

# **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Project No. 502954 SCH No. If Applicable

SUBJECT: <u>Blue Heron Chelsea CDP/SDP</u>: A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT and SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT to demolish an existing one-story 1,359 square-foot residence constructed in 1951 and construct a three-story single-family 4,984 square-foot residence with a 3,909 3,979 square foot basement. The proposed new residence would also include two decks, <u>lower deck of</u> <u>175 square feet and an upper deck of 741 square feet</u>, totaling 916-square feet. <u>The project also</u> <u>includes</u> a back-yard swimming pool. Various site improvements would also be constructed that include associated hardscape and landscape.

The three-story residence over basement would include features such as tile cladding, wood paneling, fiberglass louvers, with a smooth cement plaster finish and a flat sloping roof line. The landscaping plan would consist of small street trees (e.g. gold medallion trees), native and drought-tolerant landscaping to minimize irrigation requirements, and various water features.

The 0.19-acre project site is located at 5228 Chelsea Drive. The land use designation is Low Density Residential (5 - 9 dwelling units per acre). Additionally, the project site is in the RS-1-7 zone (Residential - Single Unit, requires minimum 5,000-square-foot lots) and within the Sensitive Coastal Overlay Zone, the Coastal Overlay Zone (Appealable), the Coastal Height Limitation Overlay Zone, the First Public Roadway, the Parking Impact Overlay Zone (Coastal and Beach), the Residential Tandem Parking Overlay Zone, the Transit Area Overlay Zone, and the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program, Council District 1.LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 10 in Block 4 of Pacific Riviera Villas Unit No. 1 per Map No. 2531 (1948). The site is not included on any Government Code listing of hazardous waste sites.

### Update 5/11/2017:

Minor revisions have been made to the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Added language would appear in a strikeout and <u>underlined</u> format. Minor revisions included a revision to square footage of the project.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15073.5 (c)(4), the addition of new information that clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modification does not require recirculation as there are no new impacts and no new mitigation identified. An environmental document need only be recirculated when there is identification of new

significant environmental impact or the addition of a new mitigation measure required to avoid a significant environmental impact.

- I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: See attached Initial Study.
- II. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: See attached Initial Study.

#### III. DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an Initial Study which determined that the proposed project could have a significant environmental effect in the following areas(s): <u>Cultural Resources</u> (Paleontology). Subsequent revisions in the project proposal create the specific mitigation identified in Section V of this Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project as revised now avoids or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects previously identified, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report will not be required.

IV. DOCUMENTATION: The attached Initial Study documents the reasons to support the above Determination.

V. MITIGATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM:

# A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – PART I Plan Check Phase (prior to permit issuance)

1. Prior to the issuance of a Notice To Proceed (NTP) for a subdivision, or any construction permits, such as Demolition, Grading or Building, or beginning any construction related activity on-site, the Development Services Department (DSD) Director's Environmental Designee (ED) shall review and approve all Construction Documents (CD), (plans, specification, details, etc.) to ensure the MMRP requirements are incorporated into the design.

2. In addition, the ED shall verify that <u>the MMRP Conditions/Notes that apply ONLY to the</u> <u>construction phases of this project are included VERBATIM</u>, under the heading, "ENVIRONMENTAL/MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS."

3. These notes must be shown within the first three (3) sheets of the construction documents in the format specified for engineering construction document templates as shown on the City website:

http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/standtemp.shtml

4. The **TITLE INDEX SHEET** must also show on which pages the "Environmental/Mitigation Requirements" notes are provided.

5. **SURETY AND COST RECOVERY** – The Development Services Director or City Manager may require appropriate surety instruments or bonds from private Permit Holders to ensure the long term performance or implementation of required mitigation measures or programs. The City is authorized to recover its cost to offset the salary, overhead, and expenses for City personnel and programs to monitor qualifying projects.

# B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – PART II Post Plan Check (After permit issuance/Prior to start of construction)

1. PRE CONSTRUCTION MEETING IS REQUIRED TEN (10) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY WORK ON THIS PROJECT. The PERMIT HOLDER/OWNER is responsible to arrange and perform this meeting by contacting the CITY RESIDENT ENGINEER (RE) of the Field Engineering Division and City staff from MITIGATION MONITORING COORDINATION (MMC). Attendees must also include the Permit holder's Representative(s), Job Site Superintendent and the following consultants:

#### **Qualified Paleontologist**

#### Note:

Failure of all responsible Permit Holder's representatives and consultants to attend shall require an additional meeting with all parties present.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

a) The PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT is the **RE** at the **Field Engineering Division – 858-627-**3200

b) For Clarification of ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, it is also required to call **RE and MMC at 858-627-3360** 

**2. MMRP COMPLIANCE:** This Project, Project Tracking System (PTS) #502954 and /or Environmental Document # 502954, shall conform to the mitigation requirements contained in the associated Environmental Document and implemented to the satisfaction of the DSD's Environmental Designee (MMC) and the City Engineer (RE). The requirements may not be reduced or changed but may be annotated (i.e. to explain when and how compliance is being met and location of verifying proof, etc.). Additional clarifying information may also be added to other relevant plan sheets and/or specifications as appropriate (i.e., specific locations, times of monitoring, methodology, etc

#### Note:

Permit Holder's Representatives must alert RE and MMC if there are any discrepancies in the plans or notes, or any changes due to field conditions. All conflicts must be approved by RE and MMC BEFORE the work is performed.

**3. OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Evidence of compliance with all other agency requirements or permits shall be submitted to the RE and MMC for review and acceptance prior to the beginning of work or within one week of the Permit Holder obtaining documentation of those permits or requirements. Evidence shall include copies of permits, letters of resolution or other documentation issued by the responsible agency.

#### Not Applicable

#### **4. MONITORING EXHIBITS**

All consultants are required to submit , to RE and MMC, a monitoring exhibit on a 11x17 reduction of the appropriate construction plan, such as site plan, grading, landscape, etc., marked to clearly show the specific areas including the LIMIT OF WORK, scope of that discipline's work, and notes indicating

when in the construction schedule that work will be performed. When necessary for clarification, a detailed methodology of how the work will be performed shall be included.

#### NOTE:

Surety and Cost Recovery – When deemed necessary by the Development Services Director or City Manager, additional surety instruments or bonds from the private Permit Holder may be required to ensure the long term performance or implementation of required mitigation measures or programs. The City is authorized to recover its cost to offset the salary, overhead, and expenses for City personnel and programs to monitor qualifying projects.

### 5. OTHER SUBMITTALS AND INSPECTIONS:

The Permit Holder/Owner's representative shall submit all required documentation, verification letters, and requests for all associated inspections to the RE and MMC for approval per the following schedule:

	DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL/INSPECTION CHECKLIST				
Issue Area	Document Submittal	Associated Inspection/Approvals/Notes			
General	Consultant Qualification Letters Prior to Preconstruction Meeting				
General	Consultant Construction Monitoring Exhibits Prior to or at Preconstruction Meeti				
Paleontological Resources	Monitoring Report(s)	Monitoring Report			
Bond Release	nd Release Request for Bond Release Final MMRP Inspections P Letter Release Letter				

### C. SPECIFIC MMRP ISSUE AREA CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS

#### PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES MITIGATION

- I. Prior to Permit Issuance
  - A. Entitlements Plan Check
    - Prior to issuance of any construction permits, including but not limited to, the first Grading Permit, Demolition Plans/Permits and Building Plans/Permits or a Notice to Proceed for Subdivisions, but prior to the first preconstruction meeting, whichever is applicable, the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) Environmental designee shall verify that the requirements for Paleontological Monitoring have been noted on the appropriate construction documents.
  - B. Letters of Qualification have been submitted to ADD
    - The applicant shall submit a letter of verification to Mitigation Monitoring Coordination (MMC) identifying the Principal Investigator (PI) for the project and the names of all persons involved in the paleontological monitoring program, as defined in the City of San Diego Paleontology Guidelines.

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- 2. MMC will provide a letter to the applicant confirming the qualifications of the PI and all persons involved in the paleontological monitoring of the project.
- 3. Prior to the start of work, the applicant shall obtain approval from MMC for any personnel changes associated with the monitoring program.
- II. Prior to Start of Construction
  - A. Verification of Records Search
    - The PI shall provide verification to MMC that a site specific records search has been completed. Verification includes, but is not limited to a copy of a confirmation letter from San Diego Natural History Museum, other institution or, if the search was inhouse, a letter of verification from the PI stating that the search was completed.
    - 2. The letter shall introduce any pertinent information concerning expectations and probabilities of discovery during trenching and/or grading activities.
  - B. PI Shall Attend Precon Meetings
    - Prior to beginning any work that requires monitoring; the Applicant shall arrange a Precon Meeting that shall include the PI, Construction Manager (CM) and/or Grading Contractor, Resident Engineer (RE), Building Inspector (BI), if appropriate, and MMC. The qualified paleontologist shall attend any grading/excavation related Precon Meetings to make comments and/or suggestions concerning the Paleontological Monitoring program with the Construction Manager and/or Grading Contractor.
      - a. If the PI is unable to attend the Precon Meeting, the Applicant shall schedule a focused Precon Meeting with MMC, the PI, RE, CM or BI, if appropriate, prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring.
    - 2. Identify Areas to be Monitored
    - a. Prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring, the PI shall submit a Paleontological Monitoring Exhibit (PME) based on the appropriate construction documents (reduced to 11x17) to MMC identifying the areas to be monitored including the delineation of grading/excavation limits. The PME shall be based on the results of a site specific records search as well as information regarding existing known soil conditions (native or formation).
  - b. 3. When Monitoring Will Occur
    - a. Prior to the start of any work, the PI shall also submit a construction schedule to MMC through the RE indicating when and where monitoring will occur.
    - b. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC prior to the start of work or during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program. This request shall be based on relevant information such as review of final construction documents which indicate conditions such as depth of excavation and/or site graded to bedrock, presence or absence of fossil resources, etc., which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.
- III. During Construction
  - A. Monitor Shall be Present During Grading/Excavation/Trenching
    - The monitor shall be present full-time during grading/excavation/trenching activities as identified on the PME that could result in impacts to formations with high and moderate resource sensitivity. The Construction Manager is responsible for notifying the RE, PI, and MMC of changes to any construction activities such as in the case of a potential safety concern within the area being monitored. In certain circumstances OSHA safety requirements may necessitate modification of the PME.

- The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program when a field condition such as trenching activities that do not encounter formational soils as previously assumed, and/or when unique/unusual fossils are encountered, which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.
- 3. The monitor shall document field activity via the Consultant Site Visit Record (CSVR). The CSVR's shall be faxed by the CM to the RE the first day of monitoring, the last day of monitoring, monthly (Notification of Monitoring Completion), and in the case of ANY discoveries. The RE shall forward copies to MMC.
- B. Discovery Notification Process
  - 1. In the event of a discovery, the Paleontological Monitor shall direct the contractor to temporarily divert trenching activities in the area of discovery and immediately notify the RE or BI, as appropriate.
  - 2. The Monitor shall immediately notify the PI (unless Monitor is the PI) of the discovery.
  - 3. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone of the discovery, and shall also submit written documentation to MMC within 24 hours by fax or email with photos of the resource in context, if possible.
- C. Determination of Significance
  - 1. The PI shall evaluate the significance of the resource.
    - a. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone to discuss significance determination and shall also submit a letter to MMC indicating whether additional mitigation is required. The determination of significance for fossil discoveries shall be at the discretion of the PI.
    - b. If the resource is significant, the PI shall submit a Paleontological Recovery Program (PRP) and obtain written approval from MMC. Impacts to significant resources must be mitigated before ground disturbing activities in the area of discovery will be allowed to resume.
    - c. If resource is not significant (e.g., small pieces of broken common shell fragments or other scattered common fossils) the PI shall notify the RE, or BI as appropriate, that a non-significant discovery has been made. The Paleontologist shall continue to monitor the area without notification to MMC unless a significant resource is encountered.
    - d. The PI shall submit a letter to MMC indicating that fossil resources will be collected, curated, and documented in the Final Monitoring Report. The letter shall also indicate that no further work is required.

# IV. Night and/or Weekend Work

- A. If night and/or weekend work is included in the contract
  - 1. When night and/or weekend work is included in the contract package, the extent and timing shall be presented and discussed at the precon meeting.
  - 2. The following procedures shall be followed.
    - a. No Discoveries In the event that no discoveries were encountered during night and/or weekend work, The PI shall record the information on the CSVR and submit to MMC via fax by 8AM on the next business day.
    - b. Discoveries

All discoveries shall be processed and documented using the existing procedures detailed in Sections III - During Construction.

- c. Potentially Significant Discoveries If the PI determines that a potentially significant discovery has been made, the procedures detailed under Section III - During Construction shall be followed.
- d. The PI shall immediately contact MMC, or by 8AM on the next business day to report and discuss the findings as indicated in Section III-B, unless other specific arrangements have been made.
- B. If night work becomes necessary during the course of construction
  - 1. The Construction Manager shall notify the RE, or BI, as appropriate, a minimum of 24 hours before the work is to begin.
  - 2. The RE, or BI, as appropriate, shall notify MMC immediately.
- C. All other procedures described above shall apply, as appropriate.

#### Post Construction

- A. Preparation and Submittal of Draft Monitoring Report
  - The PI shall submit two copies of the Draft Monitoring Report (even if negative), prepared in accordance with the Paleontological Guidelines which describes the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Paleontological Monitoring Program (with appropriate graphics) to MMC for review and approval within 90 days following the completion of monitoring,
    - For significant paleontological resources encountered during monitoring, the Paleontological Recovery Program shall be included in the Draft Monitoring Report.
    - Recording Sites with the San Diego Natural History Museum
       The PI shall be responsible for recording (on the appropriate forms) any significant or potentially significant fossil resources encountered during the Paleontological Monitoring Program in accordance with the City's Paleontological Guidelines, and submittal of such forms to the San Diego Natural History Museum with the Final Monitoring Report.
  - 2. MMC shall return the Draft Monitoring Report to the PI for revision or, for preparation of the Final Report.
  - 3. The PI shall submit revised Draft Monitoring Report to MMC for approval.
  - 4. MMC shall provide written verification to the PI of the approved report.
  - MMC shall notify the RE or BI, as appropriate, of receipt of all Draft Monitoring Report submittals and approvals.
- B. Handling of Fossil Remains
  - 1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains collected are cleaned and catalogued.
  - The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains are analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the geologic history of the area; that faunal material is identified as to species; and that specialty studies are completed, as appropriate
- C. Curation of fossil remains: Deed of Gift and Acceptance Verification
  - 1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains associated with the monitoring for this project are permanently curated with an appropriate institution.
  - 2. The PI shall include the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution in the Final Monitoring Report submitted to the RE or BI and MMC.

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- D. Final Monitoring Report(s)
  - The PI shall submit two copies of the Final Monitoring Report to MMC (even if negative), within 90 days after notification from MMC that the draft report has been approved.
  - 2. The RE shall, in no case, issue the Notice of Completion until receiving a copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report from MMC which includes the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution.

The above mitigation monitoring and reporting program will require additional fees and/or deposits to be collected prior to the issuance of building permits, certificates of occupancy and/or final maps to ensure the successful completion of the monitoring program.

VI. PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION:

Draft copies or notice of this Mitigated Negative Declaration were distributed to:

State of California

California Coastal Commission (47) City of San Diego Council Member Bry, District 1 **City Attorney** Shannon Thomas (MS 59) **Development Services Department** Glenn Gargas (MS 302) Jeffrey Szymanski (MS 501) Courtney Holowach (MS 501) Phil Lizzi (MS 501) Frank Hunt (MS 501) Rudy Jauregui (MS 501) Jacobe Washburn (MS 501) Camille Pekarek (MS 413) Mitigation Monitoring Coordination Section (77a) Central Library MS 17 (81a) La Jolla/Riford Branch Library Library (81L) Historical Resources Board (87)

### Other

San Diego Natural History Museum (213) San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc. (218) La Jolla Village News (271) La Jolla Shores Association (272) La Jolla Town Council (273) La Jolla Historical Society (274) La Jolla Community Planning Association (275) UCSD Physical & Community Planning (277) La Jolla Light (280) Patricia K. Miller (283) Michael Costello (Interested Party)

## VII. RESULTS OF PUBLIC REVIEW:

- () No comments were received during the public input period.
- () Comments were received but did not address the accuracy or completeness of the draft environmental document. No response is necessary and the letters are incorporated herein.
- (X) Comments addressing the accuracy or completeness of the draft environmental document were received during the public input period. The letters and responses are incorporated herein.

Copies of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program and any Initial Study material are available in the office of the Entitlements Division for review, or for purchase at the cost of reproduction.

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Jeff/Szymanski Senior Planner Development Services Department

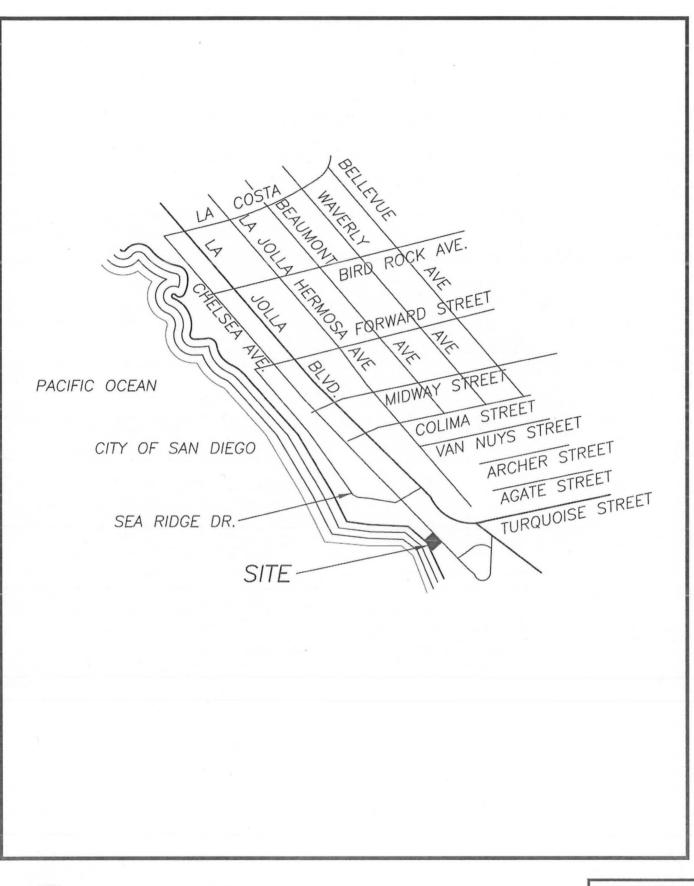
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Analyst: C. Holowach

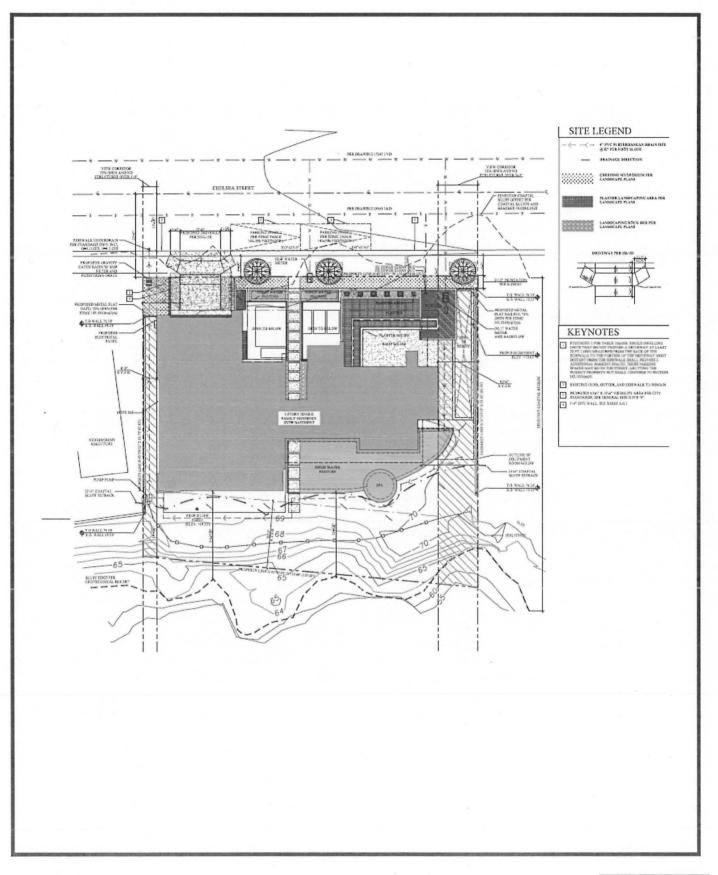
Attachments: Initial Study Checklist Figure 1 – Location Map Figure 2 – Site Plan





Location Map Blue Heron Chelsea CDP /Project No. 502954 City of San Diego – Development Services Department

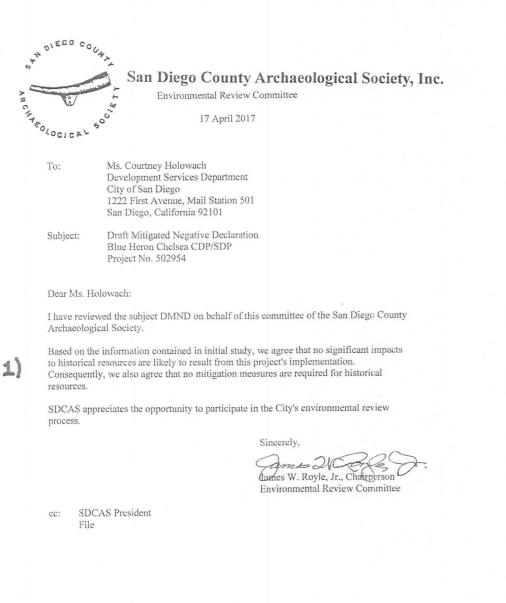
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**Site Plan** <u>Blue Heron Chelsea CDP/Project No. 502954</u> City of San Diego – Development Services Department

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT

San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc.

April 17, 2017

1) Comment noted.

P.O. Box 81106 San Diego, CA 92138-1106 (858) 538-0935

Courtney Holowach, Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Development Services Center, 1222 First Avenue, MS 501, San Diego, CA 92101

#### DSDEAS@sandiego.gov

#### BLUE HERON CHELSEA CDP/SDP No. 502954

Dear Ms. Courtney Holowach,

#### 30 April 2017

Thank you for the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Blue Heron Chelsea CDP/SDP # 502954. I must respectfully disagree with your Determination Section where the second box is checked which says "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."

It is my belief that the third box could have been checked which states "The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required."

More appropriately I believe the fourth box should have been checked. It states "The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required." Here is why.

X. Land Use and Planning. b) Potentially Significant Impact should be checked. The La Jolla Community Plan clearly states "to promote transitions in scale between new and older structures" and for there to be 'transitions between the bulk and scale of new and older development in residential areas". The proposed structure does not transition well with the older structures toward Sea Ridge Street. The structure next to it is only partly split level, and all the others are

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Letter from Michael Costello

April 30, 2017

2) The Environmental Analysis Section (EAS) of the City of San Diego has reviewed the project and has prepared the Initial Study for the proposed project. Through this review EAS determined that the only significant impact associated with the project was to Cultural Resources (Paleontology). However, appropriate mitigation was included in the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) that would reduce the significant impact to below a level of significance. All other issue areas were determined not to have a significant impact. Therefore the appropriate box under the "Determination" section was checked.

3) Land Use and Planning analysis was included in Section X of the Initial Study. Community character and bulk and scale issues were specifically analyzed in the Aesthetics discussion which is located within Section I of the Initial Study. The proposed project is consistent with the La Jolla Community Plan land use density and would conform to all the requirements of the RS-1-7 zone, the La Jolla Community Plan, and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. The project would be below the maximum allowed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and below the maximum 30 feet height limit. Exterior finishes of the project incorporates materials and colors consistent with recently built and remodeled homes in the vicinity and would be visually compatible with the varied design, setbacks, parking layout and character of the surrounding area and the urbanized development within La Jolla.

Based upon the design of the project in comparison to surrounding development; and its compliance with all plans and policies it was determined that the project's bulk, scale, materials and style would not be incompatible with surrounding development. Therefore the project would not result in a significant impact as defined by the City's CEQA Significance Determination Thresholds.

However, in order to address concerns raised by members of the community the following changes have also been implemented since the presentation of the project to the La Jolla Community Planning Group:

- The roof top bathroom and roof on the north has been redesigned to be stepped in and be pulled back from the side walk along Chelsea St. to further reduce the appearance of bulk and scale.
- A portion of the northern roof deck has also been closed off reducing the size of roof top deck from 978 square feet down to 741 square feet
- A reduction in basement square footage.
- The design of the residence utilizes a multi-stepped design on the second and third levels along the western and northern side of the project in order to reduce the bulk and scale of the project, and to provide an appropriate transition between newer and older structures, in compliance to the La Jolla Community Plan recommendations.

Project design also features multiple articulations, and is stepped back in order to reduce the appearance of bulk and scale as follows;

- Starting from the front (East Elevation), the building is stepped back 10'-0" from the Property Line and continues stepping back to be 25'-3" at its furthest point from the front Property Line.
- On the Northern Elevation of the property, the building starts at 4'-0" from the property line and steps back to be 13'-11 ½" from the property line at the third floor.
- The rear (West Elevation) of the building starts at 20'-0" from the Property Line and steps back 47'-5" from the rear yard Property Line.
- The Southern Elevation starts at 12'-0" from the Property Line and continues to step back to be 33'-2 ½" away from the Property Line.

The project meets and/or exceeds the zoning minimum setbacks based on the RS-1-7 zone. Additionally, the project incorporates design features above base minimum utilizing articulation and "steps backs" at each floor which relate well with, and are compatible to the adjoining structures providing an appropriate transition to adjacent structures. The design features for transition each floor per the Community Plan recommendation resulting in the terracing of the structures to address apparent bulk and scale. Changes in the patterns single level. The bulk and mass are also out of scale. The neighbors and La Jolla Community Groups felt this was due to the third level roof deck. See the La Jolla Development Permit Review Committee's (DPR) Motion and Vote below:

**COMMITTEE MOTION 10/18/16:** Findings CAN NOT be made for a Coastal Development Permit and Site Development Permit to demolish an existing single dwelling unit and construct an 8,963 square-foot single dwelling unit on a single lot at 5228 Chelsea Street <u>due to the deck at the roof, the mass and "wall" configuration fronting the street, the poor transition between the old and new structures, and the configuration of the design which places active outdoor and living spaces on the third level roof and deck. (Vote 4-2-1)</u>

On Dec. 1, 2016, the La Jolla Community Planning Association had the following Motion and Vote. Motion to Adopt the recommendation of the DPR Committee and Reject the project. (Vote 9-2-1)

Clearly both the Community Groups trusted by the City to "advise the City on Land Use matters" reject this project in its current form for the same reasons.

XII. NOISE. d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above existing without the project? Potentially Significant Impact should be checked. This project proposes a very large roof deck, complete with wet bar and bathroom on the third level. This particular neighborhood has had experience with a very similar situation just two lots down the street. The MTV program Real World had its Summer long production there several years ago. There were loud parties on the roof deck at all times of the night and late into the night. There was amplified music and bright lights. High up on the third level sound would project and travel up and down the street to all the houses disturbing peace and sleep. It is not theoretical, the neighborhood has actually experienced this problem. This particular structure would have a wet bar and bathroom potentially making the situation worse by having larger parties and persons not having to leave the roof, even for a break. Because this large open air roof deck will be at a high elevation, and able to project sound unimpeded up and down the street it will be out of place in a residential neighborhood and have a significant impact. However temporary or periodic, it will be very disturbing in a single family residential zone.

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alternating in heights from each home ( older and newer) provides good transitions and diversity of the structures for more view potential and less bulk and scale perception.

The reduced size roof deck, including its configuration, does not measurably contribute to the appearance of bulk and scale of the project. It has been designed in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Community plan, and the applicable provisions of the Municipal code and no deviations or variances are necessary or requested.

4) EAS has analyzed potential noise impacts in Section XII of the Initial Study and a significant impact was not identified. The proposed project would replace one single family residence with a new one. There is no land use change between the existing baseline and the proposed project. The commenter has provided an example of a nearby residence that produced a noise nuisance. EAS maintains that there is no correlation between the proposed project and past noise nuisances. Furthermore, the assertion in the comment letter speculates that there could be an impact based on past experiences at a different location; however, CEQA Section 15384 states that speculation does not constitute substantial evidence.

Additionally, City of San Diego Municipal Code section 59.5.0401 et seq. addresses residential noise issues and impacts. Any potential noise issues which may arise in the future will be regulated by the Municipal Code.

Parties and gatherings are not uncommon at the houses on the coastal bluff. However, they are held on the ground level, in the back yards facing the Pacific Ocean. Any noise from these backyard parties is really very localized and does not travel up and down the street. The difference is elevation and whether the sound is blocked by structures and foliage.

**Summary.** An Environmental Impact Report is required because of the project's effects on Land Use and Planning, specifically with the La Jolla Community Plan's requirement of transitions between newer and older structures. Also because of the substantial temporary or periodic increase in noise levels in the project vicinity. The phrase "*unless mitigated*" is appropriate here since all that is required to make the project environmentally acceptable is to remove the third level roof deck.

Submitted by:

Michael Costello

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### **INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST**

- 1. Project title/Project number: Blue Heron Chelsea CDP/SDP PTS 502954
- 2. Lead agency name and address: City of San Diego, 1222 First Avenue, MS-501, San Diego, California 92101
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Courtney Holowach / (619) 446-5187
- 4. Project location: 5228 Chelsea Street, San Diego, CA 92037
- 5. Project Applicant/Sponsor's name and address: Claude-Anthony Marengo, 7724 Girard Avenue, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92037
- 6. General/Community Plan designation: La Jolla Community Plan
- 7. Zoning: RS-1-7
- 8. Description of project (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation.):

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The three-story residence over the basement would include features such as tile cladding, wood paneling, fiberglass louvers, with a smooth cement plaster finish and a flat sloping roof line. The landscaping plan would consist of small street trees (e.g. gold medallion trees), native and drought-tolerant landscaping to minimize irrigation requirements, and various water features. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 10 in Block 4 of Pacific Riviera Villas Unit No. 1 per Map No. 2531 (1948). The site is not included on any Government Code listing of hazardous waste sites.** 

9. Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings:

The 0.19-acre project site is located at 5228 Chelsea Drive. The land use designation is Low Density Residential (5 - 9 dwelling units per acre). Additionally, the project site is in the RS-1-7 zone (Residential - Single Unit, requires minimum 5,000-square-foot lots) and within the Sensitive Coastal Overlay Zone, the Coastal Overlay Zone (Appealable), the Coastal Height

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Limitation Overlay Zone, the First Public Roadway, the Parking Impact Overlay Zone (Coastal and Beach), the Residential Tandem Parking Overlay Zone, the Transit Area Overlay Zone, and the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program, Council District 1. The proposed project requires a Coastal Development Permit because it is in the Coastal Zone. The proposed project requires a Site Development Permit because it is located on a sensitive coastal bluff.

The project site is located at the west side of Chelsea Street and is surround by similar developed properties. Vegetation on-site is varied and consists of non-native landscaping flora, including shrubs, trees, and lawn areas. Additionally, the project site is situated in a developed area currently served by existing public services and utilities.

- 10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.): None required
- 11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, has consultation begun?

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

Yes one Native American Tribe traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area has requested consultation with the City of San Diego pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3 (c). The City is in consultation with this tribe. The current project is located in an urbanized and developed area where previous archaeological sites have not been recorded. Qualified City staff reviewed the project and determined that based upon the topography and disturbed nature of the site no impacts to unique or non-unique historical resources would occur. No mitigation or further consultation under Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1. would be required.

### ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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

### **DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- 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.
- The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
  - The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or (MITIGATED) NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or (MITIGATED) NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

- 1) 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 a project-specific screening analysis.)
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then 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.
- 4) "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 "Earlier Analyses", as described in (5) below, 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 (mitigated) 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 that 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) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) 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 significant.

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I)	AESTHETICS – Would the project:				
	<ul> <li>a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$	

The project site is an existing developed site within an urbanized residential area. The proposed project would replacing an existing dwelling unit with a new dwelling unit. Construction of the project would affect the visual environment during excavation, grading, and on-site storage of equipment and materials. Although views may be altered, construction would be short term and temporary. Temporary visual impacts would include views of large construction equipment, storage areas, and potential signage. All construction equipment would vacate the project site upon completion of the project, thus making any visual obstructions temporary.

City staff reviewed the proposed project for consistency with all applicable zoning regulations and land use plans including the La Jolla Community Plan (LJCP). The LJCP addresses the need to retain and enhance public views of the ocean from identified public vantage points. These vantage points include visual access across private properties at yards and setbacks. Development of the proposed project would introduce new permanent visual features to the community; however, per Staff comments, the LJCP has not designated a view corridor through the project site or adjacent to it. Additionally since the project is maintaining all height and setbacks requirements non designated vantage points would not be significantly altered. It should be noted that the project is located near a Scenic Roadway but as previously mentioned there are no identified vantage points that cross the subject property. Therefore, since the proposed project site is surrounded by existing residential development, is consistent with all applicable zoning regulations and because the property is not designated as a scenic vista all impacts would be less than significant.

b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, rock
outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

There are no designated scenic resources such as trees, rock outcroppings or historic buildings within the project's boundaries. No impact would result due to implementation of the proposed project.

c) Substantially degrade
 the existing visual
 character or quality of

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surroundings?

The site is currently developed with a single dwelling unit. The proposed project would remove the existing dwelling unit and replace it with a new dwelling unit. The new dwelling unit will be constructed to comply with all height and bulk regulations and is consistent with Visual Resource recommendations as outlined in the LJCP. The proposed structure height is consistent with building envelope regulations which preserve public views through the height, setback, landscaping, and fence transparency parameters of the Land Development Code that limit the building profile and maximize view opportunities. Therefore the project would not substantially degrade the existing visual character or the quality of the site and its surroundings. No impact would occur.

 d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

Development of the residential project would comply with City glare regulations. All permanent exterior lighting would be required to comply with City regulations to reduce potential adverse effects on neighboring properties. In addition, no substantial sources of light would be generated during project construction, as construction activities would occur during daylight hours. The project would also be subject to the city's Outdoor Lighting Regulations per Municipal Code Section 142.0740 and no significant impacts would occur.

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

a)	Converts Prime		
	Farmland, Unique		
	Farmland, or Farmland of		$\boxtimes$
	Statewide Importance		
	(Farmland), as shown on		

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the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring				

Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

The project site is classified as Urban and Built-Up land by the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP). Similarly, the land surrounding the project site is not in agricultural production and is not classified as farmland by the FMMP. Therefore, the proposed project would not convert farmland to non-agricultural uses. No impact would occur.

 b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?

The proposed project is not under a Williamson Act Contract nor is any surrounding land under a Williamson Act Contract. No impacts would result due to implementation of the proposed project.

c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause		
	rezoning of, forest land		
	(as defined in Public		
	Resources Code section		
	1220(g)), timberland (as		
	defined by Public		
	Resources Code section		$\bowtie$
	4526), or timberland		
	zoned Timberland		
	Production (as defined by		
	Government Code		
	section 51104(g))?		

No land within the La Jolla Community Plan is designated as forest land or timberland. Therefore, the project would not conflict with existing zoning forest land and no impact would occur.

a)	Result in the loss of		
	forest land or conversion		$\square$
	of forest land to non-		$\square$
	forest use?		

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No existing agricultural uses are located in the proximity of the project area that could be affected. Therefore, the project would not convert farmland to non-agricultural uses or forestland to non-forest use. No impact would occur.

- III. AIR QUALITY Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied on to make the following determinations – Would the project:
  - a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

which, due to their location or nature, could

to non-forest use?

result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or

conversion of forest land

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) are responsible for developing and implementing the clean air plan for attainment and maintenance of the ambient air quality standards in the San Diego Air Basin (SDAB). The County Regional Air Quality Strategy (RAQS) was initially adopted in 1991, and is updated on a triennial basis (most recently in 2009). The RAQS outlines the SDAPCD's plans and control measures designed to attain the state air quality standards for ozone (03). The RAQS relies on information from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and SANDAG, including mobile and area source emissions, as well as information regarding projected growth in San Diego County and the cities in the county, to project future emissions and then determine the strategies necessary for the reduction of emissions through regulatory controls. CARB mobile source emission projections and SANDAG growth projections are based on population, vehicle trends, and land use plans developed by San Diego County and the cities in the county as part of the development of their general plans.

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The RAQS relies on SANDAG growth projections based on population, vehicle trends, and land use plans developed by the cities and by the county as part of the development of their general plans. As such, projects that propose development that is consistent with the growth anticipated by local plans would be consistent with the RAQS. However, if a project proposes development that is greater than that anticipated in the local plan and SANDAG's growth projections, the project might be in conflict with the RAQS and may contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact on air quality.

The project would replace an existing single dwelling unit with a new dwelling unit within a developed neighborhood of similar residential uses. The project is consistent with the General Plan, community plan, and the underlying zoning for residential development. Therefore, the project would be Consistent at a sub-regional level with the underlying growth forecasts in the RAQS, and would not obstruct implementation of the RAQS. As such, no impacts would result.

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 b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

### Short-term Emissions (Construction)

Project construction activities would potentially generate combustion emissions from on-site heavy duty construction vehicles and motor vehicles transporting the construction crew and necessary construction materials. Exhaust emissions generated by construction activities would generally result from the use of typical construction equipment that may include excavation equipment, forklift, skip loader, and/or dump truck. Variables that factor into the total construction emissions potentially generated include the level of activity, length of construction period, number of pieces and types of equipment in use, site characteristics, weather conditions, number of construction personnel, and the amount of materials to be transported on or off-site. It is anticipated that construction equipment would be used on-site for four to eight hours a day; however, construction would be short-term and impacts to neighboring uses would be minimal and temporary.

Fugitive dust emissions are generally associated with land clearing and grading operations. Due to the nature and location of the project, construction activities are expected to create minimal fugitive dust, as a result of the disturbance associated with grading. The project would remodel an existing single-family residence with attached garage. Construction operations would include standard measures as required by the City of San Diego grading permit to reduce potential air quality impacts to less than significant. Therefore, impacts associated with fugitive dust are

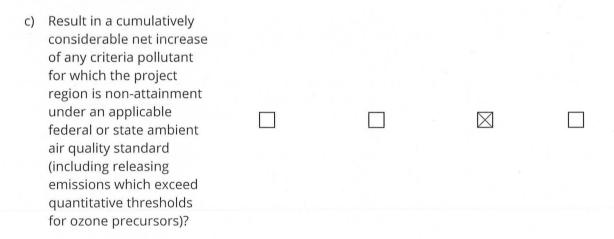
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considered less than significant, and would not violate an air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. Impacts related to short term emissions would be less than significant.

### Long-term Emissions (Operational)

Long-term air emission impacts are those associated with stationary sources and mobile sources related to any change caused by a project. The project would produce minimal stationary source emissions. Once construction of the project is complete, long-term air emissions would potentially result from such sources as fireplaces, heating, ventilation, and cooling (HVAC) systems, and other motorized equipment typically associated with residential uses. The project is compatible with the surrounding development and is permitted by the community plan and zone designation. Based on the residential land use, project emissions over the long-term are not anticipated to violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. Impacts would be less than significant.

Overall, the project is not expected to generate substantial emissions that would violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation; therefore, impacts would be less than significant.



As described above in response III (b), construction operations may temporarily increase the emissions of dust and other pollutants. However, construction emissions would be temporary and short-term in duration. Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) would reduce potential impacts related to construction activities to a less than significant level. Therefore, the project would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standards. Impacts would be less than significant.

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d) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				

### Short-term (Construction)

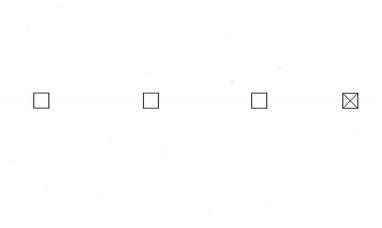
Odors would be generated from vehicles and/or equipment exhaust emissions during construction of the project. Odors produced during construction would be attributable to concentrations of unburned hydrocarbons from tailpipes of construction equipment and architectural coatings. Such odors are temporary and generally occur at magnitudes that would not affect a substantial number of people. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

### Long-term (Operational)

Typical long-term operational characteristics of the project are not associated with the creation of such odors nor anticipated to generate odors affecting a substantial number of people. The project would remodel a single-family residence with attached garage. Residential dwelling units, in the long-term operation, are not typically associated with the creation of such odors nor are they anticipated to generate odors affecting a substantial number or people. Therefore, project operations would result in less than significant impacts.

# IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

 a) Have substantial adverse effects, 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?



The site has been previously developed within an urban setting, consists primarily of impervious areas which do not support biological resources, and do not contain or support Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) as defined by the Biology Guidelines of the City's Land Development Manual.

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Native or sensitive vegetation communities, wetlands that would be expected to support specialstatus wildlife species, or lands that are classified as Tier I Habitats, Tier II Habitats, Tier IIIA Habitats, or Tier IIIB Habitats are not present.

Due to the sites lack of resources implementation of the project would not have a substantial adverse effect on candidate, sensitive, or special-status species as identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No impacts would occur.

b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations
or by the California
Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

As previously described in response to IV(a), the site has been fully developed within an urban setting, consisting primarily of impervious areas which do not support biological resources, and do not contain or support any ESL. The project would not have a substantial adverse impact on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in the La Jolla Community Plan, the City of San Diego General Plan, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No impacts would occur.

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?

The project site is fully developed, in an urban setting. Additionally, as shown in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan, there are no federally protected

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wetlands on site. Therefore, construction activities would not cause an impact to wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. There would be no impacts to federally protected wetlands.

d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory		$\boxtimes$
	resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?		

The project site is fully developed, in a highly urbanized setting. The project site is not located within a wildlife corridor, or within a migratory passageway for any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species. No impact would occur.

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

The proposed project would be consistent with all relevant goals and policies of the City's General Plan and of the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Land Use Plan regarding the preservation and protection of biological resources. Although the proposed project is not within the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA), the project would be consistent with all relevant goals and policies regarding the preservation and protection of biological resources, as outlined in the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP). Additionally, project implementation would be consistent with all biological resources policies in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Land Use Plan. No impact would occur.

 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?

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Although the proposed project is not within the City's MHPA, the project would be consistent with all relevant goals and policies regarding the preservation and protection of biological resources, as outlined in the City's MSCP. In addition, implementation of the project would be consistent with all biological resources policies outlined in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Land Use Plan. No impacts would occur.

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### V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

 a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource as defined in §15064.5?

The purpose and intent of the Historical Resources Regulations of the Land Development Code (Chapter 14, Division 3, and Article 2) is to protect, preserve and, where damaged, restore the historical resources of San Diego. The regulations apply to all proposed development within the City of San Diego when historical resources are present on the premises. Before approving discretionary projects, CEQA requires the Lead Agency to identify and examine the significant adverse environmental effects which may result from that project. A project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource may have a significant effect on the environment (Sections 15064.5(b) and 21084.1). A substantial adverse change is defined as demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration activities, which would impair historical significance (Sections 15064.5(b)(1)). Any historical resource listed in, or eligible to be listed in the California Register of Historical Resources, including archaeological resources, is considered to be historically or culturally significant.

# Archaeological Resources

The project site is located within the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Sensitivity map. Therefore additional analysis was required to make a CEQA determination in regards to archaeological resources. Qualified City Staff conducted a record search of the California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) digital database to determine the presence or absence of potential resources within the project site and within a one-mile radius of the project. No on-site archaeological resources were identified within or adjacent to the project.

City staff also reviewed site photos, project plans, and the geotechnical investigation report (TerraCoasta Consulting Group, July 2016) to determine if the project could potentially impact these resources. The geotechnical report shows that a layer of locally imported fill covers the site up to a depth of five feet. The report indicates that the soil was probably placed there during the finished grading for lots in the early 1950's. The soil strata underlying the fill were coastal terrace deposits and Mount Soledad formation. Neither of these types of soils would contain cultural/historical remains. Although the building flat is level the ground surrounding the

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development have grades exceeding 25%. The existing topography and data from the geotechnical report are indicative of construction consisting of cut and fill operations for the construction of the subdivision in 1950's.

Based upon the topography, the disturbed nature of the site as indicated in the geotechnical report and the negative CHRIS search it was determined that the project would not have the potential impact to any unique or non-unique historical resources. Therefore impacts would not occur mitigation is not required.

### **Built Environment**

The property located at 5228 Chelsea Street is not an individually designated resource and is not located within a designated historic district. However, San Diego Municipal Code Section 143.0212 requires City staff to review all projects impacting a parcel that contains a structure 45 years old or older to determine whether a potentially significant historical resource exists on site prior to issuance of a permit. Qualified City Staff has reviewed site photos; Assessor's Building Record; water and sewer records; written description of the property and alterations; chain of title; and listing of occupants; as well as any available historic photographs; Sanborn maps; and Notices of Completion.

In addition, staff has considered input received through applicable public noticing and outreach and have made the following determination, Staff has determined that the property does not meet local designation criteria as an individually significant resource under any adopted Historical Resources Board Criteria and a historic report was not required. Therefore EAS finds that the project site does not meet the criteria of being a significant historical resource as defined by the City of San Diego's Significance Determination Thresholds. No impacts would result to historical resources built environment.

b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?		
Plea	se refer to response V.a.		
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	$\boxtimes$	

The project site is underlain by the Mt. Soledad geological formation, which has a moderate potential for paleontological resources. In "moderate potential" formations, grading in excess of

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2,000 cubic yards at a depth of 10 feet or more requires mitigation, which includes paleontological monitoring during construction.

Based upon information on the submitted development plans, sheet A-1.3, the project will excavate 4,813 cubic yards of material to a depth of up to 11.6 feet. Since the submitted grading quantities exceed the City's CEQA Significance Thresholds this project will require paleontological monitoring during construction activities. See Section V of the MND for further details. Impacts will be less than significant with mitigation measures incorporated.

 d) Disturb and human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?

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Refer to response V(a) above. No cemeteries, formal or informal, have been identified on the project site therefore, no impacts would result.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:

- 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  $\boxtimes$ Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology **Special Publication** 42.

The project is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone and would utilize proper engineering design and standard construction practices in order to ensure that potential impacts in this category would remain less than significant. Therefore, risks from rupture of a known earthquake fault would not be significant.

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ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			$\boxtimes$	

The project site is mapped as Geologic Hazard Categories 53 and 44. Geologic hazard category 53 is described as level or sloping terrain, unfavorable geologic structure, low to moderate risk. Geologic hazard category 44 is described as coastal bluffs; moderately stable formations, local high erosion. The site could be affected by seismic activity as a result of earthquakes on major active faults located throughout the Southern California area. Ground shaking from ten major active fault zones could affect the site in the event of an earthquake. However, per the submitted approved geotechnical investigation (Investigation and Bluff Stability Study, 5228 Chelsea Street, La Jolla, California, TerraCosta Consulting Group, Inc., July 19, 2016), there are no known faults on the project site and impacts would not be significant.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

Liquefaction occurs when loose, unconsolidated, water-laden soils are subject to shaking, causing the soils to lose cohesion. Per the geotechnical report available information indicates that the location and geotechnical conditions at the site are not conducive to any of these phenomena. Additionally, since the project is located on a coastal bluff, an analysis was conducted to determine its stability. The TerraCosta report analyzed the bluff and determined that the bluff is stable and a 25 foot setback was allowed. Impacts would not be significant.

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iv) Landslides?		$\bigtriangleup$

Per the approved geotechnical report landslides have not been mapped as being present, both on or immediately adjacent to the site. Furthermore the project site is not mapped in a landslide zone. Impacts would not be significant.

b)	Result in substantial soil			
	erosion or the loss of		$\boxtimes$	
	topsoil?			

The project includes a landscape plan that has been reviewed and approved by City staff that precludes erosion of topsoil. In addition, standard construction BMPs would be in place to ensure that the project would not result in a substantial amount of topsoil erosion.

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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?				

Please see Vaii, proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices would be verified at the construction permitting stage and would ensure that impacts in this category would not occur.

d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table
18-1-B of the Uniform 
Building Code (1994), 
creating substantial risks to life or property?

The project would not expose people or structures to the risk of loss, injury, or death involving landslides. The design of the project would utilize proper engineering design and standard construction practices to ensure that the potential for impacts would not occur.

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

The project does not propose the use of septic tanks. As a result, septic tanks or alternative wastewater systems would not be used. Therefore, no impact with regard to the capability of soils to adequately support the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems would result.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS - Would the project:

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<ul> <li>a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?</li> </ul>				

On July 12, 2016, the City of San Diego adopted the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Consistency Checklist, which requires all projects subject to discretionary review to demonstrate consistency with the Climate Action Plan. For project-level environmental documents, significance of greenhouse gas emissions is determined through the CAP Consistency Checklist.

The City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) outlines the actions that the City will undertake to achieve its proportional share of State greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions. A CAP Consistency Checklist (Checklist) is part of the CAP and contains measures that are required to be implemented on a project-by-project basis to ensure that the specified emission targets identified in the CAP are achieved. Projects that are consistent with the CAP as determined through the use of this Checklist may rely on the CAP for the cumulative impacts of GHG emissions.

The project is consistent with the existing General Plan and Community Plan land use and zoning designations. Further based upon review and evaluation of the completed CAP Consistency Check for the project, the project is consistent with the applicable strategies and actions of the CAP. Therefore, the project is consistent with the assumptions for relevant CAP strategies toward achieving the identified GHG reduction targets, and impacts from greenhouse gas emissions are considered less than significant. No mitigation is required.

 b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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The project would not conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purposes of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases. The project is consistent with the existing General Plan and Community Plan land use and zoning designations. Further based upon review and evaluation of the completed CAP Consistency Checklist for the project, the project is consistent with the applicable strategies and actions of the CAP. Therefore, the project is consistent with the assumptions for relevant CAP strategies toward achieving the identified GHG reduction targets. Impacts are considered less than significant. No mitigation is required.

Issue		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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	ARDS AND HAZARDOUS M				
a) Ci	reate a significant				

The proposed project is residential in nature and does not propose the use or transport of any hazardous materials beyond those used for everyday household purposes. Therefore, no such impacts would occur.

Construction of the project may require the use of hazardous materials (fuels, lubricants, solvents, etc.), which would require proper storage, handling, use and disposal; however, the project would not routinely transport, use or dispose of hazardous materials. Therefore, the project would not create a significant hazard to the public or environment. No impact would occur.

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?		
Please	see VIIIa.		
C)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?		

Please see VIIIa.

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<ul> <li>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?</li> </ul>				

Staff assessed Geotracker and Envirostor databases, and reviewed the Cortese list.

Geotracker is a database and geographic information system (GIS) that provides online access to environmental data. It tracks regulatory data about leaking underground fuel tanks (LUFT), Department of Defense (DoD), Spills-Leaks-Investigations-Cleanups (SLIC), and Landfill sites.

Envirostor is an online database search and Geographic Information System (GIS) tool for identifying sites that have known contamination or sites for which where may be reasons to investigate further. It also identifies facilities that are authorized to treat, store, dispose or transfer (TSDTF) hazardous waste.

The Cortese List is a Hazardous Waste and Substnance Sites (Cortese) List, which is a planning resource use by the State, local agenices, and developers to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements in providing information about the location of hazardous materials release sites. Government Code sections 65962.5 requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop, at least annually, an updated Cortese List. The Department of Toxics and Substance Control (DTSC) is responsible for a portion of the information contained in the Cortese List. Other State and local government agencies are required to provide additional hazardous material release information for the Cortese List.

Based on the searches conducted, no contaminated sites are on or adjacent to the project site. Furthermore, the project site was not identified on the DTSC Cortese List. Therefore, the project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. No impacts would result.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two mile 
 of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people

Issue	Potentially Significant	Less Than Significant with	Less Than Significant	No
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residing or working in the		•		

project area?

The project is not located within the boundaries of an existing airport land use plan or an airport land use plan pending adoption. The project is not located within the flight path of any airport and would not introduce any new features that would create a flight hazard.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety

This project is located in a developed neighborhood with no private airstrip located in the immediate vicinity. No impact would occur.

g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere
 with an adopted
 emergency response
 plan or emergency
 evacuation plan?

The project would not impair the implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan. No roadway improvements are proposed that would interfere with circulation or access, and all construction would take place on-site. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

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				$\boxtimes$
	residences are				
	intermixed with wildlands?				

		Less Than		
Issue	Potentially Significant	Significant with	Less Than Significant	No
	Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Impact	Impact

This project is located in a developed neighborhood with no wildlands located adjacent to the site or within the adjacent neighborhood. Therefore, it would not be possible to cause wildland fires directly.

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste

A Storm Water Quality Management Plan (San Diego Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., January 18, 2017) was submitted and approved by City Engineering staff. In addition, all runoff would be routed to the existing City of San Diego public conveyance system (curb and gutters). Compliance with the City of San Diego's Storm Water Standards would ensure that water quality impacts would not occur and mitigation is not required.

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		$\bowtie$
	(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)?		

The project would be connected to the public water supply. It would not rely directly on groundwater in the area and would not significantly deplete any resources. No impact would occur.

C)	Substantially alter the		
	existing drainage pattern		$\square$
	of the site or area,		
	including through the		

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				

Proper landscaping would prevent substantial erosion onsite. No stream or river is located on or adjacent to the site, all runoff would be routed to the existing storm drain system, and would therefore not substantially alter existing drainage patterns. No impact would occur.

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 flooding on- or off-site?				
Please	see IX.c., no flooding would o	ccur.			
e)	Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of				

Based on City of San Diego review, the proposed activity would be adequately served by existing municipal storm water drainage facilities, therefore no impacts would occur. Potential release of sediment or other pollutants into surface water drainages downstream from the site will be precluded by implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) required by City of San Diego regulations, in compliance with San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements to implement the federal Clean Water Act. Therefore, no significant surface water quality impacts

polluted runoff?

Is	sue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact					
are expected to result from the proposed activity. Proper irrigation and landscaping would ensure that runoff would be controlled and unpolluted. No impacts would occur.										
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				$\boxtimes$					
See IX.	e)									
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?									

The project does not propose construction of any new housing in the 100 year flood hazard area and impacts in this category would not occur.

h)	Place within a 100-year		
	flood hazard area,		
	structures that would		$\boxtimes$
	impede or redirect flood		
	flows?		

The project does not propose construction of any features that would impede or redirect flows. No impact would occur.

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:

a)	Physically divide an		$\square$
	established community?		

The project is consistent with the General Plan's and La Jolla Community Plan's land use designation. The project site is located within a developed residential neighborhood and surrounded by similar residential development. Demolition of a single dwelling unit and construction of a replacement dwelling unit would not affect adjacent properties and is consistent with surrounding land uses. Therefore, the project would not physically divide an established community. No impacts would result.

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<ul> <li>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?</li> </ul>				

See response X(a) above. The project is compatible with the area designated for residential development by the General Plan and Community Plan, and is consistent with the existing underlying zone and surrounding land uses. Construction of the project would occur within an urbanized neighborhood with similar development. Furthermore, the project would not 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 community plan, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. No conflict would occur and this, no impacts would result.

C)	Conflict with any
	applicable habitat
	conservation plan or
	natural community
	conservation plan?

As previously discussed in Section IV, although the proposed project is not within the MHPA, the project would be consistent with all relevant goals and policies regarding the preservation and protection of biological resources, as outlined in the City's MSCP. The proposed project does not have the potential to conflict with any habitat conservation plans. In addition, implementation of the project would be consistent with all biological resources policies outlined in the General Plan, La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Land Use Plan. Implementation of the proposed project would not conflict with any applicable plans, and no impact would occur.

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project?

a)	Result in the loss of		
	availability of a known		$\square$
	mineral resource that		
	would be of value to the		

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This project site is located in a developed neighborhood not suitable for mineral extraction and is not identified in the General Plan as a mineral resource locality. Therefore, the project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource. No impacts would occur.

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?		
See XI	a.		
XII. NC result	DISE – Would the project in:		
a)	Generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?		

Construction related noise would result, but would be temporary and is strictly regulated under San Diego Municipal Code Section 59.5.0404, "Noise Abatement and Control" which places limits on the hours of construction operations and standard decibels which cannot be exceeded. Therefore, people would not be exposed to noise levels in excess of those covered by existing noise regulations.

b)	Generation of, excessive		
	ground borne vibration		
	or ground borne noise		
	levels?		

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
No excessive noise is anticipated a no ground vibration would result.	s a result of the d	lemolition and nev	v construction. T	herefore
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
See XII the project once complete v	vould not result i	n any permanent r	noise increase.	
<ul> <li>A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above existing without the project?</li> </ul>				
As stated above there would be a t structure and with new construction allowed between the hours of 7 and ordinance for construction activitien noise levels would result from this	n of the propose n and 7 pm in con s. After construc	d project; however npliance with the C	r, work would on City of San Diego	ly be 's noise
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	,			

The project is not located within an airport land use plan or within noise contours. Therefore, residents of the new building would not be exposed to excessive noise levels from a public airport. No impacts would occur.

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

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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?				

The project is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip; therefore, people residing or working in the area of the project would not be exposed to excessive airport noise. No impacts would occur.

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:

a)	Induce substantial		
	population growth in an		
	area, either directly (for		
	example, by proposing	 	 _
	new homes and		$\bowtie$
	businesses) or indirectly		
	(for example, through		
	extension of roads or		
	other infrastructure)?		

The project would demolish an existing dwelling unit and replace it with a new one; therefore, the project would not result in an increase in units of residential housing. No impacts would occur.

	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
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No displacement would occur as a result of this project. The project would demolish an existing dwelling unit and replace it with a new one; therefore, the project would not result in an increase in units of residential housing. No impacts would occur.

C)	Displace substantial
	numbers of people,
	necessitating the
	construction of

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
		Incorporated		

replacement housing elsewhere?

See XIII.

#### **XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES**

a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provisions of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service rations, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

i)	Fire Protection		$\boxtimes$
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The City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) encompasses all fire, emergency medical, lifeguard and emergency management services. SDFD serves 331 square miles, including the project site, and serves a population of 1,337,000. SDFD has 801 uniformed fire personnel and 48 fire stations available to service the project site. The closest fire stations to the project site are Station 21 (approximately 1.4 miles southwest), and Station 13 (approximately 2.2 miles northeast).

The project is replacement of an existing dwelling with another one and would not require the alteration of any fire protection facilities and would not require any new or altered fire protection services. No impact would occur.

ii)	Police Protection				$\bowtie$
site is locat and encom	San Diego Police Department ted within the SDPD's Norther npasses 41.3 square miles. Th ner one and would not require	n Division, which e project is the re	serves a populat placement of an	ion of 225,234 existing dwellir	people ng unit
not require	e any new or altered police pr	otection services.	No impact would	d occur.	
iii)	Schools				$\boxtimes$
constructio	t would not physically alter an on of future housing or induce npacts would occur.				
V)	Parks				$\boxtimes$

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
The nearest parks to the project addition to these public parks the 3.3 miles north of the project substantial alteration to an exis population-based park requireme	e Pacific Ocean, spe site. The project w ting park or the o	ecifically La Jolla Co vould not induce construction of a	ove, is located ap growth that wo	proximately uld require
vi) Other public facilities				$\boxtimes$
The scope of the project would no public facilities. No impact would XV. RECREATION		rease the demand	for electricity, ga	is, or other
<ul> <li>a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?</li> </ul>				
This project is the replacement of require any expansion of existing	0	0	0	

require any expansion of existing recreational facilities. There would be no increase in the use of existing facilities in the area including parks or other recreational areas. No impacts would occur.

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?			

The project does not include the construction of recreational facilities nor does it require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities. No impacts would occur.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC – Would the project?

lssue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<ul> <li>a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non- motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?</li> </ul>				

Since the proposed project is a replacement of a single dwelling unit with a new dwelling unit, traffic patterns would not substantially change. The replacement dwelling unit would not change road patterns or congestion. In addition the project would not require the redesign of streets, traffic signals, stop signs, striping or any other changes to the existing roadways or existing public transportation routes or types are necessary. No impacts would occur.

b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

See XVI a.

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c) Result in a change in traffic patterns, inclu- either an increase in traffic levels or a chai in location that result substantial safety risl	ding nge rs in			

The project is located in a residential community outside of airport land use plan areas. The project is consistent with height and bulk regulations and is not at the scale which would result in a change in air traffic patterns. No impacts would occur.

d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?		
See XV	/I a.		
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?		$\boxtimes$
See XV	/I a.		
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?		

The project would not alter the existing conditions of the project site or adjacent facilities with regard to alternative transportation. Construction of the project would not result in design measures or circulation features that would conflict with existing policies, plan, or programs supporting alternative transportation. No impacts would result.

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Issue	Potentially Significant	Significant with	Less Than Significant	No
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XVII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES- Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or

No tribal cultural resources as defined by Public Resources Code section 21074 have been identified on the project site. In addition, please see section V(a) above.

b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuar to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public **Resources Code Section** 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public **Resource Code Section** 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

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No significant resources pursuant to subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1 have been identified on the project site. In addition, please see section V(a) above

XVIII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS - Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements

	Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

Implementation of the project would not interrupt existing sewer service to the project site or other surrounding uses. No increase in demand for wastewater disposal or treatment would be created by the project, as compared to current conditions. The project is not anticipated to generate significant amounts of waste water. Wastewater treatment facilities used by the project would be operated in accordance with the applicable wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Additionally, the project site is located in an urbanized and developed area. Adequate services are already available to serve the project and no mitigation measures are required.

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?

This project would not result in an increase in the intensity of the use and would not be required to construct a new water or wastewater treatment facility.

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?

The project would not exceed the capacity of the existing storm water drainage systems and therefore, would not require construction of new or expansion of existing storm water drainage facilities of which could cause significant environmental effects. The project was reviewed by qualified City staff who determined that the existing facilities are adequately sized to accommodate the proposed development. No impacts would result.

d)	Have sufficient water
	supplies available to
	serve the project from

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Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
existing entitlements and				
resources, or are new or expanded entitlements				

needed?

The project does not meet the CEQA significance threshold required the need for the project to prepare a water supply assessment. The existing project site currently receives water service from the City, and adequate services are available to serve the proposed residential dwelling units without required new or expanded entitlements.

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?	

Construction of the project would not adversely affect existing wastewater treatment services. Adequate services are available to serve the project site without required new or expanded entitlements. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted			
	capacity to accommodate		$\boxtimes$	
	the project's solid waste disposal needs?			

Construction debris and waste would be generated from the demolition of the existing singlefamily residence and the construction of the single-family residence. All construction waste from the project site would be transported to an appropriate facility, which would have adequate capacity to accept the limited amount of waste that would be generated by the project. Long-term operation of the proposed residential unity is anticipated to generate typical amounts of solid waste associated with residential use. Furthermore, the project would be required to comply with the City's Municipal Code for diversion of both construction waste during the demolition phase and solid waste during the long-term, operational phase. Impacts are considered to be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

lssue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<ul> <li>g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulation related to solid waste?</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$	

The project would comply with all Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. The project would not result in the generation of large amounts of solid waste, nor generate or require the transport of hazardous waste materials, other than minimal amounts generated during the construction phase. All demolition activities would comply with any City of San Diego requirements for diversion of both construction waste during the demolition phase and solid waste during the long-term, operation phase. Impacts would be less than significant and not mitigation measures are required.

XIX. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE -

a)	Does the project 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			$\bowtie$	
	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?				

The site has been fully developed within an urban setting, and does not contain or support any Environmentally Sensitive Lands as defined by the Biology Guidelines of the City's Land Development Manual, native or sensitive vegetation communities, wetlands that would be expected to support special-status wildlife species, or lands that are classified as Tier I Habitats, Tier II Habitats, Tier IIIA Habitats, or Tier IIIB Habitats. Implementation of the project would not have a substantial adverse effect on candidate, sensitive, or special-status species as identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, and the project would not have a substantial

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adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in the Pacific Beach Community Plan, the City of San Diego General Plan, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Impacts would be less than significant.

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b) Does the project 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 futures projects)?

Impacts associated with Cultural Resources are individually significant and when taken into consideration with other past projects in the vicinity, may contribute to a cumulative impact; specifically with respect to non-renewable resources. However, with implementation of the MMRP, any information associated with these resources would be collected catalogued and included in technical reports available to researchers for use on future projects, thereby reducing the cumulative impact to below a level of significance.

C)	Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause		
	substantial adverse	$\square$	
	effects on human beings,		
	either directly or		
	indirectly?		

The City of San Diego conducted an Initial Study which determined that the project could have a significant environmental effect in the following area Cultural Resources (Paleontological Resources). However, with the implementation of mitigation identified in Section V of this MND the project would not have environmental effects which would cause substantial direct or indirect adverse effects on human beings.

# INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST REFERENCES

#### I. Aesthetics / Neighborhood Character

- X City of San Diego General Plan.
- X Community Plans: La Jolla Community Plan

#### II. Agricultural Resources & Forest Resources

- \_\_\_\_ City of San Diego General Plan
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey San Diego Area, California, Part I and II, 1973
  - \_\_\_\_ California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site Specific Report:

#### III. Air Quality

- \_\_\_\_ California Clean Air Act Guidelines (Indirect Source Control Programs) 1990
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Air Quality Strategies (RAQS) APCD
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site Specific Report:

### IV. Biology

- X City of San Diego, Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), Subarea Plan, 1997
- <u>X</u> City of San Diego, MSCP, "Vegetation Communities with Sensitive Species and Vernal Pools" Maps, 1996
- X City of San Diego, MSCP, "Multiple Habitat Planning Area" maps, 1997
- \_\_\_\_ Community Plan Resource Element
- California Department of Fish and Game, California Natural Diversity Database, "State and Federally-listed Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Plants of California," January 2001
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- City of San Diego Land Development Code Biology Guidelines
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site Specific Report:

#### V. Cultural Resources (includes Historical Resources)

- X City of San Diego Historical Resources Guidelines
- \_\_\_\_\_ City of San Diego Archaeology Library
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historical Resources Board List
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Historical Survey:
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site Specific Report:

### VI. Geology/Soils

- X City of San Diego Seismic Safety Study
- \_\_\_\_ U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Survey San Diego Area, California, Part I and II, December 1973 and Part III, 1975
- <u>X</u> Site Specific Report: Geotechnical Investigation and Bluff Study, 5228 Chelsea Street, La Jolla, California, TerraCosta Consulting Group, July 29, 2016

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### VII. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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#### VIII. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- X San Diego County Hazardous Materials Environmental Assessment Listing
- \_\_\_\_ San Diego County Hazardous Materials Management Division
- \_\_\_\_ FAA Determination
- \_\_\_\_\_ State Assessment and Mitigation, Unauthorized Release Listing, Public Use Authorized
- \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
- \_\_\_\_ Site Specific Report:

### IX. Hydrology/Water Quality

- \_\_\_\_\_ Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
- X Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Flood Insurance Program-Flood Boundary and Floodway Map
- Clean Water Act Section 303(b) list, http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/tmdl/303d\_lists.html
- <u>X</u> Site Specific Report: City of San Diego Water Quality Study, San Diego Land Surveying and Engineering, Inc., October 3, 2016
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#### X. Land Use and Planning

- X City of San Diego General Plan
- <u>X</u> Community Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
- X City of San Diego Zoning Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ FAA Determination
- \_\_\_\_ Other Plans:

#### XI. Mineral Resources

- \_\_\_\_ California Department of Conservation Division of Mines and Geology, Mineral Land Classification
- \_\_\_\_\_ Division of Mines and Geology, Special Report 153 Significant Resources Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site Specific Report:

#### XII. Noise

- X City of San Diego General Plan
- \_\_\_\_ Community Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ San Diego International Airport Lindbergh Field CNEL Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brown Field Airport Master Plan CNEL Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Montgomery Field CNEL Maps
- \_\_\_\_ San Diego Association of Governments San Diego Regional Average Weekday Traffic Volumes
- \_\_\_\_\_ San Diego Metropolitan Area Average Weekday Traffic Volume Maps, SANDAG
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### XIII. Paleontological Resources

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- \_\_\_\_ City of San Diego General Plan
- \_\_\_\_ Community Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Series 11/Series 12 Population Forecasts, SANDAG
- Other:

# XV. Public Services

- \_\_\_\_ City of San Diego General Plan
- \_\_\_\_ Community Plan

# XVI. Recreational Resources

- \_\_\_\_ City of San Diego General Plan
- \_\_\_\_ Community Plan
- \_\_\_\_ Department of Park and Recreation
- \_\_\_\_\_ City of San Diego San Diego Regional Bicycling Map
- \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Resources:

# XVII. Transportation / Circulation

- \_\_\_\_ City of San Diego General Plan
- \_\_\_\_ Community Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ San Diego Metropolitan Area Average Weekday Traffic Volume Maps, SANDAG

\_\_\_\_\_ San Diego Region Weekday Traffic Volumes, SANDAG

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# XVIII. Utilities

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### XIX. Water Conservation

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