MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Project No. 420956
SCH No. N/A

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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): Paleontological Resources. Subsequent revisions in the project proposal create the specific

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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 REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

   Qualified Paleontological 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) #420956 and/or Environmental Document #420956, 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**

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

**PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**I. Prior to Permit Issuance**

**A. Entitlements Plan Check**

1. Prior to issuance of any construction permits, including but not limited to, the first Grading Permit, Demolition Plans/Permits and Building Plans/Permits or a Notice to Proceed for Subdivisions, but prior to the first preconstruction meeting, whichever is applicable, the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) Environmental designee shall verify that the requirements for Paleontological Monitoring have been noted on the appropriate construction documents.

**B. Letters of Qualification have been submitted to ADD**

1. The applicant shall submit a letter of verification to Mitigation Monitoring Coordination (MMC) identifying the Principal Investigator (PI) for the project and the names of all persons involved in the paleontological monitoring program, as defined in the City of San Diego Paleontology Guidelines.

2. MMC will provide a letter to the applicant confirming the qualifications of the PI and all persons involved in the paleontological monitoring of the project.

3. Prior to the start of work, the applicant shall obtain approval from MMC for any personnel changes associated with the monitoring program.

**II. Prior to Start of Construction**

**A. Verification of Records Search**

1. The PI shall provide verification to MMC that a site specific records search has been completed. Verification includes, but is not limited to a copy of a confirmation letter from San Diego Natural History Museum, other institution or, if the search was in-house, a letter of verification from the PI stating that the search was completed.

2. The letter shall introduce any pertinent information concerning expectations and probabilities of discovery during trenching and/or grading activities.

**B. PI Shall Attend Precon Meetings**
1. Prior to beginning any work that requires monitoring, the Applicant shall arrange a Precon Meeting that shall include the PI, Construction Manager (CM) and/or Grading Contractor, Resident Engineer (RE), Building Inspector (BI), if appropriate, and MMC. The qualified paleontologist shall attend any grading/excavation related Precon Meetings to make comments and/or suggestions concerning the Paleontological Monitoring program with the Construction Manager and/or Grading Contractor.
   a. If the PI is unable to attend the Precon Meeting, the Applicant shall schedule a focused Precon Meeting with MMC, the PI, RE, CM or BI, if appropriate, prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring.

2. Identify Areas to be Monitored
   Prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring, the PI shall submit a Paleontological Monitoring Exhibit (PME) based on the appropriate construction documents (reduced to 11x17) to MMC identifying the areas to be monitored including the delineation of grading/excavation limits. The PME shall be based on the results of a site specific records search as well as information regarding existing known soil conditions (native or formation).

3. When Monitoring Will Occur
   a. Prior to the start of any work, the PI shall also submit a construction schedule to MMC through the RE indicating when and where monitoring will occur.
   b. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC prior to the start of work or during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program. This request shall be based on relevant information such as review of final construction documents which indicate conditions such as depth of excavation and/or site graded to bedrock, presence or absence of fossil resources, etc., which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.

III. During Construction
   A. Monitor Shall be Present During Grading/Excavation/Trenching
      1. The monitor shall be present full-time during grading/excavation/trenching activities as identified on the PME that could result in impacts to formations with high and moderate resource sensitivity. The Construction Manager is responsible for notifying the RE, PI, and MMC of changes to any construction activities such as in the case of a potential safety concern within the area being monitored. In certain circumstances OSHA safety requirements may necessitate modification of the PME.
      2. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program when a field condition such as trenching activities that do not encounter formational soils as previously assumed, and/or when unique/unusual fossils are encountered, which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.
      3. The monitor shall document field activity via the Consultant Site Visit Record (CSV). The CSVs shall be faxed by the CM to the RE the first day of monitoring, the last day of monitoring, monthly (Notification of Monitoring Completion), and in the case of ANY discoveries. The RE shall forward copies to MMC.

   B. Discovery Notification Process
1. In the event of a discovery, the Paleontological Monitor shall direct the contractor to temporarily divert trenching activities in the area of discovery and immediately notify the RE or BI, as appropriate.
2. The Monitor shall immediately notify the PI (unless Monitor is the PI) of the discovery.
3. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone of the discovery, and shall also submit written documentation to MMC within 24 hours by fax or email with photos of the resource in context, if possible.

C. Determination of Significance
1. The PI shall evaluate the significance of the resource.
   a. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone to discuss significance determination and shall also submit a letter to MMC indicating whether additional mitigation is required. The determination of significance for fossil discoveries shall be at the discretion of the PI.
   b. If the resource is significant, the PI shall submit a Paleontological Recovery Program (PRP) and obtain written approval from MMC. Impacts to significant resources must be mitigated before ground disturbing activities in the area of discovery will be allowed to resume.
   c. If resource is not significant (e.g., small pieces of broken common shell fragments or other scattered common fossils) the PI shall notify the RE, or BI as appropriate, that a non-significant discovery has been made. The Paleontologist shall continue to monitor the area without notification to MMC unless a significant resource is encountered.
   d. The PI shall submit a letter to MMC indicating that fossil resources will be collected, curated, and documented in the Final Monitoring Report. The letter shall also indicate that no further work is required.

IV. Night and/or Weekend Work
A. If night and/or weekend work is included in the contract
   1. When night and/or weekend work is included in the contract package, the extent and timing shall be presented and discussed at the pre-con 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 CSVVR and submit to MMC via fax by 8AM on the next business day.
      b. Discoveries
         All discoveries shall be processed and documented using the existing procedures detailed in Sections III - During Construction.
      c. Potentially Significant Discoveries
         If the PI determines that a potentially significant discovery has been made, the procedures detailed under Section III - During Construction shall be followed.
      d. The PI shall immediately contact MMC, or by 8AM on the next business day to report and discuss the findings as indicated in Section III-B, unless other specific arrangements have been made.

B. If night work becomes necessary during the course of construction
1. The Construction Manager shall notify the RE, or BI, as appropriate, a minimum of 24 hours before the work is to begin.
2. The RE, or BI, as appropriate, shall notify MMC immediately.
C. All other procedures described above shall apply, as appropriate.

V. 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 Paleontological Guidelines which describes the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Paleontological Monitoring Program (with appropriate graphics) to MMC for review and approval within 90 days following the completion of monitoring,
   a. For significant paleontological resources encountered during monitoring, the Paleontological Recovery Program shall be included in the Draft Monitoring Report.
   b. Recording Sites with the San Diego Natural History Museum
      The PI shall be responsible for recording (on the appropriate forms) any significant or potentially significant fossil resources encountered during the Paleontological Monitoring Program in accordance with the City's Paleontological Guidelines, and submittal of such forms to the San Diego Natural History Museum with the Final Monitoring Report.
2. MMC shall return the Draft Monitoring Report to the PI for revision or, for preparation of the Final Report.
3. The PI shall submit revised Draft Monitoring Report to MMC for approval.
4. MMC shall provide written verification to the PI of the approved report.
5. MMC shall notify the RE or BI, as appropriate, of receipt of all Draft Monitoring Report submittals and approvals.
B. Handling of Fossil Remains
1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains collected are cleaned and catalogued.
2. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains are analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the geologic history of the area; that faunal material is identified as to species; and that specialty studies are completed, as appropriate
C. Curation of fossil remains: Deed of Gift and Acceptance Verification
1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains associated with the monitoring for this project are permanently curated with an appropriate institution.
2. The PI shall include the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution in the Final Monitoring Report submitted to the RE or BI and MMC.
D. Final Monitoring Report(s)
1. The PI shall submit two copies of the Final Monitoring Report to MMC (even if negative), within 90 days after notification from MMC that the draft report has been approved.
2. The RE shall, in no case, issue the Notice of Completion until receiving a copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report from MMC which includes the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution.
The above mitigation monitoring and reporting program will require additional fees and/or deposits to be collected prior to the issuance of building permits, certificates of occupancy and/or final maps to ensure the successful completion of the monitoring program.

VI. PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION:

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

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**
- Mayor's Office
- Councilmember Bry, District 1
- City Attorney (93C)
- Development Services Department
  - EAS- Morgan Dresser
  - Planning Review- Joseph Stano
  - Engineering Review- Jack Canning
  - Landscaping- Glenn Spindell
  - Map Check- Michael Bowcutt
  - Transportation- Jonathan Hardin
  - DPM-Morris Dye
- Park and Recreation-
- Planning Department
  - Facilities Financing- Victoria Burgess
  - Long Range Planning- Marlon Pangilinan
- Public Utilities Department
  - Water and Sewer Division- Mahmood Keshavarzi
- Library, Government Documents (81)
- San Diego Central Library (81A)
- La Jolla-Riford Branch Library (81L)

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS**
- San Diego Natural History Museum (166)
- La Jolla Village News (271)
- La Jolla Shores Association (272)
- La Jolla Town Council (273)
- La Jolla Historical Society (274)
- La Jolla Community Planning Association (275)
- UCSD Physical and Community Planning
- La Jolla Light (280)
- Patricia K. Miller (283)

VII. RESULTS OF PUBLIC REVIEW:

( X ) No comments were received during the public input period.
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Copies of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program and any Initial Study material are available in the office of the Entitlements Division for review, or for purchase at the cost of reproduction.

E. Shearer-Nguyen, Senior Planner
Development Services Department

January 11, 2017
Date of Draft Report

February 16, 2017
Date of Final Report

Analyst: M. Dresser

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

Su Casa - 6738 La Jolla Boulevard
PROJECT NO. 420956

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INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

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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: Morgan Dresser/ (619) 446-5404

4. Project location: 6738 La Jolla Boulevard, San Diego, California 92037

5. Project Applicant/Sponsor's name and address: Christine DeGregorio, Marengo Marton Architects, Inc., 7724 Girard Avenue, San Diego, California 92037

6. General/Community Plan designation: Commercial/ Multi-family Residential

7. Zoning: La Jolla Shores Planned District (LJSPD)-4/ RM-3-7

8. Description of project (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation.):

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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.

A Native American Tribe traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area has requested consultation with the City of San Diego pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c). The City is in consultation with this tribe. The current project is located in an urbanized and developed area where previous archaeological sites have not been recorded.
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

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

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

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

☐ The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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

☐ The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

☐ The proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect (a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

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

1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis.)

2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.

3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

4) “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from “Earlier Analyses”, as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).

5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or (mitigated) negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
   a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
   b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
   c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures Incorporated”, describe the mitigation measures that were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project’s environmental effects in whatever format is selected.

9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
   a. The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
   b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significant.
I) AESTHETICS – Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

There are no scenic vistas or view corridors identified in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. Therefore, the project would not have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista.

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 project is not located within a scenic highway area.

c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

The project site is currently developed with a two-story multi-family dwelling unit and a single-story commercial retail unit. The replacement of the existing single-story retail unit with a two-story mixed use unit as well as the replacement of an existing two-story multi-family dwelling unit with a three-story multi-family dwelling unit is compatible with the surrounding development and is consistent with the community plan and zoning designation.

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

Development of the residential project would comply with 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
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**Agency, to non-agricultural use?**

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

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

Refer to response II (a), above. There are no Williamson Act Contract lands on or within the vicinity of the project. The project would not affect any properties zoned for agricultural use or be affected by a Williamson Act Contract.

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

The project site is zoned for commercial and multi-family residential development and would not require a rezone. No designated forest land or timberland occurs within the boundaries of the project.

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

Refer to response II(c), above.

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

Refer to responses II (a) and II (c), above. The project and surrounding area do not contain any farmland or forest land. No changes to any such lands would result from project implementation.

### AIR QUALITY

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

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
The project site is located within an area of similar uses and is designated for commercial and multi-family residential development in the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. The project would not negatively impact goals of the applicable air quality plan. Furthermore the project is consistent with applicable General and Community Plan land use designations and the underlying zone.

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**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; construction equipment exhaust; construction-related trips by workers, delivery trucks, and material-hauling trucks; and construction-related power consumption.

Variables that factor into the total construction emissions potentially generated include the level of activity, length of construction period, number of pieces and types of equipment in use, site characteristics, weather conditions, number of construction personnel, and the amount of materials to be transported on or off site.

Fugitive dust emissions are generally associated with land-clearing and grading operations. Construction operations would include standard measures as required by City of San Diego grading permit to limit potential air quality impacts. 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. No mitigation measures are required.

**Long-Term (Operational) Emissions.** Long-term air emission impacts are those associated with stationary sources and mobile sources related to any change caused by a project. The project would produce minimal stationary sources emissions. The project is compatible with the surrounding development and is permitted by the community plan and zone designation. Based on the commercial/ multi-family residential land use, project emissions over the long-term are not anticipated to violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. Impacts would be less than significant and no mitigation measures are required.

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

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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. Therefore, the project would not result in a
cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standards.

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

Odors produced during construction would be attributed to concentrations of unburned hydrocarbons from tailpipes of construction equipment. Such odors are temporary and generally occur at magnitudes that would not affect substantial numbers of people. The project proposes the replacement of the existing single-story retail unit with a two-story mixed use unit as well as the replacement of an existing two-story multi-family dwelling unit with a three-story multi-family dwelling unit. Therefore, impacts associated with odors during construction would be minimal.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

a) Have substantial adverse effects, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

The project site is currently developed with a two-story multi-family dwelling unit and a single-story commercial retail unit along with associated landscape and hardscape. Onsite landscaping is non-native and the project site does not contain any sensitive biological resources on site nor does it contain any candidate, sensitive or special status species. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

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

The project site is urban developed within a commercial and residential setting. No such habitats exist on or near the site. Refer also to Response to IV (a), above. The project site does not contain any riparian habitat or other identified community, as the site currently supports a two-story multi-family dwelling unit, a single-story commercial retail unit and associated non-native landscaping. No significant impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

The project site is urban developed within a commercial and residential setting. No such habitats exist on or near the site. Refer also to Response to IV (a), above. The project site does not contain any riparian habitat or other identified community, as the site currently supports a two-story multi-family dwelling unit, a single-story commercial retail unit and associated non-native landscaping. No significant impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.
The project site is developed with commercial and residential buildings and a parking lot. There are no wetlands or waters of the United States on or near the site. No significant impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

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?  

The project is not located adjacent to an established wildlife corridor and would not impede the movement of any wildlife or the use of any wildlife nursery sites. Therefore, no impact would occur and no mitigation measures are required.

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

The project would not conflict with any local policies and ordinances protecting biological resources.

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

The project is located in a developed urban area and is not within or adjacent to the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) and no other adopted conservation plans affect the subject site. The project would not conflict with any local conservation plans. Therefore, no impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project:

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

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

**Archaeological Resources**
The project site is located on the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Sensitivity Map. Therefore, a record search of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) digital database was reviewed by qualified archaeological City staff to determine presence or absence of potential resources within the project site. Archaeological resources were not identified within or directly adjacent to the project site. Based upon the negative CHRIS search, and the project site's location and previously developed nature, no additional archaeological evaluation or mitigation was recommended by archaeological City staff. Therefore, it was determined that there is no potential to impact any unique or non-unique historical resources. No impacts would result.

**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 structures on the property were identified as over 45 years old and were reviewed for historic significance. It was determined that the property does not meet local designation criteria as an individually significant resource under any adopted Historical Resources Board Criteria. Therefore, no impact would occur.

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

Refer to V (a).

c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

According to the “Geology of the San Diego Metropolitan Area, California, La Jolla, 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps” (Kennedy and Peterson, 1975), the project site is underlain by Bay Point Formation, which has high sensitivity level for fossil resource potential (paleontological resources).

The Bay Point Formation is a nearshore marine sedimentary deposit of late Pleistocene age (approximately 220,000 years old). Typical exposures consist of light gray, friable to partially cemented, fine- to course-grained, massive and cross-bedded sandstones. The formation is generally exposed at sea level, so its total thickness and relationship with underlying formations is unknown. The Bay Point formation has produced large and diverse assemblages of well-preserved marine invertebrate fossils, primarily mollusks. However, remains of fossil marine vertebrates have also been recovered from this rock unit. Recorded collecting sites in this formation include both natural exposures as well as construction-related excavations. Based upon the occurrences of
extremely diverse and well-preserved assemblages of marine invertebrate fossils and rare vertebrate fossils in the Bay Point Formation it is assigned a high resource sensitivity.

According to the City of San Diego's Significance Determination Thresholds, more than 1,000 cubic yards of grading at depths of greater than 10 feet (less than 10 feet if the site has been graded) into formations with a high resource sensitivity rating could result in a significant impact to paleontological resources, and mitigation would be required. The mitigation program consists of monitoring excavation activities by a qualified paleontologist, recovery and curation of any discovered fossils, and preparation of a monitoring results report.

Therefore, a MMRP, as detailed within Section V of the MND, would be implemented to minimize paleontological resources impacts. With implementation of the MMRP, potential paleontological resources impacts would be reduced to below a level of significance.

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

No cemeteries, formal or informal have been identified onsite.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS – Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

The project is not located within an Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone. The project would be required to comply with seismic requirement of the California Building Code, 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 based on regional geologic hazards would remain less than significant and mitigation is not required.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

The site could be affected by seismic activity as a result of earthquakes on major active faults located throughout the Southern California area. 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,
Liquefaction occurs when loose, unconsolidated, water-laden soils are subject to shaking, causing the soils to lose cohesion. Implementation of the project would not result in an increase in the potential for seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction. 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?

The City of San Diego Seismic Safety Study Maps (1995 Edition, Map 30) have designated the geology at the project location as being within the City of San Diego Geologic Hazard Categories 53 (low to moderate risk of landslides). 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.

c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

The City of San Diego Seismic Safety Study Maps (1995 Edition, Map 30) have designated the geology at the project location as being within the City of San Diego Geologic Hazard Categories 53. Hazard Category 53 is considered 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.

d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
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e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

The project site is located within an area that is already developed with existing infrastructure (i.e., water and sewer lines) and does not propose any septic system. In addition, the project as proposed does not require the construction of any new facilities as it relates to wastewater, as services are available to serve the project. No impact would occur.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may 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 (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 existing General Plan and Community Plan land use and zoning designations. Further based upon review and evaluation of the completed CAP Consistency Checklist for the project, the project is consistent with the applicable strategies and actions of the CAP. Therefore, the project is consistent with the assumptions for relevant CAP strategies toward achieving the identified GHG reduction targets, and impacts from greenhouse gas emissions are considered less than significant. No mitigation is required.

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

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

VIII. 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 materials?

- [ ] Potentially Significant Impact
- [ ] Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated
- [x] Less Than Significant Impact
- [ ] No Impact

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

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 foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

- [ ] Potentially Significant Impact
- [ ] Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated
- [x] Less Than Significant Impact
- [ ] No Impact

The project would not be associated with such impacts. Therefore, no significant impacts related to this issue were identified, and no mitigation measures are required.

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

- [ ] Potentially Significant Impact
- [ ] Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated
- [x] Less Than Significant Impact
- [ ] No Impact

La Jolla High School is located within approximately one-quarter mile from the project site. However, the proposed project would not be expected to emit hazardous materials or substances that would affect any existing or proposed schools in the area.

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

- [ ] Potentially Significant Impact
- [ ] Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated
- [ ] Less Than Significant Impact
- [x] No Impact

A hazardous waste site records search was completed in June 2015, using Geotracker; the records search showed that no hazardous waste sites exist onsite or in the surrounding area.

e) For a project located within an airport

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The project site is not located within any Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP), Airport Environ Overlay Zone, Airport Approach Overlay Zone, Airport Influence Zone, or within two miles of any airport.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The project is not located with the vicinity of a private airstrip.

g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency 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, and all construction would occur onsite. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

The project is located within a developed residential neighborhood with no wildlands located adjacent to the project site or within the surrounding neighborhood. No impacts would occur.

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Based upon the scope of the project, impacts to existing water quality standards would not occur and there would be no long term operation storm water discharge. Conformance to the City’s Stormwater Regulations would prevent or effectively minimize short-term water quality impacts. Therefore, the project would not violate any existing water quality standards or discharge requirements.
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<td>b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?</td>
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The project does not require the construction of wells. The project is located in an urban area with existing public water supply infrastructure.

c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

Although grading would be required for development, streams or rivers do not occur on or adjacent to the site that would be impacted by the proposed grading activities. As stated previously, the project would implement BMPs as identified in the City of San Diego Storm Water Standards, Section III.B.2. In addition, following construction, landscaping would be installed consistent with City landscaping design requirements to further reduce the potential for runoff from the project site to occur. With implementation of the proposed BMPs and adherence to City storm water requirements, no adverse impacts to the downstream conveyance system are anticipated. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner, which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

See Response to IX (c), above. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

e) Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

The project would be required to comply with all City storm water quality 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. Due to the nature of the project, 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.

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The project would be required to comply with all City storm water quality standards both during and after construction, using appropriate BMP’s that would ensure that water quality is not degraded.

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<td>Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?</td>
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The project site is not located within a 100-year flood hazard area or any other known flood area. Therefore, no impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

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The project site is not located within a 100-year flood hazard area or any other known flood area. Therefore, no impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING – Would the project:

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The project would be consistent with the surrounding land uses that include residential and commercial. Furthermore, the project would be consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Residential; whereas the La Jolla Community Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan designates the project site as Commercial/ Mixed Use. As described, the project is located within a developed residential and commercial area, and therefore, would not physically divide an established community. No impact would occur.

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The project is compatible with the area that is designated for Commercial/ Mixed Use development by the community plan and zoned for residential development. In addition, the project is in an area developed with similar structures and therefore no conflict would occur.
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The project is located within a developed neighborhood and would not conflict with any conservation plan for the site.

XI. 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 use plan? | ☐                             | ☐                                             | ☐                            | ☒          |

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 were identified, and no mitigation measures are required.

XII. NOISE – Would the project result in:

a) Generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? | ☐                             | ☐                                             | ☒                            | ☐          |

Short-term noise impacts would be associated with onsite demolition, 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. With compliance to the City’s construction noise requirements, project construction noise levels would be reduced to less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

For the long-term, existing noise levels would not be impacted due to the nature of the proposed residential use. Typical noise levels associated with residential uses are anticipated. Therefore, no
significant noise-producing traffic or operations would occur. No significant long-term impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

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

As described in Response to XII (a) above, potential effects from construction noise would be reduced through compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance. Pile driving activities that would potentially result in ground borne vibration or ground borne noise are not anticipated with construction of the project. No mitigation measures are required.

c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

The project would not significantly increase long-term noise levels. The project would not introduce a new land use, or significantly increase the intensity of the allowed land use. Post-construction noise levels and traffic would be generally unchanged as compared to noise with the existing residential use. Therefore, no substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels is anticipated. A less than significant impact would occur.

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above existing without the project?

Construction activities would result in a temporary increase in ambient increase in noise levels, but would be temporary and short-term in nature. In addition, the project would be required to comply with the San Diego Municipal Code, Article 9.5, Noise Abatement and Control.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport would the project expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels?

The project is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public or public use airport. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

The project is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.
XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project:

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

The project site is located in a developed neighborhood and is surrounded by similar development. The site currently receives water and sewer service from the City, and no 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 housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

No such displacement would result. The project would demolish existing dwelling units and restaurant and construct new dwelling units and commercial space. No impacts would occur.

c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES

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

i) Fire Protection

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. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

ii) Police Protection

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. No impacts would occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

iii) Schools

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, no impacts related to school services occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

v) Parks

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, no impacts related to parks occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

vi) Other public facilities

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. Therefore, no new public facilities beyond existing conditions would be required.

XV. RECREATION

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?

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 replace the existing residential units and restaurant with another. 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 facilities to satisfy demand. As such, no significant impacts related to recreational facilities have been identified, and no mitigation measures are required.

b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or

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expansion of recreational facilities, 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.

XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC – Would the project?

a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?

The project is consistent with the community plan designation and underlying zone. The project would not change existing circulation patterns on area roadways. 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 area roadways. Therefore, impacts are considered less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

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

Refer to response XVI (a). The project would not generate additional vehicular traffic nor would it adversely affect any mode of transportation in the area. Therefore, the project would not result in conflict with any applicable congestion management program, level of service standards or travel demand measures. Impacts are considered less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

The project would not result in safety risks or a change to air traffic patterns in that all structures would be a maximum of 30 feet in height due to height restrictions in the Coastal Overlay Zone.
Furthermore the project site is not located in any ALCUPs or near any private airstrips.

d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

Access would be provided to the site from La Jolla Boulevard. The project would not include any project elements that could potentially create a hazard to the public. No impact would result.

e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

The project would be consistent with the community plan designation and underlying zone and would not result in inadequate emergency access.

f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

The proposed project is consistent with the community plan designation and underlying zone and would not result in any conflicts regarding policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities.

XVII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

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

A Native American Tribe traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area has requested consultation with the City of San Diego pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3 (c). The City is in consultation with this tribe. The current project is located in an urbanized and developed area where previous archaeological sites have not been recorded. No tribal cultural resources as defined by Public Resources Code section 21074 have been identified on the project site. Furthermore, the project site was not determined to be eligible for listing on either the State or local register of historical resources.
set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

No significant resources pursuant to subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1 have been identified on the project site.

XVIII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

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). Treatment of effluent from the site is anticipated to be routine and is not expected to exceed the wastewater treatment requirements of the RWQCB. Existing sewer infrastructure exists within roadways surrounding the project site. Thus, impacts would be less than significant.

b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

See XVII (a) above. Adequate services are available to serve the site and the project would not require the construction or expansion of existing facilities.

c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

Construction of the project would introduce additional impervious surfaces, such as hardscape and rooftops. The development of the property, as proposed, would result in an increase in runoff when compared to the existing site conditions. The increase in runoff is not expected to result in substantial erosion or subsequent sedimentation with the implementation of temporary BMPs during construction, and permanent BMPs incorporated into the project’s design. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant. Off-site storm water facilities are not proposed for construction, and the expansion of existing facilities in not required. Therefore, impacts are less than significant.

d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

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The project does not meet the CEQA significance threshold of 500 residential units, requiring the need for the project to prepare a water supply assessment. The existing project site currently receives water service from the City, and adequate services are available to serve the structures without requiring new or expanded entitlements. Impacts would be less than significant.

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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.

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

Construction debris and waste would be generated from the demolition and construction of the project. All solid waste from the project site would be transported to an appropriate facility, which would have adequate capacity to accept the limited amount of waste what would be generated by the project. Long-term operation of the residential and commercial use is anticipated to generate typical amounts of solid waste for those uses; furthermore, the project would be required to comply with the City's Municipal Code requirement for diversion of both construction waste during the demolition phase and solid waste during the long-term, operational phase. Impacts are considered to be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulation related to solid waste?

The project would result in standard consumption that is not anticipated to result in new and/or additional impacts. The project would comply with all federal, state, and local statues for solid waste disposal as they relate to the project. 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.

XIX. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE –

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a 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...
As documented in this Initial Study, the project may have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, notably with respect to Paleontological Resources. As such, mitigation measures have been incorporated to reduce impacts to less than significant as outlined within the Initial Study.

b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

The project may have the potential to degrade the environment as a result of impacts to Paleontological Resources, which may have cumulatively considerable impacts. As such, mitigation measures have been proposed 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 potential impacts to less than significant, or to the extent possible. As such, the project is not anticipated to contribute to potentially significant cumulative environmental impacts.

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

The demolition existing dwelling units and restaurant and construction of new dwelling units and commercial space is consistent with the setting and with the use anticipated by the City. It is not anticipated that demolition or construction activities would create conditions that would significantly directly or indirectly impact human beings. Impacts would be less than significant.
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

REFERENCES

I. Aesthetics / Neighborhood Character

X City of San Diego General Plan.
X Community Plans: La Jolla Community Plan and Land Use Plan

II. Agricultural Resources & Forest Resources

City of San Diego General Plan

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey - San Diego Area, California, Part I and II, 1973

California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997)

Site Specific Report:

III. Air Quality

California Clean Air Act Guidelines (Indirect Source Control Programs) 1990

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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

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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

California Department of Fish & Game, California Natural Diversity Database, "State and Federally-listed Endangered and Threatened Animals of California, "January 2001

City of San Diego Land Development Code Biology Guidelines

Site Specific Report:
V. Cultural Resources (includes Historical Resources)

X City of San Diego Historical Resources Guidelines

X City of San Diego Archaeology Library

___ Historical Resources Board List

___ Community Historical Survey:

___ Site Specific Report:

VI. Geology/Soils

X City of San Diego Seismic Safety Study


X Site Specific Report: Revised Addendum Geotechnical Report and Response to Cycle 11 LDR-Geology Review of Documents, City Project Nbr. 420956, Su Casa, 6738 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, California (August 23, 2016)

VII. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

___ Site Specific Report:

VIII. 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

X State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker: http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/

___ Site Specific Report:

IX. Hydrology/Water Quality
X. **Land Use and Planning**

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan
- Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
- City of San Diego Zoning Maps
- FAA Determination

XI. **Mineral Resources**

- California Department of Conservation - Division of Mines and Geology, Mineral Land Classification
- Division of Mines and Geology, Special Report 153 - Significant Resources Maps

XII. **Noise**

- City of San Diego General Plan
- Community Plan
- San Diego International Airport - Lindbergh Field CNEL Maps
- Brown Field Airport Master Plan CNEL Maps
- Montgomery Field CNEL Maps
- San Diego Association of Governments - San Diego Regional Average Weekday Traffic Volumes
- San Diego Metropolitan Area Average Weekday Traffic Volume Maps, SANDAG

Site Specific Report:
XIII. **Paleontological Resources**  

X. City of San Diego Paleontological Guidelines  

Department of Paleontology San Diego Natural History Museum, 1996  

X. Kennedy, Michael P., and Gary L. Peterson, "Geology of the San Diego Metropolitan Area, California. Del Mar, La Jolla, Point Loma, La Mesa, Poway, and SW 1/4 Escondido 7 1/2 Minute Quadrangles," California Division of Mines and Geology Bulletin 200, Sacramento, 1975  

X. Kennedy, Michael P., and Siang S. Tan, "Geology of National City, Imperial Beach and Otay Mesa Quadrangles, Southern San Diego Metropolitan Area, California," Map Sheet 29, 1977  

Site Specific Report:  

XIV. **Population / Housing**  

X. City of San Diego General Plan  

X. Community Plan  

Series 11/Series 12 Population Forecasts, SANDAG  

Other:  

XV. **Public Services**  

X. City of San Diego General Plan  

X. Community Plan  

XVI. **Recreational Resources**  

X. City of San Diego General Plan  

X. Community Plan  

Department of Park and Recreation  

City of San Diego - San Diego Regional Bicycling Map  

Additional Resources:
XVII. Transportation / Circulation
   ___ City of San Diego General Plan
   ___ Community Plan
   ___ San Diego Metropolitan Area Average Weekday Traffic Volume Maps, SANDAG
   ___ San Diego Region Weekday Traffic Volumes, SANDAG
   ___ Site Specific Report:

XVIII. Utilities
   X  Site Specific Report:

XIX. Water Conservation

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