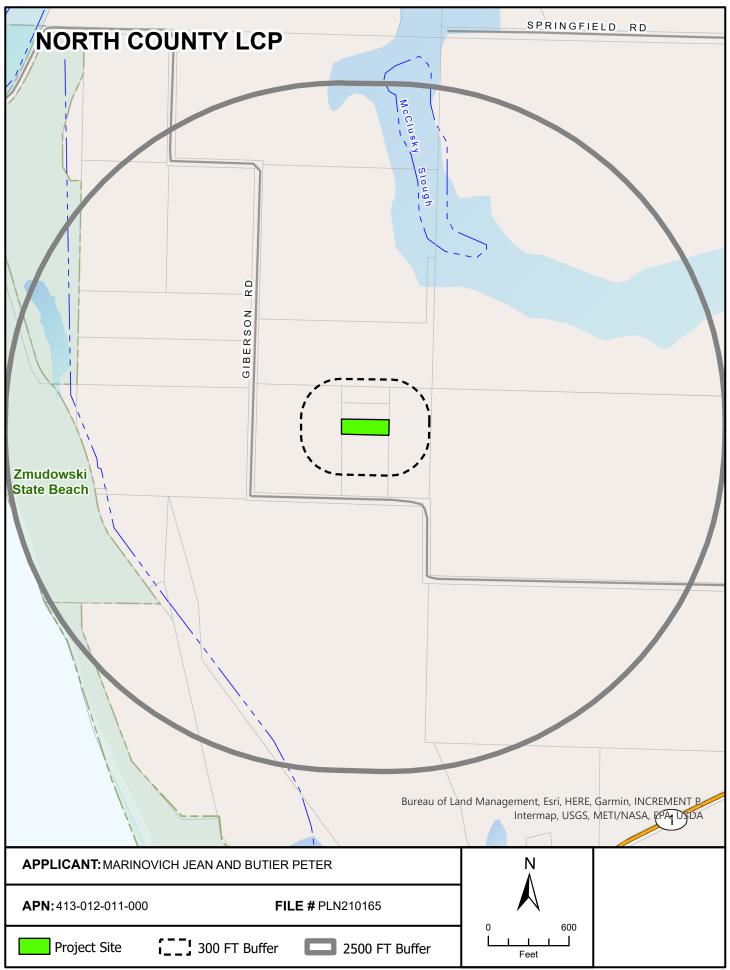
Concerns / Issues (e.g. site layout, neighborhood compatibility; visual impact, etc)	Policy/Ordinance Reference (If Known)	Suggested Changes - to address concerns (e.g. relocate; reduce height;
		move road access, etc)
ADDITIONAL LUAC COMMENTS theri Owen asked for clarification rega		ding site footprint
Aichael Mastroianni asked about ownersh		
RECOMMENDATION:		
Motion by: Sheri Owen	(LUAC Member	's Name)
Second by: John Robinett	(LUAC Membe	r's Name)
X Support Project as propose	ed	
Support Project with change		
Continue the Item		

Noes:		
Absent:	Emily Tafoya, Leslie Noble	_
Abstain:		

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# **County of Monterey**

# Item No.2

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Matter Type: Zoning Administrator

June 27, 2024

# **Board Report**

Legistar File Number: ZA 24-025

PLN230291 - RATAUL BALBIR TR

Consider the construction of a test well within 100 feet of environmentally sensitive habitat.

Project Location: 46820 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur

Proposed CEQA action: Find that the project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption pursuant

to CEQA Guidelines section 15303 and there are no exceptions pursuant to section 15300.2.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Zoning Administrator adopt a resolution to:

- a. Find the project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA
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- b. Approve a Combined Development Permit consisting of:
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The attached draft resolution includes findings and evidence for consideration (**Exhibit A**). Staff recommends approval subject to 6 conditions of approval.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

Agent: Michael Linder

**Property Owner:** Ratual Balbir TR

**APN:** 419-271-001-000 **Parcel Size:** 57 acres

Zoning: Watershed and Scenic Conservation Residential Zoning District, 40 acres per unit, with a

Design Control zoning overlay in the coastal zone or "WSC/40-D"

Plan Area: Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan

Flagged and Staked: N/A

## SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

The proposed project is the construction of a test well within 100 feet of environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA) for use as fire suppression and irrigation. The existing well onsite shows signs of diminishing supply, and therefore a new well is necessary at this time.

## Development Standards

The subject parcel is zoned as Watershed and Scenic Conservation Residential with one unit per 40 acres with a Design Control Overlay in the Coastal Zone, or "WSC/40-D(CZ)". The proposed test well is not required to meet setbacks and height restrictions unless a structure is proposed to be constructed over the well head.

## Cultural Resources

County records identify that the project site is within an area of high sensitivity for cultural resources. The Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan requires that a survey be conducted where development is to occur in areas having a probability of containing archaeological sites. On May 18, 2023, an archaeological pedestrian survey was conducted at the site in areas that would be impacted by construction of the test well. The project parcel was surveyed for evidence of prehistoric or historic resources. No indicators were present in the area of the well site. The report recommended that in the event that unexpected traces of historic or prehistoric materials are encountered during development that a qualified archaeologist should be retained for appropriate archaeological mitigation. A standard condition of approval has been incorporated into this project to assure construction work would be halted if archaeological resources are accidently uncovered.

## Biological Resources

The project parcel was observed as having several natural habitat communities throughout the area. The Biologist and Hydrologist met several times to identify a feasible area for the well construction while having minimal impact to ESHA. A Biological Assessment (see **Attachment C**) identified an area where existing landscaping and planted/boxed Monterely Cypress trees are located adjacent to an existing access road and 30 foot easement. The landscaped area is located next to coastal prairie grassland. While the coastal prairie grassland is ESHA, the landscaped area is not and while the landscaped area will be the primary area for staging, any vehicles parked on the grassland during staging/construction will not have any short-term or long-term negative impacts to the grassland itself. The Biological Assessment also recommends to remove fix boxed Monterey cypress trees as they are not indigenous to the Big Sur area. Pursuant to Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan Policy 5.4.2.13.a and Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 3, Section 20.145.140.A.12, a discretionary permit is not required for trees that have been planted. Therefore, no permit is required and replanting of trees are not recommended at this time.

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Prepared by: Hya Honorato, Assistant Planner, x5173

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# **County of Monterey**

# Item No.2

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **Project Information for PLN230291**

Application Name: Rataul Balbir Tr

Location: 46820 Clear Ridge Rd, Big Sur

Applicable Plan: Coast-Big Sur Primary APN: 419-271-001-000

Advisory Committee: Big Sur Coast Advisory Committee Coastal Zone: Yes

Permit Type: Combined Development Permit Final Action Deadline (884): 12/30/1899

Environmental Status: To Be Determined

Zoning: WSC/40-D(CZ)

Land Use Designation: Watershed & Scenic

Conservation

Project Site Data:

Lot Size: 57

Coverage Allowed: 248292

Coverage Proposed: 1000 SF

Existing Structures (sf):

Height Allowed: N/A

Proposed Structures (sf):

Total Sq. Ft.: 0

FAR Allowed: N/A Special Setbacks on Parcel: FAR Proposed: N/A

Resource Zones and Reports:

Seismic Hazard Zone: No Data Soils Report #:

**Erosion Hazard Zone:** High|Moderate **Biological Report #**: LIB240075

Fire Hazard Zone: Very High Forest Management Rpt. #:

Flood Hazard Zone: X (unshaded) Geologic Report #: LIB240076

Archaeological Sensitivity: high Archaeological Report #: LIB240028

Visual Sensitivity: None Traffic Report #:

Historic Report #:

Other Information:

Water Source: Test Well Grading (cubic yds.):

Water Purveyor: N/A Sewage Disposal (method): N/A

Fire District: Big Sur VFB Sewer District Name: N/A

Tree Removal: 0

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## Exhibit B

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#### DRAFT RESOLUTION

## Before the Zoning Administrator in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

In the matter of the application of:

## RATAUL BALBIR TR (PLN230291) RESOLUTION NO. ----

Resolution by the Zoning Administrator:

- 1. Finding the project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15303 and none of the exceptions to the exemptions listed in 15300.2 can be made; and
- 2. Approving a Combined Development Permit consisting of:
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[PLN230291, Rataul Balbir TR, 46820 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur, Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan, Coastal Zone (APN: 419-271-001-000)]

The Rataul Balbir TR application (PLN230291) came for a public hearing before the Monterey County Zoning Administrator on June 27, 2024. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the administrative record, the staff report, oral testimony, and other evidence presented the Zoning Administrator finds and decides as follows:

#### **FINDINGS**

1. **FINDING: CONSISTENCY** – The Project, as conditioned, is consistent with the

applicable plans and policies which designate this area as appropriate

for development.

**EVIDENCE:** a) During the course of review of this application, the project has been reviewed for consistency with the text, policies, and regulations in the:

- 1982 Monterey County General Plan;
- Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan;
- Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 3 (CIP); and
- Monterey County Zoning Ordinance (Title 20).

No conflicts were found to exist. No communications were received during the course of review of the project indicating any inconsistencies with the text, policies, and regulations in these documents.

b) <u>Allowed Use.</u> The property is located at 46820 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN]: 419-271-001-000), within the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan (BSCLUP). The parcel is zoned as Watershed and Scenic Conservation Residential Zoning District, 40 acres per unit

- with a Design Control zoning overlay in the coastal zone [WSC/40-D(CZ)], which allows for wells and small water systems serving 14 or fewer connections with approval of a Coastal Administrative Permit (Title 20 section 20.17.040.J). The project involves drilling a test well on a residential lot (APN 419-271-001-000), which is intended for use as fire suppression and irrigation. The project does not require a Design Approval since no new structures are proposed. Therefore, the project is an allowed land use for this site.
- c) <u>Lot Legality.</u> The parcel is shown in its present size and configuration as Parcel 17 in the supplemental map of the B. Pfeiffer Subdivision, Minor Subdivision No. MS-78-1H to the T19 S., R1E map recorded in Volume 2 Parcel Map, Page 39. Therefore, the County recognizes it as a legal lot of record.
- d) <u>Development Standards.</u> The proposed test well is required to be setback 100 feet from a septic system. The test well will be located in an open area that is slightly sloped. It has been confirmed that the proposed development is located on slopes that are less than 30% and is therefore exempt from a discretionary permit. The Applicant (Rataul) owns the parcel in which the test well will be drilled. The well will be situated approximately 217 feet from an existing location of a septic tank on the adjacent parcel to the south of the proposed well location, and approximately 130 feet from the leach field and expansion field of the adjacent parcel. The location of the well maintains the required 100-foot radius from existing septic systems and expansion leach fields in the
- Biological Resources. Consistent with the applicable goals and policies e) of the 1982 Monterey County General Plan (1982 GP); Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan (BSC LUP); CIP; and Title 20, a Biological Assessment (LIB240075 – see Finding 2, Evidence "b") has been provided with the application. A site visit was conducted on October 17, 2023, and several natural communities were observed around the parcel. In order to locate a feasible potential well site, several meetings were conducted onsite with both the hydrologist and biologist. Several challenges were considered for the well site placement, including maintaining setbacks from existing septic fields, avoiding soil disturbance to existing coastal prairie grasslands, avoiding removal of indigenous and protected trees, and minimizing disturbance of existing native plant communities on the property. The proposed location has been identified as being ideal due to the location meeting setback requirements, and the ability to set up the equipment to drill the well within an already landscaped area that runs parallel to the access road. This location is adjacent to a coastal prairie grassland habitat, however, the proposed project will have minimal and temporary impact to the grassland habitat. All recommendations included in the Biological Assessment shall be implemented through the County's standard condition for a notice of report.
- f) <u>Tree Removal.</u> There are five boxed Monterey Cypress trees that are proposed to be removed, however, pursuant to Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan Policy 5.4.2.13.a and CIP section 20.145.140.A.12, a Coastal Development Permit is not necessary for trees that have been planted. A

- Biological Assessment (LIB240075 see Finding 2, Evidence "b") has confirmed that the five trees identified for removal are not native grown and therefore do not need a permit. The Biological Assessment has also confirmed that the Monterey cypress trees are not indigenous to the Big Sur area and recommends removal without replacement of new trees.
- Cultural Resources. According to Monterey County Geographic g) Information System (GIS) records, the subject parcel has a high archaeological sensitivity for cultural resources. The Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan requires that impacts to archaeological resources be avoided or minimized to the extent feasible. On May 18, 2023, archaeologist Susan Morley conducted a physical survey at the site in areas that would be impacted by construction of the test well (see Finding 2, Evidence "b"). Reconnaissance did not reveal any of the indicators expected of a prehistoric archaeological site in the region. The report also states that there are no archaeological sites, either historic or prehistoric, within at least a half mile radius of the project parcel. The Archaeological Assessment confirmed that a previous cultural resources assessment conducted in 1994 yielded negative results. Consistent with BSC LUP Key Policy 3.11.1, the scope of the project is minimized to avoid excessive ground disturbance. Minimal grading and no imported fill is needed to perform the test well installation. The proposed location for staging and construction of the well, including spoils retention, has been designated within an area that was previously disturbed and landscaping installed. In addition, the County standard condition of approval has been incorporated into this project to assure construction work would be halted if archaeological resources are accidently uncovered.
- h) <u>Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) Review.</u> Based on the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) procedure guidelines adopted by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors per Resolution No. 08-338, this application does not meet any of the criteria in the guidelines requiring LUAC review because the project does not require Design Approval where the appropriate authority is the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, or Board of Supervisors and/or the project does not require environmental review.
- i) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning found in Project File PLN230291.
- **2. FINDING: SITE SUITABILITY** The site is physically suitable for the proposed development and/or use.
  - EVIDENCE: a) The project has been reviewed for site suitability by the following departments and agencies: HCD-Planning, HCD-Engineering Services, HCD-Environmental Services, Environmental Health Bureau, and Carmel Fire Protection Associates. County staff reviewed the application materials and plans to verify that the project on the subject site conforms to the applicable plans and regulations, and there has been no indication from these departments/agencies that the site is not suitable for the development. Conditions recommended have been incorporated.

- b) Staff identified potential impacts to biological and cultural resources and geological hazards. The following reports have been prepared:
  - "Biological Resource Review" (LIB240075) prepared by Fred Ballerini, Pacific Grove, California, October 25, 2023.
  - "Phase I Archaeological Assessment" (LIB240025) prepared by Achasta Archaeological Services, Marina, California, October, 2023.
  - "Geologic Evaluation (Supplemental)" (LIB240076) prepared by Craig Harwood, Ben Lomond, December 19, 2023.
    - Includes "Geologic Hazard Assessment Letter" prepared by Aaron Bierman, Aptos, CA, January 25, 2024.

County staff independently reviewed these reports and concurs with their conclusions. There are no physical or environmental constraints that would indicate that the site is not suitable for the use. All development shall be in accordance with these reports.

c) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning found in Project File PLN230291.

#### 3. FINDING:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** – The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the project applied for will not under the circumstances of this particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

#### **EVIDENCE:**

- a) The project was reviewed by HCD-Planning, HCD-Engineering Services, HCD-Environmental Services, Environmental Health Bureau (EHB), and Carmel Fire Protection Associates. The respective agencies have recommended conditions, where appropriate, to ensure that the project will not have an adverse effect on the health, safety, and welfare of persons either residing or working in the neighborhood.
- b) Potable water is available via the Clear Ridge Water Association. The Environmental Health Bureau (EHB) reviewed the application and confirmed that the subject parcel shows up on Monterey County's Public Water System List under the "Clear Ridge WA."
- c) The Property has an existing Onsite Waste Management System (OWTS) and EB confirmed that the setbacks are met between the OWTS and the proposed well location.
- d) Geologic Faulting. In accordance with the CIP Policy 20.145.080.A.1.b.4, a geologic report shall be required if the project site is in any area of known or suspected geologic hazards. The GIS records show that the Pfeiffer Fault is a U-shaped fault surrounding the proposed well location. A Geologic Evaluation (LIB240076 see Finding 2, Evidence "b") confirmed that the fault is not active and does not pose a threat to the proposed development.
- e) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning found in Project File PLN230291.

4. FINDING:

**NO VIOLATIONS** – The subject property is in compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to zoning uses, subdivision, and any other applicable provisions of the County's zoning ordinance. No violations exist on the property.

**EVIDENCE:** 

- a) Staff reviewed Monterey County HCD-Planning and HCD-Building Services records and is not aware of any violations existing on subject property.
- b) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning found in Project File PLN230291.
- 5. FINDING:

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – The project minimizes impacts on environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) in accordance with the applicable goals and policies of the 1982 Monterey County General Plan (1982 GP); Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan (BSC LUP); Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 3 (CIP); and the Monterey County Zoning Ordinance (Title 20).

**EVIDENCE:** a)

- Consistent with the applicable goals and policies of the 1982 Monterey County General Plan (1982 GP); Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan (BSC LUP); CIP; and Title 20, a Biological Assessment (LIB240075 see Finding 2, Evidence "b") has been provided with the application. A site visit was conducted on October 17, 2023, and several natural communities were observed around the parcel. In order to locate a feasible potential well site, several meetings were conducted onsite with both the hydrologist and biologist. Several challenges were considered for the well site placement, including maintaining setbacks from existing septic fields, avoiding soil disturbance to existing coastal prairie grasslands, avoiding removal of indigenous and protected trees, and minimizing disturbance of existing native plant communities on the property.
- b) The proposed location for the well has been identified as being ideal due to the location meeting setback requirements, and the ability to set up the equipment and staging to drill the well within an already landscaped area that runs parallel to the access road. This location is adjacent to a coastal prairie grassland habitat and is not considered ESHA. The Biological Assessment addresses that any vehicles that are parked within ESHA during staging/construction will not have any short-term or long-term negative impacts to the grassland itself.
- c) All recommendations included in the Biological Assessment shall be implemented through the County's standard condition for recordation of a notice of report.
- d) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning found in Project File PLN230291.
- 6. FINDING:

**CEQA (Exempt)** – The project is categorically exempt from environmental review and no unusual circumstances were identified to exist for the proposed project.

**EVIDENCE:** a) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15303 categorically exempts construction of small new facilities.

- b) The proposed project qualifies for a Class 3 categorical exemption because the project involves a test well for the purpose of determining if sufficient water supply exists onsite to support the future establishment of fire suppression and irrigation, which is a small and temporary facility.
- None of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project. A Biological Assessment was provided with the project application and a careful analysis of the parcel was conducted to minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive habitats (see Finding 5 and supporting evidence). The proposed well is located within a landscaped area that runs parallel to the 30-foot access easement and will have to long term impacts to the coastal prairie grassland adjacent to the proposed development. An Archaeological report was provided with the project application due to the project site located within an area of high archaeological sensitivity. The archaeological report concluded that there was no evidence of cultural resources within the project development area (see Finding 1, Evidence "g"). A fault was identified as being within 660 feet of the proposed development, however, staff has reviewed a geologic evaluation submitted with the development application (see Finding 3, Evidence "d") and found that the fault is inactive and poses no threat to the proposed development. Therefore, there is no significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. There are no successive projects of similar size and location and no new land use is proposed. The test well is a temporary condition to determine the feasibility of a permanent well due to the diminishing water supply of the previous fire suppression well, and the test well itself would not contribute to a cumulative impact.
- d) The project proposes to remove trees, however the trees identified for removal are not native planted trees and are not indigenous to the Big Sure area (see Finding 1, Evidence "f"). The removal of trees will not impact visual resources. The closest scenic highway is Highway 1, which is approximately 1.7 miles east of the site. No development from this project will be visible from the scenic highway.
- e) The project is not on a hazardous waste site compiled pursuant to section 6592.5 of the Government code.
- f) The project does not have the potential to affect any historical resources.
- g) See supporting Finding Nos. 1 and 2. The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning found in Project File PLN230291.

#### 7. FINDING:

**PUBLIC ACCESS** – The project is in conformance with the public access and recreation policies of the Coastal Act (specifically Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act of 1976, commencing with section 30200 of the Public Resources Code) and applicable Local Coastal Program, and does not interfere with any form of historic public use or trust rights.

**EVIDENCE:** 

a) No public access is required as part of the project as no substantial adverse impact on access, either individually or cumulatively, as described in section 20.145.150 of the Big Sur Coastal Implementation Plan can be demonstrated.

- b) No evidence or documentation has been submitted or found showing the existence of historic public use or trust rights over this property. The subject property is not described as an area where the Local Coastal Program requires visual or physical public access to the shoreline (Figure 2, Shoreline Access Plan, in the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan).
- c) The application, project plans, and related support materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning found in Project File PLN230291.
- **8. FINDING: APPEALABILITY** The decision on this project may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.
  - **EVIDENCE:** a) Board of Supervisors. Pursuant to Title 20 section 20.86.030, the project is subject to appeal to the Board of Supervisors by any public agency or person aggrieved by a decision of an Appropriate Authority other than the Board of Supervisors.
    - b) <u>California Coastal Commission.</u> Pursuant to section 20.86.080.A.3 of Title 20, the project is subject to appeal by/to the California Coastal Commission because the project is located between the sea and the first through public road paralleling the sea.

#### **DECISION**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based on the above findings and evidence, the Zoning Administrator does hereby:

- 1. Find that the project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15303 and none of the exceptions to the exemptions listed in 15300.2 can be made; and
- 2. Approving a Coastal Administrative Permit to allow a test well.

All of which are in general conformance with the attached sketch and subject to the attached conditions, all being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

Mike Novo, AICP
Zoning Administrator

COPY OF THIS DECISION MAILED TO APPLICANT ON DATE

THIS APPLICATION IS APPEALABLE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IF ANYONE WISHES TO APPEAL THIS DECISION, AN APPEAL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK TO THE BOARD ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE ON OR BEFORE DATE.

THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED IN THE COASTAL ZONE AND IS APPEALABLE TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION. UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF THE FINAL LOCAL ACTION NOTICE (FLAN) STATING THE DECISION BY THE FINAL DECISION MAKING BODY, THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES A 10 WORKING DAY APPEAL PERIOD. AN APPEAL FORM MUST BE FILED WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COASTAL COMMISSION AT (831) 427-4863 OR AT 725 FRONT STREET, SUITE 300, SANTA CRUZ, CA.

This decision, if this is the final administrative decision, is subject to judicial review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1094.5 and 1094.6. Any Petition for Writ of Mandate must be filed with the Court no later than the 90th day following the date on which this decision becomes final.

#### **NOTES**

1. You will need a building permit and must comply with the Monterey County Building Ordinance in every respect.

Additionally, the Zoning Ordinance provides that no building permit shall be issued, nor any use conducted, otherwise than in accordance with the conditions and terms of the permit granted or until ten days after the mailing of notice of the granting of the permit by the appropriate authority, or after granting of the permit by the Board of Supervisors in the event of appeal.

Do not start any construction or occupy any building until you have obtained the necessary permits and use clearances from Monterey County HCD-Planning and HCD-Building Services Department office in Salinas.

2. This permit expires 3 years after the above date of granting thereof unless construction or use is started within this period.

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## **County of Monterey HCD Planning**

# DRAFT Conditions of Approval/Implementation Plan/Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

PLN230291

#### 1. PD001 - SPECIFIC USES ONLY

**Responsible Department:** 

**Planning** 

Condition/Mitigation
Monitoring Measure:

This Combined Development Permit (PLN230291) allows the construction of a test well within 100 feet of environmentally sensitive habitat. The property is located at 46820 Clear Ridge Rd, Big Sur (Assessor's Parcel Number 419-271-001-000), Big Sur Land Use Plan. This permit was approved in accordance with County ordinances and land use regulations subject to the terms and conditions described in the project file. Neither the uses nor the construction allowed by this permit shall commence unless and until all of the conditions of this permit are met to the satisfaction of the Director of Any use or construction not in substantial conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit is a violation of County regulations and may result in modification or revocation of this permit and subsequent legal action. construction other than that specified by this permit is allowed unless additional permits are approved by the appropriate authorities. To the extent that the County has delegated any condition compliance or mitigation monitoring to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Water Resources Agency shall provide all information requested by the County and the County shall bear ultimate responsibility to ensure that conditions and mitigation measures are properly fulfilled. (HCD - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: The Owner/Applicant shall adhere to conditions and uses specified in the permit on an ongoing basis unless otherwise stated.

#### 2. PD002 - NOTICE PERMIT APPROVAL

**Responsible Department:** 

**Planning** 

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

The applicant shall record a Permit Approval Notice. This notice shall state:

"A Combined Development Permit (Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_\_) was approved by the Zoning Administrator for Assessor's Parcel Number 419-271-001-000 on June 27, 2024. The permit was granted subject to 6 conditions of approval which run with the land. A copy of the permit is on file with Monterey County HCD - Planning."

Proof of recordation of this notice shall be furnished to the Director of HCD - Planning prior to issuance of grading and building permits, Certificates of Compliance, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable. (HCD - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Prior to the issuance of grading and building permits, certificates of compliance, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable, the Owner/Applicant shall provide proof of recordation of this notice to the HCD - Planning.

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#### 3. PD003(A) - CULTURAL RESOURCES NEGATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT

#### **Responsible Department:**

Planning

#### Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

during course of construction, cultural, archaeological, paleontological resources are uncovered at the site (surface or subsurface resources) work shall be halted immediately within 50 meters (165 feet) of the find until a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate it. Monterey County HCD - Planning and a qualified archaeologist (i.e., archaeologist registered the Register an with immediately Professional Archaeologists) shall be contacted by the responsible individual present on-site. When contacted, the project planner and the archaeologist shall immediately visit the site to determine the extent of the resources and to develop proper mitigation measures required for recovery.

(HCD - Planning)

#### Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

The Owner/Applicant shall adhere to this condition on an on-going basis.

Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits and/or prior to the recordation of the final/parcel map, whichever occurs first, the Owner/Applicant shall include requirements of this condition as a note on all grading and building plans. The note shall state "Stop work within 50 meters (165 feet) of uncovered resource and contact Monterey County HCD - Planning and a qualified archaeologist immediately if cultural, archaeological, historical or paleontological resources are uncovered."

When contacted, the project planner and the archaeologist shall immediately visit the site to determine the extent of the resources and to develop proper mitigation measures required for the discovery.

#### 4. PD006(A) - CONDITION COMPLIANCE FEE

Responsible Department:

**Planning** 

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: The Owner/Applicant/Agent shall pay the Condition Compliance fee, as set forth in the fee schedule adopted by the Board of Supervisors, for the staff time required to satisfy conditions of approval. The fee in effect at the time of payment shall be paid prior to clearing any conditions of approval. (HCD- Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

Prior to clearance of conditions, the Owner/Applicant/Agent shall pay the Condition Compliance fee, as set forth in the fee schedule adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

#### 5. PD016 - NOTICE OF REPORT

Responsible Department:

Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure:

Prior to issuance of building or grading permits, a notice shall be recorded with the Monterey County Recorder which states: "A Biological Resource Review (Library No. 240075) has been prepared by Fred Ballerini, dated October 25, 2023 and is on record in Monterey County HCD - Planning. All development shall be in accordance with this report." (HCD – Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Owner/Agent shall submit proof that all development has been implemented in accordance with the report to HCD- Planning for review and approval prior to occupancy.

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#### 6. EHSP01- WELL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (NON-STANDARD)

Responsible Department: Health Department

Condition/Mitigation Obtain a water well construction permit from the Environmental Health Bureau Monitoring Measure: Proposed to Manharay County Code Chapter 45, 00, Water Wells

pursuant to Monterey County Code Chapter 15.08, Water Wells.

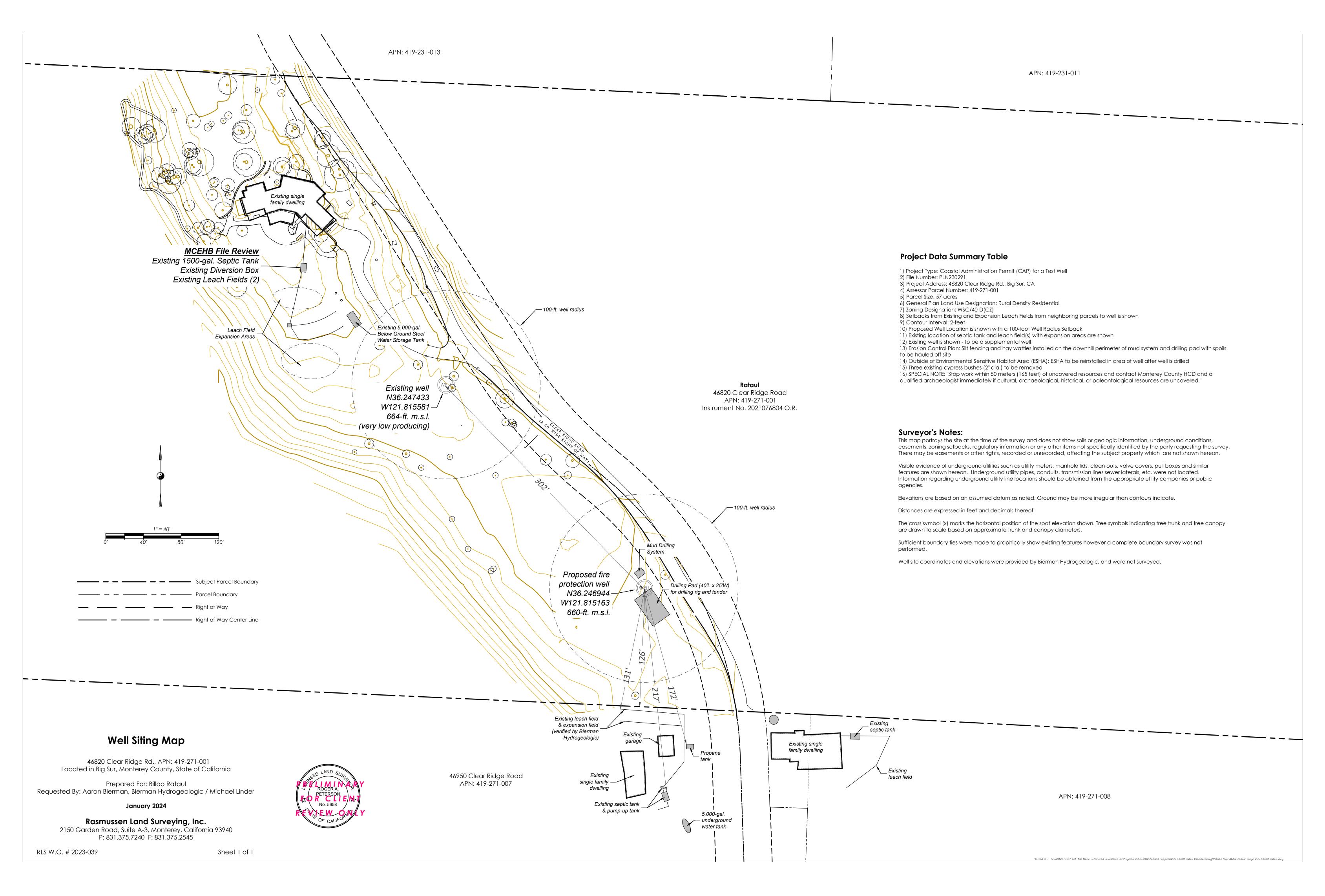
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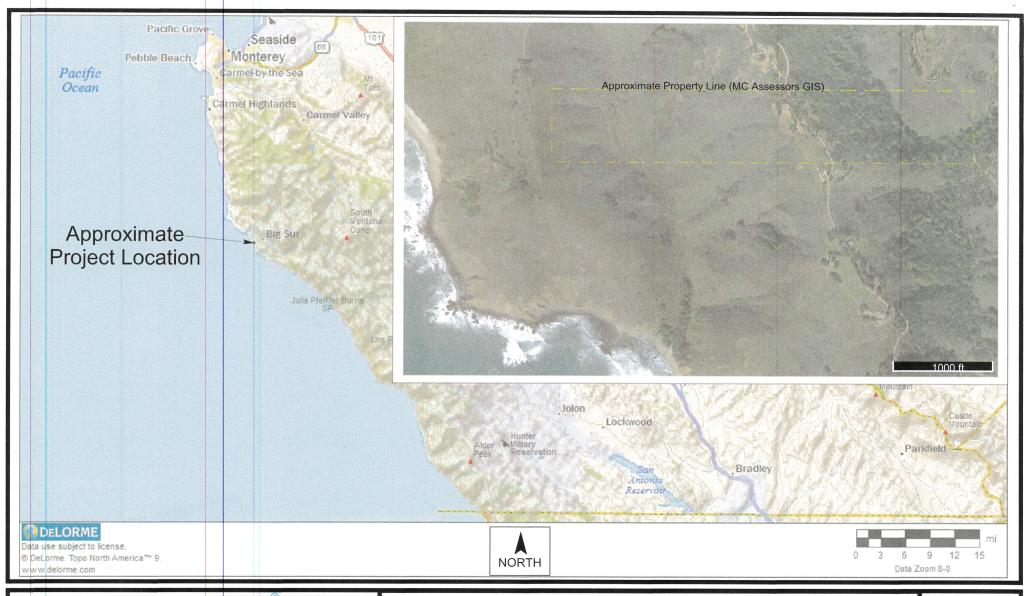
Prior to drilling the well, a CA-licensed well drilling contractor shall obtain a water well construction permit from the Environmental Health Bureau on behalf of the property

owner.

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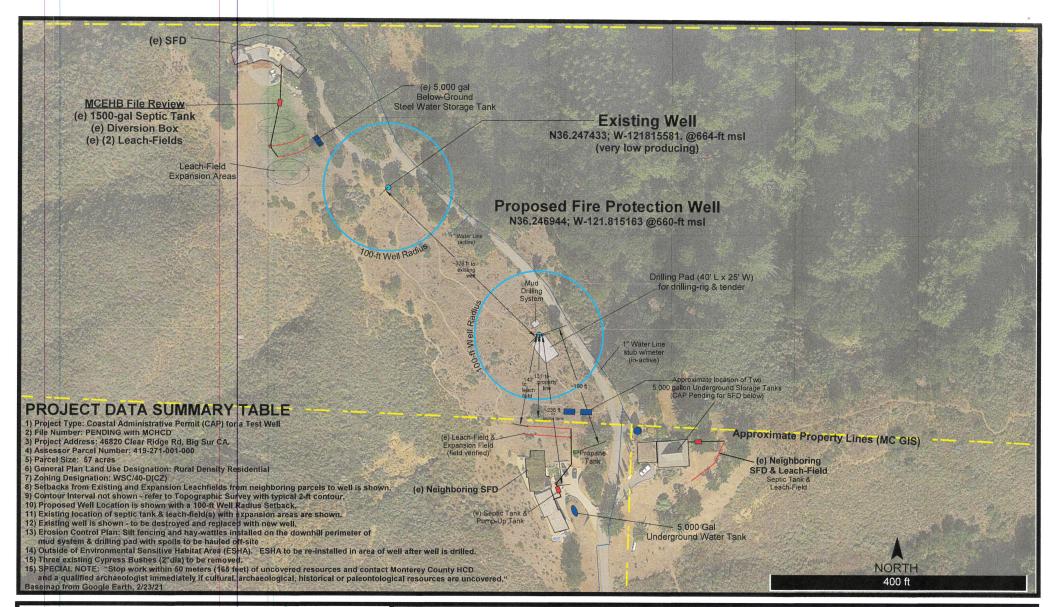






## LOCATION MAP

APN: 419-271-001-000 46820 CLEAR RIDGE ROAD BIG SUR, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA FIGURE 1

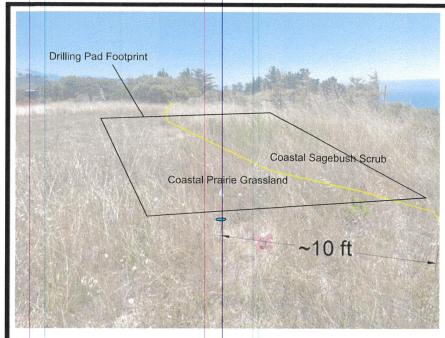




### WELL SITING MAP

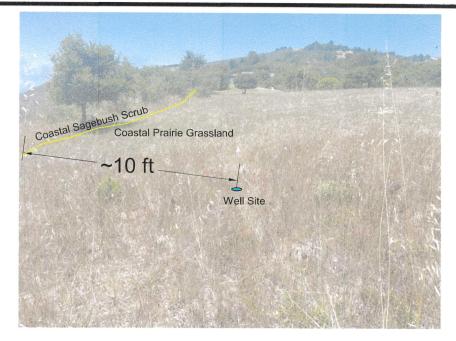
APN: 419-271-001-000 46820 CLEAR RIDGE ROAD BIG SUR, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA FIGURE 2

AB: 7/09/2023; Revised 7/31/23 Rataul/Figures/Well Siting Map



Looking South
showing Well-Site and approximate

10-ft distance to edge of Coastal Prairie Grasslands
(see Vegetation Map for further details)



Looking North
showing Well-Site and approximate
10-ft distance to edge of Coastal Prairie Grasslands
(see Vegetation Map for further details)



Looking NW
Showing Blow-Line
with sediment into
Coastal Sagebrush Scrub



## **WELL SITING PHOTO SHEET**

APN: 419-271-001-000 46820 CLEAR RIDGE ROAD BIG SUR, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA FIGURE 3

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## Exhibit C

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October 25, 2023

To: Mike Linder

Land Use Consultant

PO Box 695 Big Sur, CA 93920

RE: <u>Biological Resource Review for Replacement Well Permit</u>

APN 419-271-001 Balbir S. Rataul 46820 Clear Ridge Road Big Sur, CA 93920

Dear Mr. Linder.

Per your request, I visited the subject parcel located at the 46820 Clear Ridge Road in Big Sur, to review the biological resources on the subject parcel in relation to a proposed Replacement Well Development.

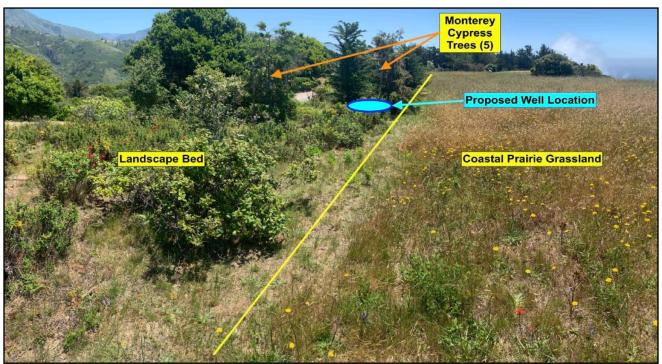
The purpose of this 7-page assessment is to document the findings of a biological survey conducted within the project area and to provide recommendations to minimize potential well development impacts to a less than significant level. Seven observational site visits were conducted over several months starting with Spring Surveys in May 2023 and a final visit on October 17, 2023 to analyze biological resources in relation to the proposed replacement well project.

The Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan (LUP), the California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) maintained by the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation database (USFWS IPaC), and the California Native Plant Society Rare Plant Rank database (CRPR) were utilized to determine known populations of Federal, State, and locally listed rare, threatened and endangered habitat, plant and wildlife species on or in the vicinity of the subject project site located in the Big Sur USGS 7.5 Quadrangle. In addition, a previous biological report on file with Monterey County (Ref. Biological Report authored by Jeff Norman, August 15, 1994) and personal history from past site visits of the parcel were utilized for the site assessment.

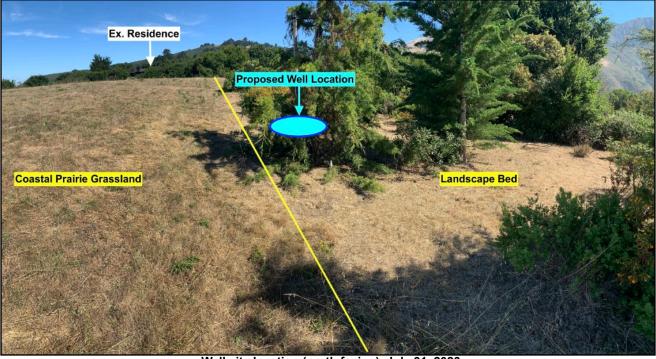
#### Findings:

The 60-acre residential parcel lies within several habitat types including *Coastal Sagebrush Scrub*, *Oak Woodland*, *Central Maritime Chaparral (ESHA)*, *Redwood Forest (ESHA)* and *Coastal Prairie Grassland (ESHA)*. The proposed replacement well location is currently sited adjacent to the ecotone border between the Coastal Prairie Grassland and a landscape-planted road easement strip along Clear Ridge Road at the southern area of the parcel. The 30-foot wide, drip-irrigated landscaped easement runs along the the west side of Clear Ridge Road through the length of the parcel from the southern property boundary northward 600+ feet to the existing residence. The landscaped easement is planted with native shrub cultivars and drought tolerant shrubs and trees, including imported Monterey cypress trees (native to Monterey County but not indigenous to the Big Sur area).

In an effort to minimize potential impacts to the adjacent sensitive grassland community, a site meeting was conducted on July 31, 2023 with the biologist and the hydrogeologist (Aaron Bierman) to field-site the proposed well location and strategize placement of the drill truck staging and spoils retention pit. Several challenges to the well siting placement were considered prior to establishing the final location, including maintaining regulatory setbacks from existing septic fields on the subject and neighboring parcels, avoiding soil disturbance of existing coastal prairie grassland, avoiding removal of naturally occurring indigenous trees, and minimizing disturbance to existing native plant communities along the ridge line property. Drilling methodologies (mud drilling versus air drilling) were also assessed in determining the appropriate techniques and protocols to reduce potential impacts to grassland habitat.



Well site location (facing south). May 18, 2023



Well site location (north facing). July 31, 2023

Coastal Prairie Grasslands (natural grasslands) are recognized as environmentally sensitive habitat (ESHA) under the provisions of the Big Sur Coast LUP (Ref. Policy 3.3.3.A.7) and recognized as "rare and worthy of consideration" by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Coastal Prairie Grassland extends for approximately one-acre along the north to south ridge line of the parcel and contains a rich assemblage of native bunch grasses and forb species. Co-dominant species including California oatgrass (Danthonia californica), foothill needlegrasw (Stipa lepida), and purple needlegrass (Stipa pulchra) are the foundational grasses along with other supporting native bunch grasses that include blue wildrye (Elymus glaucus), California brome (Bromus carinatus) and creeping red fescue (Festuca rubra). The associated herbaceous alliance scattered across the grassland includes California buttercup (Ranunculus californicus), soap plant (Chlorogalum pomeridianum), blue-eyed grass (Sisyrinchium bellum), Monterey paintbrush (Castilleja latifolia), white globe lily (Calachortus albus), yarrow (Achillea millefolium), Fremont's star lily (Toxicoscordion fremontii), pretty face (Triteleia ixiodes), and other spring flowering annual taxa observed during spring surveys.

The grassland natural community extends northward uphill from the southern property boundary towards the existing residence and terminates at the existing well head, approximately 250-feet south of the residence. The *Coastal Prairie Grassland* habitat at one time extended northward to the edge of the existing residential structure (Ref. Biological Report authored by Jeff Norman, August 15, 1994). Within the past several years, approximately 25,000 SF of the native grassland has been removed and a non-native manicured lawn and irrigation system have been installed, thereby significantly displacing and reducing the ESHA habitat on the parcel. Additionally, recent landscaped tree installations (within the past 5 years), including Monterey Cypress (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*), coast redwood (*Sequioa sempervirens*), and the non-native deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*), have been introduced in groupings throughout the grassland habitat and have further fragmented the historical extension of the grassland. The western road easement of Clear Ridge Road has also been landscaped in locations where the 1994 Norman report had documented grassland habitat as occurring. Collectively, these recent habitat conversion impacts have resulted in a loss of approximately 50% of the historical grassland area on the parcel since 1994.

The endemic and rare species Hutchinson's Larkspur (*Delphinium hutchinsonae*), a California Rare Plant Rank 1B.2 species, was historically noted persisting on the parcel where the existing main residential driveway is now sited though no evidence of the larkspur was noted in the area during several spring surveys spanning multiple years of survey observations and it is assumed unlikely to occur in this newly landscaped lawn and landscaped area.

The parcel lies within the federally designated critical habitat range for the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), although no aquatic breeding, aquatic non-breeding or upland habitat is present within or near the proposed well area. The parcel is within the known dispersal range for this species, and though potential is considered low for the species to utilize the well area, there is potential for the species to migrate through the area for dispersal habitat. Recommendations are included below to conduct a survey prior to mobilization of the well drilling trucks in order to avoid the take of the listed species.

#### Impacts and Recommendations:

The proposed replacement well location has been coordinated and sited to avoid direct soil disturbance impacts to nearby sensitive coastal prairie grassland, though drilling impacts will be in close proximity (approximately 5 to 10 feet) to the grassland. The drill rig and tender truck staging for drilling will be partially sited on the grassland ecotone, though any temporary staging of trucks is not anticipated to have long term significant impacts to the functionality of the grassland habitat as no ground disturbance is proposed in the grassland. Landscape vegetation, including shrub constituents and five (5) introduced boxed Monterey cypress trees, along the road easement will be removed to accommodate the truck staging, drilling operations and soil staging. Drilling rig ingress and egress access and staging shall occur within the road easement landscaped area after landscape plantings are removed. Well tailings shall be deposited into the specified retention pit located in the easement landscaped area (see Mud System location on Well Siting Map included below). The retention pit is

specified to be lined with straw bales and silt fencing to capture and retain mud spoil solids. Well spoils, estimated at 5-10 cubic yards of material, generated from the mud drilling are proposed to be hauled off site to a receiver site along Clear Ridge Road where staged soils in road pullouts are routinely utilized for road fill projects. Slurry fluids are anticipated to filter downslope south through the landscaped easement. Indirect impacts resulting from slurry fluid runoff to native habitat constituents is determined to be less than significant with the implementation of sediment control devices integrated into the project. All disturbed soils within the easement area shall be seeded and mulched using native coastal prairie grassland seeding utilizing site-identified California grass and forb seed as specified in the below listed recommendations (Ref. Recommendation h. below) and sterile rice straw mulching.

With the integration of the recommendations below, the project is consistent with regulations for development adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitats (Ref. Section 20.145.040 CIP) and the replacement well development impact is reduced to a level at which the long term maintenance of the habitat is assured as no disruption/soil disturbance to native grassland ESHA habitat is proposed.

The following measures are recommended to reduce potential biological impacts from the proposed emergency well development to a less than significant level.

- a. Prior to mobilization of the drilling equipment, the landscape shrubs and boxed cypress trees along the landscaped road easement shall be removed (cut to ground level) in the location of the drilling and staging work zone. Materials should be hauled off site and responsibly disposed in green waste facility for composting.
- b. The applicant/well contractor shall consult with the project biologist during the day of mobilization to field adjust the appropriate drilling point as well as the boundary of the work zone in the staging and drilling area to avoid ESHA grassland impacts.
- c. Prior to mobilization, temporary construction fencing shall be installed and maintained along the western boundary of the work zone to protect the ESHA grassland that lies adjacent west of the drilling point from potential construction related impacts.
- d. Install erosion & sediment control devices as necessary along downhill perimeters to prevent any off-site impacts (sedimentation deposits) to native coastal prairie grassland plant community to the west of the proposed well development.
- e. To avoid potential impacts to California red-legged frogs, the qualified project biologist shall provide 'contractor education' for all drill equipment personnel involved with the project. A preconstruction survey by the qualified biologist shall take place the day of landscape vegetation removal and the day of equipment mobilization. The biologist shall submit a certification letter to the HCD-Planner to document the training and pre-construction survey results. If any such frog is observed within the work zone, all work shall cease immediately and the project biologist shall contact the ULFWS for consultation.
- f. Mobilize drilling and excavation equipment into project location using egress and ingress routes through existing landscape easement areas adjacent to Clear Ridge Road. Use of heavy equipment and parking/staging shall be restricted to areas within the replacement well drilling area (landscaped easement) and excluded from any coastal prairie grassland areas. There may be partial truck staging on the grassland during drilling operations and the biologist shall coordinate (on the day of mobilization) with drilling operators on parking/staging locations.
- g. Annual grassland mowing around the approved replacement well zone should be conducted prior to equipment mobilization to reduce fuel loads in the work area and reduce fire risk during drilling. (This specific task has already been implemented in the summer of 2023 with seasonal fire clearance actions, though may be necessary again if project delays are anticipated to extend the project beyond the upcoming winter growing season).
- h. All exposed bare soils in the landscape easement area resulting from the test well installation should be restored with coastal prairie grassland constituents and stabilized with an organic mulching (sterile rice straw or other). Native *Coastal Prairie Grassland* seed mix to include the following ratio with a rate of 50-lbs per acre:

Achillea millefolium	5%	Lupinus nanus	5%
Danthonia californica	20%	Melica californica	5%
Elymus glaucus	15%	Sisyrinchium bellum	5%
Eschscholzia californica	5%	Stipa lepida	10%
Festuca idahoensis	10%	Stipa pulchra	15%

i. After completion of the well installation, the applicant shall provide the HCD-Planner with written certification by the qualified project biologist that all required protection measures remained in place during the drilling activities and that adverse impacts to the grassland have been avoided. Failure to avoid significant impacts to grassland habitat shall require notice to the HCD-Planner and the project will be assessed with mitigation restoration compliance actions for any corrective measures as needed.

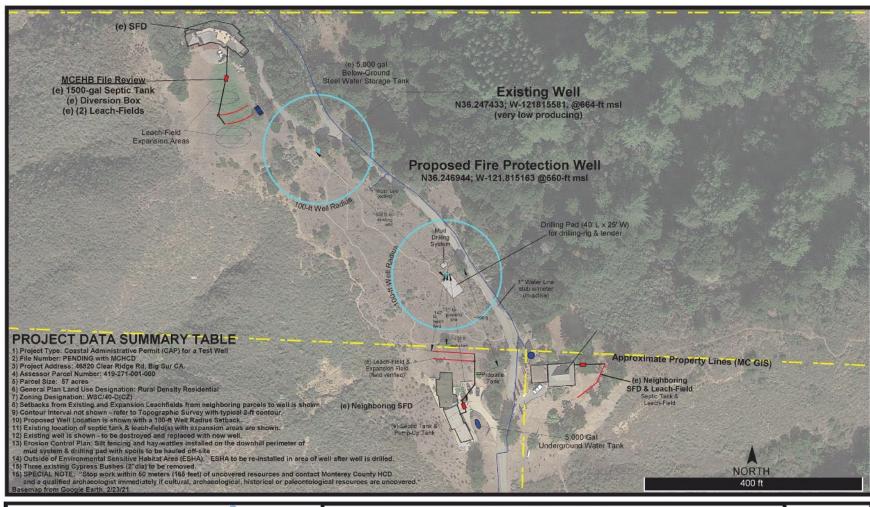
Please phone or email if you have any questions or require further analysis.

Sincerely,

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Fred Ballerini Consulting Biologist

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### WELL SITING MAP

APN: 419-271-001-000 46820 CLEAR RIDGE ROAD BIG SUR, MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA FIGURE 2

### **Project Location**



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March 3, 2024 Project No. G-893.2

Mr. Biloo Rataul Attn. Cayley Lambur, Principal 720 Hampton Drive Venice, CA 90291

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Project: Proposed Fire Protection Water Well

County File No. PLN230291

APN 419-271-001 Clear Ridge Road Big Sur Region Monterey, California

Reference: Geologic Hazards Assessment, Proposed Above Ground Water Storage Tanks and Associated

Improvements, 46977 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur Region, Monterey County, California, proj. no.

G-893.1, revised December 19, 2023.

Well Siting Map for 46820 Clear Ridge Road, APN 419-271-001, Located in Big Sur, Monterey County, California, sheet 1 of 1, dated, prepared by Rasmussen land Surveying, Inc., no date.

Subject: SUPPLEMENTAL GEOLOGIC EVALUATION OF FAULT HAZARDS

FOR FIRE PROTECTION WATER WELL

Dear Mr. Rataul,

We understand through our conversations with your project coordinator, Michael Linder that the county planning department is requiring an evaluation of faulting for the proposed Fire Protection Water Supply Well to be located on APN 419-271-001. This is due to the fact that because the site of the proposed water well is located within a county fault regulatory hazard zone. The purpose of the county fault regulatory zone is to trigger the need for a geologic evaluation of fault hazards for the project. We have attached to this letter a copy of the surveyed map of Rasmussen which shows the location of proposed and existing feartures, as well as the location of the proposed fire protection water tank. The second attached figure shows the mapped location of the Pfeiffer Fault with respect to the proposed Fire Protection Water Supply Well. We recently completed a Geologic Hazards Assessment for the proposed Above Ground Water Storage Tanks and Associated Improvements at the subject property, referenced to above. That geologic report did not specifically address the water well however it provided background on the local geologic setting and in particular, the Pfeiffer Fault in the immediate area of the site. The following comes from our previous geologic hazards assessment for the site:

A surface trace the Pfeiffer Fault, a basal detatchment fault (or a Décollement) is mapped just to the north of the site as an irregular-shaped outcrop pattern on the geologic map of Wills et al. (2001) (See Regional Geologic Map, and Local Fault Map, Appendix A). Because of the mapping of this fault adjacent to the site, the site is included within a county regulatory zone for fault hazards. It should be pointed out that this fault is constrained completely within the Cretaceous geologic formation and, because it is essentially flat-lying, it juxtaposes KJfc (underlying the fault) from the Ks geologic unit (overlyng the fault as a *Klippe*). The fault essentially forms a nearly horizontal surface with the overlying Ks unit representing a Klippe. The fault does not extend continuously through the formation and therefore no longer is subject to the tetonic forces that originally led to its formation. The geologic unit ("Ks") above the fault is essentially an erosional remnant overlying an inactive fault. This fault is not considered a Quaternary fault and does not pose a threat to the proposed site improvements.

For the reasons stated above, the local segment of the Pfeiffer Fault mapped onsite does not pose a hazard to the proposed Fire Protection Water Well, as it does not have a potential for future surface rupture movement in an earhquake.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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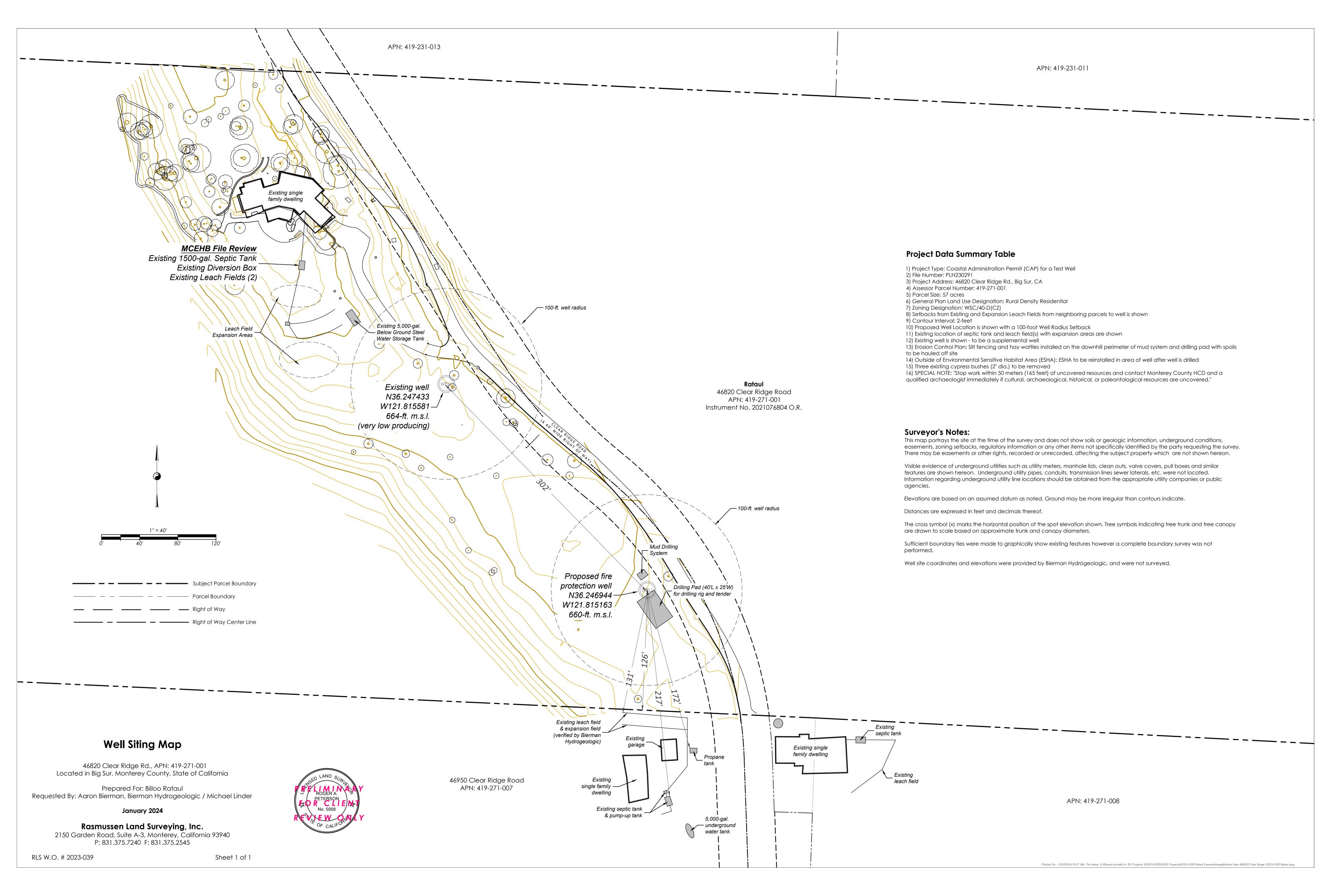
Thank you. Sincerely,

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3/3/24, 10:55 AM Parcel Report Web App



Proposed Fire Protection Water Well APN 419-271-001 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur, CA

0 100 200ft -121.81707 36.24805 Degrees

Scale: 1 in = 188 ft, RF = 1:2,257



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January 25, 2024

Monterey County Housing and Community Development

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Subject: Geologic Hazard Assessment Letter for 46820 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur, CA

PLN:230291

Bierman Hydrogeologic (BHgl) has been contracted by Mr. Rataul Biloo to review the Geologic Hazard Assessment Report prepared by Craig Harwood PG# 6831 dated December 2023. Mr. Harwood prepared the above referenced Report for an above ground water storage tanks and associated improvements for 46977 Clear Ridge Road, which is opposite (east) of this project located at 46820 Clear Ridge Road, Big Sur.

BHgl scope of work was to review the Geologic Hazard Assessment Report to provide a Letter for 1) meeting the requirements of the Application Checklist, 2) and to evaluate the fault (which is north of the subject property) and whether this fault would impact the well.

The fault described in Geologic Hazard Assessment Report (Harwood 2023) is identified as a basal detachment fault (De'collement) which is an irregularly shaped outcrop pattern as noted on the MC GIS database (MC GIS map attached with reference to Sims, 1990). As described in the reference Report, this fault is horizontal and separates the lower KJfc Formation (Franciscan Formation) with that of the upper irregularly shaped Ks Formation (Unnamed Marine Sedimentary Rocks). Because this fault is horizontal, it does not intersect the formation the proposed well will penetrate (KJfc) and therefore does not pose any impacts to the well, it's source capacity or, the well's groundwater quality.

In summary, further geologic mapping by Bierman was completed on January 11, 2024, to evaluate the fault described in the referenced Geologic Hazards Assessment Report and as mapped on the MC GIS Database. It should be noted that other USGS Maps (Geologic Map of the Point Sur, Big Sur and Pfeiffer Point Quadrangles by Dibblee, 2007) have this irregularly shaped formation as a "geologic contact" and unconformity and not necessarily a fault as shown in the MC GIS database. In any event, as described above, due to the horizontal orientation of this contact (or fault), it will not impact the proposed wells quantity or quality.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Bierman

CA Licensed Professional Geologist #7490

CA Licensed Hydrogeologist #819

### **Faults**



### MoCo GISAdmin County of Monterey

### **Summary**

The purposes of this data set are to show the location of faults and to provide a comparison of relative fault rupture hazard for regional planning studies in Monterey County.

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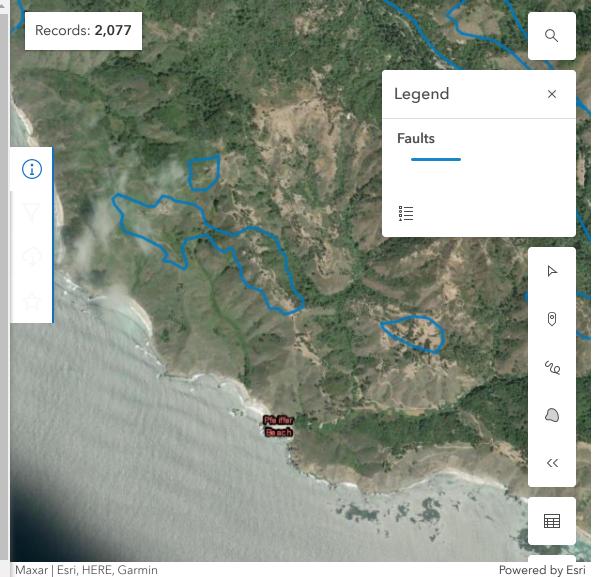
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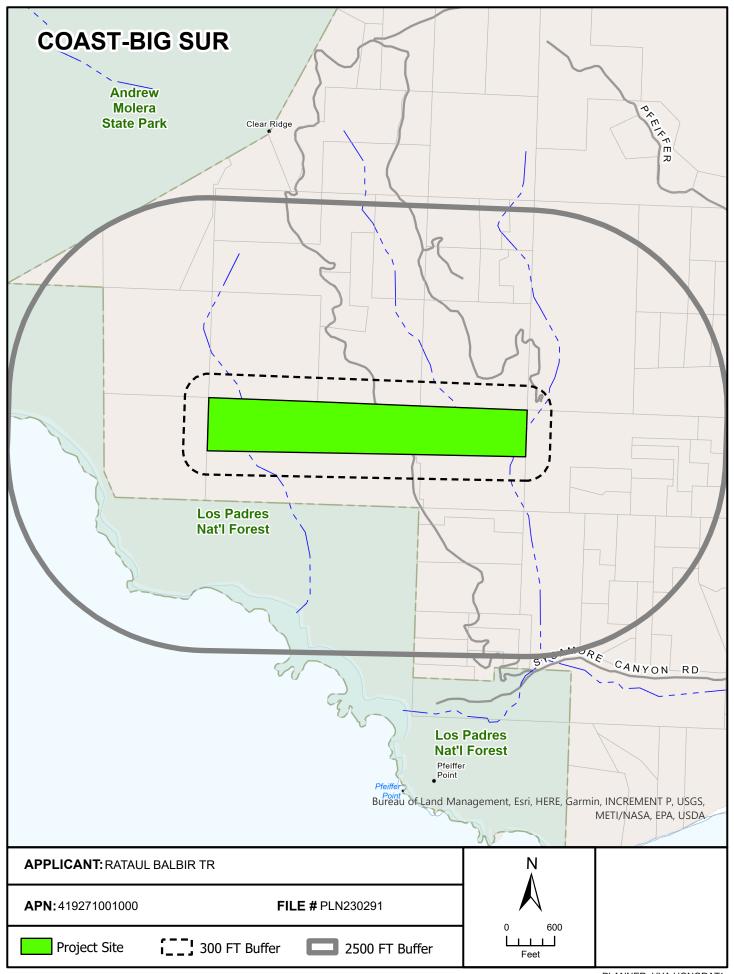
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