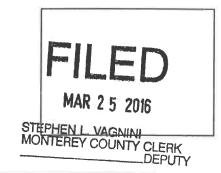
Exhibit B



MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



Project Title:	Schwenk
File Number:	PLN150453
Owner:	Schwenk Heidi
Project Location:	2486 17th Avenue, Carmel
Primary APN:	009-471-020-000
Project Planner:	Steve Mason
Permit Type:	Coastal Development Permit and Design Approval
Project	Coastal Development Permit and Design Approval for construction
Description:	of a new exterior stairwell from basement to ground-level, and 2'
	floor lowering of existing 144 square foot basement room, within
	750 feet of a known archaeological resource.

THIS PROPOSED PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS IT HAS BEEN FOUND:

- a) That said project will not have the potential to significantly degrade the quality of the environment.
- b) That said project will have no significant impact on long-term environmental goals.
- c) That said project will have no significant cumulative effect upon the environment.
- d) That said project will not cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

Decision Making Body:	Monterey County Planning Commission
Responsible Agency:	County of Monterey
Review Period Begins:	March 28, 2016
Review Period Ends:	April 27, 2016

Further information, including a copy of the application and Initial Study are available at the Monterey County Planning & Building Inspection Department, 168 West Alisal St, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901/(831) 755-5025

Date Printed: 3/25/2016

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – PLANNING 168 WEST ALISAL, 2ND FLOOR, SALINAS, CA 93901 (831) 755-5025 FAX: (831) 757-9516



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Monterey County Resource Management Agency – Planning Department has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, for a Coastal Development Permit and Design Approval (Schwenk, PLN150453) at 2486 17th Avenue, Carmel (APN 009-471-020-000) (see description below).

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at the Monterey County Resource Management Agency – Planning Department, 168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California. The Mitigated_Negative Declaration and Initial Study are also available for review in an electronic format by following the instructions at the following link: http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/planning/docs/environmental/circulating.htm.

The Planning Commission will consider this proposal at a meeting on May 11, 2016 at 9 AM in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California. Written comments on this Negative Declaration will be accepted from **March 28, 2016** to **April 27, 2016**. Comments can also be made during the public hearing.

Project Description:

Coastal Development Permit and Design Approval for construction of a new exterior stairwell from basement to ground-level, and 2' floor lowering of existing 144 square foot basement room, within 750 feet of a known archaeological resource. The property is located at 2486 17th Avenue, Carmel (Assessor's Parcel Number 009-471-020-000), Carmel Area Land Use Plan, Coastal Zone.

We welcome your comments during the 30-day public review period. You may submit your comments in hard copy to the name and address above. The Department also accepts comments via e-mail or facsimile but requests that you follow these instructions to ensure that the Department has received your comments. To submit your comments by e-mail, please send a complete document including all attachments to:

CEOAcomments@co.monterey.ca.us

An e-mailed document should contain the name of the person or entity submitting the comments and contact information such as phone number, mailing address and/or e-mail address and include any and all attachments referenced in the e-mail. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please send a second e-mail requesting confirmation of receipt of comments with enough information to confirm that the entire document was received. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of comments, then please submit a hard copy of your comments to ensure inclusion in the environmental record or contact the Department to ensure the Department has received your comments.

Facsimile (fax) copies will be accepted with a cover page describing the extent (e.g. number of pages) being transmitted. A faxed document must contain a signature and all attachments referenced therein. Faxed document should be sent to the contact noted above at (831) 757-9516. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a

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follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please contact the Department to confirm that the entire document was received.

For reviewing agencies: The Resource Management Agency – Planning Department requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments. In compliance with Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, please provide a draft mitigation monitoring or reporting program for mitigation measures proposed by your agency. This program should include specific performance objectives for mitigation measures identified (CEQA Section 21081.6(c)). Also inform this Department if a fee needs to be collected in order to fund the mitigation monitoring or reporting by your agency and how that language should be incorporated into the mitigation measure.

All written comments on the Initial Study should be addressed to:

County of Monterey Resource Management Agency – Planning Department Attn: Carl Holm, Monterey County RMA Director 168 West Alisal St, 2nd Floor Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Schwenk; File Number PLN150453

From:	Agency Name:	
	Contact Person:	
	Phone Number:	
	No Comments provided Comments noted below Comments provided in separate le	tter
COMM	ENTS:	

DISTRIBUTION

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- 2. County Clerk's Office
- 3. California Coastal Commission
- 4. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- 5. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District
- 6. California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Marine Region, Attn: Eric Wilkins
- 7. Cypress Fire Protection District
- 8. Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- 9. Monterey County Public Works Department
- 10. Monterey County Parks Department
- 11. Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau
- 12. Monterey County Sheriff's Office
- 13. Heidi Schwenk, Owner
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- 15. Jeff Crockett, Agent
- 16. Louise J. Miranda Ramirez, Tribal Chairwoman Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation
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INITIAL STUDY

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Project Title: Schwenk

File No.: PLN150453

Project Location: 2486 17th Avenue, Carmel

Name of Property Owner: Heidi Schwenk

Name of Applicant: Heidi Schwenk

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 009-471-020-000

Acreage of Property: .10

General Plan Designation: Residential - Medium Density

Zoning District: Medium Density Residential/2 Units-Per-Acre – Design

Control District (18' Height Maximum) (Coastal Zone)

Lead Agency: Monterey County Resource Management Agency - Planning

Department

Prepared By: Steve Mason (Planner)

Date Prepared: February 29, 2016

Contact Person: Steve Mason

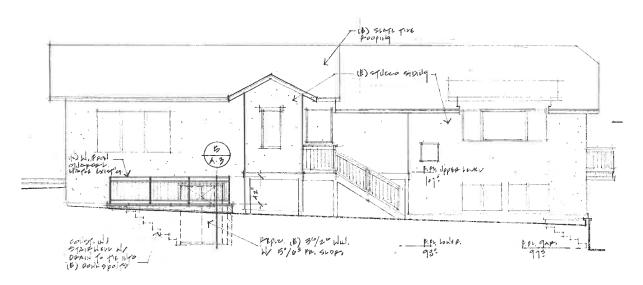
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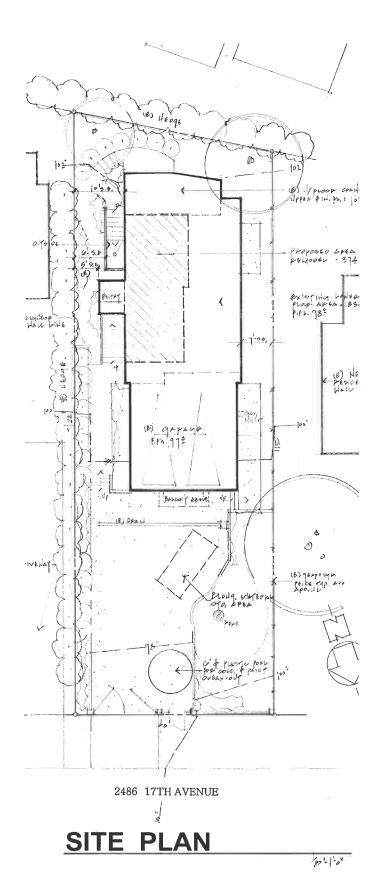
II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

A. Description of Project: The proposed project consists of the addition of an exterior stairwell, and the 2' lowering of the floor of a connecting 144 square-foot room. The structure is an existing 2,080 square foot, two-story single family dwelling. The proposed project will require excavation to a depth of 36"-42" below the existing floor for placement of a new foundation. Additional minor interior re-modeling is proposed which will not require excavation. The .10 acre project parcel is located at 2486 17th Avenue, Carmel, Monterey County, in a "Medium-Density Residential" Zoning District. Entitlements required include a Coastal Development Permit to allow development within 750 feet of a known archaeological resource and a Design Approval for the addition of the exterior stairwell.

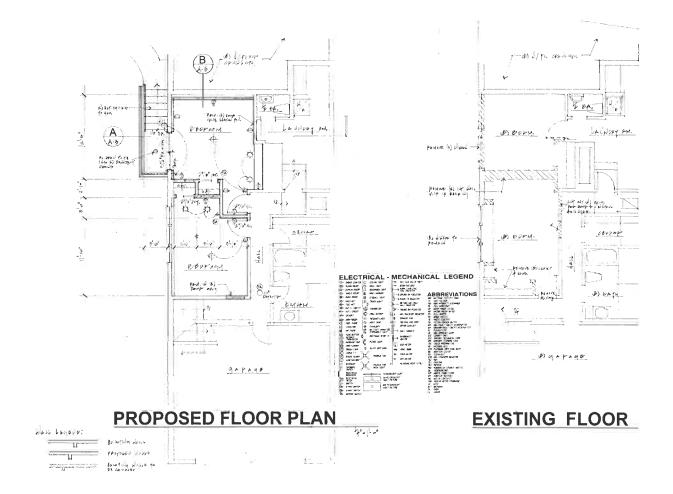


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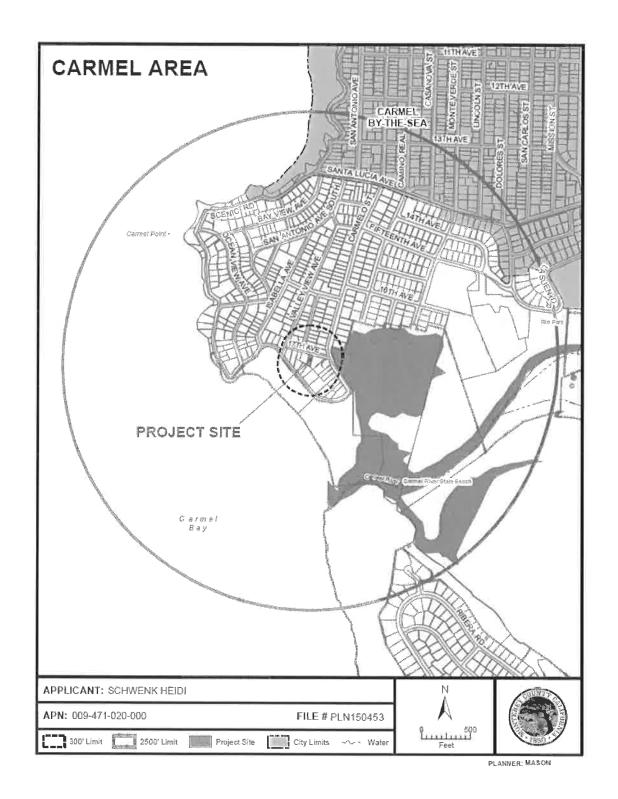
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- **B.** Surrounding Land Uses and Environmental Setting: The project site is located in a residential neighborhood that was developed primarily in the 1920's and 1930's. The gently-sloping .09 acre parcel includes a 1930's-era single family dwelling.
- C. Other public agencies whose approval is required: Other than the County-required development entitlements, no additional permits, financing approvals or participation agreements are required for this project.



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South-facing view of project site - Area of proposed exterior stairwell is behind stairway and door located on left side of structure.

III. PROJECT CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER APPLICABLE LOCAL AND STATE PLANS AND MANDATED LAWS

Use the list below to indicate plans applicable to the project and verify their consistency or non-consistency with project implementation.

General Plan/Area Plan	\boxtimes	Air Quality Mgmt. Plan	\boxtimes
Specific Plan		Airport Land Use Plans	
Water Quality Control Plan		Local Coastal Program-LUP	\boxtimes

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IV. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED AND DETERMINATION

A. FACTORS

	nmental factors che ithin the checklist or		below would be potentially following pages.	affe	ected by this project, as		
☐ Aestheti	cs		Agriculture and Forest Resources		Air Quality		
☐ Biologic	al Resources	\boxtimes	Cultural Resources		Geology/Soils		
☐ Greenho	ouse Gas Emissions		Hazards/Hazardous Materials		Hydrology/Water Quality		
☐ Land Us	e/Planning		Mineral Resources		Noise		
☐ Populati	on/Housing		Public Services		Recreation		
☐ Transpor	rtation/Traffic		Utilities/Service Systems	\boxtimes	Mandatory Findings of Significance		
potential for Checklist; an projects are identifiable a potential for	adverse environmend/or potential impa generally minor in and without public of significant environale using the projec	ental ets n sco contr men	re not exempt from CEQA re impact related to most of the nay involve only a few limited pe, located in a non-sensitive oversy. For the environmental tal impact (and not checked a scription, environmental setting	topi subj envi issue bove	ect areas. These types of ironment, and are easily e areas where there is no e), the following finding		
☐ Check he	ere if this finding is	not a	pplicable				
FINDING: For the above referenced topics that are not checked off, there is no potential for significant environmental impact to occur from either construction, operation or maintenance of the proposed project and no further discussion in the Environmental Checklist is necessary.							
EVIDENCE	Σ:						
	1. Aesthetics.	The	project will include the addition	on o	f an exterior stairway to		

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an existing single family dwelling. The stairway will be located in the backyard and will be situated approximately 50% below grade. Accordingly,

it will not be visible from any public or private viewing areas. All other proposed development will be interior-only. The project will not have any impacts on scenic vistas or scenic resources. The project site is not visible from a State Scenic Highway, nor will it create a new source of substantial light or glare. (Source: IX.1 & 6). Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts to Aesthetics.

- 2. Agricultural Resources. The project site is not designated as Prime, Unique or Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance and project construction would not result in conversion of prime agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses. The site is not under a Williamson Act Contract. The project site is located within a developed area and is not located adjacent to agriculturally designated lands. The site is several miles from the nearest agricultural area (Source: IX.1, 6 & 11). Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts to Agricultural Resources.
- 3. <u>Biological Resources.</u> The California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) does not show the area as potential habitat for any listed species. Staff inspection of the site and County Geographical Information System (GIS) resources indicate no presence of riparian habitat, wetlands or other natural communities or species which might be identified as "Sensitive" by State or Federal Agencies. Furthermore, no local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans were identified which would conflict with the project as proposed. The project site is buffered in all directions by developed urban neighborhood. (Source IX.1, 6 & 11) *Therefore, the proposed development will have no impact on Biological Resources*.
- 4. <u>Hazards/Hazardous Materials</u>. There is no proposed use of hazardous materials that would constitute a threat of explosion or other significant release that would pose a threat to neighboring properties. The site location and scale have no impact on emergency response or emergency evacuation and is not included on any list of hazardous materials sites. The property is not located near an airport or airstrip. (Source: IX.1, 6 & 11). *Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts related to Hazards/Hazardous Materials*.
- 5. Hydrology and Water Quality. The proposed project will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. The site is not located within the 100 year floodplain. The proposed project will be served by Cal-Am Water Company. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Environmental Health Division have reviewed the project application and deemed that the project complies with applicable ordinances and regulations. (Source: IX.1, 6 & 11) Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts to Hydrology and Water Quality.

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- 6. <u>Mineral Resources.</u> No mineral resources or resource recovery sites have been identified on the site or in the area. (Source: IX.1, 6 & 11) *Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts to Mineral Resources.*
- 7. Noise. The construction requirements, even within a residential area, would not expose others to noise levels or ground-borne vibrations that exceed standards contained in the Monterey County General Plan and would not substantially increase ambient noise levels in the area. There is no evidence that the persons residing or working near the project site would be significantly impacted by noise related to this project. (Source: IX.1, 2 & 6). Therefore, the proposed project would not result in noise-related impacts.
- 8. <u>Population/Housing</u>. The proposed project would not contribute to substantial population increase in the area. The project would not alter the location, distribution, or density of human population in the area to any significant degree, or create a demand for additional housing. (Source: IX.1). Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts related to Population and Housing.
- 9. <u>Public Services</u>. The existing single family dwelling is served by the Cypress Fire Protection Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department. There are no indications that this project would result in potentially significant impacts (Source: IX.1). *Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts related to Public Services*.
- 10. Recreation. The project would not result in a substantial increase in use of existing recreational facilities. No parks, trail easements, or other recreational opportunities would be adversely impacted by the proposed project. (Source: IX.1 & 6). Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts related to Recreation.
- 11. <u>Transportation/Traffic</u>. The project will not generate a significant increase in traffic movements or create new traffic hazards. The existing dwelling meets the parking requirements contained in the Zoning Ordinance Title 20. The project site is not located in the vicinity of an airport and would not result in a change in air traffic patterns (Source IX.1 & 6). *Therefore, the proposed project would not result in impacts related to traffic.*
- 12. <u>Utilities and Service Systems</u>. The single family dwelling will continue to be served by the same utilities and service systems as have been serving the existing single family dwelling, with no change in intensity of use anticipated. (Source IX.1) *The project would therefore have no impact on Utilities and Service System*.

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- 13. <u>Geology/Soils</u> Minimal ground disturbance and grading will be required (approx. 20 cubic yards), and the project site is rated as "low" liquefaction risk. The project requires only a minor modification within the existing footprint of a single family dwelling. (Source IX.1 & 11) *The project would therefore have no impact on Geology and Soils.*
- 14. <u>Land Use/Planning</u> The project, as proposed, is consistent with the requirements of the Monterey County Coastal Zoning Code (Title 20), the Monterey County General Plan of 1982, and the Carmel Area Land Use Plan. No inconsistencies with the requirements of the above-listed regulations are present. (Source IX.1, 2, 3, 4, 6, & 11)
- 15. Air Quality The development will be in accordance with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population projections, which is accommodated in the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The moderate construction proposed will have no effect on ambient air quality. (Source: IX. 1 & 5). The project would therefore have no impact on Air Quality.
- 16. Greenhouse Gas Emissions The Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is the state-wide, comprehensive planning agency that is responsible for making policy recommendations and coordinating land use planning efforts. The OPR also coordinates the state-level review of environmental documents pursuant to the CEQA. Currently, the OPR's stance on greenhouse gases (GHG) significance thresholds has been to allow each lead agency to determine their own level of significance. At this time, the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) has not finalized specific GHG thresholds of significance. However, construction-related air quality impact thresholds are addressed in the MBUAPCD's Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The short-term impacts of the proposed project are well under said threshold. (Source IX.1 & 5). The project would therefore have no impact on Greenhouse Gasses.

B. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I	find	that	the	proposed	project	COULD	NOT	have	a	significant	effect	on	the
ei	nviron	ment	, and	a NEGAT	IVE DE	CLARATI	ION w	ill be p	rėj	oared.			

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is:	required.
I find that the proposed project MAY is "potentially significant unless mitigated" in effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigas described on attached sheets. An Exequired, but it must analyze only the effects	npact on the environment, but at least one earlier document pursuant to applicable legal gation measures based on the earlier analysis NVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is
I find that although the proposed project environment, because all potentially signification an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARA (b) have been avoided or mitigated pure DECLARATION, including revisions or mit proposed project, nothing further is required.	ant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately aTION pursuant to applicable standards, and suant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE tigation measures that are imposed upon the
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Signature	Date
Steve Mason	3-22-2016 Date Assa Planner Insert Title

V. EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take into account the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are

- one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

1.	AESTHETICS		Less Than						
		Potentially Significant	Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No				
-Woi	ıld the project:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes				
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes				
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?								
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				\boxtimes				
	cussion/Conclusion/Mitigation: Section IV.A.1								
2.	AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES								
refer Dept whet refer inver proje	In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.								
		Potentially	Less Than Significant With	Less Than					
Wou	ıld the project:	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact				
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?								
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes				

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2. AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST RESOURCES

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

Wo	uld the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				

Discussion/Conclusion/Mitigation:

See Section IV.A.2

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3.	AIR QUALITY				
Wh	here available, the significance criteria established by atrol district may be relied upon to make the following de	the applicable terminations.	air quality mana	gement or air	pollution
_Wo	ould the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				\boxtimes
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				\boxtimes
d)	Result in significant construction-related air quality impacts?				\boxtimes
e)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				\boxtimes
f)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				\boxtimes

Discussion/Conclusion:

See Section IV.A.15

4. Wo	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes

Discussion/Conclusion:

See Section IV.A.3

5.	CULTURAL RESOURCES		Less Than Significant		
W	ould the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in 15064.5?				
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to 15064.5?		\boxtimes		
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?		\boxtimes		
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?		\boxtimes		

Discussion:

The project area lies within the recognized historic ethnographic territory of the Costanoan (often called Ohlone) linguistic group. The project site is located within 750 feet of known archaeological resources according to data provided by the Northwest Information Center of Historical Resources at Sonoma State University, and other sources. The underlying archaeological resource area has been listed as "CA-MNT-17". (Source IX.7, 8, 9, 10 & 11)

The structure proposed for modification was constructed over 50 years ago (circa 1937), and, as such, requires a Phase 1 Architectural Report to be completed in order to assess its historical and architectural significance, if any.

Conclusion:

Cultural Resources 5 (a) – No impact

The Phase 1 Historic Assessment prepared by PAST Consultants LLC to assess the existing single family dwelling describes the circa-1937 house as "highly modified." The "Tudor-Revival"-style house has undergone additions and remodels:

1976: Addition to floor area.

1988: Installation of gabled-roof entrance porch and stairs.

2001: Re-design of original garage, floor area addition, new arched window and new balcony.

The Assessment concludes that the house is lacking in sufficient historic integrity to make it eligible under Federal, State or County historic criteria. Accordingly, the house does not qualify as a "historical resource" as defined in 15064.5, and therefore the project cannot impact a resource defined as such.

Cultural Resources 5 (b), (c) & (d) – Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated Located on the north bank of the Carmel River Lagoon, the CA-MNT-17 resource area is of particular significance as it is the oldest verified site of human habitation in Monterey County. Verified at 9,400 years of age, additional carbon dating of resources may prove the site to be even older. It is important to note that only midden shell fragments have been found, or are expected to be found, at the proposed project site. Shell fragments, alone, are not generally considered as a "cultural resource."

The determination for project impacts to be "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" has been reached by an archaeological consultant (Gary S. Breschini, Ph.D. RPA) who has thoroughly examined and catalogued the entire CA-MNT-17 resource area. Said consultant is also the co-author of the County's primary reference document regarding the CA-MNT-17 resource: Overview of Archaeological Investigations and Summary Findings for CA-MNT-17, Carmel, Monterey County, California, prepared by Archaeological Consulting, dated February 24, 2012.

A series of auger borings have been performed at various sites on the project parcel. In order to gauge any potential impacts as accurately as feasible, an auger boring has also been performed directly through the foundation of the 12' x 12' room where excavation is proposed. Based on analyses of the boring results, the consulting archaeological consultant has concluded:

- 1. There is previously undisturbed midden in the project area beneath the basement floor, but the density of the shellfish remains shows that significantly fewer cultural materials are present than have been documented in other areas of this large site. It is a sparse deposit, with limited quantities of shellfish remains and, based on the auger bore, almost no other cultural materials.
- 2. Excavations for the bedroom remodel are expected to go 36-42 inches below the basement floor, and will impact a previously undisturbed portion of the midden.
- 3. Because of the location of the existing room and the safety requirement involved, an attempt to minimize impacts by project redesign is not a reasonable option.

Mitigations:

Due to the possibility that cultural artifacts may be uncovered during the proposed excavation, the following Mitigations are included.

- 1. A qualified archaeological monitor and a Native American monitor of Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation shall be present during all project excavations. The monitors shall recover significant cultural materials that may be found in the excavated soil. The monitors shall selectively screen midden soil through 1/8" mesh to facilitate data recovery. All materials remaining in the screen should be provided to the Chairperson of the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation.
- 2. If, at any time, potentially significant archaeological resources or intact features are discovered, the monitors shall be authorized to temporarily halt work until the find can be

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- evaluated. If the find is determined to be significant, work shall remain halted until mitigation measures have been formulated, by the Lead Agency, and implemented.
- 3. If, at any time, human remains are identified, the Monterey County Coroner must be notified and, if it is determined that the remains are likely to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission must be notified, as required by law. The designated Most Likely Descendant will be authorized to provide recommendations for the disposition of the Native American human remains.
- 4. Mitigation shall include professional analysis of archaeological materials, based on the types and adequate quantities of those materials recovered. At least two single-specimen radiocarbon dates shall be obtained on shells.
- 5. A *Final Technical Report* detailing the results of all analyses shall be completed within six months following the completion of fieldwork. This report shall be submitted to the Lead Agency and to the Northwest Information Center, Sonoma State University.

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6.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS	Potentially	Less Than Significant With	Less Than	
W	ould the project:	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				•
	i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				\boxtimes
	ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				\boxtimes
	iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				\boxtimes
	iv) Landslides?				\boxtimes
b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				\boxtimes
c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				\boxtimes

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6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS		Less Than		
	D 11	Significant	E o (r)	
	Potentially Significant	With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No
Would the project:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Chapter 18A of the 2007 California Building Code, creating substantial risks to life or property?				
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				\boxtimes
Discussion/Conclusion:				
See Section IV.A.13				
7. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	- Imput			mpact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				\boxtimes
Discussion/Conclusion: See Section IV.A.16				
8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	Potentially	Less Than Significant With	Less Than	
	Significant	Mitigation	Significant	No
Would the project:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				\boxtimes
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				

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8.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS		Less Than		
W	ould the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				\boxtimes
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				\boxtimes
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			\boxtimes	
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

Discussion/Conclusion:

See Section IV.A.4

9.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY		Less Than			
Wo	uld the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				\boxtimes	
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				\boxtimes	
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial <u>erosion or siltation</u> on- or off-site?				\boxtimes	
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in <u>flooding</u> on- or off-site?				\boxtimes	
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				\boxtimes	
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				\boxtimes	
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				\boxtimes	
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes	
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				\boxtimes	
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				\boxtimes	
	Discussion/Conclusion: See Section IV.A.5					

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10. LAND USE AND PLANNING		Less Than				
	Potentially Significant	Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No		
Would the project:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact		
a) Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes		
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				\boxtimes		
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				\boxtimes		
Discussion/Conclusion: See Section IV.A.14						
11. MINERAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No		
Would the project:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact		
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\boxtimes		
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				\boxtimes		
Discussion/Conclusion: See Section IV.A.6						

12	. NOISE		Less Than			
		Potentially	Significant With	Less Than		
W	ould the project result in:	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact	
		Impact	meorporated	Impact	mpact	
a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?					
b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?					
c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				\boxtimes	
d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				\boxtimes	
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes	
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes	
Discussion/Conclusion/Mitigation: See Section IV.A.7						
13.		Potentially Significant	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	Less Than Significant	No	
W	ould the project:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact	
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				\boxtimes	
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes	

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13.	POPULATION AND HOUSING	Potentially	Less Than Significant With	Less Than	N.
Would	d the project:	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact
	isplace substantial numbers of people, necessitating e construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes
	ussion/Conclusion/Mitigation: Section IV.A.8				
14.	PUBLIC SERVICES		Less Than Significant		
		Potentially	With	Less Than	
_Would	d the project result in:	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact
provis faciliti faciliti enviro service	antial adverse physical impacts associated with the ion of new or physically altered governmental es, need for new or physically altered governmental es, the construction of which could cause significant nmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable e ratios, response times or other performance ives for any of the public services:				
a)	Fire protection?				\boxtimes
b)	Police protection?				\boxtimes
c)	Schools?				\boxtimes
d)	Parks?				\boxtimes
e)	Other public facilities?				\boxtimes
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Discussion/Conclusion/Mitigation: See Section IV.A.9

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15	. RECREATION		Less Than		
_W	ould the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)					<u> </u>
b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				\boxtimes
	iscussion/Conclusion/Mitigation: ee Section IV.A.10				
16 W	. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC ould the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)					
b)	Conflict with the goals, objectives, and policies of the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan for Monterey County, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for designated roads or highways?				\boxtimes
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?				\boxtimes
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				\boxtimes

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16	. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC		Less Than		
			Significant		
		Potentially	With	Less Than	N. 7
W	ould the project:	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact
	Result in inadequate emergency access?		П	П	Mpact
c)	result in madequate emergency access:				
f)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				\boxtimes
Discussion/Conclusion/Mitigation: See Section IV.A.11					
17	. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS		Less Than Significant		
		Potentially	With	Less Than	
X 3. 7	114 - 7	Significant	Mitigation	Significant	No
	ould the project:	Impact	Incorporated	Impact	Impact
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				\boxtimes
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				\boxtimes
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				\boxtimes
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				

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17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				\boxtimes

Discussion/Conclusion/Mitigation: See Section IV.A.12

VII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

NOTE: If there are significant environmental impacts which cannot be mitigated and no feasible project alternatives are available, then complete the mandatory findings of significance and attach to this initial study as an appendix. This is the first step for starting the environmental impact report (EIR) process.

Does the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				
b) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				×
c) Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				\boxtimes

Discussion/Conclusion/Mitigation:

The project as proposed, conditioned, and mitigated will not have the potential to degrade the environment. Potential impacts to cultural resources may result from construction of the proposed project. Mitigations are recommended to reduce potential impacts to these resources to a less-than-significant level (See Sections VI.5, Cultural Resources).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21082.1, 21083, 21083.05, 21083.3, 21093, 21094, 21095, and 21151, Public Resources Code; Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino, (1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 296; Leonoff v. Monterey Board of Supervisors (1990) 222 Cal.App.3d 1337; Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 357; Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water Agency (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.

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VIII. FISH AND GAME ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FEES

Assessment of Fee:

The State Legislature, through the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 1535, revoked the authority of lead agencies to determine that a project subject to CEQA review had a "de minimis" (minimal) effect on fish and wildlife resources under the jurisdiction of the Department of Fish and Game. Projects that were determined to have a "de minimis" effect were exempt from payment of the filing fees.

SB 1535 has eliminated the provision for a determination of "de minimis" effect by the lead agency; consequently, all land development projects that are subject to environmental review are now subject to the filing fees, unless the Department of Fish and Game determines that the project will have no effect on fish and wildlife resources.

To be considered for determination of "no effect" on fish and wildlife resources, development applicants must submit a form requesting such determination to the Department of Fish and Game. Forms may be obtained by contacting the Department by telephone at (916) 631-0606 or through the Department's website at www.dfg.ca.gov.

Conclusion: The project will be required to pay the fee.

Evidence: Based on the record as a whole as embodied in the Planning Department files

pertaining to PLN150453 and the attached Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated

Negative Declaration.

IX. REFERENCES

- 1. Project Application/Plans
- 2. 1982 Monterey County General Plan
- 3. Carmel Area Land Use Plan
- 4. Title 20 of the Monterey County Code (Zoning Ordinance)
- 5. CEQA Air Quality Guidelines, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Revised February 2008
- 6. Site visit conducted by the project planner on June 30, 2015.
- 7. Limited Historical Assessment for 2486 17th Ave., Carmel CA APN. 009-471-020-000, prepared by PAST Consultants LLC, dated July 29, 2015

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- 8. Overview of Archaeological Investigations and Summary Findings for CA-MNT-17, Carmel, Monterey County, California, prepared by Archaeological Consulting, dated February 24, 2012
- 9. Preliminary Archaeological Assessment of APN 009-471-020, Carmel, Monterey County, California, prepared by Archaeological Consulting, dated May 11, 2015
- 10. Additional Archaeological Investigations at 2486 17th Avenue (APN 009-471-020), Carmel, Monterey County, California, prepared by Archaeological Consulting, dated January 21, 2016
- 11. Monterey County Geographic Information System (GIS) Records

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