

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Project No. 649699 SCH No. 2023060266

SUBJECT: Beeler Canyon Residences: A Tentative Map (TM), Site Development Permit (SDP), and an amendment to SDP No. 1442449. The project would subdivide a 2.79-acre site to create two lots on environmentally sensitive land. A 2,550-square-foot residence with a pool would be constructed on the western lot and a 3,150-squarefoot residence would be constructed on the eastern lot. In addition, the project would construct a detached 1,200 square-foot accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on each lot. Additionally, the project would include Brush Management Zone 1 and Zone 2 within the project site. Various site improvements would also be constructed including associated hardscape, landscape, and a shared driveway. The 2.79-acre undeveloped site is located at 11275 Beeler Canyon Road. The project site is in the Residential (RS-1-8) Zone, has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Residential, and is designated Open Space within the Rancho Encantada Community Plan area and Council District 6. (LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Parcel 3 of Map 6554) APPLICANT: Huy Huynh.

Update: October 4, 2023. Minor clarifications have been made to the final document when compared to the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The corrections are shown in strikeout and underline format. Clarifications have been added to the Biological Resources Section and Biological Resources (Covenant of Easement/Habitat Acquisition Fund) Mitigation Measure to describe enforcement of the COE. Additional clarifications have also been added to the Biological Resources analysis on the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly. These corrections would not result in any changes to the environmental impacts associated with the project. As such, no recirculation of the MND is required. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15073.5 (c)(4), the addition of new information that clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications does not require recirculation as there are no new impacts and no new mitigation identified. An environmental document need only be recirculated where there is identification of a 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): **Biological Resources, Cultural Resources (Archeology), and Tribal Cultural Resources.** 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)

- 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</u> <u>ONLY to the construction phases of this project are included VERBATIM</u>, under the heading, **"ENVIRONMENTAL/MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS**."
- 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: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/forms-publications/designguidelines-templates</u>
- 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)

 PRECONSTRUCTION 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 Biologist Qualified Archaeologist Qualified Native American Monitor

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) #649699, 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 Preconstruction Meeting		
Biology	Biology Limit of Work Verification	Limit of Work Inspection		
Cultural Resources (Archaeology)	Monitoring Report(s)	Archaeology/Historic Site Observation		
Tribal Cultural Resources	Monitoring Report(s)	Archaeology/Historic Site Observation		
Bond Release	Request for Bond Release Letter	Final MMRP Inspections Prior to Bond Release Letter		

C SPECIFIC MMRP ISSUE AREA REQUIREMENTS

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES (RESOURCE PROTECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION)

- I. Prior to Construction
 - A. **Biologist Verification:** The owner/permittee shall provide a letter to the City's Mitigation Monitoring Coordination (MMC) section stating that a Project Biologist (Qualified Biologist) as defined in the City of San Diego's Biological Guidelines (2018), has been retained to implement the project's biological monitoring program. The letter shall include the names and contact information of all persons involved in the biological monitoring of the project.
 - B. **Preconstruction Meeting:** The Qualified Biologist shall attend the preconstruction meeting, discuss the project's biological monitoring program, and arrange to perform any follow up mitigation measures and reporting including site-specific monitoring, restoration or revegetation, and additional fauna/flora surveys/salvage.
 - C. Biological Documents: The Qualified Biologist shall submit all required documentation to MMC verifying that any special mitigation reports including but not limited to, maps, plans, surveys, survey timelines, or buffers are completed or scheduled per City Biology Guidelines, Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance (ESL), project permit conditions; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); endangered species acts (ESAs); and/or other local, state or federal requirements.
 - D. BCME: The Qualified Biologist shall present a Biological Construction Mitigation/Monitoring Exhibit (BCME) which includes the biological documents in C above. In addition, include: restoration/revegetation plans, plant salvage/relocation requirements (e.g., coastal cactus wren plant salvage, burrowing owl exclusions, etc.), avian or other wildlife surveys/survey schedules (including general avian nesting and USFWS protocol), timing of surveys, wetland buffers, avian construction avoidance areas/noise buffers/ barriers, other impact avoidance areas, and any subsequent requirements determined by the Qualified Biologist and the City ADD/MMC. The BCME shall include a site plan, written and graphic depiction of the project's biological mitigation/monitoring program, and a schedule. The BCME shall be approved by MMC and referenced in the construction documents.
 - E. Avian Protection Requirements: To avoid any direct impacts to raptors and/or any native/migratory birds, and any avian species that is listed, candidate, sensitive, or special status in the MSCP, removal of habitat that supports active nests in the proposed area of disturbance should occur outside of the breeding season for these species (February 1 to September 15). If removal of habitat in the proposed area of disturbance must occur during the breeding season, the Qualified Biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey to determine the presence or absence of nesting birds on the proposed area of disturbance. The pre-construction survey shall be conducted within three (3) calendar days prior to the start of construction activities (including removal of vegetation). The applicant shall submit

the results of the pre-construction survey to City DSD for review and approval prior to initiating any construction activities. If nesting birds are detected, a letter report in conformance with the City's Biology Guidelines and applicable State and Federal Law (i.e. appropriate follow up surveys, monitoring schedules, construction and noise barriers/buffers, etc.) shall be prepared and include proposed measures to be implemented to ensure that take of birds or eggs or disturbance of breeding activities is avoided. The report shall be submitted to the City for review and approval and implemented to the satisfaction of the City. The City's MMC Section and Biologist shall verify and approve that all measures identified in the report are in place prior to and/or during construction.

- F. **Resource Delineation:** Prior to construction activities, the Qualified Biologist shall supervise the placement of orange construction fencing or equivalent along the limits of disturbance adjacent to sensitive biological habitats and verify compliance with any other project conditions as shown on the BCME. This phase shall include flagging plant specimens and delimiting buffers to protect sensitive biological resources (e.g., habitats/flora & fauna species, including nesting birds) during construction. Appropriate steps/care should be taken to minimize attraction of nest predators to the site.
- G. **Education:** Prior to commencement of construction activities, the Qualified Biologist shall meet with the owner/permittee or designee and the construction crew and conduct an onsite educational session regarding the need to avoid impacts outside of the approved construction area and to protect sensitive flora and fauna (e.g., explain the avian and wetland buffers, flag system for removal of invasive species or retention of sensitive plants, and clarify acceptable access routes/methods and staging areas, etc.).

II. During Construction

- A. Monitoring: All construction (including access/staging areas) shall be restricted to areas previously identified, proposed for development/staging, or previously disturbed as shown on "Exhibit A" and/or the BCME. The Qualified Biologist shall monitor construction activities as needed to ensure that construction activities do not encroach into biologically sensitive areas, or cause other similar damage, and that the work plan has been amended to accommodate any sensitive species located during the pre-construction surveys. In addition, the Qualified Biologist shall document field activity via the Consultant Site Visit Record (CSVR). The CSVR shall be e-mailed to MMC on the 1st day of monitoring, the 1st week of each month, the last day of monitoring, and immediately in the case of any undocumented condition or discovery.
- B. **Subsequent Resource Identification:** The Qualified Biologist shall note/act to prevent any new disturbances to habitat, flora, and/or fauna onsite (e.g., flag plant specimens for avoidance during access, etc). If active nests or other previously unknown sensitive resources are detected, all project activities that directly impact the resource shall be

delayed until species specific local, state or federal regulations have been determined and applied by the Qualified Biologist.

III. Post Construction Measures

A. In the event that impacts exceed previously allowed amounts, additional impacts shall be mitigated in accordance with City Biology Guidelines, ESL and MSCP, State CEQA, and other applicable local, state and federal law. The Qualified Biologist shall submit a final BCME/report to the satisfaction of the City ADD/MMC within 30 days of construction completion.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES (CONSERVATION COVENANT OF EASEMENT/HABITAT ACQUISITION FUND)

Prior to Notice to Proceed (NTP) for any construction permits, including but not limited to, the first Grading Permit, Demolition Plans/Permits and Building Plans/Permits, the owner/permittee shall provide mitigation for 1.73-acres of impacts to Tier IIIa habitats (Chamise Chaparral and Southern Mixed Chaparral). The proposed project would impact 1.73 acres of MSCP Tier IIIa habitats (Chamise Chaparral and Southern Mixed Chaparral) outside of the MHPA and would be mitigated on and off site at a 1:1 acre ratio. Recordation of a Covenant of Easement (COE) will provide 0.73 acre of Tier IIIa habitat mitigation will be through payment into the City's Habitat Acquisition Fund (HAF) to provide full mitigation for impacts. The COE will include language regarding implementing area specific management directives for MSCP covered species identified in the Biological Technical Report with a moderate to high potential to occur onsite. Through the COE the City and Wildlife agencies are granted enforcement rights to address any unforeseen management compliance issues in the future. The COE will allow the City to verify the private property owner has maintained the biological resources within the COE.

HISTORIC RESOURCES (ARCHAEOLOGY)

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 Archaeological Monitoring and Native American

monitoring have been noted on the applicable construction documents through the plan check process.

- 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 archaeological monitoring program, as defined in the City of San Diego Historical Resources Guidelines (HRG). If applicable, individuals involved in the archaeological monitoring program must have completed the 40-hour HAZWOPER training with certification documentation.
 - 2. MMC will provide a letter to the applicant confirming the qualifications of the PI and all persons involved in the archaeological monitoring of the project meet the qualifications established in the HRG.
 - 3. Prior to the start of work, the applicant must obtain written approval from MMC for any personnel changes associated with the monitoring program.

II. Prior to Start of Construction

- A. Verification of Records Search
 - 1. The PI shall provide verification to MMC that a site-specific records search (1/4 mile radius) has been completed. Verification includes, but is not limited to a copy of a confirmation letter from South Coastal Information Center, 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.
 - 3. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC requesting a reduction to the ¼ mile radius.
- 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, Native American consultant/monitor (where Native American resources may be impacted), Construction Manager (CM) and/or Grading Contractor, Resident Engineer (RE), Building Inspector (BI), if appropriate, and MMC. The qualified Archaeologist and Native American Monitor shall attend any grading/excavation related Precon Meetings to make comments and/or suggestions

concerning the Archaeological 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 an Archaeological Monitoring Exhibit (AME) (with verification that the AME has been reviewed and approved by the Native American consultant/monitor when Native American resources may be impacted) based on the appropriate construction documents (reduced to 11x17) to MMC identifying the areas to be monitored including the delineation of grading/excavation limits.
 - b. The AME shall be based on the results of a site-specific records search as well as information regarding existing known soil conditions (native or formation).
- 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 site conditions such as depth of excavation and/or site graded to bedrock, etc., which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.

III. During Construction

- A. Monitor(s) Shall be Present During Grading/Excavation/Trenching
 - The Archaeological Monitor shall be present full-time during all soil disturbing and grading/excavation/trenching activities which could result in impacts to archaeological resources as identified on the AME. 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 AME.
 - 2. The Native American consultant/monitor shall determine the extent of their presence during soil disturbing and grading/excavation/trenching activities based on the AME and provide that information to the PI and MMC. If prehistoric resources are

encountered during the Native American consultant/monitor's absence, work shall stop and the Discovery Notification Process detailed in Section III.B-C and IV.A-D shall commence.

- 3. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program when a field condition such as modern disturbance post-dating the previous grading/trenching activities, presence of fossil formations, or when native soils are encountered that may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.
- 4. The archaeological and Native American consultant/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
 - In the event of a discovery, the Archaeological Monitor shall direct the contractor to temporarily divert all soil disturbing activities, including but not limited to digging, trenching, excavating or grading activities in the area of discovery and in the area reasonably suspected to overlay adjacent resources and immediately notify the RE or Bl, 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.
 - 4. No soil shall be exported off-site until a determination can be made regarding the significance of the resource specifically if Native American resources are encountered.
- C. Determination of Significance
 - 1. The PI and Native American consultant/monitor, where Native American resources are discovered shall evaluate the significance of the resource. If Human Remains are involved, follow protocol in Section IV below.
 - 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.

- b. If the resource is significant, the PI shall submit an Archaeological Data Recovery Program (ADRP) which has been reviewed by the Native American consultant/monitor, 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. Note: If a unique archaeological site is also an historical resource as defined in Guidelines Section, then the limits on the amount(s) that a project applicant may be required to pay to cover mitigation costs as indicated in CEQA Section 21083.2 shall not apply.
- c. If the resource is not significant, the PI shall submit a letter to MMC indicating that artifacts will be collected, curated, and documented in the Final Monitoring Report. The letter shall also indicate that that no further work is required.

IV. Discovery of Human Remains

If human remains are discovered, work shall halt in that area and no soil shall be exported off-site until a determination can be made regarding the provenance of the human remains; and the following procedures as set forth in CEQA Section 15064.5(e), the California Public Resources Code (Sec. 5097.98) and State Health and Safety Code (Sec. 7050.5) shall be undertaken:

A. Notification

- 1. Archaeological Monitor shall notify the RE or BI as appropriate, MMC, and the PI, if the Monitor is not qualified as a PI. MMC will notify the appropriate Senior Planner in the Environmental Analysis Section (EAS) of the Development Services Department to assist with the discovery notification process.
- 2. The PI shall notify the Medical Examiner after consultation with the RE, either in person or via telephone.
- B. Isolate discovery site
 - Work shall be directed away from the location of the discovery and any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlay adjacent human remains until a determination can be made by the Medical Examiner in consultation with the PI concerning the provenance of the remains.
 - 2. The Medical Examiner, in consultation with the PI, will determine the need for a field examination to determine the provenance.

- 3. If a field examination is not warranted, the Medical Examiner will determine with input from the PI, if the remains are or are most likely to be of Native American origin.
- C. If Human Remains ARE determined to be Native American
 - 1. The Medical Examiner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours. By law, ONLY the Medical Examiner can make this call.
 - 2. NAHC will immediately identify the person or persons determined to be the Most Likely Descendent (MLD) and provide contact information.
 - The MLD will contact the PI within 24 hours or sooner after the Medical Examiner has completed coordination, to begin the consultation process in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(e), the California Public Resources and Health & Safety Codes.
 - 4. The MLD will have 48 hours to make recommendations to the property owner or representative, for the treatment or disposition with proper dignity, of the human remains and associated grave goods.
 - 5. Disposition of Native American Human Remains will be determined between the MLD and the PI, and, if:
 - a. The NAHC is unable to identify the MLD, OR the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 48 hours after being granted access to the site, OR;
 - b. The landowner or authorized representative rejects the recommendation of the MLD and mediation in accordance with PRC 5097.94 (k) by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to the landowner, the landowner shall reinter the human remains and items associated with Native American human remains with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further and future subsurface disturbance, THEN
 - c. To protect these sites, the landowner shall do one or more of the following:
 - (1) Record the site with the NAHC;
 - (2) Record an open space or conservation easement; or

(3) Record a document with the County. The document shall be titled "Notice of Reinterment of Native American Remains" and shall include a legal description of the property, the name of the property owner, and the owner's acknowledged signature, in addition to any other information required by PRC 5097.98. The document shall be indexed as a notice under the name of the owner.

V. 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 of the next business day.

b. Discoveries

All discoveries shall be processed and documented using the existing procedures detailed in Sections III - During Construction, and IV – Discovery of Human Remains. Discovery of human remains shall always be treated as a significant discovery.

c. Potentially Significant Discoveries

If the PI determines that a potentially significant discovery has been made, the procedures detailed under Section III - During Construction and IV-Discovery of Human Remains shall be followed.

- d. The PI shall immediately contact MMC, or by 8AM of 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 and/or weekend 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.

VI. Post Construction

A. Preparation and Submittal of Draft Monitoring Report

- 1. The PI shall submit two copies of the Draft Monitoring Report (even if negative), prepared in accordance with the Historical Resources Guidelines (Appendix C/D) which describes the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Archaeological Monitoring Program (with appropriate graphics) to MMC for review and approval within 90 days following the completion of monitoring. It should be noted that if the PI is unable to submit the Draft Monitoring Report within the allotted 90-day timeframe resulting from delays with analysis, special study results or other complex issues, a schedule shall be submitted to MMC establishing agreed due dates and the provision for submittal of monthly status reports until this measure can be met.
 - a. For significant archaeological resources encountered during monitoring, the Archaeological Data Recovery Program shall be included in the Draft Monitoring Report.
 - b. Recording Sites with State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

The PI shall be responsible for recording (on the appropriate State of California Department of Park and Recreation forms-DPR 523 A/B) any significant or potentially significant resources encountered during the Archaeological Monitoring Program in accordance with the City's Historical Resources Guidelines, and submittal of such forms to the South Coastal Information Center 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.
- 5. MMC shall notify the RE or Bl, as appropriate, of receipt of all Draft Monitoring Report submittals and approvals.
- B. Handling of Artifacts
 - 1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all cultural remains collected are cleaned and catalogued
 - 2. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all artifacts are analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the history of the area; that faunal material is identified as to species; and that specialty studies are completed, as appropriate.
 - 3. The cost for curation is the responsibility of the property owner.

- C. Curation of artifacts: Accession Agreement and Acceptance Verification
 - 1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all artifacts associated with the survey, testing and/or data recovery for this project are permanently curated with an appropriate institution. This shall be completed in consultation with MMC and the Native American representative, as applicable.
 - 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.
 - 3. When applicable to the situation, the PI shall include written verification from the Native American consultant/monitor indicating that Native American resources were treated in accordance with state law and/or applicable agreements. If the resources were reinterred, verification shall be provided to show what protective measures were taken to ensure no further disturbance occurs in accordance with Section IV – Discovery of Human Remains, Subsection 5.
- D. Final Monitoring Report(s)
 - The PI shall submit one copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report to the RE or BI as appropriate, and one copy to MMC (even if negative), within 90 days after notification from MMC that the draft report has been approved.
 - The RE shall, in no case, issue the Notice of Completion and/or release of the Performance Bond for grading until receiving a copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report from MMC which includes the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

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Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources would be reduced to below a level of significance with implementation of mitigation measures outlined under Historical Resources (Archaeology)

VI. PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION:

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

FEDERAL U.S Fish & Wildlife Service (23)

<u>STATE</u>

California Department of Fish & Wildlife (32) State Clearinghouse (46A)

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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MMC (77A) City Attorney's Office (93C)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Sierra Club (165) San Diego Audubon Society (167) Mr. Jim Peugh (167A) California Native Plant Society (170) Endangered Habitats League (182A) Historical Resources Board (87) Carmen Lucas (206) South Coastal Information Center (210) San Diego Archaeological Center (212) Save Our Heritage Organization (214) Ron Christman (215) Clint Linton (215B) Frank Brown - Inter-Tribal Cultural Resources Council (216) Campo Band of Mission Indians (217) San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc. (218) Kumeyaay Cultural Heritage Preservation (223) Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee (225)

Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee (439) Scripps Ranch Planning Group (437) Richard Drury Molly Greene John Stump Huy Huynh

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.

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 Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated project-specific technical appendices, if any, may be accessed on the City's CEQA webpage at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/final</u>.

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6/1/2023 Date of Draft Report

<u>10/4/2023</u> Date of Final Report

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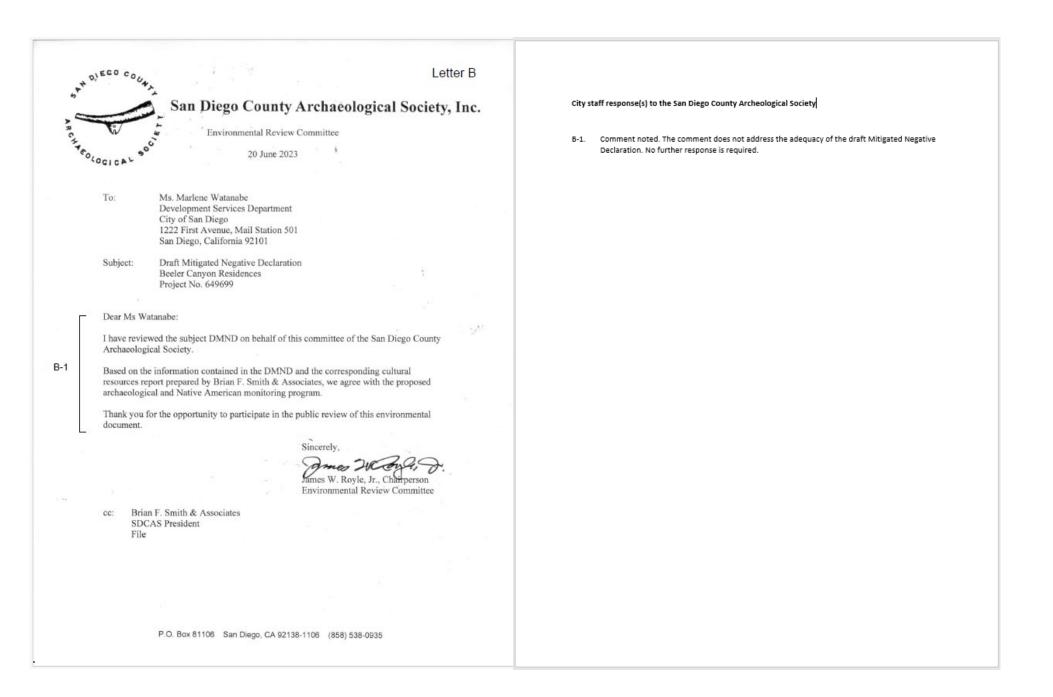
Attachments: Initial Study Checklist Figure 1: Location Map Figure 2: Site Plan

Letter A Watanabe, Marlene From: Daniel Tsosie <dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov> Friday, June 30, 2023 11:06 AM Sent: DSD EAS To: Subject: [EXTERNAL] Beeler Canyon Residences - Campo Band of Mission Indinas **This email came from an external source. Be cautious about clicking on any links in this email or opening attachments.** Hello, my name is Daniel Tsosie, I am the Cultural Resource Manger for the Campo Band of Mission Indians. We ,Campo A-1 Band, we Campo understand the "date for comments" is closed. But we want to be included and updated on the status of project. Has a "Sacred Files' search been done yet? If so, did you include a "buffer' of the Project Area, to account for A-2 any adverse effects on Cultural sites adjacent to project? Will a Native American Monitor be included on the project during ground disturbance? If not, we Campo would like to request we have a Campo Monitor on the project for the A-3 initial ground disturbance. Apologies for the late replay. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Best Regards, Daniel Tsosie Campo Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resource Manager 36190 Church Road, Suite #4 Campo, CA 91906 Cell: 619-760-6480 Ofiice: 619-478-9046 ext.278 E-mail: dtsosie@campo-nsn.gov LANPO INDIAN RESERVATION Established 1881

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City staff response(s) to the Campo Band of Mission Indians

- A-1. Comment noted. Tribal Consultation under AB 52 was conducted for the referenced project in accordance with the requirements of Public Resources Code 21080.3.1., the City of San Diego provided formal notifications to tribes who have requested notification of projects and are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area on November 16, 2020. Tribal Consultation has since concluded.
- A-2 As described in the Archeological Report prepared for the project, a Sacred Lands File (SLF) Search was processed through the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which did not list any sacred sites or locations of religious or ceremonial importance within one mile of the project.
- A-3 The project will be required to conduct Archaeological and Native American Monitoring during earthwork activities as outlined in the MND Section V. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.



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In Reply Refer to: FWS/CDFW-23-0103808-CEQA_MND_SD

San Diego, California 92123

Marlene Watanabe Associate Planner City of San Diego Development Services Center 1222 First Avenue, MS 501 San Diego, California 92101

Subject: Joint Response to the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Biology Survey Letter Report for the Beeler Canyon Residences/No. 649699

Dear Marlene Watanabe:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), jointly the Wildlife Agencies, have reviewed the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) and Biology Survey Letter Report (report) for the Beeler Canvon Residences/No. 649699. The comments provided in this letter are based on information provided in those documents; our knowledge of sensitive and declining species and their habitats in the region; and our participation in regional conservation planning efforts, including the City of San Diego's (City) Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan (SAP). We appreciate the City's flexibility in accommodating our request for an extension until July 14, 2023.

The mission of the Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service also has the legal responsibility for the welfare of migratory birds, anadromous fish, and threatened and endangered animals and plants occurring in the United States. The Service also is responsible for administering the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), including habitat conservation plans (HCP) developed under section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Act. CDFW is a Trustee Agency and a Responsible Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; §§ 15386 and 15381, respectively) and is responsible for ensuring appropriate conservation of the State's biological resources, including rare, threatened, and endangered plant and animal species, pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code § 2050 et seq.) and other sections of the Fish and Game Code. CDFW also administers the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) program. The City of San Diego participates in the HCP and NCCP programs by implementing its approved SAP.

The Wildlife Agencies have the following comments on the DMND and report:

City staff response(s) to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife joint comment(s) letter

C-1. Comment noted. The comment does not address the adequacy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. No further response is required.

DocuSign Envelope ID: DF668D69-B774-4CC9-9FFF-5D99E9E85711 Marlene Watanabe (FWS/CDFW-23-0103808-CEQA MND SD) 2 1. The MND and report must be revised to address the Management Element (Section III. B. 3.) of the City's Biology Guidelines. Mitigation Program must provide assurances that the mitigation or remainder areas in the OR-1-2 Zone will be adequately managed and monitored in a manner consistent with Section 1.5, C-2 Preserve Management of the City's MSCP Subarea Plan and/or Section 5.3.2 and Chapter 7 of the VPHCP, as appropriate. The Mitigation Program should identify how the objectives of the City's MSCP and VPHCP Preserve Management recommendations will be met for the area, as well as provide any additional management recommendations resulting from site specific information (area specific management directives). The plan must also identify the responsible entity and funding source for the long-term maintenance and management. - b. Private Party Management If the City does not hold fee title, or a covenant of easement is not granted, then the project applicant must provide for the management of the mitigation area. For properties that remain in private ownership or that would be managed by a third party. Development Services Department shall approve the managing entity and the PAR or equivalent to ensure adequate funding for the C-3 long-term management and monitoring of the site. The Mitigation Program must include documentation on how the project would implement the objectives of the MSCP Preserve Management and the area specific management directives. The Mitigation Program must identify the responsible entity for long-term maintenance and management, the requirements for future management and monitoring reports, and a secure funding source to pay for the management in perpetuity. 2. While the DMND and report concludes that the federally-endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino, "Quino") has a low potential to occur on the project site, no Quino surveys have been done per the Service's Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Survey Guidelines (guidelines). In addition, the project site is within the Recommended C-4 Quino Survey Area in the guidelines and appears to support potential Quino habitat. Therefore, we recommend a site assessment be done to determine if there are any "excluded" areas as defined in the guidelines, and that surveys be done on all nonexcluded areas, regardless of the presence or absence of Quino host plants or nectar sources. If found on the project site, any potential impact to Quino may be addressed through section 7 or 10 of the Act. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DMND. We are available to meet with you if you have any questions regarding this letter, and also request a site visit at your earliest C-5 convenience. To coordinate with the Wildlife Agencies on this project, please contact Alison Kalinowski1 of CDFW or Anita Eng2 of the Service. Alison.Kalinowski@wildlife.ca.gov Anita Eng@fws.gov

C-2. This comment states that the MND and Biology Report must be revised to address the Management Element of the City's Biology Guidelines. This comment also provides guidance from the Management Element.

The Management Element is addressed in the Mitigation Section of the Biology Report under "Management Element." This section describes how the on-site mitigation area would be adequately managed and monitored in a manner consistent with Section 1.5, Preserve Management of the City's MSCP Subarea Plan.

The Mitigation Program identifies how the objectives of the City's MSCP Management Recommendations will be met for the area and provides recommendations resulting from site specific information.

The responsible entity as described in the Management Element of the Biology Report is the property owner. As stated under the Management Element section, the property owner would need to either identify a third-party long-term habitat manager that would be responsible for the management of the COE along with a funding mechanism to pay for management of the Open Space in perpetuity; or, agree to perform the required management themselves as the COE is conserving on-site mitigation that is not within the MIPA Section.

Clarifications have been added to the Biological Resources Section of the MND and Biological Resources (Covenant of Easement/Habitat Acquisition Fund) Mitigation Measure in the MMRP to describe enforcement of the COE.

- C-3 This comment describes information on Private Party Management from the Management Element of the City's Biology Guidelines. A covenant of easement will be required as a condition of project approval as described in the Biology Report and Biological Resources Section of the MND. Therefore, this section of the Management Element is not applicable.
- C-4 This comment describes information on the federally endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly (OCB) and recommends a site assessment to be done to determine if there are any "excluded" areas as defined in the Service's Quino Checkerspot Butterfly Service Guidelines. The site is within the Services Recommended Quino Survey Area, however as described in the Biological Resources Technical Report the existing conditions on the site present a low possibility of Quino Checkerspot Butterfly occurring due to the absence of suitable habitat and nectaring and host plants. Without host plants QCB will not lay eggs and occupy a site, without nectaring resources, adults cannot feed. Due to the absence of either resources at the site QCB are unlikely to stop over during migration. As identified in the report, most of the site area was determined to be excludable. Additionally, the California Natural Diversity Database does not have data for QCB occurring on or within proximity of the site. The biology report includes references to past surveys conducted in 2001 that suggest that this part of the county no longer supports the species. Additionally, the site was surveyed on four separate occurrences and the biological surveys conducted in the Spring of 2015 and 2020 further confirmed the absence of host plants or significant nectaring resources. Therefore, additional QCB surveys are unwarranted. Additional discussion on the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly was added to the Final MND under Section IV. Biological Resources.
- C-5. Comment noted. The comment does not address the adequacy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. No further response is required.

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Marlene Watanabe (FWS/CDFW-23-0103808-CEQA_MND_SD)

Sincerely,

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For Jonathan D. Snyder Assistant Field Supervisor U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Docusigned by: David Mayer D70084520375406..

David A. Mayer Environmental Program Manager California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

- 1. Project title/Project number: Beeler Canyon Residences / 649699
- 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: Marlene Watanabe / (619) 446-5129
- 4. Project location: 11275 Beeler Canyon Rd, San Diego, CA 92064
- 5. Project Applicant/Sponsor's name and address: Huy Huynh, 6971 Gordon Ct., La Mesa CA, 91942
- 6. General/Community Plan designation: Residential / Open Space
- 7. Zoning: Residential (RS-1-8)
- 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.):

A Tentative Map (TM), Site Development Permit (SDP), and an amendment to SDP No. 1442449 that would allow for the subdivision of a 2.79-acre site to create two lots on environmentally sensitive land (ESL).¹ The project site contains steep hillsides and sensitive habitats. A 2,550-square-foot residence with a pool would be constructed on the western lot and a 3,150-square-foot residence would be constructed on the eastern lot. Each lot would have a detached 1,200 square-foot accessory dwelling unit. Additionally, the project would include Brush Management Zone 1 and Zone 2 within the project site. Various site improvements would also be constructed including associated hardscape, landscape, and a shared driveway off Beeler Canyon Road.

The associated improvements would also include drainage and utilities improvements. Proposed utilities would be located within the proposed driveway and connect to existing utilities in Beeler Canyon Road. The drainage improvements includes construction of an 18 inch culvert within the southerly ROW of Beeler Canyon Road where the new driveway is proposed. The on-site drainage patterns will be altered slightly but discharge locations will be maintained. Storm water runoff from the site would be collected and conveyed by a system of downspouts, inlets, storm drain pipes, and swales and the project would implement best management practices including two biofiltration basins.

¹ ESL is defined as land containing steep hillsides, sensitive biological resources, coastal beaches, sensitive coastal bluffs, or Special Flood Hazard Areas pursuant to the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) ESL Regulations (Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 1).

The proposed one-story residence on the western lot would be approximately 22 feet and 9 inches in height and the proposed one-story residence on the eastern lot would be approximately 24 feet in height.

Landscaping will consist of various trees, shrubs, and groundcover consistent with the City's Landscape Regulations.

Project implementation would require grading disturbance of approximately 1.65 acres on the 2.79-acre site to for the construction of access, utilities and building pads. Grading would require 4,000 cubic yards (CY) of cut and 4,000 CY of fill, resulting in a balanced site. No import or export of soil materials would be required. Maximum cut depth would be 9.5 feet, with a maximum fill depth of 8.5 feet.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

The 2.79-acre undeveloped site is located at 11275 Beeler Canyon Road. The project site is in the Residential (RS-1-8) Zone, has a General Plan Land Use Designation of Residential, and is designated Open Space within the Rancho Encantada Community Plan area and is within Council District 6. The site contains Southern Mixed Chaparral and Chamise Chaparral vegetation with a jurisdictional drainage in the southwest corner. To the north of the site is Beeler Canyon Road, and the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) is located directly adjacent to the site along the southern property line, and to the west and east is vacant land supporting native vegetation.

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.

In accordance with the requirements of Public Resources Code 21080.3.1, the City of San Diego provided formal notifications to the lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, the Jamul Indian Village, and the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians which are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area; requesting consultation on November 16, 2020. No responses were received. Please see Section XVIII of the Initial Study for more detail.

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		Public Services
	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Recreation
	Air Quality	Hydrology/Water Quality		Transportation
\boxtimes	Biological Resources	Land Use/Planning	\boxtimes	Tribal Cultural Resources
\boxtimes	Cultural Resources	Mineral Resources		Utilities/Service System
	Energy	Noise		Wildfire
	Geology/Soils	Population/Housing	\boxtimes	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, but must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- 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.
- 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.

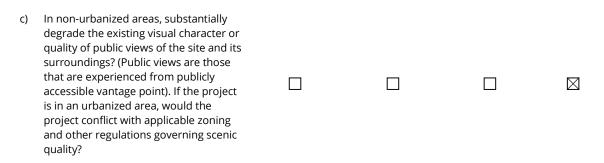
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 I. AESTHETICS – Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project: 				
 a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? 				\boxtimes

Per the City of San Diego CEQA Significance Determination Thresholds (City's Thresholds) projects that would block public views from designated open space areas, roads, or parks or significant visual landmarks and scenic vistas may result in a significant impact.

The project site is located on a vacant parcel on Beeler Canyon Road, in the vicinity of other vacant land and low-density residential development. No scenic vistas or view corridors are identified in the Rancho Encantada Community Plan. Additionally, the project is not located in an area with public views or vistas that must be protected. The project would be conditioned to meet required setback and height requirements pursuant to the Land Development Code. Therefore, the project would not have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. No impact would result.

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

No significant resources exist onsite. The site is not adjacent to a historic building and is not adjacent to a significant landmark. The project is not located within or adjacent to a state scenic highway and would be required to meet all setback and height requirements. No impacts would result.



According to the City's Thresholds, projects that severely contrast with the surrounding neighborhood character may result in a significant impact. To meet this threshold one or more of the following conditions must apply: the project would have to exceed the allowable height or bulk regulations and the height or bulk of the existing patterns of development in the vicinity of the project by a substantial margin; have an architectural style or use building materials in stark contrast to adjacent development where the adjacent development follows a single or common architectural theme (e.g. Gaslamp Quarter, Old Town); result in the physical loss, isolation or degradation of a community identification symbol or landmark (e.g., a stand of trees, coastal bluff, historical landmark) which identified in the General Plan, applicable community plan or local coastal program; be located in a highly visible area (e.g., on a canyon edge, hilltop or adjacent to an interstate highway) and would strongly contrast with the surrounding development or natural topography through excessive eight, bulk signage or architectural projections; and/or the project would have a

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	Significant	Potentially Significant Significant with Mitigation	Potentially Significant with Significant Significant Mitigation Impact

cumulative effect by opening up a new area for development or changing the overall character of the area. None of the above apply to the project.

The project site is currently undeveloped, however the building of two one-story single dwelling units with ADUs is compatible with the surrounding development and is permitted by the community plan and zoning designation with the proposed lot split.

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

Development of the residential project would comply with all applicable City regulations. All permanent exterior lighting is required to avoid 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.

- 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 Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

This area is not classified as farmland by the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP). Similarly, lands surround the project are not in agricultural production and is not classified as farmland by the FMMP. Therefore, the project would not convert farmland to non-agricultural uses.

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

Refer to response II (a), above. There are no Williamson Act Contract lands on or within the vicinity of the project. The project is consistent with the existing land use and the underlying zone. The project would not conflict with any properties zoned for agricultural use or be affected by a Williamson Act Contract. Therefore, no impacts would result.

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The project would not conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Production. No designated forest land or timberland occur onsite as the project is consistent with the community plan, and the underlying zone. No impacts would result.

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest
 use?

Refer to response II (c) above. Additionally, the project would not contribute to the conversion of any forested land to non-forest use, as surrounding properties are developed and land uses are generally built out. No impacts would result.

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

Refer to response II (a) and II (c), above. The project and surrounding areas do not contain Farmlands or forest land. No changes to any such lands would result from project implementation. Therefore, no impact would result.

- III. AIR QUALITY Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied on to make the following determinations Would the project:

According to the City's Thresholds, a project may have a significant air quality impact if it could conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan. 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 2020). The RAQS outlines the SDAPCD's plans and control measures designed to attain the state air quality standards for ozone (O3). 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

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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.

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 be consistent with the General Plan, community plan, and the underlying zoning for single-family 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 or applicable air quality plan. As such, no impacts would result.

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

The City's Thresholds state that a significant impact may occur if a project violates any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.

Short-Term (Construction) Emissions.

Construction-related activities are temporary, short-term sources of air emissions. Sources of construction-related air emissions include fugitive dust from grading activities.

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 offsite.

Fugitive dust emissions are generally associated with land-clearing and grading operations. Construction operations would include standard measures as required by the City of San Diego to limit potential air quality impacts. Construction activities will be required to comply with the City's Best Management Practices (BMPs) which are enforceable under San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) Section 142.0710. Therefore, impacts associated with fugitive dust are considered less than significant and would not violate an air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.

Long-Term (Operational) Emissions.

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Long-term air emission impacts are those associated with stationary sources and mobile sources related to any change caused by a project. Operation of two single-family residences with ADUs would produce minimal stationary sources emissions. The project is compatible with the surrounding development and is permitted by the community plan and zone designation. As identified in the City's Significance Determination Thresholds, projects that would typically result in significant air quality impacts would include projects that would produce 9,500 Average Daily Trips (ADT). The scope and size of the project as described in the project description, does not exceed the City's Significance Determination Thresholds for Air Quality. 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, nor would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the region is in non-attainment.



As described above, construction operations could 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 (BMPs) would reduce potential impacts related to construction activities to a less than significant level. Operation of two single-family residences with ADUs would produce minimal stationary sources emissions. Therefore, the project would not result in the exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Impacts would be less than significant.

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 Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely 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. Residential uses, 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:

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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 is within the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan and, because it supports natural habitat, is subject to the City's Environmentally Sensitive Land (ESL) regulations. The Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) occurs immediately to the south of the site. Therefore, pursuant to the City's Biology Guidelines (2018), a biological survey was conducted for the proposed project. A Biology Technical Report (Tierra Data, February 2023) was prepared. The report states that the project site is currently undeveloped and supports Chamise Chaparral and Southern Mixed Chaparral vegetation. No sensitive plant or animals were observed onsite; however, three sensitive animal species, Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow, Bell's sage sparrow, and orange-throated whiptail, have a moderate or high potential to occur on site. The site is within the Quino checkerspot butterfly survey area but the site has an increasingly low potential to support the species due to the lack of host plant and nectaring species and the closing canopy of the chaparral vegetation. The report includes references to past surveys conducted in 2001 that suggest that this part of the county no longer supports the species. The site is located at the bottom of a slope near a valley floor in an increasingly developed area. There are currently developments on ridge tops to the north and south of the site, with past clearing activities as well. Due to site conditions, the probability of the species occurring on the site is low. The biological surveys conducted in the Spring of 2015 and 2020 further confirmed the absence of host plants or significant nectaring resources. Therefore, it is extremely unlikely for the Quino checkerspot butterfly to use this site. Furthermore, according to the California Natural Diversity Database, there are no recorded instances of QCB within the project site or in proximity to the project. The Biological Technical Report states that no state- or federal-listed species or City narrow endemic species are expected to occur on site.

The project would impact a total of 0.71 acre of Southern Mixed Chaparral and 0.98 acre of Chamise Chaparral on site and 0.04 acre of Southern Mixed Chaparral (a total of 1.73 acres of Tier IIIa habitat) and 0.01 acre of Developed Land off site within the Beeler Canyon Road Right of Way. These impacts would occur as a result of grading/construction/landscaping activities for the residences, ADUs, and driveways, and application of Brush Management Zone (BMZ) 1. BMZ 2 outside of these areas would occur within an additional 0.37 acre of Southern Mixed Chaparral and 0.01 acre of Chamise Chaparral, but BMZ 2 is considered "impact neutral" and does not require mitigation because only thinning and pruning would occur.

The proposed project will comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and California Fish and Game (CFG) Code by ensuring clearing occurs outside the bird-breeding season (February 1– September 15), or will require that no active bird nests will be impacted if clearing occurs during that period. The proposed Project will comply with the MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines (LUAG) and other policies and regulations of the MSCP.

The proposed project would impact 1.73 acres of MSCP Tier IIIa habitats (Chamise Chaparral and Southern Mixed Chaparral) outside of the MHPA and would be mitigated on and off site at a 1:1 acre

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ratio. Recordation of a Covenant of Easement (COE) will provide 0.73 acre of Tier IIIa habitat towards mitigation. An additional 1.00 acre of Tier IIIa habitat mitigation will be through payment into the City's Habitat Acquisition Fund (HAF) to provide full mitigation for impacts.

<u>Areas offered for mitigation would be adequately managed and monitored consistent the Biological</u> <u>Guidelines as described in the Management Element of the Biology Report. In accordance with the</u> <u>conditions of project approval required prior to issuance of first grading permit upon submittal of</u> <u>the required COE, additional measures as identified in the BTR to implement the ASMDs and ensure</u> <u>management would be required.</u>

With application of these mitigation measures, the proposed project would reduce impacts to biological resources to below a level of significance and the project would be in compliance with all federal, state, and City regulations. Impacts would be less than significant with mitigation.

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

The project site does not contain any riparian habitat. The project would impact Southern Mixed Chaparral and Chamise Chaparral. Refer to IV (a).

c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on		
	federally protected wetlands (including		
	but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal,		\boxtimes
	filling, hydrological interruption, or		
	other means?		

The project site contains a jurisdictional drainage in the southwestern portion of the parcel; however, no development is proposed in this location and drainage from the development would be directed north. The proposed development will not impact the drainage and no impact would occur.

d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?		
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The Beeler Canyon Regional Wildlife Corridor is identified in the Rancho Encantada Community Plan and is located just north of Beeler Canyon Road, and north of the project site. According to the Biology Report, the only likely movement area for wildlife is the creek bed in the southwest corner of the site, which would not be impacted by the project. The majority of the site does not have features that lend itself to acting as a wildlife corridor. Therefore, the project would not interfere substantially with the movement of any wildlife species and impacts would be less than significant.

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e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation				\boxtimes

Refer to responses IV (a), above. The project site is designated for Open Space pursuant to the Rancho Encantada Community Plan, which allows for rural residential development limited to a density of 0-1 du/acre and zoned RS-1-7. Although the project would result in impacts to sensitive biological resources, mitigation will be required in accordance to the City's Biology Guidelines (2018). The project would not conflict with any local policies and/or ordinances protecting biological resources.

f)	Conflict with the provisions of an		
	adopted Habitat Conservation Plan,		
	Natural Community Conservation Plan,		\boxtimes
	or other approved local, regional, or		
	state habitat conservation plan?		

Please refer to IV (e) above. The Rancho Encantada Community Plan and zoning allows for residential development and the project would not conflict with any local policies and/or ordinances protecting biological resources. Project impacts related to MHPA adjacency will be precluded through project compliance with the Land Use Adjacency Guidelines. The project will be required to comply with the Land Use Adjacency Guidelines as permit conditions through the project conditions of approval.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

policy or ordinance?

Archaeological Resources:

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. CEQA requires that before approving discretionary projects, the Lead Agency must 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.

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Many areas of San Diego County, including mesas and the coast, are known for intense and diverse prehistoric occupation and important archaeological and historical resources. The region has been inhabited by various cultural groups spanning 10,000 years or more. Per the San Diego Land Development Manual- Historical Resources Guidelines, an Archaeological survey is required when development is proposed on previously undeveloped parcels when a known resource is identified on site or within a one-mile radius, when a previous survey is more than 5 years old if the potential for resources exists, or based on a site visit by a qualified consultant or knowledgeable City staff. Based on this information, there is a potential for buried cultural resources to be impacted through implementation of the project.

The City's Historic Resource Guidelines (City of San Diego, 2001) requires archeological surveys when development is proposed on previously undeveloped parcels, when a known resource is identified on site or within a one-mile radius, when a previous survey is more than five years old if the potential for resources exists, or based on a site visit by a qualified consultant or knowledgeable City staff.

Therefore, an Archaeological Survey Report was prepared (Brian F. Smith and Associates, Inc., 2021. One prehistoric archaeological site (SDI-18,318) was recorded in the south portion of the project in 2006 by Laguna Mountain Environmental, Inc. (LMEI). In 2009, a Cultural Resource Significance Testing and Evaluation Program was conducted, as recommended by LMEI. As a result of the testing program, the site was evaluated as not significant under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and City of San Diego Guidelines. Additionally, it was determined that the site did not qualify to be eligible for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). In 2016, a field update was requested for the subject property by the City of San Diego, at which time it was determined that the development would not have any impacts to the resource, and cultural resources monitoring was recommended for the project (Ward 2016). For the current study, BFSA relocated SDI-18,318 and observed four artifacts on the surface of the site; however, no other evidence of the site was noted. Based upon the review of the previous studies for this property and the field survey results, a Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan (CRMP) was recommended to ensure that any elements of SDI-18,318 that may be exposed by grading can be recorded and evaluated. Therefore, archeological monitoring is required as mitigation to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Built Environment:

The City of San Diego criteria for determination of historic significance, pursuant to CEQA, is evaluated based upon age (over 45 years), location, context, association with an important event, uniqueness, or structural integrity of the building. In addition, projects requiring the demolition of structures that are 45 years or older are also reviewed for historic significance in compliance with CEQA. The lot is currently vacant; therefore there are no structures over 45 years old. No impact is identified.

b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in		
	the significance of an archaeological	\boxtimes	
	resource pursuant to §15064.5?		

Refer to response V (a) above. Impacts to archaeological resources would be less than significant with the implementation of an archaeological monitoring as mitigation.

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c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?			\boxtimes	

Refer to response V (b) above. Section IV of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program contains provisions for the discovery of human remains. If human remains are discovered, work shall halt in that area and no soil shall be exported off-site until a determination can be made regarding the provenance of the human remains; and the following procedures as set forth in CEQA Section 15064.5(e), the California Public Resources Code (Sec. 5097.98) and State Health and Safety Code (Sec. 7050.5) shall be undertaken. Based upon the required mitigation measure impacts would be less than significant.

VI. ENE	RGY – Would the project:		
a)	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?		

The project would be required to meet mandatory energy standards of the current California energy code. Construction of the proposed project would require operation of heavy equipment but would be temporary and short-term in duration. Additionally, long-term energy usage from the buildings would be reduced through design measures that incorporate energy conservation features in heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, lighting and window treatments, and insulation and weather stripping. The project would also incorporate cool-roofing materials. Development of the project would not result in a significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. Impacts would remain less than significant.

b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local		
	plan for renewable energy or energy		\boxtimes
	efficiency?		

The project is consistent with the General Plan and the Rancho Encantada Community Plan's land use designation. The project is required to comply with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) by implementing energy reducing design measures, therefore the project would not obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. No impacts would result.

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VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS – Would the project:

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

A Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation, Geotechnical Plan Review Update and Response to City of San Diego Cycle Issues Proposed Two-Lot Residential Development Beeler Canyon Road, prepared by SMS Geotechnical Solutions Inc., dated July 7, 2020 was prepared for the project site. According to the Geotechnical Investigation, faults or significant shear zones are not indicated within the limits of the project site. The project is not located in proximity to Alquist-Priolo earthquake fault zone areas associated with active faults. Furthermore, the project would be required to utilize proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, to be verified at the building permit stage, would ensure that the potential for impacts from regional geologic hazards would be less than significant.

ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?			\boxtimes	
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The site could be affected by seismic activity as a result of earthquakes on major active faults located throughout the Southern California area, however, the project would utilize proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, to be verified at the building permit stage, in order to ensure that potential impacts from regional geologic hazards would remain less than significant and mitigation is not required.

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. According to the Geotechnical Investigation, at the project site, massive dense and competent formational rock deposits occur at very shallow depths, and static groundwater conditions were not encountered to the depths explored. Under these circumstances, the possibility of liquefaction and associated secondary effects within the underlying natural formational rock deposits is considered extremely remote. Additionally, the project would utilize proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, to be verified at the building permit stage, in order to ensure that potential impacts from regional geologic hazards would remain less than significant and mitigation is not required.

iv)	Landslides?			\boxtimes	
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The City of San Diego Seismic Safety Study Maps have designated the geology at the project location as being within the City of San Diego Geologic Hazard Categories 53. Hazard Category 53 is

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categorized as level or sloping terrain, unfavorable geologic structure with low to moderate risk. The project would utilize proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, to be verified at the building permit stage, in order to ensure that potential impacts from regional geologic hazards would remain less than significant and mitigation is not required. No mitigation measures are required.

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

Construction of the project would temporarily disturb onsite soils during grading activities, thereby increasing the potential for soil erosion to occur; however, the use of standard erosion control measures during construction would reduce potential impacts to a less than a significant level. In addition, the site would be landscaped in accordance with the City requirements which would also preclude erosion or topsoil loss and all storm water requirements would be met. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

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The City of San Diego Seismic Safety Study Maps have designated the geology at the project location as being within the City of San Diego Geologic Hazard Categories 53. Hazard Category 53 is categorized as level or sloping terrain, unfavorable geologic structure with low to moderate risk. According to the Geotechnical Investigation, the site is underlain by stable formational rock deposits and new graded cut and fill slopes will be grossly stable with respect to deep seated and surficial stability for the proposed maximum design vertical heights. The project would utilize proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, to be verified at the building permit stage, in order to ensure that potential impacts from regional geologic hazards would remain less than significant and mitigation is not required.



According to the Geotechnical Investigation, based upon available laboratory test results, onsite soils are cobbly deposits with a sandy matrix with very low expansive potential. The project would utilize proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, to be verified at the building permit stage, in order to ensure that potential impacts from regional geologic hazards would remain less than significant and mitigation is not required.

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

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The project does not propose any septic system or alternative waste water disposal systems. No impact would occur.

f)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique			
	paleontological resource or site or		\boxtimes	
	unique geologic feature?			

According to the Geology of the San Diego Metropolitan Area, California (1975) published by the California Division of Mines and Geology, the project site appears to be underlain by Stadium Conglomerate, which is assigned a high sensitivity level for paleontological resources.

Paleontological resources monitoring is required under San Diego Municipal Code section 142.0151 if project grading involves 1,000 cubic yards or greater, and 10 feet or greater in depth, in a high resource potential geologic deposit/formation/rock unit. The project proposes to excavate approximately 4,000 cubic yards of cut to a depth to 9.5 feet. Therefore, the proposed project will require paleontological monitoring as permit condition. Regulatory compliance will reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – Would the project:

a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions,			
	either directly or indirectly, that may		\square	
	have a significant impact on the			
	environment?			

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 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. The project is consistent with the General Plan and the Rancho Encantada Community Plan's land use and zoning designations. Further, the project would implement the applicable strategies and actions outlined in Step 2 of the CAP Consistency Checklist.

Based on the project's consistency with the City's CAP through the CAP Consistency Checklist, the project's contribution of GHG's to cumulative statewide emissions would be less than cumulatively considerable. Therefore, the projects cumulative GHG emissions would have a less than significant impact.

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

The project would not conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purposes of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gasses. 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

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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.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:

a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous		\boxtimes	
	materials?			

Construction of the project may require the use of hazardous materials (fuels, lubricants, solvents, etc.), which would require proper storage, handling, use and disposal.

The project proposes the construction of two single-family dwelling units with ADUs on an undeveloped site. Although minimal amounts of such substances may be present during construction of the project, they are not anticipated to create a significant public hazard. Once constructed, due to the nature of the project, the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials on or through the subject site is not anticipated. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation is required.

b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably			
	or the environment through reasonably			
	foreseeable upset and accident		\boxtimes	
	conditions involving the release of			
	hazardous materials into the			
	environment?			

Refer to response IX (a) above. No health risks related to the storage, transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials would result from the implementation of the project. Impacts would be less than significant.

c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous		
	materials, substances, or waste within		\boxtimes
	one-quarter mile of an existing or		
	proposed school?		

There are no existing or proposed schools located within one-quarter mile of the project site, and the proposed project would not be expected to emit hazardous materials or substances. Therefore, there would be no impact.

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,		\boxtimes
	would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?		

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A hazardous waste site records search was completed in April 2023 using Geo Tracker and EnviroStor, online websites which disclose hazardous clean-up sites pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5: <u>http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/; https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/</u> The records search identified that no hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 exist onsite or in the surrounding area. 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 or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?		
	residing or working in the project area?		

The project site is not located within any Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP), Airport Environs Overlay Zone, Airport Approach Overlay Zone, Airport Influence Zone, or within two miles of any airport. Therefore, the project will not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the area.

f)	Impair implementation of or physically						
	interfere with an adopted emergency				\square		
	response plan or emergency						
	evacuation plan?						

The project is consistent with adopted land use plans and would not interfere with the implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan. No roadway improvements are proposed that would interfere with circulation or access. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

g)	Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving		\boxtimes	
	wildland fires?			

Brush Management is required for development that is adjacent to any highly flammable area of native or naturalized vegetation. These fire hazard conditions currently exist for the proposed development. Where brush management is required, a comprehensive program is required to reduce fire hazards around all structures by providing an effective fire-break between structures and contiguous area of flammable vegetation. The fire-break is required to consist of two distinct brush management zones as required in Section 142.0412 of the Municipal Code. The graded and landscaped portion of the site around the proposed residences adjacent to native habitat are considered part of the project development and are required to be covered by BMZ 1 regulations. To achieve the required brush management for the proposed residence, brush beyond the graded and landscaped portion of the site up to 100 from the structures would be required to comply with BMZ 2 thinning and pruning requirements. BMZs are of variable widths because fire-resistive construction techniques will be applied to the eastern and western side of the residences and because of application of an increased BMZ 1 and reduced BMZ 2 pursuant to Section 142.0412(f) of the Municipal Code.

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The project is directly adjacent to MHPA that contain native vegetation that is subject to wildland fires, however, proper brush management zones will be implemented in the project design as to decrease the probability of exposing any people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death due to wildland fires. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:

a)	Violate any water quality standards or			
	waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface		\boxtimes	
	or groundwater quality?			

The project was reviewed for all applicable water quality standards and water discharge requirements. The project would be conditioned to comply with the City's Storm Water Regulations during and after construction, and appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP's) would be utilized. Implementation of project specific BMP's would preclude violations of any existing water quality standards or discharge requirements. Impacts would be less than significant.

b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the		
	basin?		

The project does not require the construction of wells or the use of groundwater. The project would be conditioned to include pervious design features and appropriate drainage. Therefore, the project would not introduce a significant amount of new impervious surfaces that could interfere with groundwater recharge. The project as designed was reviewed by qualified City staff and would not substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge. The project is located in a residential neighborhood where all infrastructures exist. The project would connect to the existing public water system. Impacts would be less than significant.

c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:			
	i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;		\boxtimes	

Proper landscaping would prevent substantial erosion onsite. In the southwest of the Project site, on the western side of the ridge, an unnamed ephemeral drainage crosses the southwestern corner. However, no development proposed in that portion of the site and drainage from the proposed project would be directed to the north. The proposed project will not have a significant impact on downstream properties and the drainage system is engineered to adequately manage site stormwater and would therefore not substantially alter existing drainage patterns. The project

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would be required to implement BMPs to ensure that substantial erosion or siltation on or off-site during construction activities would not occur. Impacts would be less than significant.

ii)	substantially increase the rate or			
	amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in		\boxtimes	
	flooding on- or off-site;			

Refer to response X (c)(i) above. the project would not substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff which would result in flooding on or off site. Impacts would be less than significant.

iii) create or contribute runoff water
 which would exceed the capacity
 of existing or planned stormwater
 drainage systems or provide
 substantial additional sources of
 polluted runoff; or

The project would be required to comply with all City storm water standards during and after construction. Appropriate BMPs would be implemented to ensure that water quality is not degraded; therefore, ensuring that project runoff is directed to appropriate drainage systems. Any runoff from the site is not anticipated to exceed the capacity of existing storm water systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?			\boxtimes	
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The on-site drainage patterns will be altered slightly but discharge locations will be maintained. The project would not impede or redirect flood flows. The project would be required to comply with all City storm water standards during and after construction ensuring that project runoff is directed to appropriate drainage systems. Impacts would be less than significant.

d)	In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche			
	zones, risk release of pollutants due to		\boxtimes	
	project inundation?			

The project site is not located within a flood hazard zone, and it is not likely that a tsunami or seiche could impact the site due to the site elevation. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

e)	Conflict with or obstruct			
	implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable		\boxtimes	
	groundwater management plan?			

The project would be required to comply with all City storm water standards during and after construction. Appropriate best management practices would be implemented to ensure that water quality is not degraded; therefore, ensuring that project runoff is directed to appropriate drainage systems. Any runoff from the site is not anticipated to exceed the capacity of existing storm water systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Additionally, the project does

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not require the construction of wells or the use of groundwater. Therefore, the project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of a sustainable groundwater management plan. Impacts would be less than significant.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING – Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?

The project would be consistent with the surrounding land uses that include residential. Furthermore, the project would be consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Residential. As described, the project is located near other developed residential sites, and therefore, would not physically divide an established community. No impact would occur.

b)	Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an		\boxtimes	
	environmental effect?			

The project is consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Residential and the Community Plan's land use designation of Open Space, which allows for rural residential development limited to a density of 0-1 du/acre.

The project would not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. More specifically the project would not conflict with the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) and is not located within the Multi-habitat Planning Area (MHPA). The Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) occurs adjacent to the south of the site and project impacts related to MHPA adjacency will be precluded through project compliance with the Land Use Adjacency Guidelines. The project shall be required to comply with the Land Use Adjacency Guidelines as permit conditions through the project conditions of approval. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES - Would the project:

a)	Result in the loss of availability of a		
	known mineral resource that would be		
	of value to the region and the residents		
	of the state?		

There are no known mineral resources located on the project site per the City of San Diego General Plan Land Use Map. Therefore, no impacts were identified, and no mitigation measures are required.

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		\boxtimes
	general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?		

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See XI (a), above. The project site has not been delineated on a local general, specific, or other land use plan as a locally important mineral resource recovery site, and no such resources would be affected with project implementation. Therefore, no impacts are identified, and no mitigation measures are required.

XIII. NOISE - Would the project result in:

Short-term (Construction)

Short-term noise impacts would be associated with onsite grading, and construction activities of the project. Construction-related short-term noise levels would be higher than existing ambient noise levels in the project area but would no longer occur once construction is completed. Sensitive receptors (e.g. residential uses) occur in the immediate area and may be temporarily affected by construction noise; however, construction activities would be required to comply with the construction hours specified in the City's Municipal Code (Section 59.5.0404, Construction Noise) which are intended to reduce potential adverse effects resulting from construction noise. Additionally, the project would be required to comply with MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines with respect to noise. Project grading and construction of the homes will involve machinery but such work on this limited area would be temporary and would not meet thresholds for noise for species in the MHPA. The nearest grading is approximately 150 feet from the MHPA which provides buffering for any construction noise which would not be above standard thresholds for sensitive species at the edge of the MHPA. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

Long-term (Operation)

For the long-term, typical noise levels associated with residential uses are anticipated, and the project would not result in an increase in the existing ambient noise level. The project would not result in noise levels in excess of standards established in the City of San Diego General Plan or Noise Ordinance. Impacts would be less than significant.

b)	Generation of, excessive groundborne		\square	
	vibration or groundborne noise levels?			

Potential effects from construction noise would be reduced through compliance with the City restrictions. Pile driving activities that would potentially result in ground borne vibration or ground borne noise would not be required with construction of the project. Impacts would be less than significant.



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public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				

The project site is not located in an Airport Influence Area or within two miles of an airport. As such, the project would not expose people residing in or working in the area to excessive aircraft noise levels. No impact would result.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project:

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

The proposed construction of two single-family residences with ADUs is consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Residential and the Rancho Encantada Community Plan's land use designation of Open Space, which allows for rural residential development limited to a density of 0-1 du/acre and the underlying zone of RS-1-8.

The site currently does not receive water and sewer service from the City and no other extension of infrastructure to new areas is required. As such, the project would not substantially increase housing or population growth in the area. No roadway improvements are proposed as part of the project. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

b)	Displace substantial numbers of		
	existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of		\boxtimes
	replacement housing elsewhere?		

No such displacement would result. The project would construct two new single-dwelling units with ADUs on an undeveloped parcel. No impacts would occur.

XV. 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;

The project site is located in an urbanized and developed area where fire protection services are already provided. The project would not adversely affect existing levels of fire protection services to the area, and would not require the construction of new or expansion of existing governmental facilities. Impacts related to fire protection would be less than significant.

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ii)	Police protection;			\boxtimes	

The project site is located in an urbanized and developed area within the City of San Diego where police protection services are already provided. The project would not adversely affect existing levels of police protection services or create significant new significant demand, and would not require the construction of new or expansion of existing governmental facilities. As such, impacts related to police protection would be less than significant.

iii)	Schools;			\boxtimes	
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The project would not affect existing levels of public services and would not require the construction or expansion of a school facility. The project site is located in an urbanized and developed area where public school services are available. The project would not significantly increase the demand on public schools over that which currently exists and is not anticipated to result in a significant increase in demand for public educational services. As such, impacts related to school services would be less than significant.

	iv) Parks;			\boxtimes	
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The project site is located in an urbanized and developed area where City-operated parks are available. The project would not significantly increase the demand on existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities over that which presently exists and is not anticipated to result in a significant increase in demand for parks or other offsite recreational facilities. As such, impacts related to parks would be less than significant.



The project site is located in an urbanized and developed area where City services are already available. The project would not adversely affect existing levels of public services and not require the construction or expansion of an existing governmental facility. Impacts related to other public facilities would be less than significant.

XVI. REC	CREATION			
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?		\boxtimes	

The project would not adversely affect the availability of and/or need for new or expanded recreational resources. The project would not adversely affect existing levels of public services and would not require the construction or expansion of an existing governmental facility. The project would not significantly increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities as the project would construct two single family dwelling units with ADUs. Therefore, the project is not anticipated to result in the use of available parks or facilities such that substantial deterioration occurs, or that would require the construction or expansion of recreational

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facilities to satisfy demand. As such, a less than significant impact related to recreational facilities would result.

b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities,		\boxtimes
	which might have an adverse physical		
	effect on the environment?		

Refer to XV (a) above. The project does not propose recreation facilities nor require the construction or expansion of any such facilities.

XVII. TRANSPORTATION-

a)	Would the project or plan/policy conflict with an adopted program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the transportation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?		
	Idenities:		

The project is consistent with the Rancho Encantada community plan designation and underlying zone. The project would not change existing circulation patterns on area roadways; however, a temporary minor increase in traffic may occur during construction. No forms of mass transit (e.g. busses, trolley) are present on Beeler Canyon Road. No designated bicycle paths are present on Beeler Canyon Road. The project would not conflict with any applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system. The project is not expected to cause a significant short-term or long-term increase in traffic volumes, and therefore, would not adversely affect existing levels of service along roadways. Impacts are considered less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

b)	Would the project or plan/policy result in VMT exceeding thresholds identified in the City of San Diego Transportation		\boxtimes	
	In the City of San Diego Transportation			
	Study Manual?			

The project would construct two new single-family residences with ADUs. A "Small Project" is defined as a project generating less than 300 daily unadjusted driveway trips using the City of San Diego trip generation rates/procedures.

The project qualifies as a "Small Project" and is screened out from further Vehicle Miles Traveled analysis. Therefore, as recommended in the City of San Diego TSM, the project would be presumed have a less than significant impact.

c)	Would the project or plan/policy substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm		
	equipment)?		

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The project would not alter existing circulation patterns on Beeler Canyon Road. No design features or incompatible uses that would increase potential hazards are proposed and the project would not affect emergency access to the site or adjacent properties. Driveway design for the new single-family residences would be consistent with City design requirements to ensure safe ingress/egress from the property. Additionally, as the project site is located in an existing residential neighborhood, it would not result in incompatible uses that would create hazardous conditions. Therefore, no impact would occur.

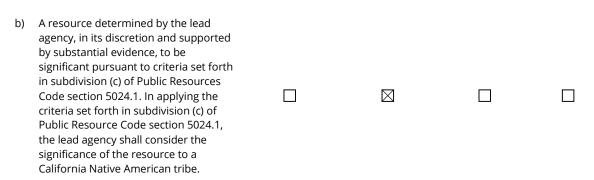
d)	Result in inadequate emergency		
	access?		

The project would be subject to City review and approval for consistency with all design requirements to ensure that no impediments to emergency access would occur. No impact would result.

XVIII. 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		\boxtimes
	historical resources as defined in Public		
	Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or		

The project site is not listed nor is it 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). In addition, please see section V (b) above. Impacts would not result.



Tribal Cultural Resources include sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, and sacred places or objects that have cultural value or significance to a Native American Tribe. Tribal Cultural Resources include "non-unique archaeological resources" that, instead of being important for "scientific" value as a resource, can also be significant because of the sacred and/or cultural tribal value of the resource. Tribal representatives are considered experts appropriate for providing substantial evidence regarding the locations, types, and significance of tribal cultural resources within their traditionally and cultural affiliated geographic area (PRC § 21080.3.1(a)).

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The City, as Lead Agency, determined that there are no sites, features, places or cultural landscapes that would be substantially adversely impacted by the proposed project. Although no Tribal Cultural Resources were identified within the project site, there is a potential for the construction of the project to impact buried and unknown Tribal Cultural Resources due to the presence of an existing prehistoric archaeological site (SDI-18,318) that was recorded in the south portion of the project site.

In accordance with the requirements of Public Resources Code 21080.3.1, the City of San Diego provided formal notifications to the lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, the Jamul Indian Village, and the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians which are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area; requesting consultation on July 22, 2021. No responses were received.

A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as detailed within Section V of the Mitigated Negative Declaration would be implemented to reduce impacts related to Tribal Cultural Resources to below a level of significance.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:

a)	Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which would cause significant environmental		
	effects?		

The project is not anticipated to generate significant amount of wastewater or stormwater. As discussed in VI (a), the project would not result in a significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. Wastewater facilities used by the project would be operated in accordance with the applicable wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Existing sewer infrastructure exists within roadways surrounding the project site and adequate services are available to serve the project. Thus, impacts would be less than significant.

b)	Have sufficient water supplies available			
	to serve the project and reasonably		\boxtimes	
	foreseeable future development during			
	normal, dry and multiple dry years?			

The 2020 City Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) serves as the water resources planning document for the City's residents, businesses, interest groups, and public officials. The UWMP assess the current and future water supply and needs for the City. The 2020 UWMP emphasizes a crossfunctional, systems approach that is intended to better guide and integrate any subsequent water resources studies, facilities master planning, and various regulatory reporting and assessment activities at the City, regional and state levels beyond a basic profiling of the City's water system. (City of San Diego 2020). The project does not meet Senate Bill 610 requirements for the project to prepare a water supply assessment. Implementation of the project would not result in new or expanded water entitlements from the water service provider, as the project is consistent with existing demand projections contained in the UWMP (which are based on the allowed land uses for

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the project site). Therefore, the project would not require new or expanded entitlements. No impacts would result.

c)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the			\boxtimes
	project's 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 site without requiring new or expanded facilities.

d)	Generate solid waste in excess of State			
	or local standards, or in excess of the			
	capacity of local infrastructure, or		\boxtimes	
	otherwise impair the attainment of			
	solid waste reduction goals?			

Construction debris and waste would be generated from the construction of the project. All construction waste from the project site would be transported to an appropriate facility, which would have sufficient permitted capacity to accept that generated by the project. Long-term operation of the residential use is anticipated to generate typical amounts of solid waste associated with residential uses. Furthermore, the project would be required to comply with the City's Municipal Code requirement for diversion of both construction waste during the short-term, construction phase and solid waste during the long-term, operational phase. Impacts are considered to be less than significant.

e)	Comply with federal, state, and local			
	management and reduction statutes		\boxtimes	
	and regulations related to solid waste?			

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, operational phase. Impacts would be less than significant.

XX. WILDFIRE – If located in or near state responsibility area or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

a)	Substantially impair an adopted			
	emergency response plan or		\boxtimes	
	emergency evacuation plan?			

The City of San Diego participates in the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The project complies with the General Plan and is consistent with the Rancho Encantada Community Plan land use and the Land Development Code zoning designation. The project is located in an urbanized area of San Diego and construction of two single-family residences with ADUs would not disrupt any emergency evacuation routes as identified in the Hazard Mitigation

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Plan. Therefore, the project would have a less-than-significant impact on an emergency response and evacuation plan during construction and operation.

b)	Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of		
	wildfire?		

The project is located in a Very High Fire Severity Zone, in an urbanized neighborhood of similar residential development. The project is consistent with the zoning and land use designation pursuant to the Rancho Encantada Community Plan and would be conditioned to comply with the City's Brush Management Plan. The project would not have the potential to expose occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of wildfire. Therefore, impacts would remain below a level of significance.

c)	Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				
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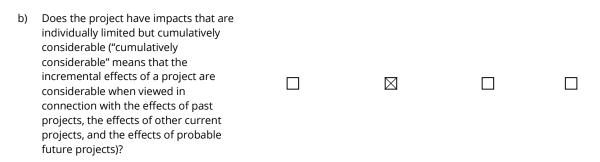
The project is located in a residential neighborhood with similar development. Existing utilities are available in the vicinity of the project site, which would service the site after construction is completed. No new construction of roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines, or other utilities would be constructed that would exacerbate fire risk. Impacts would be less than significant.

d)	Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope		\boxtimes	
	instability, or drainage changes?			

Refer to response XX (b) above. The project would comply with the City's appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP) for drainage and would not expose people or structures to significant risks as a result of run-off, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. Therefore, a less than significant impact would result.

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XXI. 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 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? 				

This analysis has determined that there are significant impacts related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources (Archeology) and Tribal Cultural Resources. As such, mitigation measures included in this document would reduce these potential impacts to a less than significant level as outlined within the Mitigated Negative Declaration.



As documented in this Initial Study, the project may have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, notably with respect to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources (Archeology) and Tribal Cultural Resources, which may have cumulatively considerable impacts. As such, mitigation measures have been incorporated to reduce impacts to less than significant. Other future projects within the surrounding neighborhood or community would be required to comply with applicable local, State, and Federal regulations to reduce the potential impacts to less than significant, or to the extent possible. As such, the project is not anticipated to contribute potentially significant cumulative environmental impacts.

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

As discussed throughout this document, it is not anticipated that construction activities would create conditions that would significantly directly or indirectly impact human beings. Where appropriate, mitigation measures have been required, but in all issue areas impacts are no impact, less than significant, or can be reduced to less than significant through mitigation. For this reason, environmental effects fall below the thresholds established by CEQA and the City of San Diego and therefore would not result in significant impacts. Impacts would be less than significant.

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INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST REFERENCES

I. Aesthetics / Neighborhood Character

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plans: Rancho Encantada

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

- City of San Diego, Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), Subarea Plan, 1997
- City of San Diego, MSCP, "Vegetation Communities with Sensitive Species and Vernal Pools" Maps, 1996
- 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: Biological Resources Letter Report for the Huynh Tentative Map and Site Development Permit Project (City PTS #: 649699) prepared by Tierra Data, Inc. dated February 9, 2023

V. Cultural Resources (includes Historical Resources and Built Environment)

- City of San Diego Historical Resources Guidelines
- City of San Diego Archaeology Library
- Historical Resources Board List
- Community Historical Survey:
- Site Specific Report: Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for the Beeler Canyon CS Homes Project, prepared by Brian F. Smith and Associates, Inc. prepared June 22, 2021; Revised July 30, 2021

VI. Energy

- City of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP), (City of San Diego 2015)
- City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist Beeler Canyon Residences

VII. Geology/Soils

- 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
- City of San Diego Paleontological Guidelines
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- Site Specific Report: Geotechnical Plan Review Update and Response to City of San Diego Cycle Issues Proposed Two-Lot Residential Deevelopment Beeler Canyon Road San Diego, California prepared by SMS Geotechnical Solutions, Inc., dated July 7, 2020.

VIII. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- City of San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP), (City of San Diego 2015)
- City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Consistency Checklist Beeler Canyon Residences
- Site Specific Report:

IX. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

- 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:

X. Hydrology/Water Quality

- Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
- 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
- Site Specific Reports: Drainage Study for Beeler Canyon Road San Diego, CA 92123 prepared by BWE, dated March 2021, Revised August 2021, February 2022.
 Priority Development Project (PDP) Storm Water Quality Management Plan (SWQMP), prepared by BWE, dated February 2, 2022.

XI. Land Use and Planning

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan: Rancho Encantada
- Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

- City of San Diego Zoning Maps
- **FAA Determination:**
- Other Plans:

XII. 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
- City of San Diego General Plan: Conservation Element
- Site Specific Report:

XIII. Noise

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan: Rancho Encantada
- 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
- Site Specific Report:

XIV. Population / Housing

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

XV. Public Services

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan: Rancho Encantada

XVI. Recreational Resources

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan: Rancho Encantada
- 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: Rancho Encantada
- San Diego Metropolitan Area Average Weekday Traffic Volume Maps, SANDAG
- San Diego Region Weekday Traffic Volumes, SANDAG
- City of San Diego Transportation Study Manual (September 29, 2020)
- Site Specific Report:

XVIII. Tribal Cultural Resources

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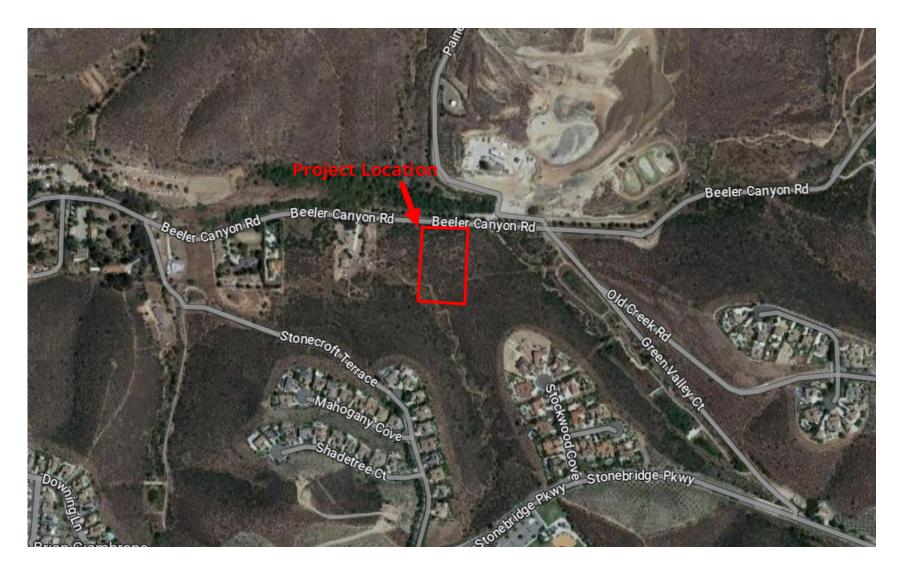
XIX. Utilities and Service Systems

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan: Rancho Encantada
- Site Specific Report:

XX. Wildfire

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan: Rancho Encantada
- San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Very High Fire Severity Zone Map, City of San Diego
- City of San Diego Brush Management Regulations, Landscape Regulations (SDMC 142.0412)
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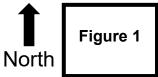
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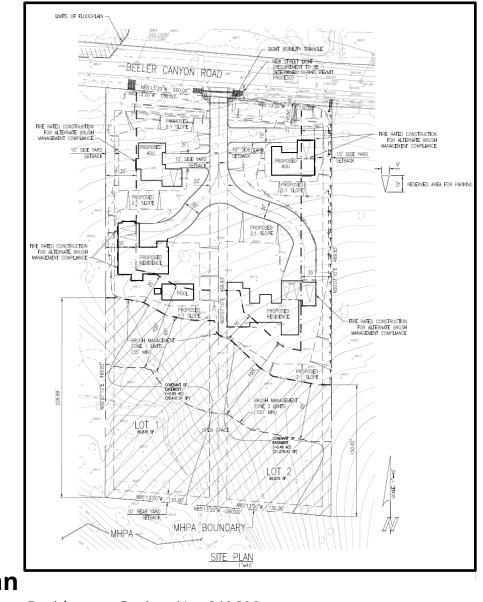




Location Map

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