

County of Santa Cruz

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Board of Directors County of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Moving of Water Tankhouse to Chanticleer Park Site

Dear Members of the Board:

In 1997 the Agency purchased a 2.4 acre parcel on Chanticleer Avenue as part of a future park site. For the past year, we have been exploring acquisition of the second portion of that property. It is currently anticipated that construction of a park on that site would be funded out of the Agency's next bond issue, with construction likely in 2005/06. Because of a number of unique site attributes, including numerous mature trees on the property, the site will provide opportunities for a park design that recognizes the more rural history of Live Oak. The purpose of this letter is to recommend that the Agency take advantage of a unique opportunity, consistent with that design theme, to receive an older water tank structure to be moved to the property for ultimate incorporation into the park design.

Background

The Barry Swenson Company has been in the process of pursuing land use approvals for a light industrial/office complex on approximately seven acres on the southeast corner of Chanticleer Avenue and Soquel Avenue. That project was recently approved by the Planning Commission. As part of project approval, the Planning Commission, at the urging of area neighbors, conditioned the project to offer one of the older structures — a water tankhouse — to the County/Redevelopment Agency for incorporation into a future park in the area.

Our staff has evaluated the structure, which measures approximately 12 feet by 12 feet by 20 feet high, and determined that it is a sound structure, with architectural attributes that would be positive addition to a future park in the area. We have also reviewed the concept with the Parks Director to assure the Department's willingness to maintain such a structure in a future park, and received a positive response.

We have evaluated the Chanticleer park site and determined a proper location for temporarily storing the water tankhouse on the property, pending it being permanently located as part of the future park design process. The developer has indicated their willingness to move the structure at their cost, if the Agency would accept it quickly to accommodate their development schedule.

Recommendation

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board, as the Board of Directors for the Redevelopment Agency, accept dedication of the water tankhouse structure and authorize the RDA Administrator to take necessary actions to accommodate and protect the structure at the Chanticleer Park Site on a temporary basis, pending its inclusion in a permanent park plan.

Very truly yours,

Tom Burns

Redevelopment Agency Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello

Redevelopment Agency Director

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Parks Department Planning Department

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