



## Staff Report to the Planning Commission

Application Number: **07-0267**

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**Applicant:** Robert Goldspink  
**Owner:** Berkshire Investments, LLC  
**APN:** 110-141-06, 07 & 08

**Agenda Date:** March 23, 2011  
**Agenda Item #:** 10  
**Time:** After 9:00 a.m.

**Project Description:** Proposal to expand an existing agricultural research facility to include construction of 7028 square feet of offices, 9044 square feet of greenhouses, 3370 square feet of laboratories, a 3514 square foot office/conference room; expansion of the parking area; relocation of a 1152 square foot greenhouse; the removal of two temporary trailers; and associated site improvements. Requires an Amendment to Commercial Development Permit 88-1104 and an Agricultural Buffer Determination.

**Location:** Property located on the north side of Silliman Road (151 and 155 Silliman Road) about 300 yards east from Highway 129 in Watsonville.

**Supervisory District:** Fourth District (District Supervisor: Caput)

**Previous Permit Obtained:** Agricultural Buffer Determination (Approved 8/21/08)

**Permits Required:** Amendment to Commercial Development Permit 88-1104

**Technical Reviews:** Geotechnical Investigation; Drainage Study

### Staff Recommendation:

- Certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Approval of Application 07-0267, based on the attached findings and conditions.

### Exhibits

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| A. Project plans  | E. Neighborhood Meeting Notes                                     |
| B. Findings   | F. Addendum to the Negative                                       |
| C. Conditions   | Declaration Issued for 07-0267                                    |
| D. Mitigated Negative Declaration<br>(CEQA Determination) with<br>attachments | G. Comments & Correspondence not<br>included in the CEQA document |

### Parcel Information

Parcel Size: 28.26 acres (combined 110-141-07 & 08);  
APN 110-141-06 for access purposes only.  
Existing Land Use - Parcel: Commercial Agriculture and Agricultural Research Facility  
Existing Land Use - Surrounding: Commercial Agriculture  
Project Access: Via Silliman Road  
Planning Area: Salsipuedes  
Land Use Designation: AG (Agriculture)  
Zone District: CA (Commercial Agriculture)  
Coastal Zone: ☐ Inside ☒ Outside  
Appealable to Calif. Coastal Comm. ☐ Yes ☒ No

### Environmental Information

Geologic Hazards: Mapped liquefaction area; geotechnical report review is required prior to building permit issuance  
Soils: Clayey, expansive soils; geotechnical report submitted and reviewed by DPW Stormwater Management; proposed conceptual stormwater management system feasible for onsite soil conditions.  
Fire Hazard: Not a mapped constraint  
Slopes: Slopes gradually to the south (front) of the parcel; slope over 30% at parcel frontage.  
Env. Sen. Habitat: Rear (north) of parcel partially within mapped biotic resource; no disturbance proposed in this area; no technical reports required.  
Grading: No grading proposed; overexcavation/recompaction amounts to be reviewed at building permit stage.  
Tree Removal: No trees proposed to be removed  
Scenic: Not a mapped resource  
Drainage: Existing underground storm drain will be extended to serve all developed areas and will flow to detention basin at parcel frontage. Overflow to existing roadside drainage ditch. See below for more information. Proposed conceptual stormwater management plan reviewed and approved by DPW Stormwater Management division.  
Archeology: Mapped archaeological resource; area already disturbed; no archaeological reconnaissance required.

### Services Information

Urban/Rural Services Line: ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Water Supply: City of Watsonville  
Sewage Disposal: Septic  
Fire District: Pajaro Valley Fire District  
Drainage District: Zone 7

## **History**

In 1989, a Master Plan was developed for the subject parcels under Permit 88-1104. This Master Plan allowed for the construction of greenhouses, shade houses and support facilities for a bush berry propagation and cultivation business.

Amendments to the Master Plan were granted in 1990 and 1995. Permit 90-0588 permitted the construction of addition lab and research facilities and Permit 95-0815 recognized and permitted additional greenhouse construction. Conditions associated with the 1995 permit pertain to operative measures that maintain the quality of the soils and are included as conditions of this permit (IV.C & D).

A subsequent amendment to Master Plan Permit 88-1104 occurred in 2001 (01-0422) to allow for the construction of three additional greenhouses of 5,376 square feet each, to recognize the prior construction of a 5,376 square foot greenhouse and to allow the construction of additions onto an existing lab and two existing offices. The use remained as a bush berry grower/predatory mite propagation and cultivation/research facility.

In 2003, a final amendment was approved (03-0195) to allow for the construction of two additional greenhouses of 2,304 square feet, for additions to two of the existing greenhouses, and to demolish and replace an existing greenhouse with a mite propagation facility.

A Lot Line Adjustment was approved on November 18, 2010 which transferred 1.66 acres from APN 110-141-06 to APN 110-141-08 and 6.13 acres from APN 110-141-07 to APN 110-141-08 to result in a 66.44 acre parcel (110-141-06), a 20.12 acre parcel (110-141-07), and a 9.85 acre parcel (110-141-08). The boundary adjustment realigned the vehicular right of way to be consistent with the existing private driveway and adjusted the property lines between parcel -07 and -08 to allow for the developed/disturbed portion of the property to be entirely maintained on one parcel. The lot line adjustment has not yet been recorded.

## **Project Description and Setting**

The existing facility has 2 office buildings, a swimming pool, 2 trailers used as office space, 6 storage buildings, 8 greenhouses, 1 screenhouse, 3 laboratories, a fuel station, a fertilizer station, and a water fill station.

The proposed project is to alter the existing agricultural research facility by constructing 7028 square feet of offices, 9044 square feet of greenhouses, 3370 square feet of laboratory, and a 3514 square foot office/conference room. The proposed project will add approximately 22,782 square feet of commercial agricultural structures to the 39,913 square feet of existing structures on the subject property. The proposal also includes the removal of 7,290 square feet of structures from the parcel including two temporary trailers that are currently used as offices. The proposed site improvements include paving the existing driveway and parking area, constructing a new trash enclosure/propane tank area north of the greenhouse, relocating the fueling station to the driveway, removing the existing swimming pool, providing additional landscaping, and providing accessible routes and features throughout the agricultural research campus. The subject properties to be developed (110-141-07 & 08) are characterized by primary flat

topography that slopes down very gradually to the south and is developed with buildings associated with agricultural research. APN 110-141-06 is the west and south adjacent parcel where the driveway to the research facility is located. Currently, the private driveway encroaches slightly onto the adjacent parcel to the west (APN 110-141-01). A Lot Line Adjustment was approved in November 2010 (10-0036) which has not yet been recorded but will realign the existing right of way and alter the property lines to maintain the entire developed portion of the property on one parcel and the berry fields on a separate parcel. The parcels are not located within the Urban Services Line and may be characterized as active Commercial Agriculture land. The parcels carry an Agriculture (AG) General Plan designation and the implementing zoning is (CA) Commercial Agriculture.

### **Agricultural Buffer Reduction**

The building site is completely surrounded (to the north, east, south, and west) by parcels zoned CA (Commercial Agriculture), all of which appear to be actively farmed.

The proposed laboratories and offices are considered habitable structures and are located within 200 feet of Commercial Agriculture (CA) zoned land to the west and south (APN 110-141-06). In accordance with County Code Section 16.50.095, the structures must maintain a minimum 200 foot setback from CA zoned land or obtain approval from the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) to reduce the buffer. On August 21, 2008, the applicant obtained approval for an Agricultural Buffer Reduction from APAC to reduce the required 200 foot buffers from adjacent Commercial Agriculture (CA) zoned land to the west and south (APN 110-141-06) to a minimum of 45 feet (Exhibit G). Although the plans have been altered slightly since that approval, the structures continue to meet the minimum setbacks as approved by APAC.

### **Stormwater Management**

A Geotechnical Investigation Report was prepared by Haro, Kasunich and Associates, Inc, dated May 2008, that evaluates the soil types on site and provides recommendations for construction and improvements. The report was evaluated by the Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Division and will be further evaluated by Environmental Planning during the Building Permit application review stage. The report describes expansive, clayey soils on the subject parcel and recommends that stormwater runoff be collected and directed away from the proposed structures (and site improvements) to a suitable facility located at the bottom of the slope, at the parcel frontage (southwest property line). Therefore, the applicant has submitted a conceptual drainage system plan that includes an expansion of the existing underground pipe to serve the proposed buildings on the southern portion of the site (offices, conference room, storage) which will lead to: 1) two rock-filled trenches on the west side of the parcel to disperse runoff and 2) to a detention basin located on the south side of the property at the bottom of the slope where a restricted outlet will slow runoff to predevelopment rate. All site runoff will be directed to the existing roadside ditch and to the downstream channel. The Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Division has reviewed the plans and determined that the downstream system has enough capacity to support the additional runoff and that the existing site soils support the proposed conceptual drainage plans. Detailed drainage plans will be submitted and evaluated during the building permit application review phase.

## Staffing/Parking

There are about 30 employees at the existing facility with the majority being field workers and administrative staff. The proposed expansion will bring in an estimated 59 additional employees for a total of 89 staff. In addition, the proposed conference room will be used both for small weekly staff meetings of 25-30 people and for larger monthly meetings of 80-100 people (regional staff, guests, growers, buyers, etc). The applicant is proposing to improve the existing driveway and parking areas to result in 118 parking spaces, which is in compliance with County Code parking standards for the proposed and existing uses on site.

## Traffic and Signage

Silliman Road is a County maintained road that is just slightly over 1 mile in length and serves several actively farmed commercial agriculture parcels. Based on County GIS maps, it appears that Silliman Road becomes Vanoni Road, which is steep and winding and although it eventually connects back to Highway 129, it does not appear that Vanoni Road provides easy through access; therefore, daily traffic would likely utilize Silliman Road for both ingress and egress from Highway 129. It is important to address this traffic pattern as a part of this project to ensure that the Cassin Ranch entrance/driveway is clearly marked to reduce the instance of turnarounds on adjacent private properties.

There is an existing sign of about 30 square feet located at the terminus of the Cassin Ranch private driveway and Silliman Road. Currently, the sign reads "Aptos Berry, Cassin Ranch"; however, as a condition of the project, the property owner will be required to install a new sign that will clearly indicate the driveway entrance, the name of the facility and berry farm located on site, and the correct address. The upgraded signage will direct the public to the facility from Silliman Road.

## Zoning & General Plan Consistency

Combined, the subject properties are 28.26 acres and they are located in the CA (Commercial Agriculture) zone district, which allows for commercial agriculture uses. The proposed commercial agricultural facility is an allowed use within the zone district and the project is consistent with the sites' (AG) Agriculture General Plan designation. The proposed facility complies with all site standards of the CA zone district as shown in the table below:

|                | Required as per County Code<br>13.10.313(a) CA District | Proposed Setbacks<br>(approximate) |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Front Yard     | 20'   | 75'                                |
| Side Yards     | 20' & 20'   | 45' & 20'                          |
| Rear Yard      | 20'   | 23'                                |
| Maximum Height | 40'   | <40'                               |

## Design Review

The proposed commercial buildings comply with the requirements of the County Design Review Ordinance, in that the proposed buildings will be consistent with the architectural design and

colors of the existing buildings and will be compatible with existing surrounding development, land uses and natural features. In addition, the proposed buildings are consistent with the design of the surrounding rural, agricultural structures.

### **Master Plan**

As described in the History section above, the Master Plan for this parcel was approved in 1989 under Permit 88-1104. Since the approval of that permit, several amendments to the Master Plan have been approved to allow for the construction and demolition of buildings on the subject properties. The conditions of approval of each Amendment incorporates the conditions of approval of the Master Plan (Permit 88-1104) by reference and include additional conditions of approval relevant to each approved project. The current project proposes the addition of about 22,782 square feet of new construction, new parking areas and drive aisles, new landscaped areas, and a new drainage system; therefore, the conditions of approval included in this permit do not include all previous conditions by reference but rather provide an all-inclusive list of conditions for the property.

### **Conclusion**

As proposed and conditioned, the project is consistent with all applicable codes and policies of the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan/LCP. Please see Exhibit "B" ("Findings") for a complete listing of findings and evidence related to the above discussion.

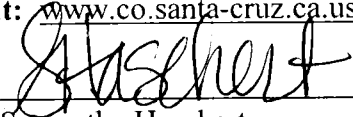
### **Staff Recommendation**

- Certification of the Mitigated Negative Declaration per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- **APPROVAL** of Application Number **07-0267**, based on the attached findings and conditions.

**Supplementary reports and information referred to in this report are on file and available for viewing at the Santa Cruz County Planning Department, and are hereby made a part of the administrative record for the proposed project.**

**The County Code and General Plan, as well as hearing agendas and additional information are available online at: [www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us](http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us)**

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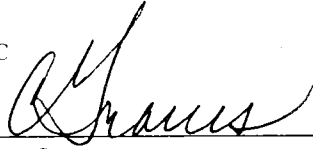
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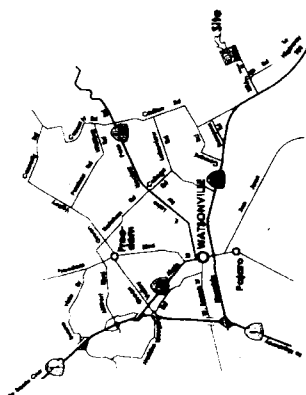
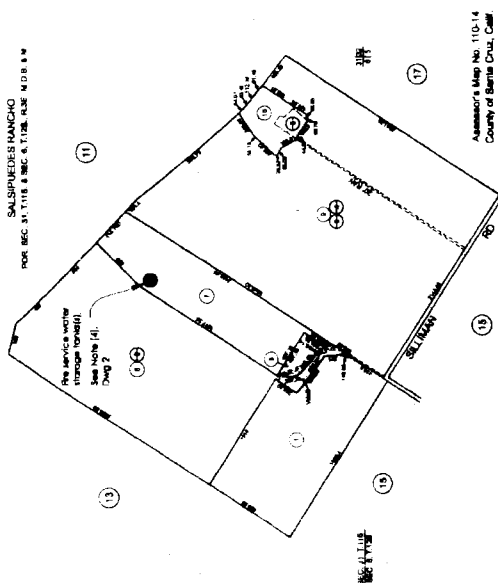
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Cathy Graves  
Principal Planner  
Santa Cruz County Planning Department



# ASSESSOR'S PARCEL MAP

**VICINITY MAP**

### Fire Rating of Exterior Walls/Opening

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## Drawing List

# CASSIN RANCH

## *Proposed Development Plan*









(1) **Accessibility Paths:** Where a level driveway, ramp, or platform is located in direction of travel is shown on Drawing 24. Accessibility for the Plan [looking forward] (Cross section 24) is shown. Cross slope shall slope down away from the curb. Accessibility paths and be provided to all buildings including rest and meeting accessible restrooms facilities.

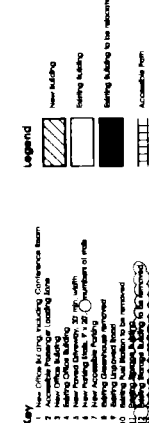
(2) **Assume the Principal Loading Zone**

(3) **One-way Classification:** One-way Classification are shown on Drawing 25.



### 3. Conclusions

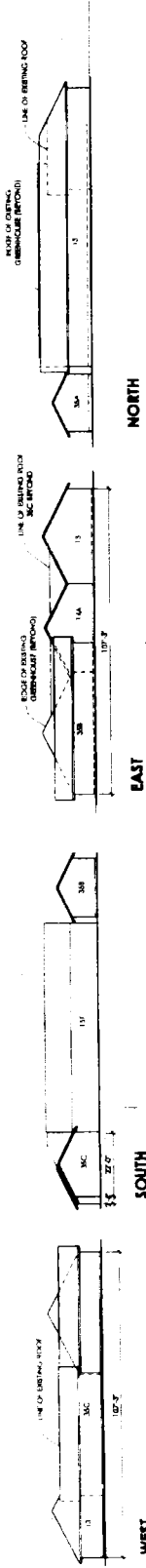
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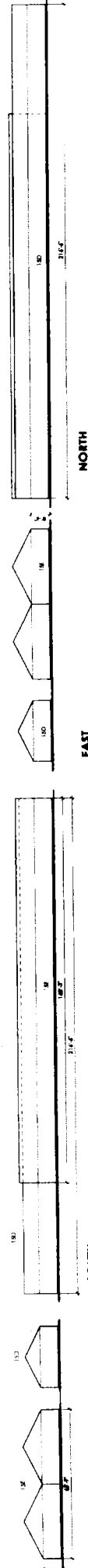
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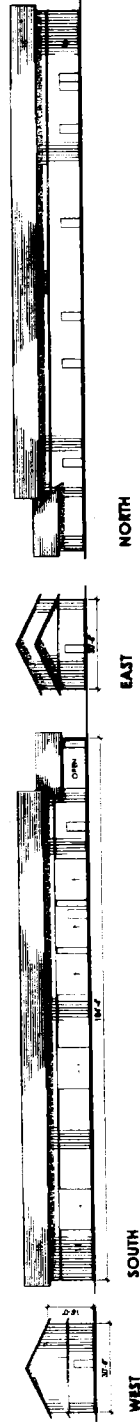




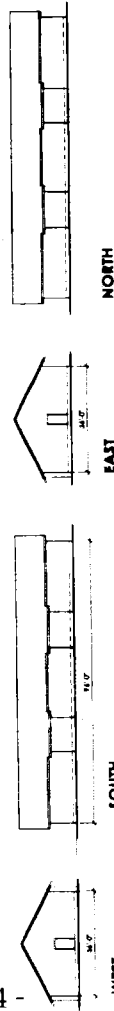
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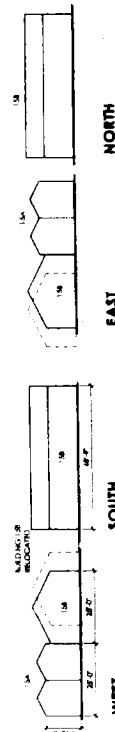
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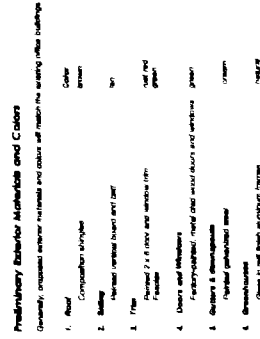
## EXISTING STORAGE AND WORKSHOP BUILDING 11



**TYPICAL PROPOSED OFFICE BUILDING 1, 3A and 3B**



**EXISTING GREENHOUSE 15A AND 15B**



### Polymers, Extensor Materials and Colors

Overhead, consistent systems and online will make the existing office business

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# EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Plan Development**  
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Westerville, CA 95764

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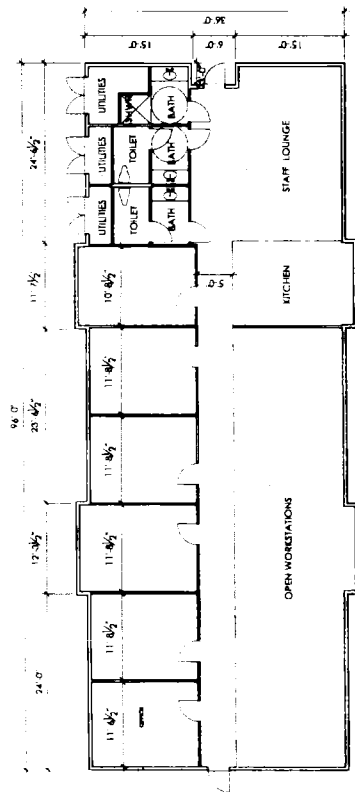
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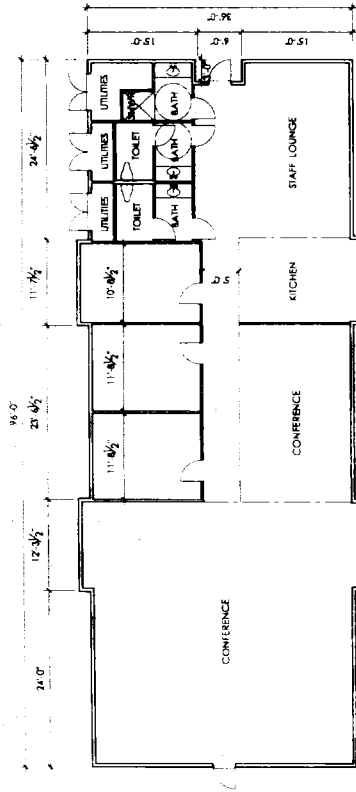
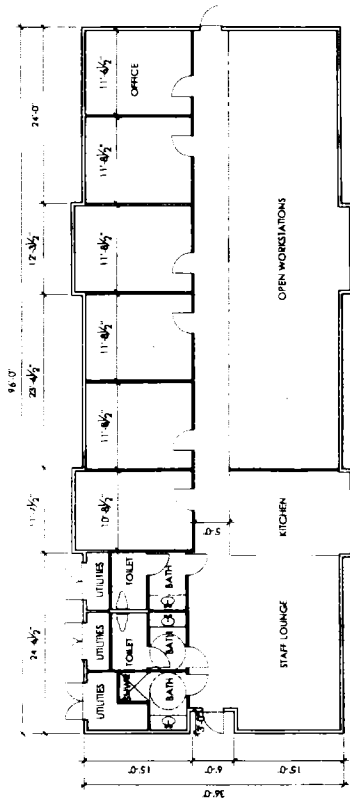
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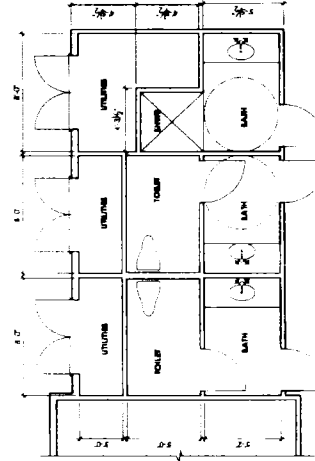


Project North  
Office Building (3A)  
1/8"=1'-0" Typ

Office Building (3B)



Office Building (1)



Detail for Building 1 & 3A (Building 3B sim)  
1/8"=1'-0"

**PRELIMINARY**

CASSIN RANCH

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Preliminary  
Office Floor Plans

# **DRAINAGE NOTES:**

1. REFER TO "DEVELOPMENT PLAN" BY ROBERT GOLDSBERG ARCHITECT FOR SITE DETAILS.
2. THIS IS A SCHEMATIC DRAINAGE PLAN TO PRESENT THE CONCEPTUAL DRAINAGE DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED SITE. DETAILED PLAN CAN BE PROVIDED WITH SPECIFIC PROJECT PLANS.
3. ROOF DRAINAGE AND RUNOFF TO BE CONNECTED TO UNDERGROUND STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM.
4. STORM WATER DETENTION / RETENTION BASIN TO BE SIZED TO CONTAIN EQUAL TO THE EXISTING DOWNSTREAM DRAINAGE CHANNEL. TO BE RESTRICTED TO PRE-DEVELOPMENT RATE.
5. REFER TO "DRAINAGE STUDY" BY DRISCOLL STRAWBERRY ASSOCIATES, INC. PREPARED BY ROBERT L. DEWITT & ASSOCIATES, INC. DATED 10-20-07.
6. DETENTION VOLUME CALCULATION = 8,200 CF APPROX. MAX. 30' OR 400 SF. AVERAGE DEPTH REQUIRED FOR STORAGE OF DETENTION VOLUME IS 1800' / 1200'.
7. FOR ON-SITE DISPERSAL OF RUNOFF, USE ROCK-FILLED TRENCH WITH 4" PERFORATED PIPE PLACED AT 10' ON CENTER. PROVIDE INSULATIONS AND PAVING AND CIRCULATION AREA.
8. STORM WATER DESIGN BASED ON VERY LOW PERCOLATION RATES AS SHOWN BY GEOTECHNICAL DATA.

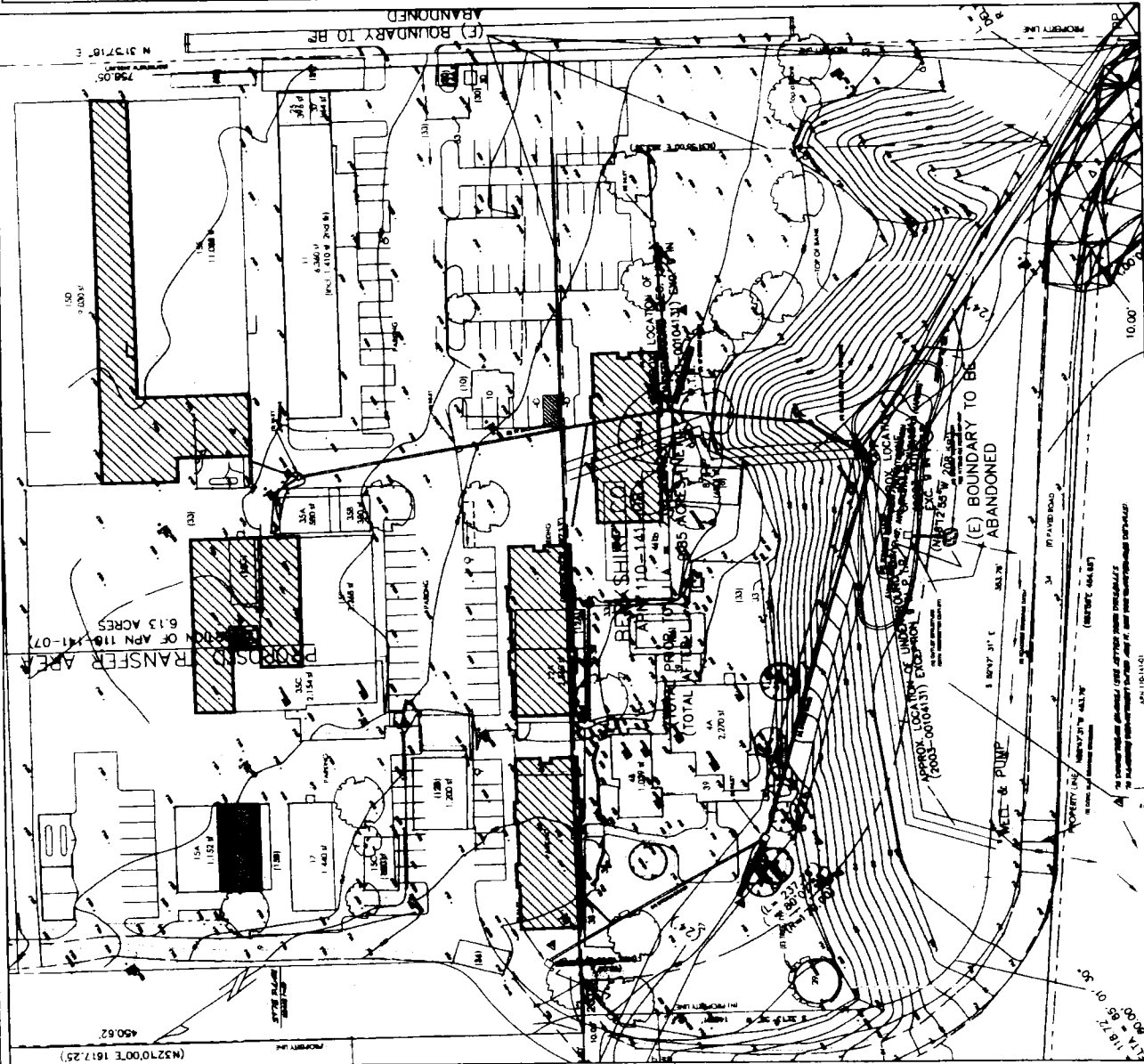


EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM FOR GEOLOGICAL ENGINEER

1. I have reviewed the results of the percolation tests conducted at the proposed site. The results of the tests indicate that the percolation rate is very low, which is consistent with the geotechnical data provided. This low percolation rate suggests that the site is not suitable for on-site dispersal of storm water runoff. Therefore, it is recommended that a detention basin be constructed to store the storm water runoff until it can be safely discharged to the nearby water body.

2. The detention basin should be designed to store the storm water runoff for a minimum of 24 hours. This will allow the water to infiltrate the ground and reduce the risk of flooding. The basin should be constructed of concrete or masonry and should have a minimum depth of 4 feet. The basin should also have a溢流口 (overflow) to prevent the water from rising above the top of the basin.

| DATE    | TIME  | TEST NO. | PERCOLATION RATE (INCHES PER HOUR) | REMARKS                           |
|---------|-------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1-10-11 | 10:00 | 1        | 0.00                               | Test 1: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 11:00 | 2        | 0.00                               | Test 2: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 12:00 | 3        | 0.00                               | Test 3: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 13:00 | 4        | 0.00                               | Test 4: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 14:00 | 5        | 0.00                               | Test 5: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 15:00 | 6        | 0.00                               | Test 6: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 16:00 | 7        | 0.00                               | Test 7: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 17:00 | 8        | 0.00                               | Test 8: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 18:00 | 9        | 0.00                               | Test 9: No percolation observed.  |
| 1-10-11 | 19:00 | 10       | 0.00                               | Test 10: No percolation observed. |

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**PRELIMINARY DRAINAGE PLAN**

2-10-11

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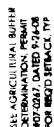
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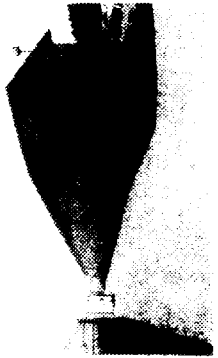
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## Landscape Plan

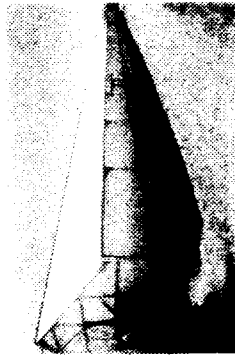




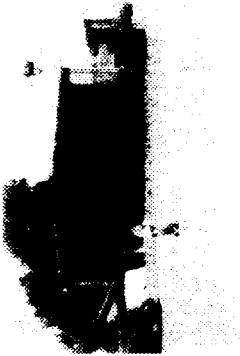
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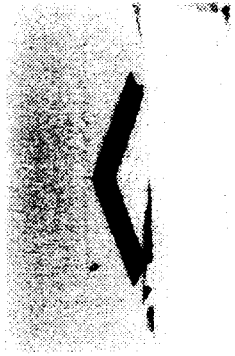
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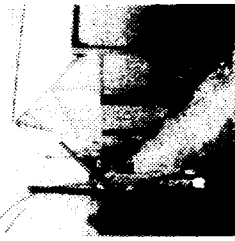
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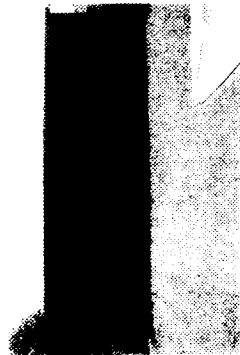
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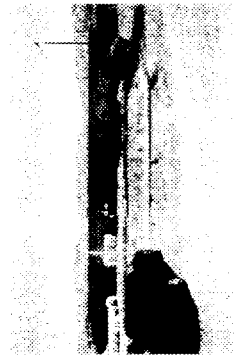
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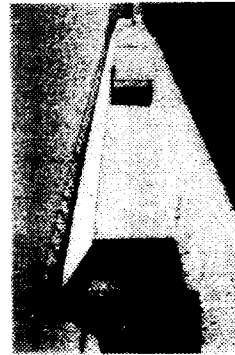
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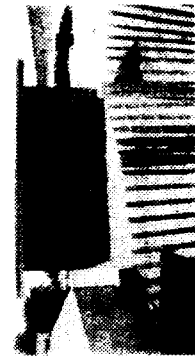
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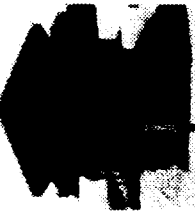
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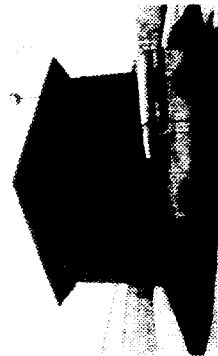
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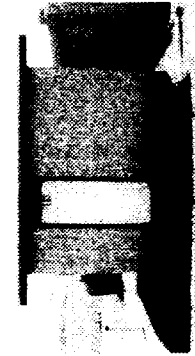
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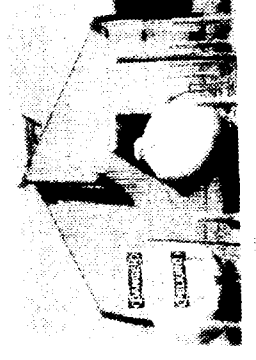
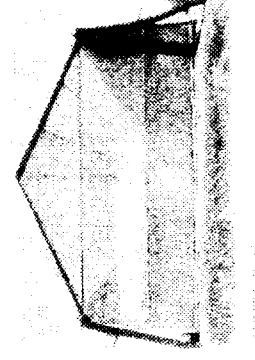
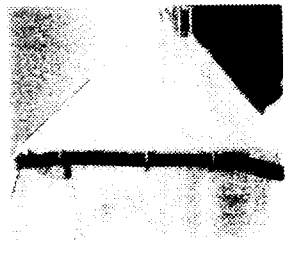
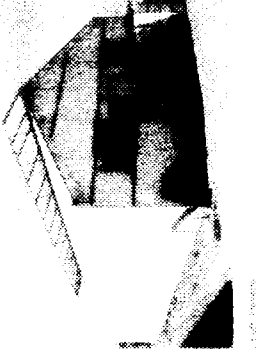
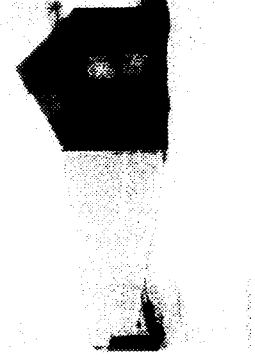
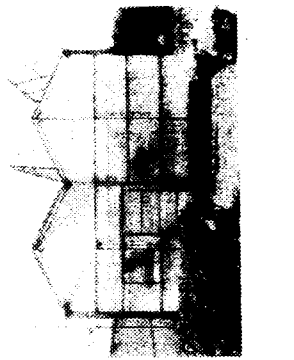
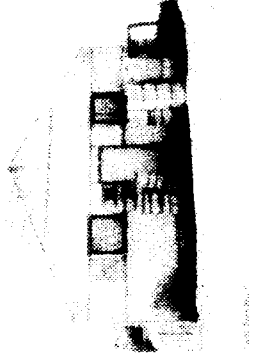
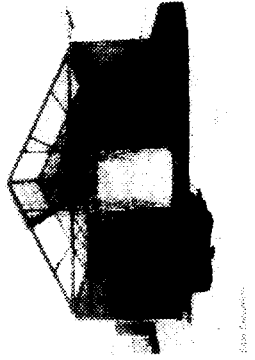
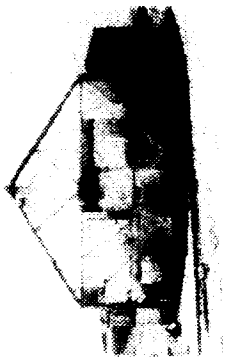
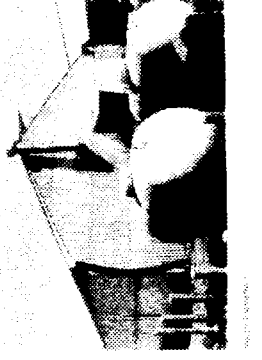
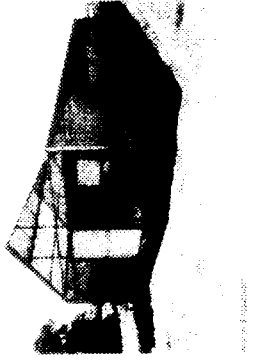
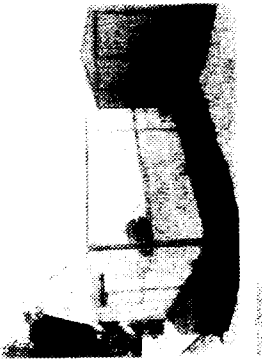
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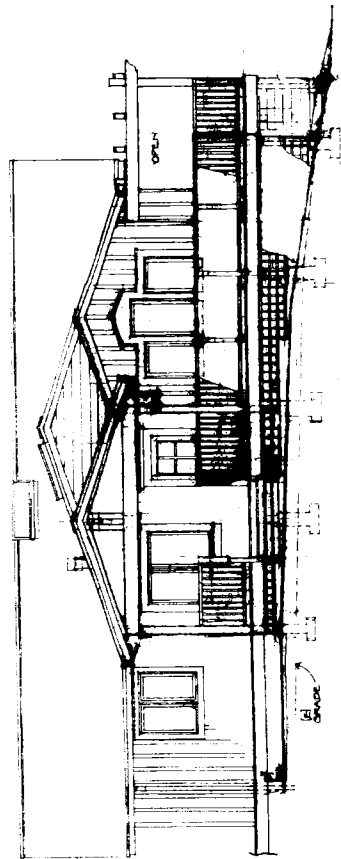


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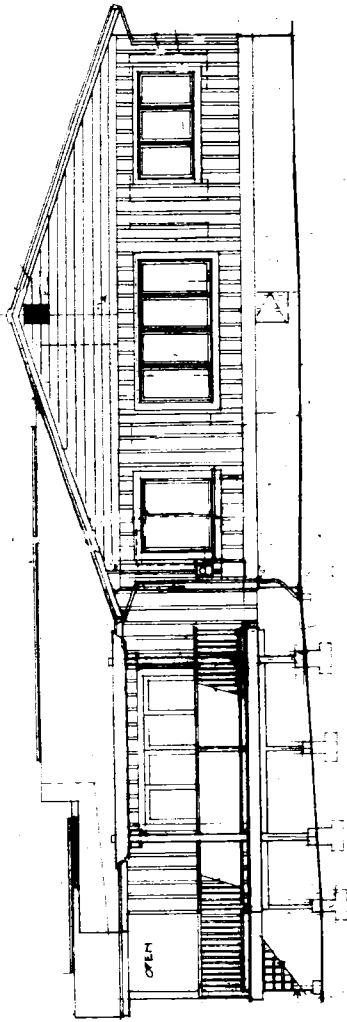
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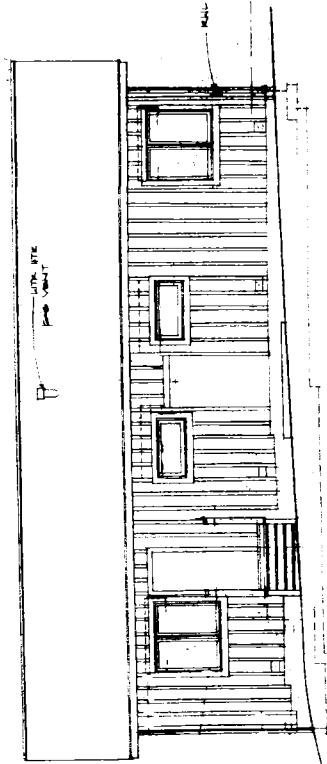




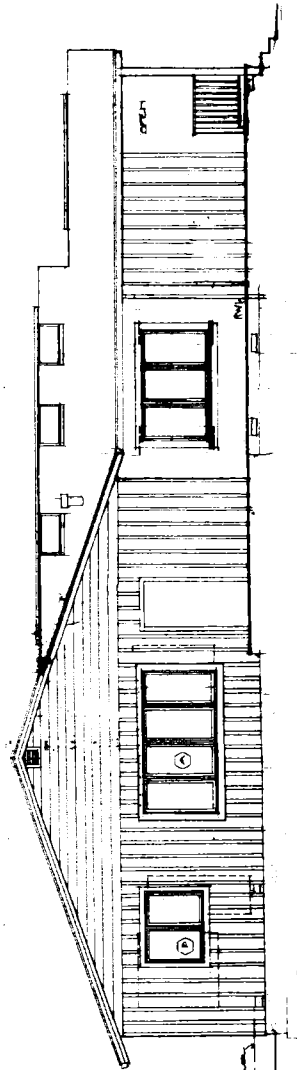
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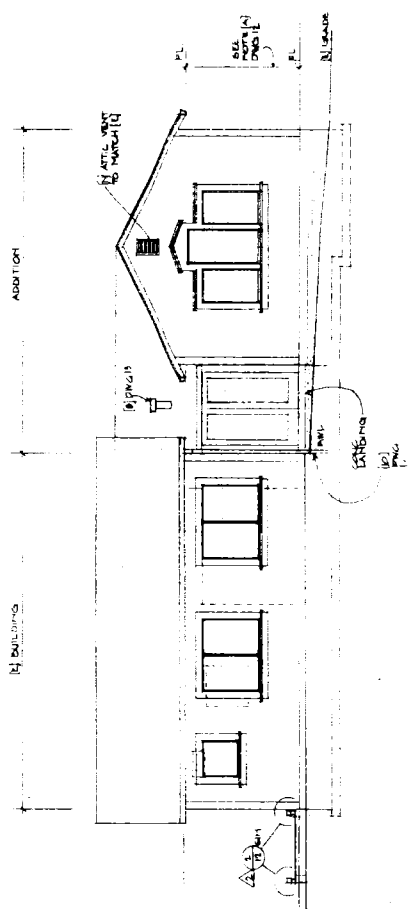


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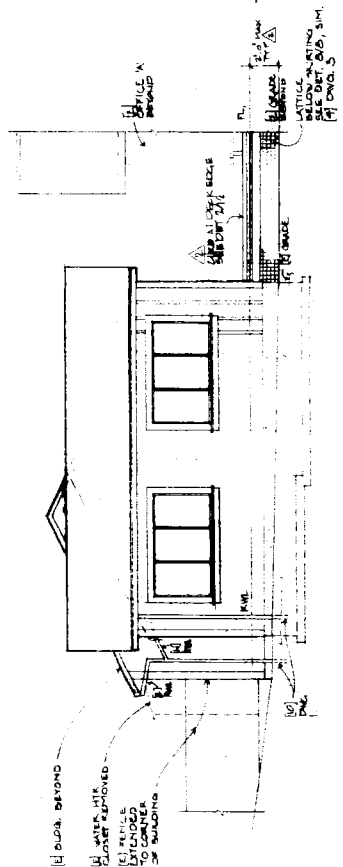
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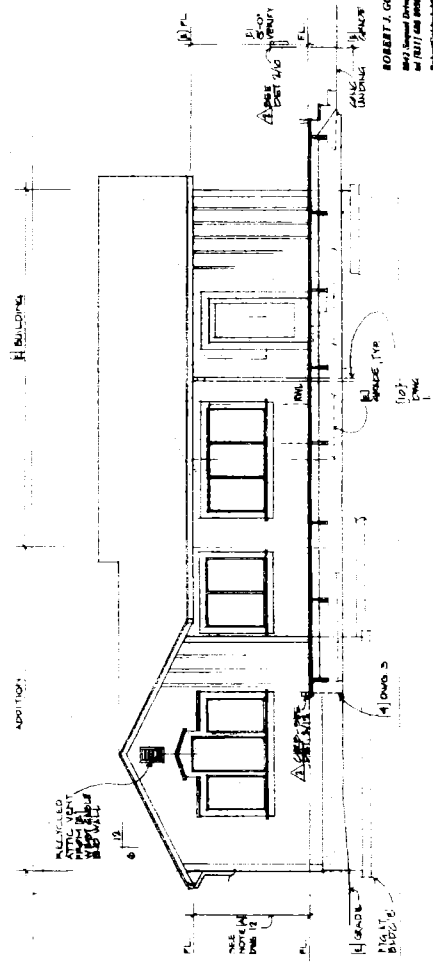
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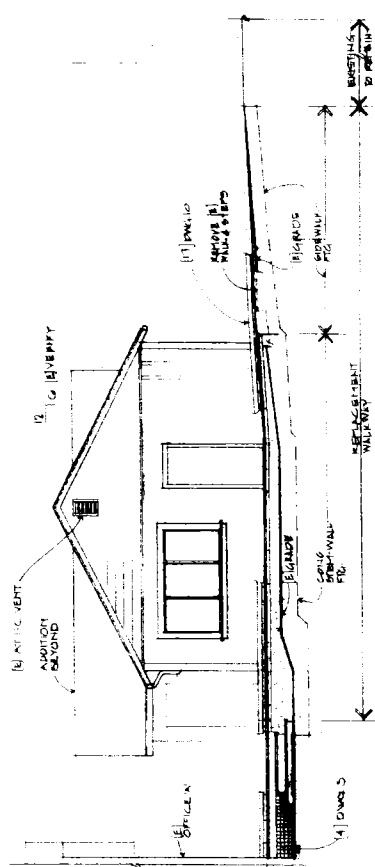
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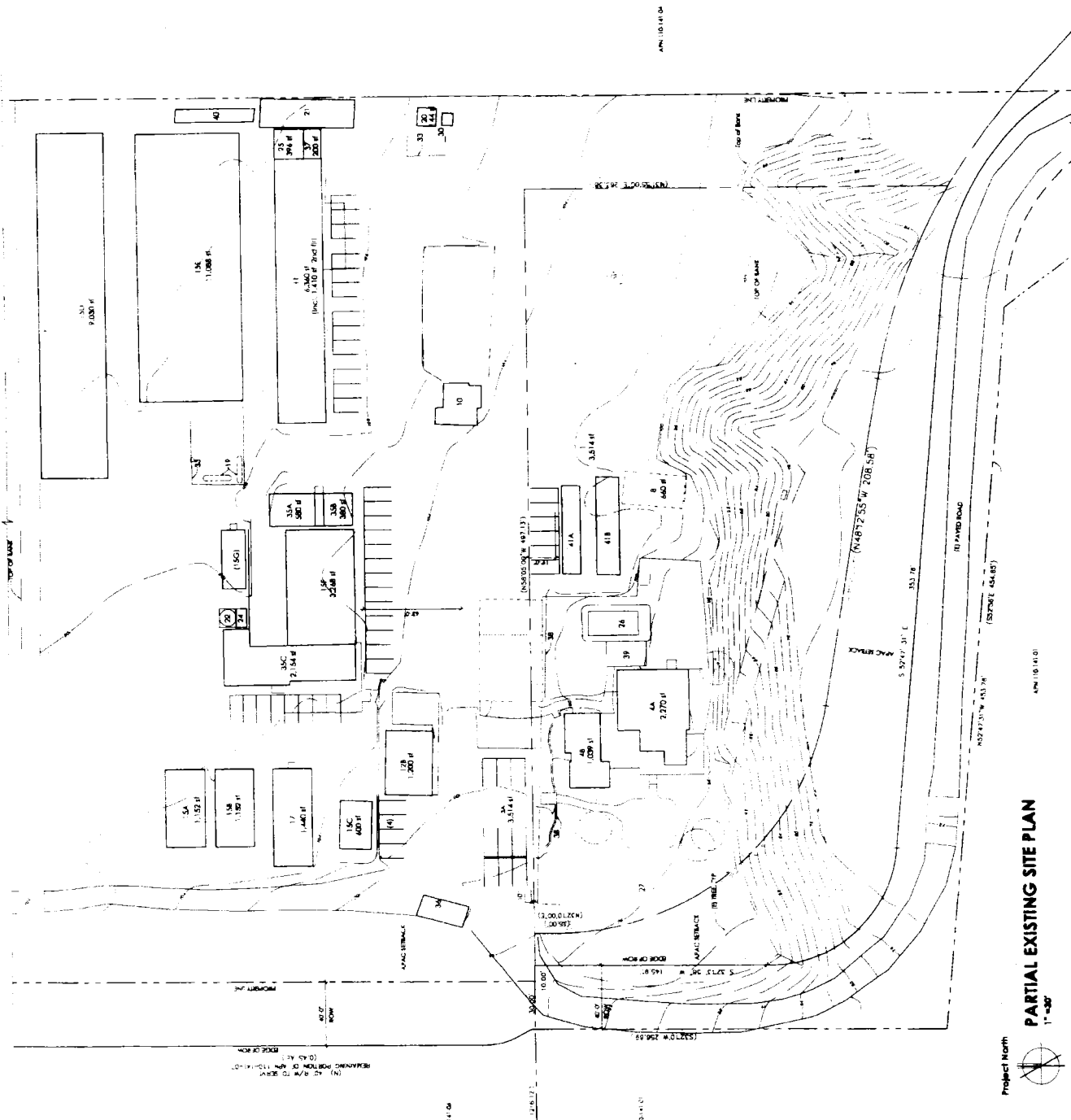


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Development Permit # 01-07-0017



Based on the Geographic Survey by Ward Surveying  
1796 Sandbright Ave., Suite A, Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
at the settlement drawing by Robert L. Dwyer & Assoc.

**CASSIN RANCH**

**Proposed Plan Development**  
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Petaluma, CA 95976

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### Existing Site Plan

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EXHIBIT A

**Special Findings for Parcels within the "CA" Commercial Agriculture and "AP" Agricultural Preserve Zone Districts (County Code 13.10.312) which requires a Level V or higher approval except Agricultural Buffer Determinations.**

1. That the establishment or maintenance of this use will enhance or support the continued operation of commercial agriculture on the parcel and will not reduce, restrict or adversely affect agricultural resources, or the economic viability of commercial agricultural operations, of the area.

This finding can be made in that the existing use of the property is a commercial agriculture research campus and planted agriculture that will be maintained and enhanced as a result of the project. The proposed buildings and improvements will not reduce, restrict or adversely affect existing agricultural resources on the subject parcels or on surrounding parcels and will enhance the economic viability of commercial agricultural operations on the parcel by upgrading existing structures, improving areas for employees, and improving the visibility of the site.

2. (a) That the use or structure is ancillary, incidental or accessory to the principal agricultural use of the parcel or (b) that no other agricultural use is feasible for the parcel or (c) that the use consists of an interim public use which does not impair long-term agricultural viability or consists of a permanent public use that will result in the production of recycled wastewater solely for agricultural irrigation and that limits and mitigates the impacts of facility construction on agriculture consistent with the requirements of Section 13.10.635; or

This finding can be made in that the proposed uses and structures are directly associated with the existing principal agricultural use of the parcel as an agricultural research campus which is a necessary incidental use to the planted agricultural fields.

3. That single-family residential uses will be sited to minimize conflicts, and that all other uses will not conflict with commercial agricultural activities on site, where applicable, or in the area.

This finding can be made in that the proposed structures are directly associated with the existing use of the parcel as an agricultural research facility which does not conflict with or minimize existing planted area.

4. That the use will be sited to remove no land from production (or potential production) if any nonfarmable potential building site is available, or if this is not possible, to remove as little land as possible from production.

This finding can be made in that the proposed structures and improvements will be located on a portion of the parcel that is currently disturbed and not currently farmed and the proposed structures will not inhibit future farming activities on the subject parcel.



## Development Permit Findings

1. That the proposed location of the project and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood or the general public, and will not result in inefficient or wasteful use of energy, and will not be materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

The finding can be made in that the project is located in an area designed for commercial agriculture uses and is already developed with an agricultural research facility. A geotechnical investigation was prepared by Haro, Kasunich and Associates, dated May 2008, which provides recommendations for construction on the existing expansive soils. All proposed construction will comply with the recommendations in the Geotechnical Investigation, prevailing building technology, the California Building Code, and the County Building Ordinance to ensure the optimum in safety and the conservation of energy and resources. The proposed buildings will not deprive adjacent properties of light, air, or open space in that the structures will meet all current setbacks from the perimeter of the property that ensure access to light, air, and open space in the neighborhood. In addition, the project will not be materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity in that the existing stormwater management system and driveway will be improved as a result of the project.

2. That the proposed location of the project and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will be consistent with all pertinent County ordinances and the purpose of the zone district in which the site is located.

This finding can be made, in that the proposed location of the commercial agriculture buildings and the conditions under which they will be operated and maintained are consistent with all pertinent County ordinances and the purpose of the CA (Commercial Agriculture) zone district in that the primary use of the property will be an agricultural research facility that meets all current site standards for the zone district.

3. That the proposed use is consistent with all elements of the County General Plan and with any specific plan which has been adopted for the area.

This finding can be made, in that the proposed agricultural research facility is consistent with the use and density requirements specified for the Agriculture (AG) land use designation in the County General Plan because the proposed facility retains the agricultural use of the property and will be located on a part of the parcel that is already disturbed and constructed with buildings and roads. In addition, the parcels are designated as Type 1A Prime Agricultural Lands and the actively farmed areas on the parcel, which equal about 24 acres, will be conserved as a result of this project.

The proposed new facility is consistent with General Plan policy 5.13.5 in that it will replace the existing agricultural research facility and is in compliance with the previously approved Master Plan for the site; therefore, the proposed use is intended to maintain the commercial agricultural use of the parcel for the long term.

All of the proposed structures, including offices, laboratories, and greenhouses are agriculturally oriented structures that are directly associated with the proposed use and are considered Agricultural Support Facilities. The location of these facilities on approximately 4 acres of the southwest portion of the property, locates the structures on a small portion of the parcel that is already completely disturbed, partially developed, and on the perimeter of good agricultural soils, which is consistent with General Plan Policy 5.13.8.

A specific plan has not been adopted for this portion of the County.

4. That the proposed use will not overload utilities and will not generate more than the acceptable level of traffic on the streets in the vicinity.

This finding can be made, in that the subject parcels are currently developed with an agricultural research facility, which is the same use as that which is proposed. The proposed use will expand the existing facility by constructing new office, laboratories, and greenhouses; therefore, the level of traffic is expected to increase slightly as a result of the proposed project. However, the parcel is located in a rural area, is in close proximity to Highway 129, and will have enough parking and distinguishing signage to alleviate the impact of additional vehicles on Silliman Road. In addition, such a slight increase will not adversely impact existing roads and intersections in the surrounding area and will not generate more than the acceptable level of traffic on the streets in the vicinity.

5. That the proposed project will complement and harmonize with the existing and proposed land uses in the vicinity and will be compatible with the physical design aspects, land use intensities, and dwelling unit densities of the neighborhood.

This finding can be made, in that the subject parcel is located in a rural, agricultural area containing a variety of architectural styles and the proposed commercial buildings are consistent with the land use intensity, density, and design of the surrounding neighborhood.

6. The proposed development project is consistent with the Design Standards and Guidelines (sections 13.11.070 through 13.11.076), and any other applicable requirements of this chapter.

This finding can be made, in that the proposed commercial buildings will be of an appropriate scale for the size of the parcel and an appropriate type of design that will blend in with the existing surrounding developments and will not reduce or visually impact available open space in the surrounding area because the buildings will be an unobtrusive design and will only be slightly visible from Silliman Road. In addition, the proposed facility will incorporate landscaping features that provide additional screening and further blend in the structures with the surrounding agricultural uses.

## Conditions of Approval

Exhibit A: Project plans, 15 pages, prepared by: Robert J. Goldspink Architects (dated 9/25/07) and Robert DeWitt & Associates, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors (dated 9/25/07).

- I. This permit authorizes the construction of 7028 square feet of offices, 9044 square feet of greenhouse, 3370 square feet of laboratory, a 3514 square foot office/conference room, and associated site improvements as shown on Exhibit A. This approval does not confer legal status on any existing structure(s) or existing use(s) on the subject property that are not specifically authorized by this permit. Prior to exercising any rights granted by this permit including, without limitation, any construction or site disturbance, the applicant/owner shall:
  - A. Sign, date, and return to the Planning Department one copy of the approval to indicate acceptance and agreement with the conditions thereof.
  - B. Obtain a Demolition Permit(s) from the Santa Cruz County Building Official.
  - C. Remove the two existing temporary mobile homes from the property (approved by discretionary permit 07-0215).
  - D. Obtain all required Building Permits from the Santa Cruz County Building Official.
    1. Any outstanding balance due to the Planning Department must be paid prior to making a Building Permit application. Applications for Building Permits will not be accepted or processed while there is an outstanding balance due.
  - E. Obtain a Grading Permit from the Santa Cruz County Building Official, if required by Environmental Planning.
  - F. Obtain an Encroachment Permit from the Department of Public Works for all off-site work performed in the County road right-of-way.
- II. Prior to issuance of a Building Permit the applicant/owner shall:
  - A. Submit proof that these conditions have been recorded in the official records of the County of Santa Cruz (Office of the County Recorder).
  - B. Submit final architectural plans for review and approval by the Planning Department. The final plans shall include the following additional information:
    1. Development setbacks of 45 feet from APN 110-141-06 to the west, 137 feet from APN 110-141-06 to the south, 105 feet from APN 110-141-01, 90 feet from the existing agricultural use on the subject parcel to the north,

and 100 feet from the existing agricultural use on the subject parcel to the south.

2. Detailed architectural drawings with all materials and colors clearly labeled.
  3. A grading/drainage plan completed by a licensed civil engineer that includes maintenance recommendations for the detention basin. Drainage plans shall comply with the recommendations in the submitted geotechnical report.
  4. An erosion and sediment control plan.
  5. A detailed accessibility plan.
  6. A sign plan that indicates all existing and proposed signage. Site signage shall comply with the standards set forth in the County Code (sections 13.10.580, 13.10.583, & 13.10.584). The main business sign located at the driveway entry at Silliman Road shall include:
    - a. A clear indication that the driveway is the entrance to the property;
    - b. The road name spelled correctly (Silliman);
    - c. Addressing shall comply with all requirements of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District;
    - d. The name of the business/facility (Driscoll's) and the name of the berry farm located on the subject parcel;
  7. A lighting plan which indicates that all site lighting will be directed downwards and away from adjacent properties.
  8. The proposed driveway shall be 18 feet wide.
  9. All features of the proposed and existing septic system shall be illustrated on the site plan.
- C. Submit four copies of the approved Discretionary Permit with the Conditions of Approval attached. The Conditions of Approval shall be recorded prior to submittal, if applicable.
- D. Meet all requirements of and pay Zone 7 drainage fees to the County Department of Public Works, Drainage. Drainage fees will be assessed on the net increase in impervious area.
1. Submit a copy of a recorded maintenance agreement from Joe Kalich, the downstream property owner.
  2. Submit a copy of a recorded maintenance agreement from Driscoll's for

the proposed detention system.

- E. Obtain an Environmental Health Clearance for this project from the County Department of Environmental Health Services.
    - 1. Obtain a sewage disposal permit to upgrade the existing septic system to meet current standards.
    - 2. The Hazardous Materials Management Plan for this site shall be modified to reflect any changes in the location or removal of the fuel station, chemical storage, or propane tanks.
  - F. Meet all requirements and pay any applicable plan check fee of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District.
  - G. Submit 3 copies of a soils report prepared and stamped by a California licensed Geotechnical Engineer for all proposed structures.
- III. All construction shall be performed according to the approved plans for the Building Permit. Prior to final building inspection, the applicant/owner must meet the following conditions:
- A. All site improvements shown on the final approved Building Permit plans shall be installed.
  - B. The agricultural buffer setbacks shall be met as verified by the County Building Official.
  - C. All inspections required by the building permit shall be completed to the satisfaction of the County Building Official.
  - D. The project must comply with all recommendations of the approved soils reports.
  - E. Pursuant to Sections 16.40.040 and 16.42.100 of the County Code, if at any time during site preparation, excavation, or other ground disturbance associated with this development, any artifact or other evidence of an historic archaeological resource or a Native American cultural site is discovered, the responsible persons shall immediately cease and desist from all further site excavation and notify the Sheriff-Coroner if the discovery contains human remains, or the Planning Director if the discovery contains no human remains. The procedures established in Sections 16.40.040 and 16.42.100, shall be observed.
- IV. Operational Conditions
- A. In the event that future County inspections of the subject property disclose noncompliance with any Conditions of this approval or any violation of the County Code, the owner shall pay to the County the full cost of such County

inspections, including any follow-up inspections and/or necessary enforcement actions, up to and including permit revocation.

- B. The research portion of the agricultural facility shall operate only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. All noises produced by the operation shall comply with General Plan policy 6.9.1 for agricultural facilities and shall cease by 7:00 p.m.
  - C. All required agricultural buffer setbacks shall be maintained.
  - D. The owner shall limit flooring and impervious surfaces within the greenhouse structures which impair long term soil capabilities, to those areas needed for access, loading and storage.
  - E. The owner shall not use long-term sterilants under impervious surfacing.
  - F. No dwelling units are authorized by this permit.
  - G. All irrigation shall be done with water conserving methods.
- V. As a condition of this development approval, the holder of this development approval ("Development Approval Holder"), is required to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the COUNTY, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any claim (including attorneys' fees), against the COUNTY, its officers, employees, and agents to attack, set aside, void, or annul this development approval of the COUNTY or any subsequent amendment of this development approval which is requested by the Development Approval Holder.
- A. COUNTY shall promptly notify the Development Approval Holder of any claim, action, or proceeding against which the COUNTY seeks to be defended, indemnified, or held harmless. COUNTY shall cooperate fully in such defense. If COUNTY fails to notify the Development Approval Holder within sixty (60) days of any such claim, action, or proceeding, or fails to cooperate fully in the defense thereof, the Development Approval Holder shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the COUNTY if such failure to notify or cooperate was significantly prejudicial to the Development Approval Holder.
  - B. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the COUNTY from participating in the defense of any claim, action, or proceeding if both of the following occur:
    - 1. COUNTY bears its own attorney's fees and costs; and
    - 2. COUNTY defends the action in good faith.
  - C. Settlement. The Development Approval Holder shall not be required to pay or perform any settlement unless such Development Approval Holder has approved the settlement. When representing the County, the Development Approval Holder

shall not enter into any stipulation or settlement modifying or affecting the interpretation or validity of any of the terms or conditions of the development approval without the prior written consent of the County.

- D. Successors Bound. "Development Approval Holder" shall include the applicant and the successor'(s) in interest, transferee(s), and assign(s) of the applicant.

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Minor variations to this permit which do not affect the overall concept or density may be approved by the Planning Director at the request of the applicant or staff in accordance with Chapter 18.10 of the County Code.

**Please note: This permit expires three years from the effective date listed below unless a building permit (or permits) is obtained for the primary structure described in the development permit (does not include demolition, temporary power pole or other site preparation permits, or accessory structures unless these are the primary subject of the development permit). Failure to exercise the building permit and to complete all of the construction under the building permit, resulting in the expiration of the building permit, will void the development permit, unless there are special circumstances as determined by the Planning Director.**

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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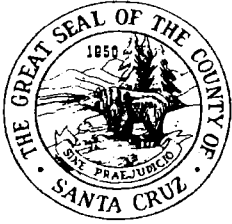
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Cathy Graves  
Principal Planner

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Samantha Haschert  
Project Planner

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Appeals: Any property owner, or other person aggrieved, or any other person whose interests are adversely affected by any act or determination of the Planning Commission, may appeal the act or determination to the Board of Supervisors in accordance with chapter 18.10 of the Santa Cruz County Code.



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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**TOM BURNS, PLANNING DIRECTOR**

### NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

07-0267 151-155 SILLIMAN RD, WATSONVILLE Applicant: Goldspink/Berkshire Investments  
Proposal to expand an existing agricultural research facility to include construction of 7504 square feet of offices, 9044 square feet of green-houses, 3370 square feet of laboratory, a 2304 square foot office/conference room, and a 3024 square foot storage building. Requires an Amendment to permit 88-1104 and an Agricultural Buffer Determination to decrease the minimum required 200 foot buffer to a 45 foot setback from APN 110-141-06 to the west, a 137 foot setback from APN 110-141-06 to the south, a 105 foot setback from APN 110-141-01, a 90 foot setback from the existing agricultural use on the subject parcel to the north, and a 100 foot setback from the existing agricultural use on the subject parcel to the south.

Property located on the north side of Silliman Road (151 Silliman Road) about 300 yards east from Highway 129 in Watsonville.

**APN: 110-141-06, -07, -08**

**Staff Planner: Samantha Haschert**

**Zone District: CA – Commercial Agriculture**

**ACTION: Negative Declaration with Mitigations**

**REVIEW PERIOD ENDS: MAY 5, 2009**

**This project will be considered at a public hearing by the Planning Commission.**

#### Findings:

This project, if conditioned to comply with required mitigation measures or conditions shown below, will not have significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the Initial Study on this project attached to the original of this notice on file with the Planning Department, County of Santa Cruz, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California.

#### Required Mitigation Measures or Conditions:

☐ None  
☒ XX Are Attached

Review Period Ends May 5, 2009

Date Approved By Environmental Coordinator May 6, 2009

Claudia Slater  
CLAUDIA SLATER  
Environmental Coordinator  
(831) 454-5175

If this project is approved, complete and file this notice with the Clerk of the Board:

#### NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

The Final Approval of This Project was Granted by \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_ No EIR was prepared under CEQA.

THE PROJECT WAS DETERMINED TO NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Date completed notice filed with Clerk of the Board: \_\_\_\_\_



NAME: Cassin Ranch - Berkshire Investments, LLC  
APPLICATION: 07-0267  
A.P.N: 110-141-06, 07 & 08

### NEGATIVE DECLARATION MITIGATIONS

- A. In order to mitigate the impacts of increased water usage on groundwater supplies due to increased staffing levels, the applicant shall include Best Management Practices (BMP's) for agricultural water conservation on the utility plans for review and approval by County Environmental Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance.
- B. In order to mitigate the impacts of additional nighttime lighting on existing animal habitats, the applicant shall submit a lighting plan with the final project plan set which shall show all proposed site, building, security, and landscape lighting directed downwards and away from adjacent animal habitats, agricultural areas, and undisturbed areas. If lighting is to be used in the proposed parking and circulation areas, low-rise light fixtures, or equivalent, must be utilized. The lighting plan shall be reviewed and approved by County Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance.
- C. In order to mitigate potential hazards to pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on Silliman Road as a result of increased traffic, the property owner shall pave the first 40' of the private driveway and install a stop sign at the intersection of the private driveway to the proposed facility and Silliman Road to control traffic and create awareness.
- D. In order to mitigate the impacts of a short-term, localized decrease in air quality due to generation of dust, the applicant shall include standard dust control best management practices on the final grading plan that must be implemented during construction.
- E. In order to reduce the impacts of temporary construction debris on the capacity of the regional landfill to less than significant, the applicant and/or property owner shall recycle and reuse materials, as appropriate, and to the maximum extent possible. Notes to this affect shall be included on the final building permit plan set.

EXHIBIT D

Application 07-0267  
Mitigations



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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TOM BURNS, PLANNING DIRECTOR

### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PERIOD

#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

APPLICANT: Robert Goldspink; Owner: Berkshire Investments, LLC

APPLICATION NO.: 07-0267

APN: 110-141-06, -07, and -08

The Environmental Coordinator has reviewed the Initial Study for your application and made the following preliminary determination:

XX Negative Declaration  
(Your project will not have a significant impact on the environment.)

XX Mitigations will be attached to the Negative Declaration.

       No mitigations will be attached.

       Environmental Impact Report  
(Your project may have a significant effect on the environment. An EIR must be prepared to address the potential impacts.)

As part of the environmental review process required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this is your opportunity to respond to the preliminary determination before it is finalized. Please contact Matt Johnston, Environmental Coordinator at (831) 454-3201, if you wish to comment on the preliminary determination. Written comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period.

Review Period Ends: May 5, 2009

Samantha Haschert  
Staff Planner

Phone: 831 454-3214

Date: April 9, 2009



## Environmental Review Initial Study

Application Number: **07-0267**

Date: April 6, 2009

Staff Planner: Samantha Haschert

### I. OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**APPLICANT:** Robert Goldspink

**APN:** 110-141-06, 07 & 08

**OWNER:** Berkshire Investments, LLC

**SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT:** 4<sup>th</sup> (Campos)

**LOCATION:** Property located on the north side of Silliman Road (151 and 155 Silliman Road) about 300 yards east of Highway 129 in Watsonville.

**SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Proposal to expand an existing agricultural research facility to include construction of 7504 square feet of offices, 9044 square feet of greenhouse, 3370 square feet of laboratory, a 2304 square foot office/conference room, and a 3024 square foot storage building. Requires an Amendment to Master Plan 88-1104.

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE EVALUATED IN THIS INITIAL STUDY. CATEGORIES THAT ARE MARKED HAVE BEEN ANALYZED IN GREATER DETAIL BASED ON PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION.**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Supply/Water Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services & Utilities        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy & Natural Resources                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use, Population & Housing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Resources & Aesthetics                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Impacts                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic               |   |

**DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL(S) BEING CONSIDERED**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment        | <input type="checkbox"/> Grading Permit     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Exception |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rezoning                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development Permit | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Development Permit    | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |

**NON-LOCAL APPROVALS**

Other agencies that must issue permits or authorizations: None

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ACTION**

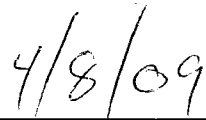
On the basis of this Initial Study and supporting documents:

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

☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the attached mitigation measures have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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

  
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Matt Johnston

  
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Date

For: Claudia Slater  
Environmental Coordinator

## II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

**Parcel Size:** 28.26 acres (combined 110-141-07 & 08)

**Existing Land Use:** Agricultural Research Facility & Commercial Agriculture

**Vegetation:** Planted commercial agriculture on north portion of parcel; small wooded area including cypress, acacia and oak trees on south portion of parcel.

**Slope in area affected by project:** X 0 - 30% \_\_\_\_ 31 – 100% (approx. 30% slope at south end of parcel)

**Nearby Watercourse:** Pajaro River (about 1 mile south of the subject parcel)

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND CONSTRAINTS

**Groundwater Supply:** None mapped

**Liquefaction:** Mapped area of very high and moderate liquefaction; geotechnical reports required prior to building permit issuance.

**Water Supply Watershed:** None mapped

**Fault Zone:** Not mapped

**Groundwater Recharge:** None mapped

**Scenic Corridor:** Not mapped

**Timber or Mineral:** None mapped

**Historic:** None mapped

**Agricultural Resource:** Mapped resource; proposed development compatible with zoning and general plan objectives

**Archaeology:** Mapped resource; area proposed for development already disturbed; reconnaissance not required.

**Biologically Sensitive Habitat:** Small area at north portion of site mapped biotic resource; however not within proposed area of disturbance.

**Noise Constraint:** None

**Fire Hazard:** Not mapped

**Electric Power Lines:** Electric power lines onsite to serve various buildings.

**Floodplain:** Not mapped

**Solar Access:** N/A

**Erosion:** Not mapped

**Solar Orientation:** N/A

**Landslide:** Not mapped

**Hazardous Materials:** None

### SERVICES

**Fire Protection:** Pajaro Valley Fire District

**Drainage District:** Zone 7

**School District:** Pajaro Valley USD

**Project Access:** Via Silliman Road

**Sewage Disposal:** Septic

**Water Supply:** Private well

### PLANNING POLICIES

**Zone District:** CA (Commercial Agriculture)

**Special Designation:** None

**General Plan:** AG (Agriculture)

**Urban Services Line:** \_\_\_\_ Inside

X Outside

**Coastal Zone:** \_\_\_\_ Inside

X Outside

## **PROJECT SETTING AND BACKGROUND:**

The subject properties are located in an area designated for commercial agriculture uses and are accessed via Silliman Road in Watsonville (off Highway 129). The property has been used as an agricultural facility since 1989 when a Master Plan was developed under permit 88-1104 for a bushberry propagation and cultivation business. In 1990, 1995, 2001 and 2003, permits were established to allow the construction of additional laboratories, research facilities, greenhouses, and offices to expand the agricultural research facility use.

Currently, there are two office buildings, a swimming pool, two temporary trailers used as office spaces, 6 storage buildings, 8 greenhouses, 1 screenhouse, 3 laboratories, a fuel station, a fertilizer station, and a water fill station on the subject parcel. About 24 acres on the north portion of the parcel are actively farmed for commercial agriculture; therefore, only about 4 acres of land is and will remain disturbed by the existing and proposed development.

There are currently about 30 employees at the existing facility with the majority being field workers and administrative staff.

## DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project is to expand an existing agricultural research facility by constructing 7504 square feet of offices, 9044 square feet of greenhouses, 3370 square feet of laboratory, a 2304 square foot office/conference rooms, and a 3024 square foot storage building. The proposed project would add 25,246 square feet of commercial agricultural structures to the 41,747 square feet of existing structures on the subject property to total 66,993 square feet of commercial agriculture buildings.

Approval of the proposed project would create a total of 5 offices, 4 storage buildings, 7 greenhouses, 1 screenhouse, 4 laboratories, 1 detached restroom, and 1 fertilizer station on the subject property. In addition, proposed site improvements include paving the existing driveway and parking area, moving the existing private driveway to the east to resolve the encroachment into the adjacent parcel, construct a new trash enclosure/propane tank area north of the greenhouse, relocate the fueling station to the driveway, removing the existing swimming pool, installing new landscaping, and providing accessible routes and features throughout the agricultural research campus.

County Code 16.50.095 requires that structures designed for a level of human use similar to that of a habitable structure, maintain a 200 foot setback from surrounding Commercial Agriculture (CA) zoned lands. The proposed project includes office buildings and laboratories, which would accommodate a level of use similar to that of a habitable structure; therefore, the project was required to obtain approval from the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) to reduce the required 200 foot agricultural buffer setback from adjacent parcels. On August 21, 2008, APAC approved reductions to a minimum of 45 feet from adjacent CA land to the west and south (APN 110-141-06) (Attachment 12)

The proposed expanded facility would bring in an estimated 59 additional employees for a total about 89 staff on site, the majority of which will be field workers. In addition, the proposed conference room would be used both for small weekly staff meetings of about 25 -30 people and for larger monthly meetings of about 80-100 people (regional staff, guests, growers, buyers, etc.).

The parcel is a mapped archaeological resource area, however, the area proposed for development is already totally disturbed (cleared and/or developed) and is unlikely to contain prehistoric resources.

This proposal requires an Amendment to Master Plan 88-1104.

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### III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

#### A. Geology and Soils

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Expose people or structures to potential adverse effects, including the risk of material loss, injury, or death involving:

- A. 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 as identified by other substantial evidence?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The subject parcels are located about a mile south of the San Andreas fault. A geotechnical investigation for the proposed project was performed by Haro, Kasunich & Associates, dated May 2008 (Attachment 6). The report concluded that the proposed buildings would likely be subject to shaking, however, ground rupture is not identified in the report as a potential hazard on the property. A geologic report was not required for this project as per the County Geologist; therefore, ground rupture as a result of an earthquake is not likely at this site. As per the California Building Code, Environmental Planning staff will review the submitted geotechnical report, identified above, as part of the applicant's building permit submittal.

- B. Seismic ground shaking?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

See 1-A above. The geotechnical report concluded that the proposed project would likely be subject to strong ground shaking in the event of an earthquake on the San Andreas fault and that the "...quality of construction is a primary factor affecting the amount of earthquake damage sustained by wood framed structures." Therefore, the property owner and/or applicant will be required to comply with the recommendations for foundation design provided in the geotechnical report and with the construction requirements in the most recent California Building Code. Final plans will be reviewed and approved by Environmental Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance. Implementation of these requirements will ensure that the buildings are constructed to withstand impacts (to the greatest extent possible) from seismic ground shaking.

- C. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

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The subject parcels are not mapped for liquefaction and the geotechnical investigation



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identified primarily expansive clayey soils at the site rather than sandy soils; therefore, liquefaction is not an area of concern for the proposed project.

D. Landslides?

X

The subject parcels are not mapped for landslide areas and the topography of the parcel is primarily flat. There is a slight slope, which is over 30%, located at the southern boundary of the proposed parcel; however no development is proposed on the slope or at the toe or heel of the slope; therefore, as per the County Geologist, a geologic report is not required for this project and landslide hazards are not an area of concern for the project.

2. Subject people or improvements to damage from soil instability as a result of on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, to subsidence, liquefaction, or structural collapse?

X

See A-1 above regarding landslide potential, liquefaction analysis, and structural design requirements.

3. Develop land with a slope exceeding 30%?

X

There are slopes that exceed 30% on the property; however, no buildings are proposed for construction on slopes in excess of 30%.

4. Result in soil erosion or the substantial loss of topsoil?

X

Some potential for erosion exists as a result of the proposed development due to construction impacts; however, prior to building permit issuance, the property owner and/or applicant will be required to submit detailed erosion control plans for review and approval by Environmental Planning staff as per County Code Section 16.22.060. In addition, the existing dirt interior circulation and parking areas would be paved as a result of the development, which contributes to the reduction of onsite soil erosion.

5. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in section 18.02.32 of the California Building Code, creating substantial risks to property?

X

The geotechnical report (Attachment 6) submitted for this project, has identified potentially expansive clayey soils at the proposed development areas with a "...moderately high potential for shrink/swell with moisture variation." To address the

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impacts of expansive soils on the proposed new construction, the geotechnical report provides two alternatives for foundation systems:

- 1) Removal of expansive soils to at least 30 inches below existing grade and replacement with non-expansive engineered fill to support structures with shallow conventional spread footings with raised wood floors or concrete slabs on grade; or
- 2) For structures with raised wood floors only, an alternative spread footing system would be adequate to support the structure upon 36 inch deep footings bearing upon undisturbed native soil.

Foundation design recommendations are included in the geotechnical report and Environmental Planning Staff will ensure compliance prior to building permit issuance. The impacts of expansive soils on the proposed new developments will be less than significant with the above requirements.

6. Place sewage disposal systems in areas dependent upon soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks, leach fields, or alternative waste water disposal systems?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed project would utilize an existing onsite septic system that, as per County policy, will be required to be upgraded to meet current standards. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant and/or property owner must obtain Environmental Health Services approval of a sewage disposal permit, which includes a review of specific parcel attributes, including slope and soil type, to ensure that the locations of the septic tanks and leach fields are adequately supported and will not create a significant impact on the development.

7. Result in coastal cliff erosion?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable because the subject parcel is not located in the vicinity of an ocean bluff.

## **B. Hydrology, Water Supply and Water Quality**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Place development within a 100-year flood hazard area?

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According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Rate Map, dated March 2, 2006, this parcel is not located within a 100 year flood hazard area.

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| 2. Place development within the floodway resulting in impedance or redirection of flood flows?   | _____   | _____   | _____                                       | <u>  X  </u>      |
| Not applicable. See response B-1 above.  |   |   |   |                   |
| 3. Be inundated by a seiche or tsunami?  | _____   | _____   | _____                                       | <u>  X  </u>      |
| 4. Deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit, or a significant contribution to an existing net deficit in available supply, or a significant lowering of the local groundwater table? | _____   | <u>  X  </u>  | _____                                       | _____             |

The property is served by a well but it is not located within a mapped groundwater recharge area. There would be a small increase in water demand as a result of this project due to the proposed increase of about 59 staff which could contribute to the depletion of groundwater supplies. The existing parcel already creates a draw on water supplies in that about 24 acres of the 28 acre parcel is currently planted with commercial agriculture. Therefore, as per the County Code, the applicant must submit utility plans that clearly show the location of the well and water lines on the subject properties for Planning and Environmental Health Services staff approval prior to building permit issuance. In addition, in order to mitigate the impacts of increased water usage on groundwater supplies due to increased staffing levels, the applicant shall include Best Management Practices (BMP's) for agricultural water conservation on the utility plans for review and approval by County Environmental Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance. Implementation of this mitigation will ensure that the slight increase in water usage on the subject parcel will not contribute substantially to a net deficit in groundwater supplies.

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| 5. Degrade a public or private water supply? (Including the contribution of urban contaminants, nutrient enrichments, or other agricultural chemicals or seawater intrusion). | _____ | _____ | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
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The project has the potential to contribute urban pollutants to the Pajaro River during construction of the proposed new facilities and due to the introduction of additional hardscape for parking areas, interior circulation and new building area; however, the project includes plans to manage increased storm water runoff through a new underground storm water system that includes filtering mechanisms such as rock filled trenches to filter runoff prior to it leaving the site. The use of pervious paving would be

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considered in the building permit review stage, which, if implemented, would also provide additional filtering prior to runoff leaving the site. As per County Department of Public Works Design Criteria, the applicant will be required to incorporate Best Management Practices (BMP's) into the proposed stormwater management system for review and approval by County Stormwater Management Staff prior to building permit issuance to ensure that the impacts of the development on the public and private water supplies are less than significant.

6. Degrade septic system functioning? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

There is no indication that the existing septic system would be impacted by the proposed project in that, as per County Code, the property owner will be required to obtain a sewage disposal permit from Environmental Health Services prior to building permit issuance and to upgrade the existing septic system to meet current standards to ensure that the system will support the proposed increase in usage. Implementation of the above described requirements will ensure that there are no significant impacts to the existing septic system as a result of the proposed project.

7. Alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which could result in flooding, erosion, or siltation on or off-site? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed project would alter the existing drainage patterns to direct runoff away from site improvements and structures and to hard pipe and filter additional runoff created from new hardscape; however, these alterations will not result in an alteration of the course of the Pajaro River, which is the nearest watercourse. Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Section Staff have reviewed and approved the conceptual drainage plan and, as per the County Code, the applicant shall submit a final erosion control and grading plan and final drainage plans to be reviewed and approved by County Stormwater Management Staff prior to Building Permit and Grading Permit (if required) issuance to ensure that there are no impacts of flooding, erosion, or siltation as a result of the development.

8. Create or contribute runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems, or create additional source(s) of polluted runoff? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed project would contribute a minimal amount of additional runoff from new hardscape (site improvements) and new buildings. The Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Staff has reviewed and approved several documents to ensure the appropriate management of runoff from the site including: Drainage

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Calculations prepared by Robert DeWitt, P.E. dated 9/14/07 (Attachment 7), a Watershed Analysis prepared by Robert DeWitt, P.E. dated 2/1/08 (Attachment 8), Percolation Testing prepared by Haro, Kasunich and Associates, Inc, dated 8/27/08 (Attachment 9), and a Plan Review Letter regarding the Preliminary Drainage Plan prepared by Haro, Kasunich and Associates, dated 9/4/08 (Attachment 10). The runoff rate from the property would be controlled by the installation of a new detention system that would be located at the toe of the slope on the south western property line, rock filled trenches, and the use of some pervious materials. DPW staff has determined that proposed storm water system is feasible to handle the increase in drainage associated with the project. As per County Code, the applicant and/or property owner will be required to submit final engineered drainage plans to be reviewed by Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Staff for accuracy of drainage calculations, detention basin and infiltration trench design, and orifice sizing prior to building permit issuance. Refer to response B-5 for discussion of urban contaminants and/or other polluting runoff.

9. Contribute to flood levels or erosion in natural water courses by discharges of newly collected runoff?

X

The project has the potential to contribute to flood levels on the Pajaro River as a result of newly collected runoff. The Pajaro River is located over a mile to the south and the existing drainage path flows between agricultural parcels through channels, pipes and ponds before it reaches the river. The applicant is proposing to install a detention system at the southern property boundary with an energy dissipater to hold and slow runoff to predevelopment rates. Outflow from the detention system would flow to an existing pond located on parcel 110-151-01 (Lukrich property) about 800 feet to the southwest, which discharges to a Kelly ditch and runs over a mile south to the Pajaro River. The Department of Public Works Stormwater Management staff has determined that the capacity of the existing ditches, channels, and pond impacted by the development, is adequate to handle the additional runoff from the proposed project. In addition, as per County Code, the applicant and/or property owner will be required to submit final drainage plans for review and approval by Department of Public Works Stormwater Management staff prior to building permit issuance in order for staff to perform a complete review of the submitted drainage calculations and for detention basin, infiltration trench and orifice sizing and design. Recorded maintenance agreements will be required for both downstream property owners and Driscoll's for the maintenance of the detention basin. Implementation of the above described requirements will ensure that newly collected runoff as a result of the proposed project does not contribute to flood levels or erosion in the Pajaro River or in downstream drainage paths.

10. Otherwise substantially degrade water supply or quality?

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Few pollutants would be added to the existing water supply as a result of this project. All runoff from new impervious walkways are proposed to flow into landscaped areas or drainage swales or be hard piped through infiltration trenches to the proposed detention system. As per County Code requirements, the applicant will be required to submit final Stormwater Management Plans for review and approval by County Environmental Planning and Stormwater Management staff prior to building permit issuance to ensure that appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP's) are included in the drainage plans. In order to mitigate possible impacts on water supply, the applicant shall show existing and proposed agricultural water conservation methods on the final drainage plans for review and approval by County Environmental Planning and Drainage Staff prior to building permit issuance. See response B-5 regarding urban pollutants and response B-4 regarding water supplies.

### **C. Biological Resources**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Have an adverse effect 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?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

A small portion on the north end of parcel 110-141-07 is mapped for a biotic resource. However, about 24 acres on the north portion of the parcel would remain as commercial agricultural land and would not be developed; therefore, no development or improvements would occur on the mapped biotic portion of the property and would therefore have no impact on any sensitive or special status species in that area.

2. Have an adverse effect on a sensitive biotic community (riparian corridor, wetland, native grassland, special forests, intertidal zone, etc.)?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

See response C-1 above.

3. Interfere 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 or migratory wildlife nursery sites?

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See responses C-1 and C-2 above. County Environmental Planning Staff did not

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identify the subject parcels as migratory corridors.

4. Produce nighttime lighting that will illuminate animal habitats?

X

The proposed buildings would incorporate new lighting fixtures and some will be within the vicinity of a wooded area and agricultural fields that provide habitat for animals. In order to mitigate the impacts of additional nighttime lighting on existing animal habitats, the applicant shall submit a lighting plan with the final project plan set which shall show all proposed site, building, security, and landscape lighting directed downwards and away from adjacent animal habitats, agricultural areas, and undisturbed areas. If lighting is to be used in the proposed parking and circulation areas, low-rise light fixtures, or equivalent, must be utilized. The lighting plan must be reviewed and approved by County Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance. Implementation of these mitigations will effectively reduce the impacts of nighttime lighting on animal habitats to less than significant.

5. Make a significant contribution to the reduction of the number of species of plants or animals?

X

Refer to C-1 and C-2 above.

6. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources (such as the Significant Tree Protection Ordinance, Sensitive Habitat Ordinance, provisions of the Design Review ordinance protecting trees with trunk sizes of 6 inch diameters or greater)?

X

The proposed project does not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources because no significant trees are proposed for removal and no special species have been found to exist at the site.

7. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Biotic Conservation Easement, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

X

There are no Habitat Conservation Plans, Biotic Conservation Easements, or other approval local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans that exist on the subject parcel.

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#### **D. Energy and Natural Resources**

Does the project have the potential to:

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| 1. Affect or be affected by land designated as "Timber Resources" by the General Plan? | _____ | _____ | _____ | <u>  X  </u> |
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The parcel is not zoned as Timber Resource land and is not surrounded by other parcels zoned for Timber Resources.

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| 2. Affect or be affected by lands currently utilized for agriculture, or designated in the General Plan for agricultural use? | _____ | _____ | <u>  X  </u> | _____ |
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The project site is zoned Commercial Agriculture (CA) and is designated Agriculture (A) in the County General Plan. In addition, all surrounding adjacent parcels are also zoned for and actively used for commercial agriculture. The parcel is about 28 acres and approximately 24 acres of the northern portion of the parcel are planted agricultural fields. About 4 acres of the southern portion of the subject property are already cleared and developed with an existing agricultural facility that includes greenhouses, offices, storage facilities, driveways and parking areas. The project does not include the conversion of existing agricultural land to developed area, nor does it propose to expand the developed area further to the property lines where adjacent agricultural fields currently exist on adjacent parcels. The use and intensity of the site would increase slightly with the proposed expansion; however, no new roads are required to access the site and new interior parking areas and driveways would be located on already disturbed areas.

The project was reviewed and approved by the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) in August 2008 to allow for structures of uses similar to those of habitable structures (offices and laboratories) to be located within the 200 foot agricultural buffer from adjacent Commercial Agriculture (CA) zoned land, as per County Code Section 16.50.095. APAC approval included a condition that requires the applicant to sign and record a Statement of Acknowledgement prior to building permit issuance, regarding the development of structures with a use similar to that of a habitable structure to be located in areas subject to impacts from surrounding agricultural operations. In addition, APAC did not find that existing on-site or surrounding agricultural uses would be negatively impacted by the expansion.

The Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Division has reviewed and approved a conceptual storm water plan that would hard pipe all existing and new storm water runoff to a new detention system to be located at the south property line at the toe of the slope. Runoff would be held to predevelopment levels for a 10 year storm and would continue from the detention system through existing channels, ponds and pipes to the Pajaro River. The Department of Public Works Stormwater Management



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staff also determined that capacity of the existing downstream path to the Pajaro River can adequately support increased runoff from the proposed site in a larger storm event. In addition, the use of pervious paving, water treatment, and other Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be reviewed for feasibility prior to building permit issuance. Prior to building permit issuance, DPW Stormwater Management staff will review and approval the sizing and design of the proposed system as per Department of Public Works Stormwater Management Design Criteria. Impacts to surrounding and on-site agricultural uses would be less than significant as a result of this project.

3. Encourage activities that result in the use of large amounts of fuel, water, or energy, or use of these in a wasteful manner?

X

The use of fuel, water and energy would increase minimally as a result of the increase in staffing levels and new construction at the site. The project would increase the number of on-site staff by 50 employees, add one new greenhouse, and replace an existing greenhouse with a larger one, which will result in additional vehicle trips to and from the property and increase water usage for the additional enclosed agricultural areas. The project would also create three new office buildings and a new laboratory, thereby increasing the energy consumption on site for operation within the buildings and temporarily for construction and demolition of structures. The existing outdoor agricultural operations would not be altered or expanded as a result of the project. The increased consumption of fuel, water, and energy described above will be minimal and is comparable to similar commercial developments of this size that have been permitted elsewhere in the County. To ensure that the impacts of increased water usage are mitigated to less than significant, the applicant shall submit a utility plan that includes water conservation methods for the proposed expanded agricultural uses for review and approval by County Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance.

4. Have a substantial effect on the potential use, extraction, or depletion of a natural resource (i.e., minerals or energy resources)?

X

Not applicable because no natural resources would be used, extracted, or depleted as a result of this project.

#### **E. Visual Resources and Aesthetics**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Have an adverse effect on a scenic resource, including visual obstruction of that resource?

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Not applicable because the proposed project would not be visible from a County designated scenic resource.

2. Substantially damage scenic resources, within a designated scenic corridor or public view shed area including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable because the project site is not located along a County designated scenic road or within a designated scenic resource area.

3. Degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings, including substantial change in topography or ground surface relief features, and/or development on a ridge line? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The existing visual character of the site is an agricultural setting with a large commercial use consisting of offices, greenhouses, storage buildings and laboratories. The existing developed area is cleared and primarily flat with a small vegetated area to the southwest where a slope over 30% exists adjacent to the driveway. The proposed project would construct additional buildings, greenhouses, interior driveways and parking areas on the area of the parcel that is already disturbed by existing development and circulation. New buildings would be constructed primarily as infill development. No grading is proposed that would result in a substantial change in topography and the existing agricultural use of the property will not be impacted; therefore, the proposed project will not degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings.

4. Create a new source of light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

See response C-4 regarding nighttime lighting. To mitigate the impacts of light or glare on day or nighttime views in the area to less than significant, the applicant shall submit a proposed lighting plan to be reviewed and approved by County Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance. All lighting must be directed downwards and landscape lighting must utilize low rise light standards and be directed away from adjacent properties.

5. Destroy, cover, or modify any unique geologic or physical feature? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

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Not applicable because there are no unique geological or physical features on or adjacent to the site.

### **F. Cultural Resources**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines 15064.5? \_\_\_\_\_ X

Not applicable because none of the existing structures on the property are designated as a historic resource on any federal, State or local inventory.

2. Cause an adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15064.5? \_\_\_\_\_ X

The parcels are mapped for archaeological resources; however, the proposed building site is already cleared, graded, and disturbed and no undisturbed areas would be altered or built upon as a result of this project; therefore, a preliminary archaeological reconnaissance is not required as a part of this project. Pursuant to Section 16.40.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code, if archeological resources are uncovered during construction or grading, the responsible persons shall immediately cease and desist from all further site excavation and comply with the notification procedures given in County Code Chapter 16.40.040.

3. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? \_\_\_\_\_ X

See response F-2. Pursuant to Section 16.40.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code, if at any time during site preparation, excavation, or other ground disturbance associated with this project, human remains are discovered, the responsible persons shall immediately cease and desist from all further site excavation and notify the sheriff-coroner and the Planning Director. If the coroner determines that the remains are not of recent origin, a full archeological report shall be prepared and representatives of the local Native California Indian group shall be contacted. Disturbance shall not resume until the significance of the archeological resource is determined and appropriate mitigations to preserve the resource on the site are established.

4. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site? \_\_\_\_\_ X

Not applicable because none of the subject parcels are mapped for geological or

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paleontological resources.

### **G. Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment as a result of the routine transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, not including gasoline or other motor fuels?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Fertilizers and pesticides, which contain some hazardous materials, would be transported to the site and stored and used onsite. The fertilizers and pesticides would be transported to the site via Class C vehicles and would be stored in designated "Chemical Storage" and "Fertilizer Station" buildings at the east side of the property. Prior to building permit issuance, the applicant will be required to obtain all applicable permits from County Environmental Health Services and from the Agriculture Commissioner for the appropriate use, storage, disposal and handling of hazardous materials and pesticides, as per California state regulations.

2. 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?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable because the project site is not included on the 12/1/2008 list of hazardous sites in Santa Cruz County compiled pursuant to the specified code.

3. Create a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area as a result of dangers from aircraft using a public or private airport located within two miles of the project site?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable because there are no public or private airports located within 2 miles of the project site.

4. Expose people to electro-magnetic fields associated with electrical transmission lines?

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Not applicable because no new electrical transmission lines are proposed as a part of the project and no high voltage transmission lines exist on the subject parcel.

5. Create a potential fire hazard? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The project would not create a fire hazard in that the design incorporates all applicable fire safety code requirements and would include fire protection devices as required by the local fire agency.

6. Release bio-engineered organisms or chemicals into the air outside of project buildings? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable because there would not be bio-engineered organisms or chemicals created at the proposed site.

#### **H. Transportation/Traffic**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The project has the potential to increase traffic on Silliman Road and Highway 129 due to a slight increase in staffing levels, deliveries, and minimal additional employee visitation for conferences and tours. There are currently 30 employees working on site and the proposed project would bring in 59 new positions, which would increase the staffing level to 89 employees. In addition, although the facility would be open to the public during working hours, there are no public events or services that would draw people to the site. According to the County Department of Public Works Road Engineering, the proposed increase in staff is less than significant from a trip perspective and would not create congestion at the Silliman Road - Highway 129 intersection, which is not currently a congested intersection.

2. Cause an increase in parking demand which cannot be accommodated by existing parking facilities? \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The project would upgrade the existing parking facilities to meet County Code requirements for the uses proposed including: offices, a conference room, laboratories, greenhouses, storage buildings and berry fields. The proposal requires a total of 117

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parking spaces and the proposed project includes 118 parking spaces; therefore, the impact of increased parking demand due to increase staffing levels will be less than significant as adequate parking, per County Code, will be provided on site.

3. Increase hazards to motorists, bicyclists, or pedestrians?

X

The proposed project has the potential to increase hazards to motorists, bicycles and pedestrians in that the traffic on Silliman Road would be increased slightly as an effect of increased staffing levels; however, Department of Public Works Road Engineering Staff has reviewed and approved the conceptual plans for the project and has determined that the increase in staffing levels would not significantly increase traffic on Silliman Road or Highway 129. In order to mitigate potential hazards to pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on Silliman Road as a result of increased traffic to less than significant, the property owner shall pave the first 40' of the private driveway and install a stop sign at the intersection of the private driveway to the proposed facility and Silliman Road to control traffic and create awareness.

4. Exceed, either individually (the project alone) or cumulatively (the project combined with other development), a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated intersections, roads or highways?

X

No level of service standard for intersections, roads, and highways would be exceeded as a result of the project in that the immediately surrounding roads, intersections, and highways are not currently congested and the slight increase in staffing level and infrequent public visits and deliveries are not significant enough to create congestion.

### I. Noise

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Generate a permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

X

The project would create a temporary increase in the existing noise environment during construction of the proposed facilities and a minimal increase due to increased staff, operations, and company services (conferences, meetings, and tours) at the site. However, the property is located in a rural area and is surrounded by agricultural fields and few residences and the facility is a commercial operation that would only operate during business hours; therefore, the increased ambient noise levels associated with

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the expanded facility would not occur outside of regular working hours and construction noise would be temporary.

2. Expose people to noise levels in excess of standards established in the General Plan, or applicable standards of other agencies?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The General Plan establishes the normally acceptable maximum exterior noise exposure for commercial facilities at 60 decibels and at 70 decibels for agricultural facilities. The closest residence is located about 300 feet to the south of the proposed development area. The noises associated with the expanded facility will be a result of onsite operations such as outdoor conversations, vehicular noise, and minimal heavy equipment operation (1 forklift and 1 tractor). These types of commercial and industrial activities usually produce noise levels under 80 decibels at a close range (about 3 feet); therefore, the noise produced by the proposed project will not expose surrounding residences to noise levels in excess of the General Plan standards. Employees on site may be subjected to noise levels in excess of General Plan standards if they are within close range or if they are operating heavy equipment; however, the property owner is required by the U.S. Department of Labor to comply with regulations for occupational noise exposure as per the Occupational Safety and Health Association to prevent occupational illnesses, injuries and deaths. In addition, neighboring farm companies currently drive tractors onsite to utilize the existing fueling station; however, the fueling tanks are proposed to be relocated to the north perimeter driveway as a part of this project so that in the future large vehicles will not enter the interior of the property and create additional noise; therefore, the minimal increase in noise levels as a result of the proposed project would not expose people to levels in excess of standards required by the General Plan for this facility.

3. Generate a temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Refer to I-1 and I-2 above.

## **J. Air Quality**

Does the project have the potential to:  
(Where available, the significance criteria established by the MBUAPCD may be relied upon to make the following determinations).

1. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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Project construction may result in a short-term, localized decrease in air quality due to generation of dust. However, in order to mitigate those impacts to a less than significant level, the applicant shall submit standard dust control best management practices that must be implemented during construction. Only one forklift and one tractor will be used in operation of the facility; therefore there will not be significant dust generated as a result of heavy equipment usage.

2. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of an adopted air quality plan?

X

The project would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the MBUAPCD Air Quality Plan because the current eight hour and 1 hour peak day concentrations of PPM are in compliance with the MBUAPCD air quality standards and the addition of 59 employees and associated trips would not increase pollutants above the standards required for California. In addition, the proposed facility would not emit or burn hazardous materials. See J-1 response above.

3. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

X

See response J-2 regarding the impacts of temporary construction dust and proposed mitigations. The use would not accommodate a population of sensitive receptors onsite.

4. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

X

No objectionable odors would be created by the proposed facility expansion as none of the proposed uses create odor as a byproduct. Exhaust odor from heavy equipment used within the berry fields and to transport loads on site would be temporary and would be quickly diffused in the open air.

#### **K. Public Services and Utilities**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Result in the need for new or physically altered public facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:



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| a. Fire protection?   | _____   | _____   | X   | _____             |
| b. Police protection?   | _____   | _____   | X   | _____             |
| c. Schools?   | _____   | _____   | X   | _____             |
| d. Parks or other recreational activities?                      | _____   | _____   | X   | _____             |
| e. Other public facilities; including the maintenance of roads? | _____   | _____   | X   | _____             |

The project would be conditioned to meet all standards and requirements of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District including fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, alarm systems, and clearance. In addition, the applicant shall construct all site improvements and buildings in accordance with the most current California Building Code to ensure safety and accessibility.

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| 2. Result in the need for construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <span></span> <span></span> <span>X</span> <span></span> </div> |
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The project requires the construction of a new storm water drainage system to adequately reduce the impacts of the proposed impervious areas and buildings to less than significant. Drainage analysis of the project (Haro, Kasunich & Associates, August 2008) (Attachment 7) concluded that onsite retention is not suitable for the site given the clayey/silty nature of the subsurface soils (low percolation) and recommends specific locations for buried detention tanks which would drain downslope through solid lines and discharge into existing natural drainage swales. County Stormwater Management Staff and Environmental Planning Staff have reviewed the conceptual drainage plans and determined that no significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed stormwater management plan. As per County Code, the property owner and/or applicant will be required to comply with all recommendations of the Geotechnical Reports (May and August 2008) to ensure that the sizing and design of the proposed drainage system components will adequately serve the proposed facility.

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| 3. Result in the need for construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <span></span> <span></span> <span>X</span> <span></span> </div> |
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The project would be served by an on-site sewage disposal system, which has been determined by County Environmental Health Services to be adequate to accommodate the demands of the project. Prior to obtaining building permit issuance, the applicant will be required to obtain a septic permit from Environmental Health Services to upgrade the existing system to meet current standards.

4. Cause a violation of wastewater treatment standards of the Regional Water Quality Control Board?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed project's wastewater flows would not violate any wastewater treatment standards because the project would result in an upgraded septic system that has been reviewed and approved by Environmental Health Services to adequately serve the proposed facility prior to building permit issuance. See response K-3 above.

5. Create a situation in which water supplies are inadequate to serve the project or provide fire protection?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Water supplies would be adequate on site to serve the project and provide fire protection because the project would install a new 180,000 gallon water storage tank with a pressurized system to serve a new underground fire protection system, in accordance with Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District requirements. In addition, there would be four new fire hydrants located around the facility and all new, existing and remodeled buildings would be sprinkled; therefore, existing water supplies are adequate to serve the proposed facility and provide adequate fire protection.

6. Result in inadequate access for fire protection?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The project's road access has been preliminarily approved by the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District. As per County Code, the applicant/property owner will be required to obtain final approval by the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District and pay all applicable fees for review prior to building permit issuance.

7. Make a significant contribution to a cumulative reduction of landfill capacity or ability to properly dispose of refuse?

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

The project would result in a cumulative contribution to the reduced capacity of the regional landfill as a result of increased staffing levels and the construction of new facilities; however, the contribution is minimal in that there are 30 employees at the existing facility and there would be 59 new employees as a result of the expansion. The facility would be able to adequately dispose of additional refuse resulting from the

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expansion through regular garbage service. In order to mitigate the impacts of temporary construction debris to less than significant, the applicant and/or property owner must recycle and reuse materials, as appropriate, and to the maximum extent possible and note the plans for such on the final building permit plan set. Implementation of this mitigation would reduce the one-time impact of construction debris on the landfill to less than significant.

8. Result in a breach of federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste management? \_\_\_\_\_

X

The project is expected to result in a minimal increase in solid waste accumulation due to the increase in staffing levels at the proposed expanded facility; however, the increase will not result in a breach of federal, state, or local statutes and regulations in that the proposed facility will not create waste as a bi-product of operations. The only solid waste generated by the facility will be that resulting from normal daily activities which is common in similarly sized commercial developments and will be less than significant.

#### **L. Land Use, Population, and Housing**

Does the project have the potential to:

1. Conflict with any policy of the County adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? \_\_\_\_\_

X

The proposed project does not conflict with any policies adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect in that mitigations would be required as stated throughout the above document to ensure: public health and safety regarding potential geologic hazards and geotechnical site conditions, structural safety, effective storm water management and minimization of impervious surfaces, reduced noise and air quality impacts, and minimization of lighting on the surrounding animal habitat. In addition, the project has already been approved by the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) for a reduction to the required 200 foot agricultural buffer to surrounding Commercial Agriculture (CA) zoned parcels to the west and south (General Plan Policies 5.13.23 - 5.13.25).

2. Conflict with any County Code regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? \_\_\_\_\_

X

The proposed project would require minimal grading as the site is currently flat; however, engineered grading plans will be required for review and approval by County Environmentally Planning Staff prior to building permit issuance to ensure consistency

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with Chapter 16.20 (Grading Regulations) of the County Code.

3. Physically divide an established community? \_\_\_\_\_

X

The project will not include any element that will physically divide an established community.

4. Have a potentially significant growth inducing effect, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? \_\_\_\_\_

X

The proposed project is not expected to have a significant growth inducing effect because no new roads are proposed created and because the proposal is to expand an existing facility that provides essentially the same services. In addition, the parcel is zoned Commercial Agricultural and the proposed use is an allowed use within that zone district. The primarily use of the parcel would continue to be commercial agriculture which is the same as all surrounding parcels. Therefore, no new homes, business, roads or infrastructure (except to serve the expansion) would be developed as a part of this project and no growth inducing effects would occur as a result of the project.

5. Displace substantial numbers of people, or amount of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? \_\_\_\_\_

X

Not applicable as there are no existing residences or proposed residences as a part of this project.

### **M. Non-Local Approvals**

Does the project require approval of federal, state, or regional agencies?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

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#### **N. Mandatory Findings of Significance**

1. 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, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant, animal, or natural community, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?  

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X
  
2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short term, to the disadvantage of long term environmental goals? (A short term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long term impacts endure well into the future)  

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X
  
3. 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, and the effects of reasonably foreseeable future projects which have entered the Environmental Review stage)?  

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X
  
4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?  

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   X

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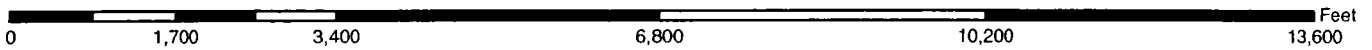
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| Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) Review | XXX             | 8/21/08           |            |
| Archaeological Review                                 |                 |                   | X          |
| Biotic Report/Assessment                              |                 |                   | X          |
| Geologic Hazards Assessment (GHA)                     |                 |                   | X          |
| Geologic Report                                       |                 |                   | X          |
| Geotechnical (Soils) Report                           | XXX             | 5/08 & 8/08       |            |
| Riparian Pre-Site                                     |                 |                   | X          |
| Sewage Disposal System Permit                         | XXX             |                   |            |
| Other:<br>Watershed Analysis                          |                 | 2/08              |            |
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### Attachments:




1. Vicinity Map
2. Map of Zoning Districts
3. Map of General Plan Designations
4. Project Plans
5. Assessors Parcel Map
6. Geotechnical Investigation Report (Conclusions and Recommendations) prepared by Haro, Kasunich & Associates, Inc. dated May 2008
7. Drainage Calculations prepared by Robert DeWitt, P.E., dated September 2007.
8. Watershed Analysis prepared by Robert DeWitt, P.E., dated February 2008.
9. Geotechnical Investigation (percolation testing) prepared by Haro, Kasunich & Associates, Inc, dated August 2008
10. Preliminary Drainage Plan, Plan Review Letter prepared by Haro, Kasunich & Associates, Inc, dated September 2008.
11. Discretionary Application Comments
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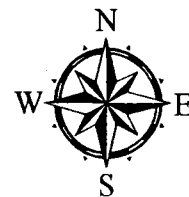


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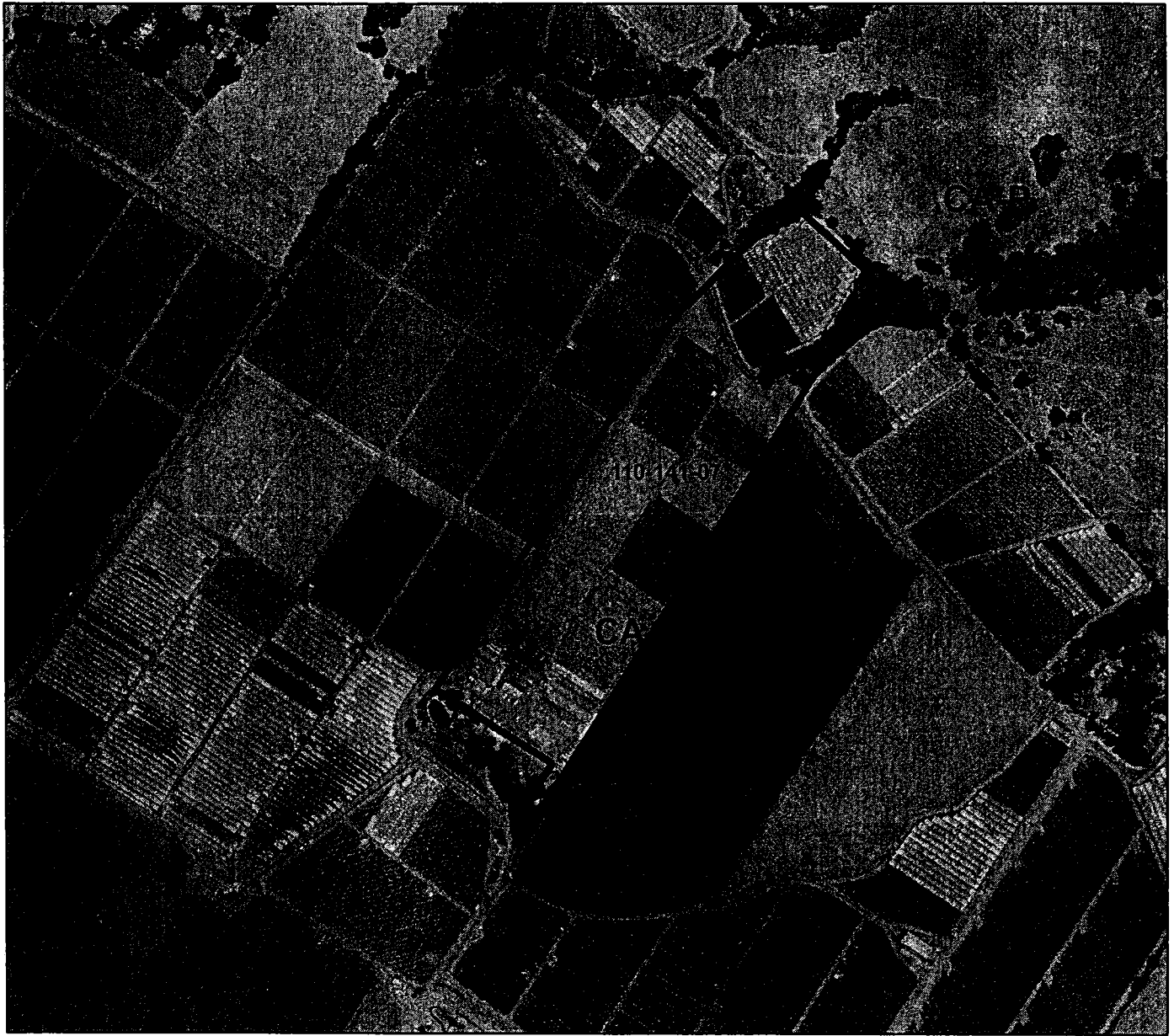


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# Zoning Map



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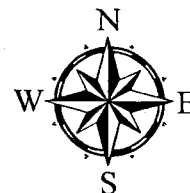


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


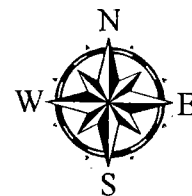
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Attachment 3

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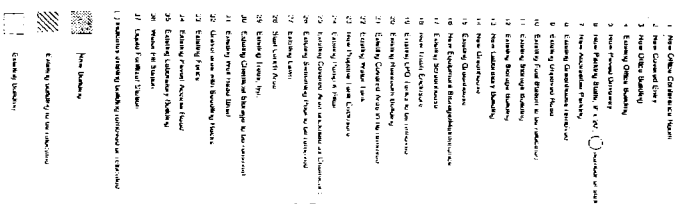


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### Side Plan

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Site Plan  
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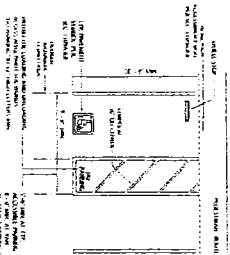
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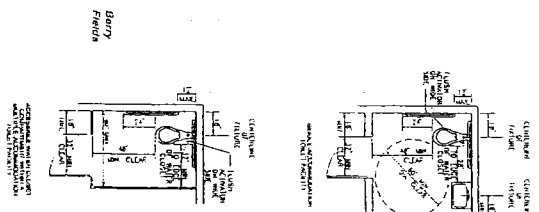
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# Accessibility Plan

The site plan for the Berry Field development shows a complex arrangement of buildings and parking areas. Key features include:

- Proposed Buildings:** Labeled with numbers and letters, including 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 13, 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15E, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35A, 35B, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.
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**Floor Plans**

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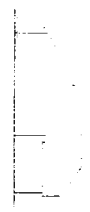
Preliminary Exterior Materials and Colors

Exterior materials and colors are preliminary and subject to change without notice. Final selection of materials and colors shall be made by the Architect and the Owner in consultation with the Contractor.

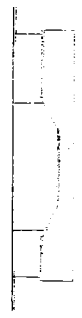
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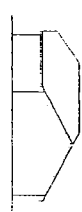
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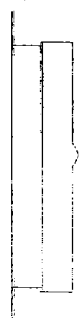
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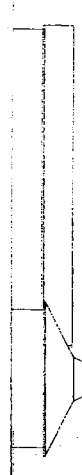
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Conference, Office & Covered Entry (1, 2 & 3rd)  
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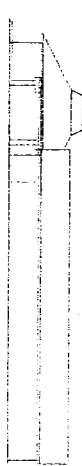
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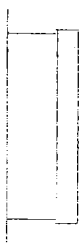
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Proposed Buildings  
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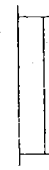
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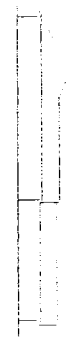
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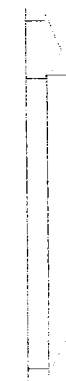
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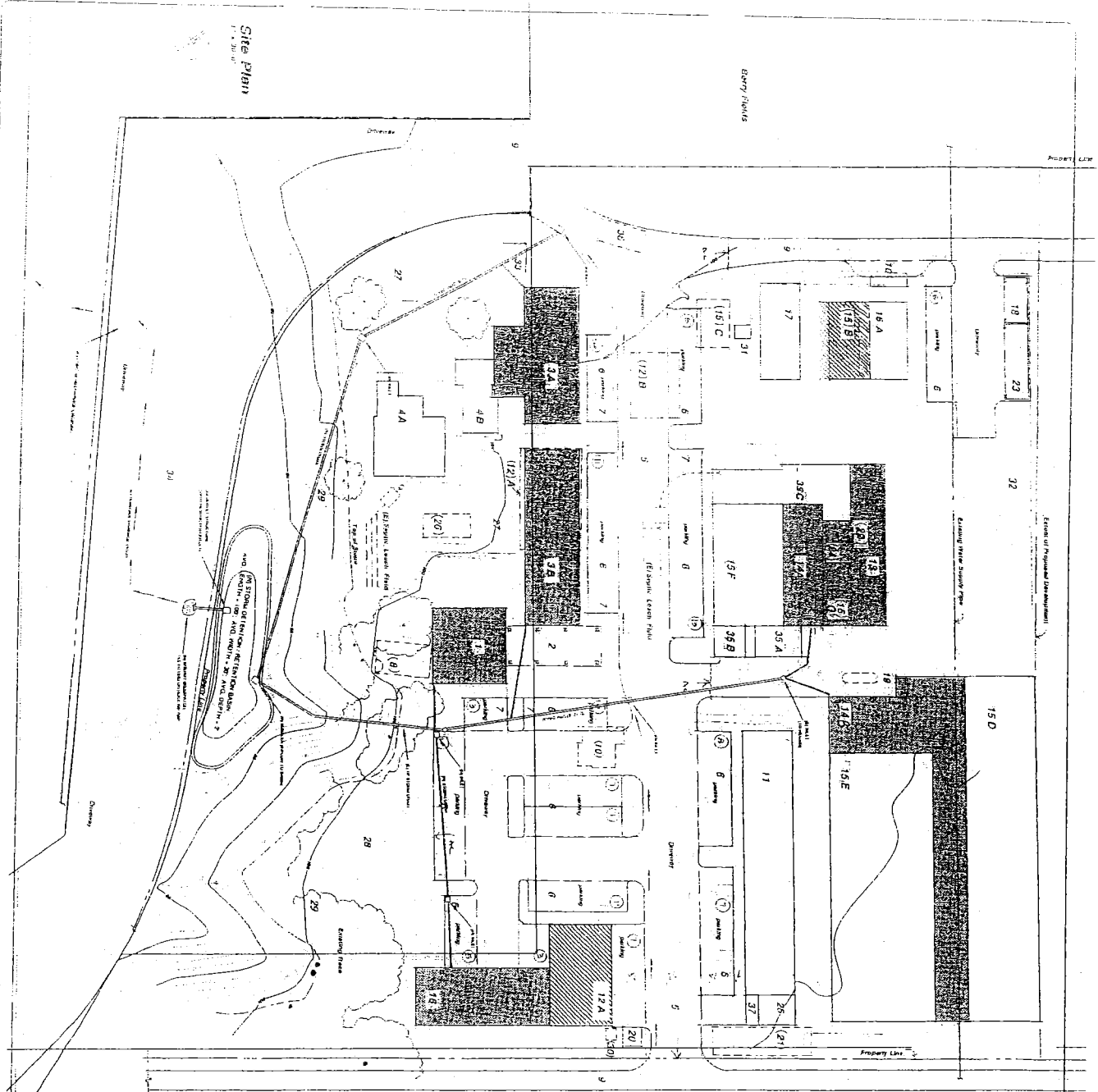
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Proposed Buildings  
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Development Project No. 110-41473







**Site Plan**  
1" = 30' H.P.

**Drainage Notes:**

1. REFER TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY ROBERT L. DEWITT ARCHITECT FOR SITE DETAILS.
2. THIS IS A SCHEMATIC DRAINAGE PLAN TO PRESENT THE CONCEPTUAL DRAINAGE DESIGN AND FLOW DIRECTIONS. A MORE DETAILED PLAN CAN BE PROVIDED WITH SPECIFIC PROJECT PLANS.
3. ROOF DRAINAGE AND RUNOFF FROM NEW IMPERVIOUS SURFACES TO BE CONNECTED TO UNDERGROUND STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM.
4. STORM WATER DETENTION/RETENTION BASIN TO BE SIZED TO CONTAIN EXCESS FLOW FROM A DESIGN STORM, UTILITY TO EXISTING UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE CHANNEL, TO BE RESTRICTED TO PRE DEVELOPMENT FLOW.
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**PRELIMINARY DRAINAGE PLAN**

APN 110-141-07 & -08  
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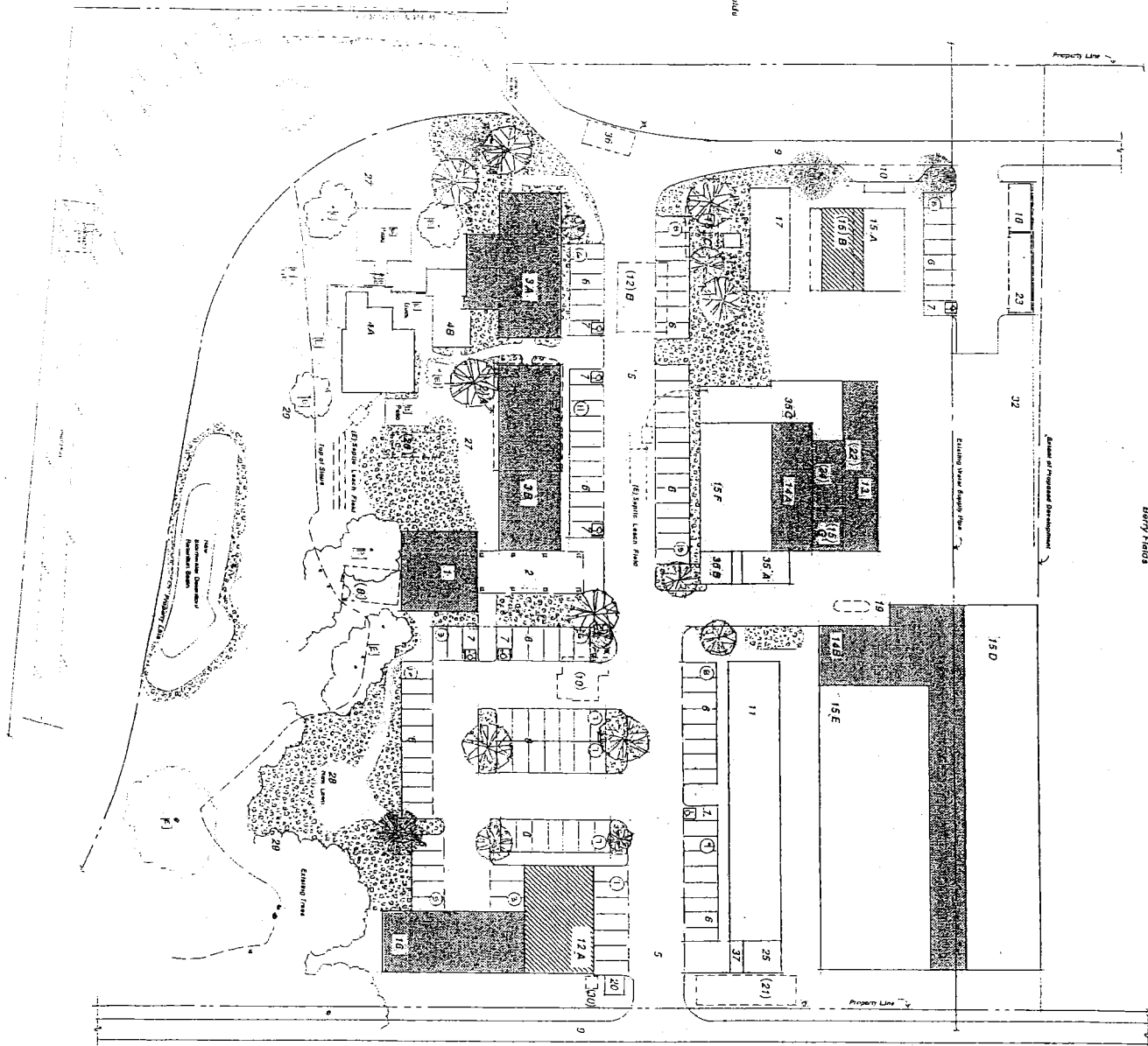
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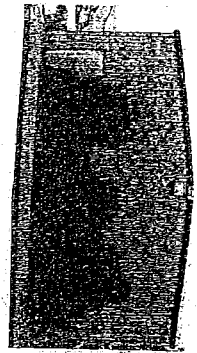
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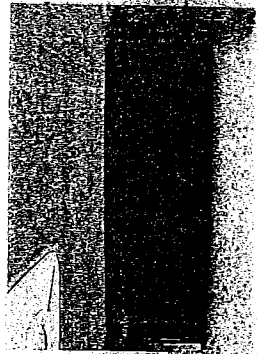
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**Landscape Plan**  
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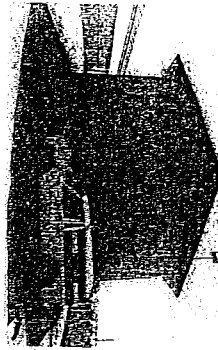
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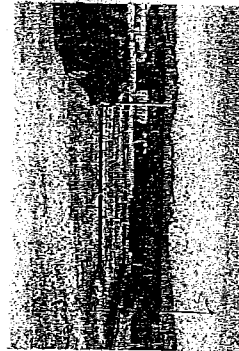
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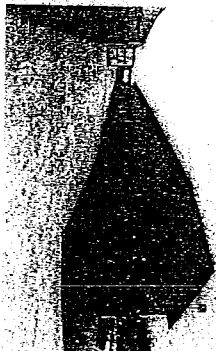
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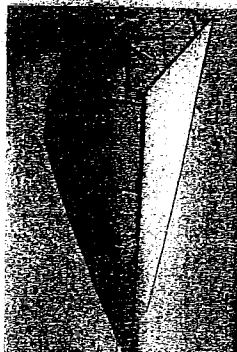
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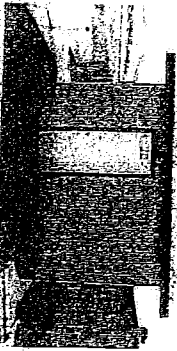
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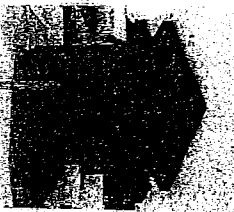
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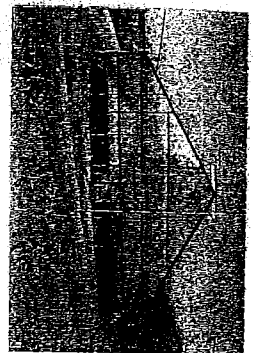
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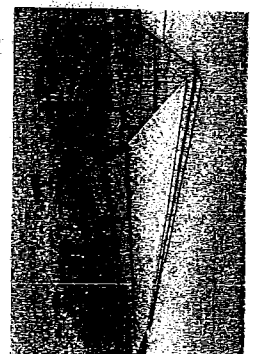
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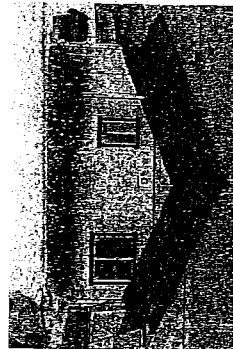
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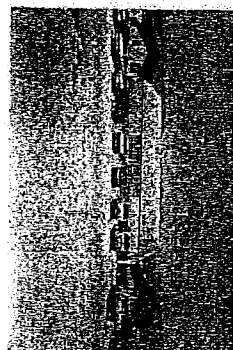
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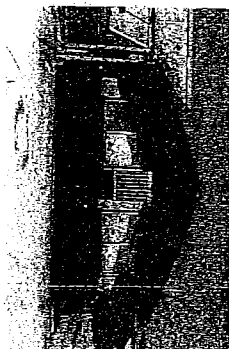
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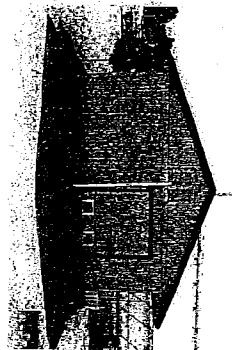
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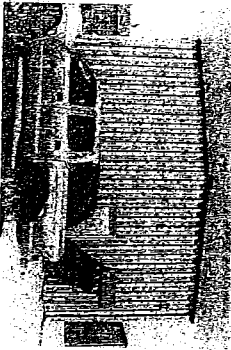
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South Elevation



East Elevation

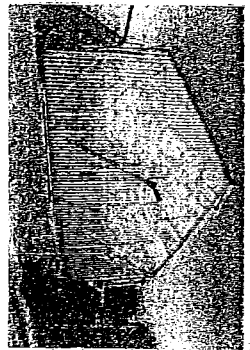


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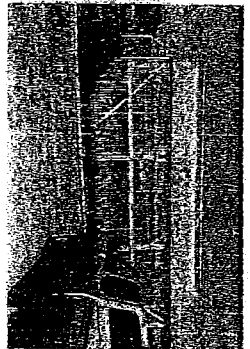
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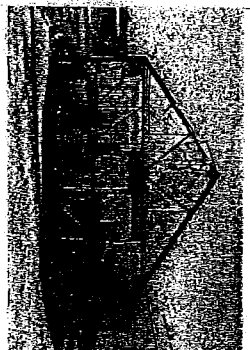
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South Elevation



East Elevation



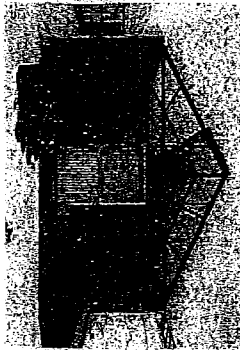
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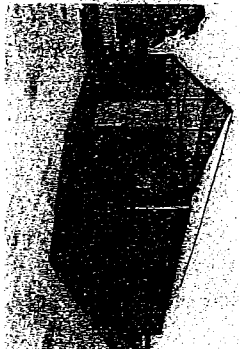
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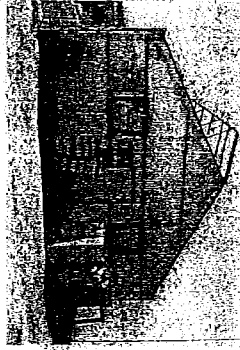
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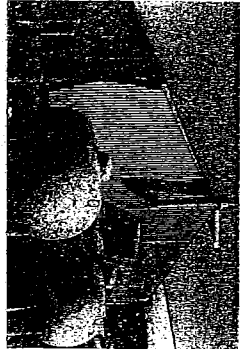
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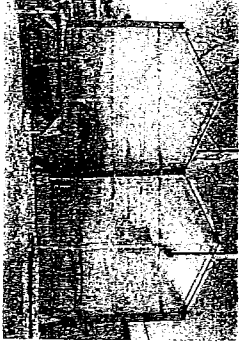
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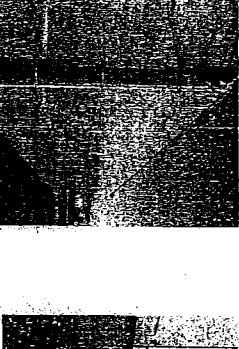
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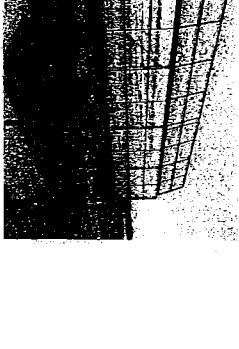
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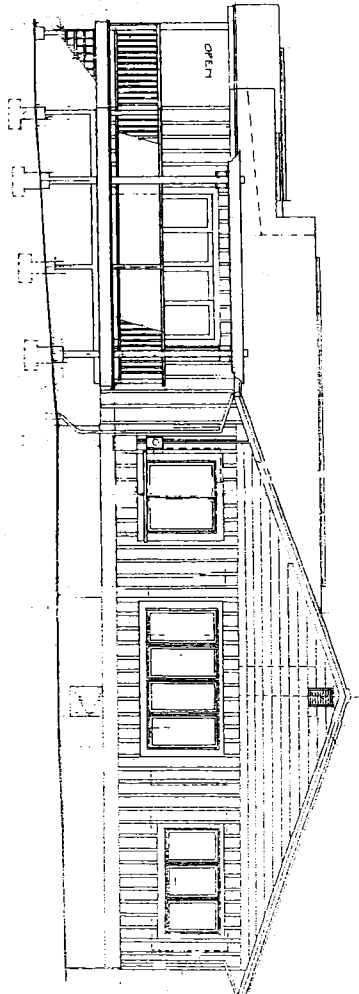
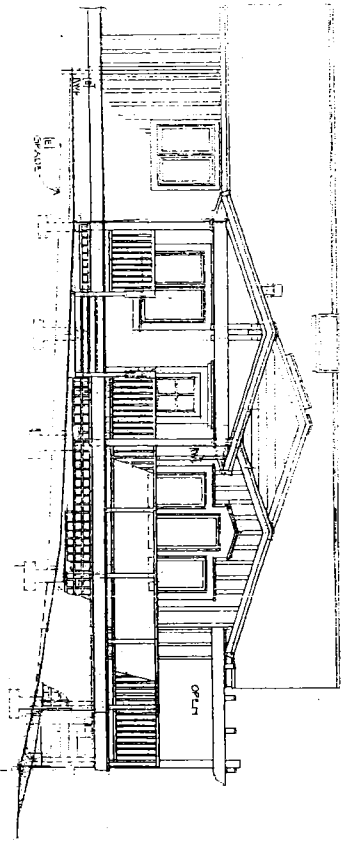
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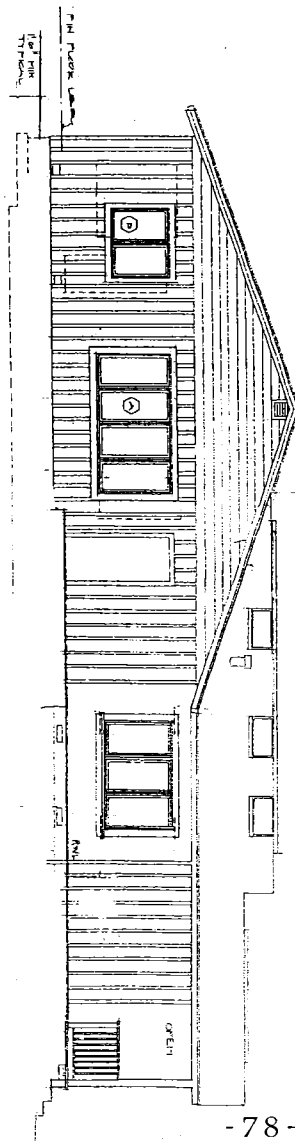
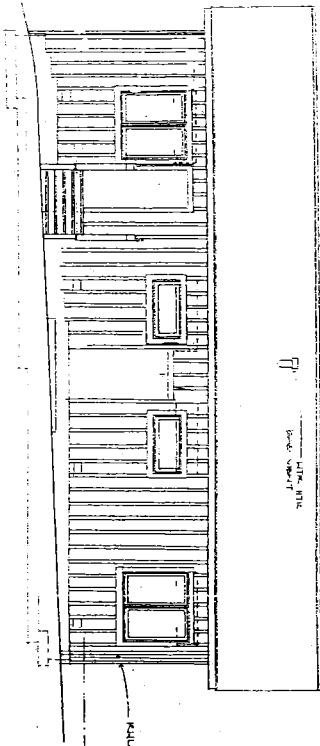
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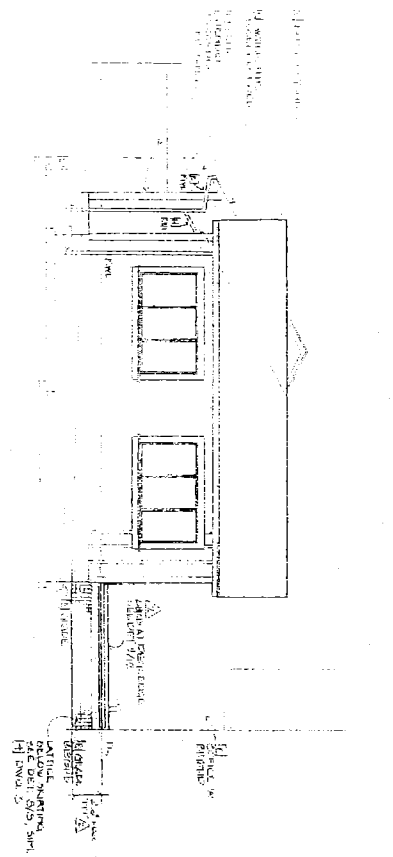
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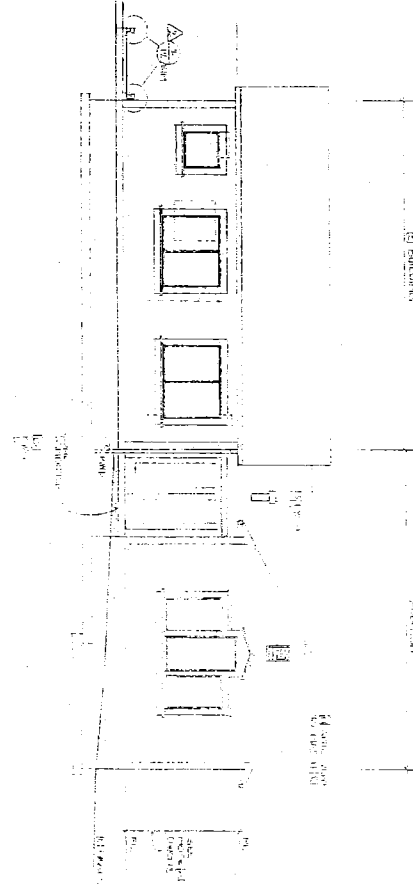


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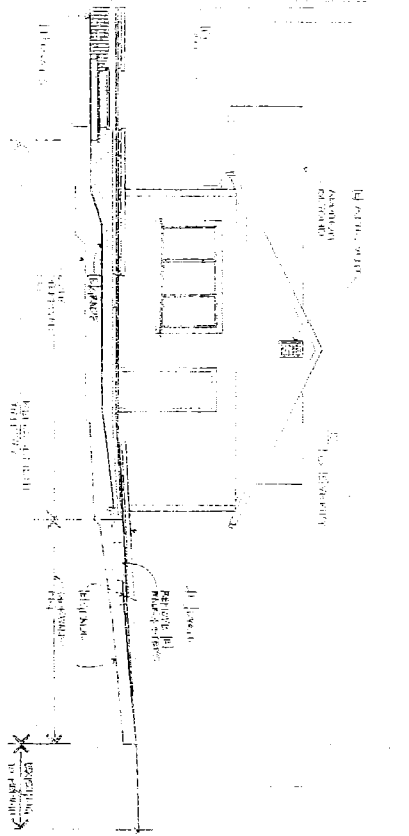
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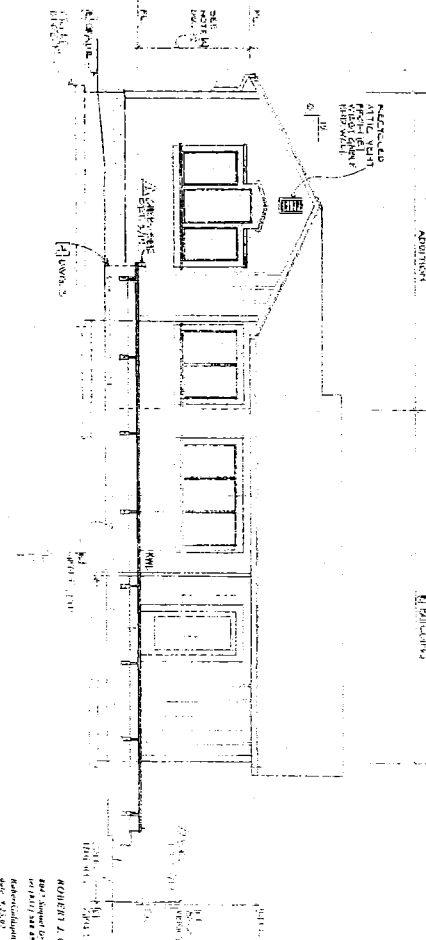
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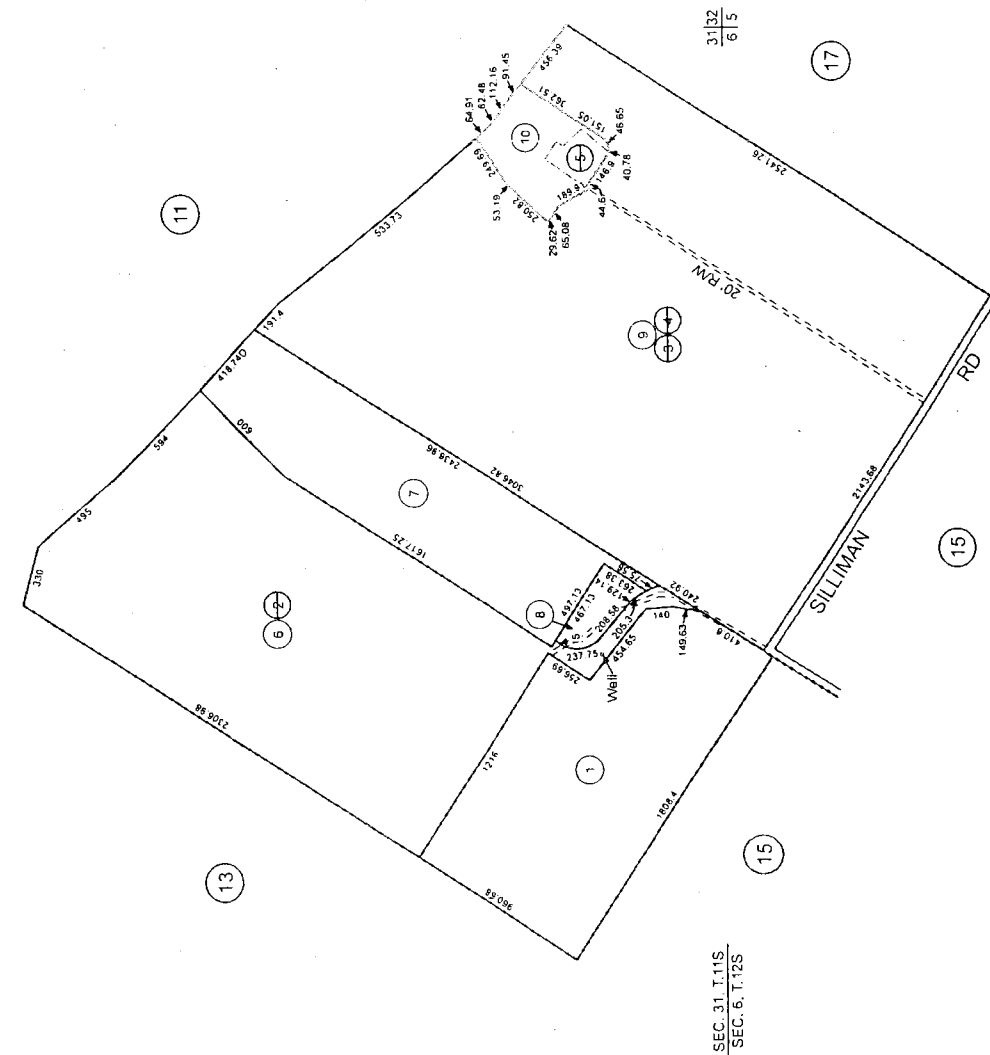


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Assessor's Map No. 110-14  
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**Application 07-0267**  
**Attachment 5**

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**Geotechnical Investigation  
For  
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**151 Silliman Road  
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## **DISCUSSIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of our investigation, the proposed project appears compatible with the site, provided the following recommendations are incorporated into the design and construction of the proposed project.

Based upon our exploratory borings and laboratory testing, the near surface soils at the approximate 4.5 acre project site consist of sandy silts and sandy clays. The expansive potential of the clayey soils were initially determined utilizing Atterburg Limits testing with near surface Plasticity Indices (PI) ranging from 21 to 28. We later returned to the site to collect additional bulk samples to perform a hydrometer and Expansive Index testing to conform to the requirements of the new California Building Code (CBC) effective 1 January 2008. With a clay particle content of 36 percent and an Expansion Index of 93, the near surface clay soils at the project site exhibit a moderately high potential for shrink/swell with moisture variation.

To mitigate the expansive characteristics of the near surface site soils, we present design criteria in this report for two alternative foundation systems to support proposed Research Center structures:

1. Removal of expansive soils to at least 30 inches below existing grade and replacement with non-expansive engineered fill to support structures with shallow conventional spread footings with raised wood floors or concrete slabs on grade;

or

2. For structures with raised wood floors only, an alternative spread footing system would be to support the structure upon 36 inch deep footings bearing upon undisturbed native soil.

We have also outlined the geotechnical design parameters for post tensioned slabs on grade constructed directly upon undisturbed project site expansive soils.

Concrete slabs on grade should be supported by at least 24 inches of non-expansive engineered fill. A capillary break consisting of compacted drainrock underling the slab may constitute a portion of the minimum layer of non-expansive engineered fill.

Asphalt pavement sections should be supported by at least 12 inches of aggregate base compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction atop scarified and re-compacted native soil at about 4 percent over optimum moisture content.

Storm water runoff should be directed away from site improvements including structures, pavement sections and exterior slabs on grade. Storm water runoff should be collected and conveyed away from the proposed development to a suitable facility such as a retention pond situated below the slope at the southwest perimeter of the project site.

The following recommendations should be used as guidelines for preparing project plans and specifications:

**Site Grading**

1. The geotechnical engineer should be notified at least four (4) working days prior to any site clearing or grading so that the work in the field can be coordinated with the grading contractor and arrangements for testing and observation can be made. The recommendations of this report are based on the assumption that the geotechnical engineer will perform the required testing and observation during grading and construction. It is the owner's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements for these required services.
2. Where referenced in this report, Percent Relative Compaction and Optimum Moisture Content shall be based on ASTM Test Designation D1557- current.
3. Areas to be graded should be cleared of all obstructions including loose fill, building foundations, trees not designated to remain, or other unsuitable material. Existing depressions or voids created during site clearing should be backfilled with engineered fill.

4. Cleared areas should then be stripped of organic-laden topsoil. Stripping depth should be from 2 to 4 inches. Actual depth of stripping should be determined in the field by the geotechnical engineer. Strippings should be wasted off-site or stockpiled for use in landscaped areas if desired.

5. Areas to receive non-expansive engineered fill including building pads, exterior slabs on grade as well as aggregate base supporting pavement sections should be scarified to a depth of 6 inches, moisture conditioned to about 4 percent over optimum moisture content, and compacted to about 87(±) percent relative compaction. Portions of the site may need to be moisture conditioned to achieve suitable moisture content for compaction. These areas may then be brought to design grade with engineered fill. To adequately support site improvements we recommend a horizontal or lateral non-expansive engineered fill mat overbuild of 3 feet for structures and 2 feet of pavement sections and exterior slabs on grade.

6. Engineered fill should be placed in thin lifts not exceeding 8 inches in loose thickness; moisture conditioned, and compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction. Asphalt pavement sections at the project site should be supported by at least 12 inches of aggregate base compacted to at least 95 percent relative compaction.

7. If project site grading is performed during or shortly after the rainy season, the grading contractor may encounter compaction difficulty, such as pumping or bringing free water to the surface, in the upper surface clayey and silty soils. If compaction cannot be achieved after adjusting the soil moisture content, it may be necessary to over-excavate the subgrade soil and replace it with angular crushed rock to stabilize the subgrade. We estimate that the depth of over-excavation would be approximately 24 inches under these adverse conditions.

8. Import soils utilized as engineered fill at the project site should:

- 1) Be free of wood, organic debris and other deleterious materials;
- 2) Not contain rocks or clods greater than 2.5 inches in any dimension;
- 3) Not contain more than 25 percent of fines passing the #200 sieve;
- 4) Have a Sand Equivalent greater than 18;
- 5) Have a Plasticity Index less than 15;
- 6) Have an R-Value of not less than 30; and
- 7) Be approved by the project geotechnical engineer. Contractor should submit to the geotechnical engineer samples of import material or utility trench backfill for compliance testing a minimum of 4 days before it is delivered.

9. Following grading, all exposed slopes should be planted as soon as possible with erosion-resistant vegetation.
10. After the earthwork operations have been completed and the geotechnical engineer has finished his observation of the work, no further earthwork operations shall be performed except with the approval of and under the observation of the geotechnical engineer.

#### **Foundations**

11. To mitigate the expansive characteristics of the near surface site soils, the proposed structures may be supported on the following two alternative foundation systems:

1. Removal of expansive soils to at least 30 inches below existing grade and replacement with non-expansive engineered fill to support structures with shallow conventional spread footings with raised wood floors or concrete slabs on grade;  
or
2. For structures with raised wood floors only, an alternative spread footing system would be to support the structure upon 36 inch deep footings bearing upon undisturbed native soil.



**Spread Footings**

12. For structures with slab on grade floors or raised wood floors, footings should be founded at least 12 inches below the lowest adjacent grade and supported by at least 18 inches of non-expansive engineered fill compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction. The building pads plus a three (3) feet overbuild beyond the perimeters of the structures should be cut to 30 inches below the lowest adjacent grade. The exposed subgrade should be scarified to a depth of at least 8 inches; moisture conditioned to about 4 percent over optimum, and compacted to 87(±) percent relative compaction (85% to 90%). Non-expansive engineered fill (PI less than 15) should be placed in the building pad excavation in 8 inch lifts and compacted to at least 90% relative compaction for an allowable bearing capacity of 2,000 psf one-third to include short-term seismic and wind loads. For structures with raised wood floors only, an alternative spread footing system would be to support the structure upon 36 inch deep footings bearing upon undisturbed native soil for an allowable bearing capacity of 2,000 psf plus a one-third increase for seismic and wind loads short term loading. The footings should be reinforced as required by the structural designer based on the actual loads transmitted to the foundation.

13. The foundation trenches should be kept moist and be thoroughly cleaned of all slough or loose materials prior to pouring concrete. In addition, all footings located adjacent to other footings or utility trenches should have their bearing surfaces founded

below an imaginary 2:1 plane projected upward from the bottom edge of the adjacent footings or utility trenches.

14. New structures should be set at least 10 feet from the top of the slope at the southern perimeter of the project site. As an alternative the foundation elements may be embedded deeper, such that the bases of the footings are at least 15 feet horizontally from the surface of the adjacent slope.

15. Total and differential settlements under the proposed light building loads are anticipated to be less than 1 inch and ½ inch respectively.

16. Lateral load resistance for structures supported on footings may be developed in friction between the foundation bottom and the supporting subgrade. A friction coefficient of 0.33 is considered applicable. As an alternative, lateral loads on spread footings may be designed for passive resistance acting along the face of the footings. Where footings are poured neat against engineered fill or firm native soils, an equivalent fluid pressure of 400 pcf acting along the face of the footings is considered applicable. Topsoil or other loose materials should be neglected when computing passive resistance.

17. Prior to placing concrete, all foundation excavations should be thoroughly cleaned. The foundation excavations must be observed by the geotechnical engineer or his representative prior to placing concrete.

**Post Tensioned Slabs on Grade Criteria**

18. If economically feasible, post tensioned slabs on grade may be utilized at the project site to support the proposed improvements. Geotechnical design criteria for post tensioned slabs on grade constructed directly upon undisturbed project site expansive soils is as follows:

- a. Moisture Variation -  $e_{\text{medge}} = 2.9$  ft and  $e_{\text{mcenter}} = 6.0$  ft
- b. % Clay = 40 %
- c. Clay Type = Montmorillonite
- d. Depth to Constant Suction (Z) = 7 ft
- e. Constant Suction (pF) = 3.6
- f. Moisture Velocity (in/month) = 0.7
- g. Differential Swell (in)  $y_{\text{medge}} = 0.5$  inch and  $y_{\text{mcenter}} = 0.8$  inch

Post tensioned slabs on grade should be designed and constructed in accordance with the current edition of the Design And Construction Of Post-Tensioned Slabs-On-Ground by the Post Tensioning Institute.

**Concrete Slabs-on-Grade**

19. Building floor slabs and exterior slabs should be constructed on properly water conditioned and compacted soil subgrades. Interior and exterior slabs-on-grade should be supported by at least 24 inches of non-expansive engineered fill compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction. Prior to placement of the engineered fill, the exposed subgrade should be scarified to a depth of 6 inches, moisture conditioned to about 4 percent over optimum moisture content, and compacted to about 87(±) percent relative compaction. Interior slabs on grade should be poured independent of the adjacent foundation grade beam. A 30 pound felt strip or equivalent should separate the slab from the adjacent grade beam.

The project design professionals should determine the appropriate slab reinforcing and thickness, in accordance with the anticipated use and loading of the slab. However, we recommend that consideration be given to a minimum slab thickness of 5 inches and steel reinforcement necessary to address temperature and shrinkage considerations. It is recommended that rebar in lieu of wire mesh be used for slab reinforcement. The steel reinforcement should be held firmly in the vertical center of the slab during placement and finishing of the concrete with pre-cast concrete dobies.

Where floor dampness must be minimized or where floor coverings will be installed, concrete slabs-on-grade should be constructed on a capillary break layer at least 6 inches thick, covered with a membrane vapor retarder. Capillary break material should be free-draining, clean, angular gravel such as 3/4-inch drainrock placed atop at least 18 inches of non-expansive engineered fill compacted to at least 90 percent relative compaction. The capillary break gravels should be mechanically rolled or compacted for consistent slab support. The gravel should be washed to remove fines and dust prior to placement on the slab subgrade. The vapor retarder should be a high quality membrane at least 10 mil thick and puncture resistant. An acceptable product for use as a vapor retarder is the Stego Wrap 10-mil Class A vapor retarder system manufactured by Stego Industries, LLC. Provided the Stego Wrap system is installed per manufacturer's recommendations, the concrete may be poured directly upon the Stego Wrap Vapor Retarder. The primary considerations for installing the vapor retarder are: taping all seams; sealing all penetrations such as pipe, ducting, wire, etc; and repairing all punctures.

It should be clearly understood concrete slabs are not waterproof, nor are they vapor-proof. The aforementioned moisture retardant system will help to minimize water and water vapor transmission through the slab; however moisture sensitive floor coverings require additional protective measures. Floor coverings must be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications, including appropriate waterproofing

applications and/or any recommended slab and/or subgrade preparation. Consideration should also be given to recommending a topical waterproofing application over the slab.

In general, exterior slab-on-grade reinforcement should not be tied to the building foundations. At the discretion of the project structural engineer, exterior slabs at emergency egress areas may be tied to the perimeter foundation. Exterior slabs can be expected to suffer some cracking and movement. However, thickened exterior edges, a well-prepared subgrade including pre-moistening prior to pouring concrete, adequately spaced expansion joints, and good workmanship should minimize cracking and movement.

#### **Flexible Pavements**

20. Parking and traffic pavement section designs were beyond our designated scope of work. In general, asphaltic concrete, aggregate base should conform to and be placed in accordance with the Caltrans Standard Specifications, latest edition, except that the test method for compaction should be determined by ASTM D1557-current.

Asphalt pavement sections should be supported by at least 12 inches of aggregate base (Caltrans Standard Specifications - Class II Aggregate Base) compacted to at

least 95 percent relative compaction. The native expansive soil subgrade underlying the aggregate base should be scarified to a depth of at least 8 inches; moisture conditioned to about 4 percent over optimum, and compacted to 87(±) percent relative compaction (85% to 90%).

#### **Site Drainage**

21. Thorough control of runoff is essential to the performance of the project. Storm water runoff should be directed away from site improvements including structures, pavement sections and exterior slabs on grade. Storm water runoff should be collected and conveyed away from the proposed development to a suitable facility such as a retention pond situated below the slope at the southwest perimeter of the project site.

22. Full roof gutters should be placed around all eaves. Discharge from the roof gutters should be conveyed away from the downspouts by splash blocks, lined gutters or closed conduits.

23. The migration of water or spread of extensive root systems below foundations, slabs, or pavements may cause undesirable differential movements and subsequent damage to these structures. Landscaping should be planned accordingly.

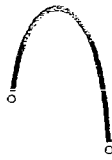
**Plan Review, Construction Observation, and Testing**

24. Our firm should be provided the opportunity for a general review of the final project plans prior to construction so that our geotechnical recommendations may be properly interpreted and implemented. If our firm is not accorded the opportunity of making the recommended review, we can assume no responsibility for misinterpretation of our recommendations. We recommend that our office review the project plans prior to submittal to public agencies, to expedite project review. The recommendations presented in this report require our review of final plans and specifications prior to construction and upon our observation and, where necessary, testing of the earthwork and foundation excavations. Observation of grading and foundation excavations allows anticipated soil conditions to be correlated to those actually encountered in the field during construction.



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## DRAINAGE STUDY

for

**DRISCOLL STRAWBERRY ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Located at:  
Cassin Ranch  
151 Silliman Road  
Watsonville, CA

**A.P.N. 110-141-07 & -08**

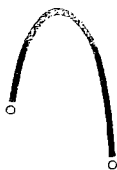
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Prepared by:  
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### Pre-development Runoff:

1.  $P_{60}$  Isopleth: Per Fig SWM-2,  $P_{60} = \underline{1.45}$

2. Intensity: Per Fig SWM-3 for  $t_c = 10$  min (minimum)  
 $i_{10} = \underline{2.0}$  in/hr.

3. Site Area calculation: From topo mapping establish project area boundary. By measurement on drawing:  
Area = 264,690 sq ft = 6.08 ac. (100%)

4. Impervious Areas: From measurements and tabulation on worksheet:  
Impervious Areas = 56,999 sq ft. = 1.30 ac. (22%)

5. Pervious Areas: By subtraction  
Pervious Areas = Total Area - Impervious Areas (78%)  
= 6.08 ac - 1.30 ac = 4.78 ac.

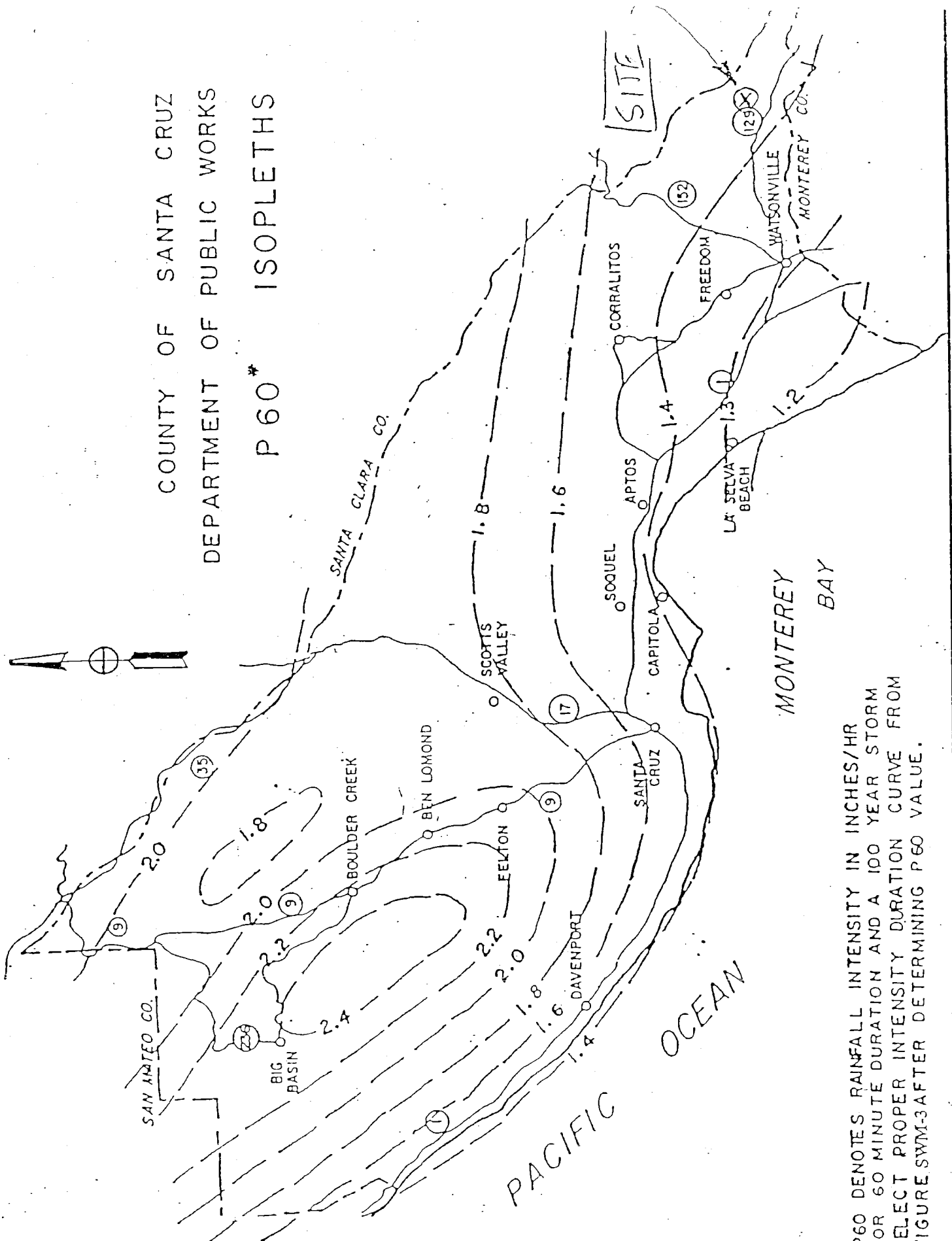
6. Runoff Calculations:  $Q = CiA$ .

Impervious Areas:  $Q = (0.9)(2.0)(1.30) = \underline{2.3}$  cfs

Pervious Areas:  $Q = (0.2)(2.0)(4.78) = \underline{1.9}$  cfs

Total = 2.3 + 1.9 = 4.3 cfs

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
P 60\* ISOPLETHS

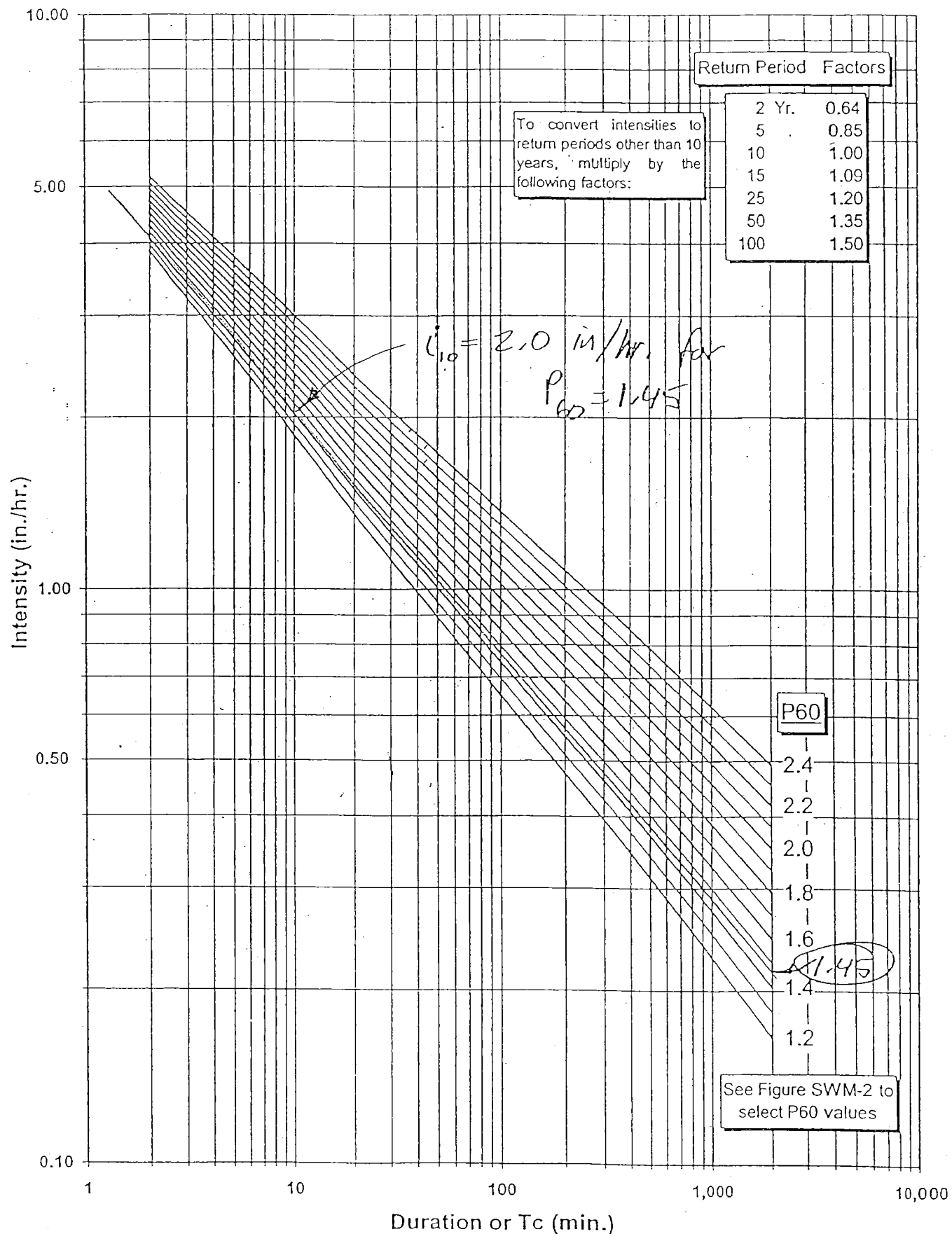


\*P60 DENOTES RAINFALL INTENSITY IN INCHES/HR  
FOR 60 MINUTE DURATION AND A 100 YEAR STORM  
SELECT PROPER INTENSITY DURATION CURVE FROM  
FIGURE SWM-3 AFTER DETERMINING P60 VALUE.

# Rainfall Intensity - Duration Curves

## 10 Yr. Return Period

$$((4.29112) * (1.1952)^{P60\_VALUE}) / (DURATION^{((0.60924) * (0.78522)^{P60\_VALUE})})$$



## Port A - Development Runoff:

## 1. Impervious Areas:

Existing Impervious Areas = 56,999 sq. ft.

Less buildings to be removed = 2,360

54,540

Add new buildings = + 25,490

80,030

Add new paving = + 57,370

137,400 sq. ft. =

3.15 Ac. (52%)

## 2. Pervious Areas: By subtraction:

Pervious Areas = Total - impervious areas

= 6.08 - 3.15 =

2.93 Ac. (48%)

(100%)

3. Runoff calculations:  $Q = C I A$ Impervious Areas:  $Q = 0.9 \times 2.0 \times 3.15 =$  5.7 cfs.Pervious Areas:  $Q = 0.2 \times 2.0 \times 2.93 =$  1.2 cfs.Total = 5.7 + 1.2 = 6.9 cfs

## RUNOFF DETENTION BY THE MODIFIED RATIONAL METHOD

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Site Location P60 Isoleth: 1.45 Fig. SWM-2 in County Design Criteria  
 Rational Coefficients Cpre: 0.25 See note # 2  
 Cpost: 0.90 See note # 2  
 Impervious Area: 137400 ft<sup>2</sup> See note # 2 and # 4

## STRUCTURE DIMENSIONS FOR DETENTION

6242 ft<sup>3</sup> storage volume calculated

100 % void space assumed

6242 ft<sup>3</sup> excavated volume needed

Structure Length Width\* Depth\*  
 Ratios 100.00 30.00 2.00  
 \*For pipe, use the square root of the sectional area  
 Dimen. (ft) 101.33 30.40 2.03

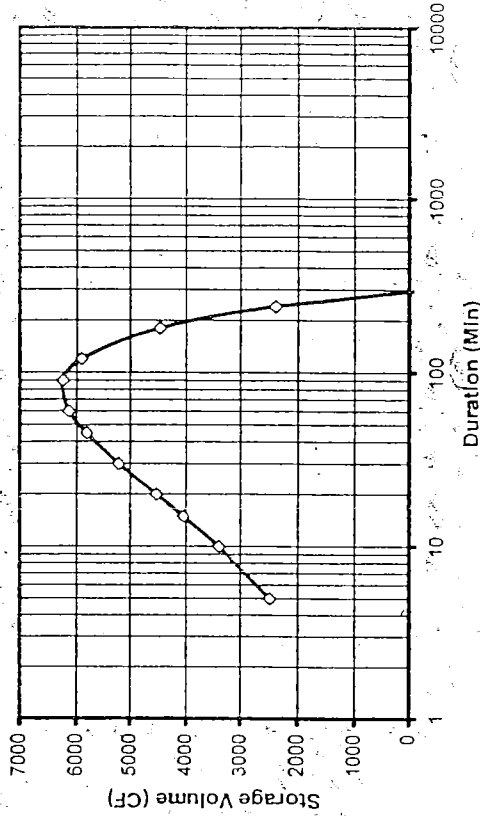
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## 10 - YEAR DESIGN STORM

## DETENTION @ 15 MIN.

| Storm Duration (min) | 10 - Year Intensity (in/hr) | 10 - Year Release Qpre (cfs) | 10 - Year Qpost (cfs) | Detention Rate To Storage (cfs) | Specified Storage Volume (cf) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1440                 | 0.25                        | 0.195                        | 0.702                 | -0.680                          | -73479                        |
| 1200                 | 0.27                        | 0.211                        | 0.759                 | -0.623                          | -56090                        |
| 960                  | 0.29                        | 0.232                        | 0.836                 | -0.547                          | -39379                        |
| 720                  | 0.33                        | 0.263                        | 0.945                 | -0.437                          | -23606                        |
| 480                  | 0.39                        | 0.311                        | 1.125                 | -0.257                          | -9270                         |
| 360                  | 0.44                        | 0.354                        | 1.273                 | -0.110                          | -2962                         |
| 240                  | 0.53                        | 0.427                        | 1.515                 | 0.132                           | 2379                          |
| 180                  | 0.60                        | 0.476                        | 1.714                 | 0.331                           | 4471                          |
| 120                  | 0.71                        | 0.546                        | 2.039                 | 0.657                           | 5911                          |
| 90                   | 0.81                        | 0.641                        | 2.307                 | 0.925                           | 6242                          |
| 60                   | 0.96                        | 0.763                        | 2.746                 | 1.363                           | 6134                          |
| 45                   | 1.09                        | 0.853                        | 3.106                 | 1.724                           | 5818                          |
| 30                   | 1.29                        | 1.027                        | 3.697                 | 2.314                           | 5207                          |
| 20                   | 1.54                        | 1.221                        | 4.399                 | 3.017                           | 4525                          |
| 15                   | 1.74                        | 1.383                        | 4.977                 | 3.595                           | 4044                          |
| 10                   | 2.07                        | 1.645                        | 5.923                 | 4.540                           | 3405                          |
| 5                    | 2.79                        | 2.211                        | 7.974                 | 6.592                           | 2472                          |

10-Yr Post-Development Detention Storage Volume  
 @ 10-Yr Pre-Development Release Rate



## Notes &amp; Limitations on Use:

- 1) The modified rational method, and therefore the standard calculations are applicable in watersheds up to 20 acres in size.
- 2) Required detention volume determinations shall be based on all net new impervious area both on and off-site, resulting from the proposed project. Pervious areas shall not be included in detention volume sizing; an exception may be made for incidental pervious areas less than 10% of the total area.
- 3) Gravel packed detention chambers shall specify on the plans, aggregate that is washed, angular, and uniformly graded (of single size), assuring void space not less than 35%.
- 4) A map showing boundaries of both regulated impervious areas and actual drainage areas routed to the hydraulic control structure of the detention facility is to be provided, clearly distinguishing between the two areas, and noting the square footage.
- 5) The EPA defines a class V injection well as any bored, drilled, or driven shaft, or dug hole that is deeper than its widest surface dimension, or an improved sinkhole, or a subsurface fluid distribution system. Such storm water drainage wells are "authorized by rule". For more information on these rules, contact the EPA. A web site link is provided from the County DPW Stormwater Management web page.
- 6) Refer to the County of Santa Cruz Design Criteria for detention volume calculations.

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IMPERVIOUS AREAS

EXIST AREAS

BY CATEGORY IN SQ. FT.

|               |               |                    |               |            |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| BLDG (NORMAL) | 1,056         | BLDG (GREENHOUSES) | 9,255         |            |
|               | 2,143         |                    | 11,001        |            |
|               | 139           |                    | 3,146         |            |
|               | 594           |                    | 575           |            |
|               | 370           |                    | 1,205         |            |
|               | 2,198         |                    | 1,214         |            |
|               | 1,230         |                    | 1,528         |            |
|               | 45            |                    | 610           |            |
|               | <b>7,775</b>  |                    | 755           |            |
|               |               |                    | <b>29,289</b> |            |
| BLDG (TIN)    | 5,105         | TENTS/TRAILERS     | 560           |            |
|               | 2,564         |                    | 1,070         |            |
|               | <b>7,669</b>  |                    | 418           |            |
|               |               |                    | <b>2,048</b>  |            |
| AC PAVING     | 305           | SLABS (CONC)       |               |            |
|               | 777           |                    | 55            | 757        |
|               | <b>1,082</b>  |                    | 86            | 631        |
|               |               |                    | 124           | 659        |
|               |               |                    | 1,152         | 144        |
| WALKS/STEPS   | 799           |                    | 40            | 40         |
|               | 35            |                    | <b>4,096</b>  |            |
|               | 17            |                    |               |            |
|               | <b>851</b>    | TRANSFORMER        | 15            |            |
| PATIO/STEPS   | <b>1,349</b>  | DECKS (WOOD)?      | 380           |            |
|               |               |                    | 1,115         |            |
| POOL W/DECK   | 457           |                    | <b>1,495</b>  |            |
|               | 487           |                    |               |            |
|               | <b>944</b>    | WALLS              | 45            | 63         |
|               |               |                    | 28            | 150        |
|               |               |                    |               | <b>286</b> |
| Total sq ft   | <b>56,899</b> |                    |               |            |

NEW IMPERVIOUS AREAS:

A. New asphalt parking and circulation

Area = 57,370 sq. ft.

B. New buildings

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| 3A           | 3,840 |
| 3B           | 3,810 |
| 1            | 2,180 |
| 16           | 3,050 |
| 13           | 3,360 |
| 14 (smaller) | 1,890 |
| 14(larger)   | 7,360 |

Area = 25,490 sq. ft.

C. Existing impervious areas to be removed

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| 19 Tank       | 125   |
| 21 cov. Area  | 1,090 |
| 26 pool       | 430   |
| 8 green hse   | 665   |
| 30 chem stor. | 50    |

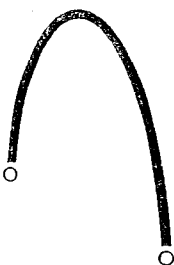
Area = 2,360 sq. ft.



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Attn: Rachel Fatoohi, Stormwater Management Supervisor

Re: Cassin Ranch  
APN 110-141-07 Appl. No. 07-0267  
Watershed Analysis

Dear Rachel,

I have reviewed your response dated January 30 to my letter on January 17 regarding the downstream drainage path. I am pleased that the information was helpful and appreciated.

A study of the capacity of the downstream channel from the subject property to the Pajaro River is a very big task, as you can imagine with your professional background. And due to the nature of the farming operations in the area, there are many unpredictable outcomes due to the various uses of the runoff by the various farming operations, such as irrigation ponds and diversions. To embark upon a detailed capacity study with any meaningful results would be a gigantic task involving extensive surveying, mapping, hydrology, field measurements and interviews with the farming operators, and hydraulic calculations for the various reaches of channels and culverts in the downstream channel.

We have performed a preliminary analysis of the watershed tributary to the discharge point in the channel at the concrete apron crossing on the access roadway. As you will note from the attached mapping and analysis, there is approximately 564 acres of land that contributes drainage to this point. For a 10-year return period storm, the rough estimate of the potential peak flow would be approximately 169 cubic feet per second (cfs) at this location, using the rational formula.

To put that in the proper perspective, according to the drainage study prepared by this firm dated September 14, 2007, the increase in the peak flow runoff for the proposed improvements is approximately 2.6 cfs, or about a 1.5 % increase in the flows at the discharge point.

As you know, the plan includes a proposed detention/retention feature to restrict the runoff rate to the predevelopment rate, resulting in zero increase in flows to the downstream system for a 10-year event.

In addition, as the study moves downstream, additional watershed area is picked up, making the additional runoff from the project even less significant.

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In view of the above, there does not seem to be a nexus that would require this applicant to perform a time-consuming and very expensive study of essentially the existing capacity of the drainage channel, when the impact of this project is so inconsequential.

Perhaps a conversation between the applicant and the operator of the downstream pond would reveal and allay your concerns about potential drainage impacts, and would allow the application to proceed.

Please call if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. DeWITT and ASSOCIATES, INC.



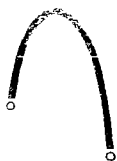
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enclosure

cc: Jane Nelsen, Driscoll's Strawberry Associates, Inc.  
Robert Goldspink, Architect  
✓ Steve Guiney, Planning Department

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## Watershed Analysis (above discharge point):

A. Watershed Area: From USGS mapping (Co. GIS site)

By measurement on map:  $W_1 = 216 \text{ Ac.}$

$W_{12} = 130 \text{ Ac.}$

$W_{16} = 218 \text{ Ac.}$

Total ... 564 Ac. ←

B. Time of concentration:

Ref: Fig 50-B:  $[H] = 950 - 80 = 870'$

From mapping  $[L] = 8,600' = 1.63 \text{ mi.}$

$t_c = 22 \text{ min.}$

C. Intensity: Ref. Fig SWM-3

For  $P_{60} = 1.4$ ,  $t_c = 22 \text{ min.}$ ;  $i_{10} = 1.5 \text{ in/hr.}$

D. Runoff coefficient:  $C = 0.2$  for undeveloped agricultural lands.

E. Peak Flow:  $Q_{10}$  by Rational method

$$Q_{10} = C i A = 0.2 \times 1.5 \times 564 = 169 \text{ cfs.} \leftarrow$$

F. Increase in site runoff: (Ref: Drainage Study 9-1408)

$$Q_{\text{post}} = 6.9 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_{\text{pre}} = 4.3$$

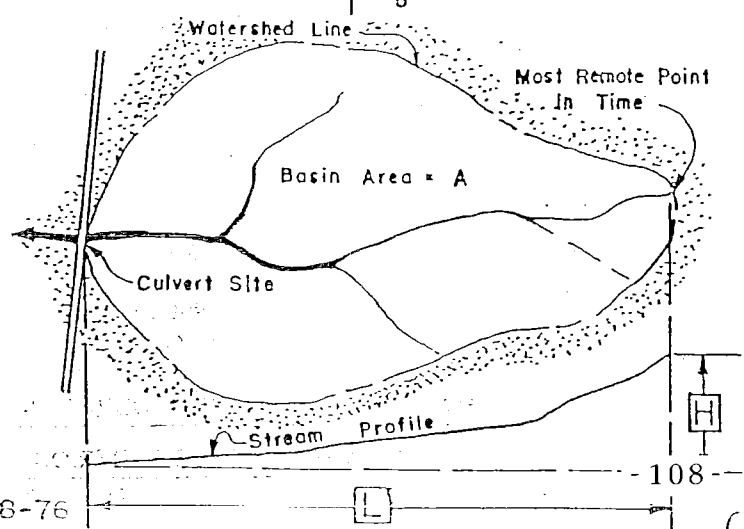
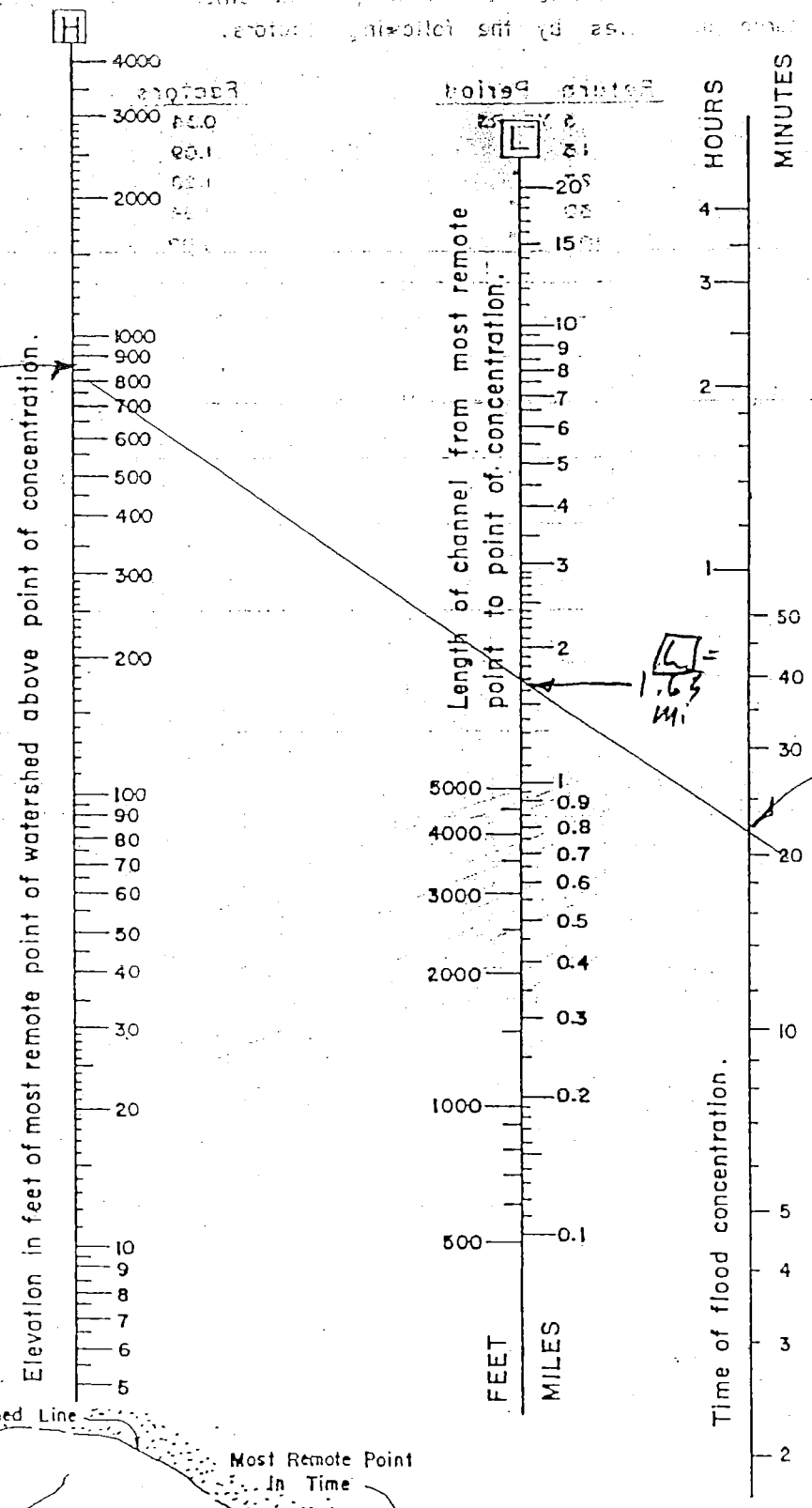
$$\text{Incr} = 2.6 \text{ cfs for 10-yr storm.}$$

$$\text{Note: } \frac{2.6}{169} = 1.5\%$$

Conclusion: With proposed detention for increase in runoff project will have de minimus effect downstream.

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$H = 870$



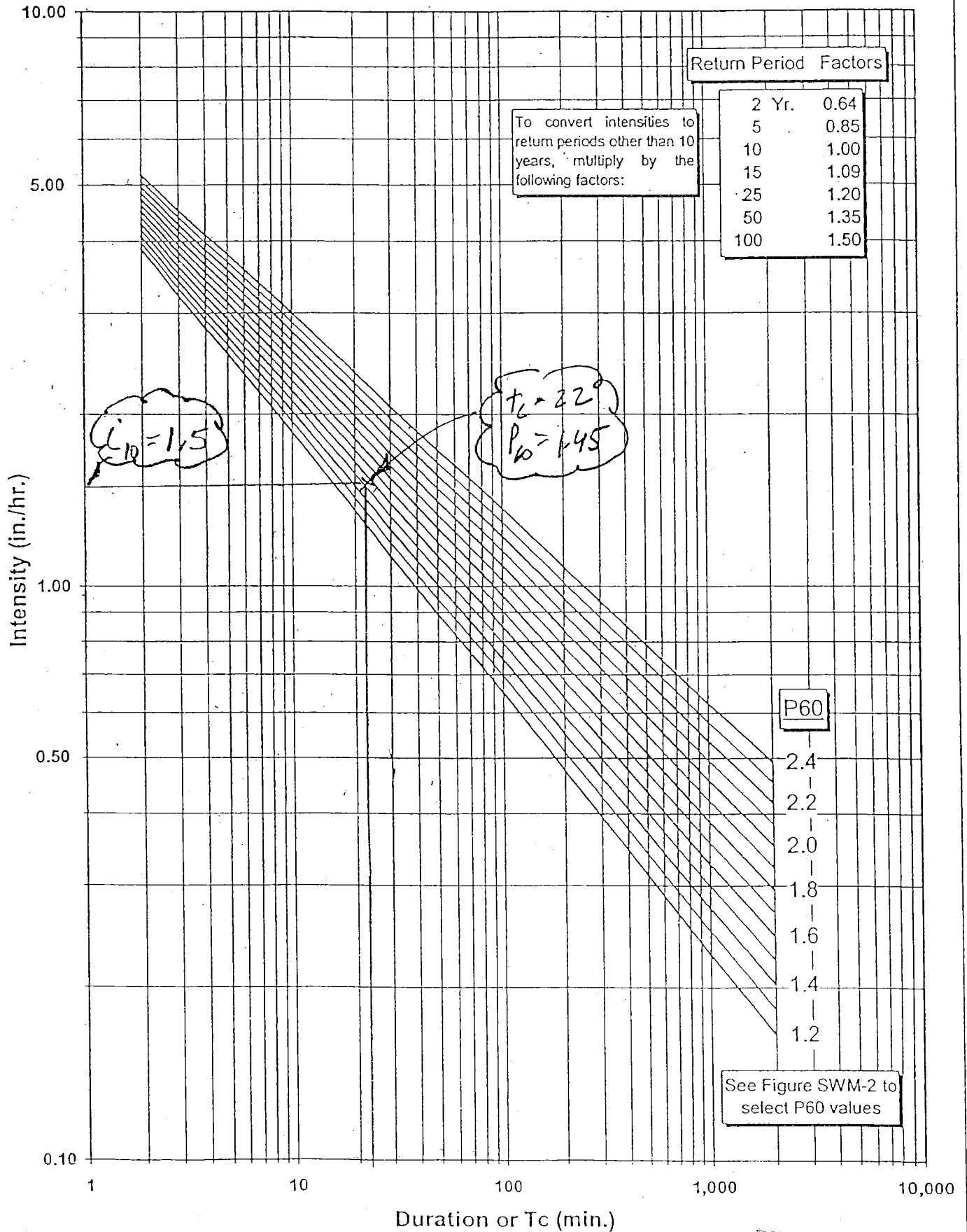
TIME of CONCENTRATION  
NOMOGRAPH for  
NATURAL WATERSHEDS  
(pear shaped basins)

# Rec. of fall Intensity - Duration Curves

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## 10 Yr. Return Period

$$((4.29112) * (1.1952)^{P60\_VALUE}) / (DURATION^{((0.60924) * (0.78522)^{P60\_VALUE})})$$

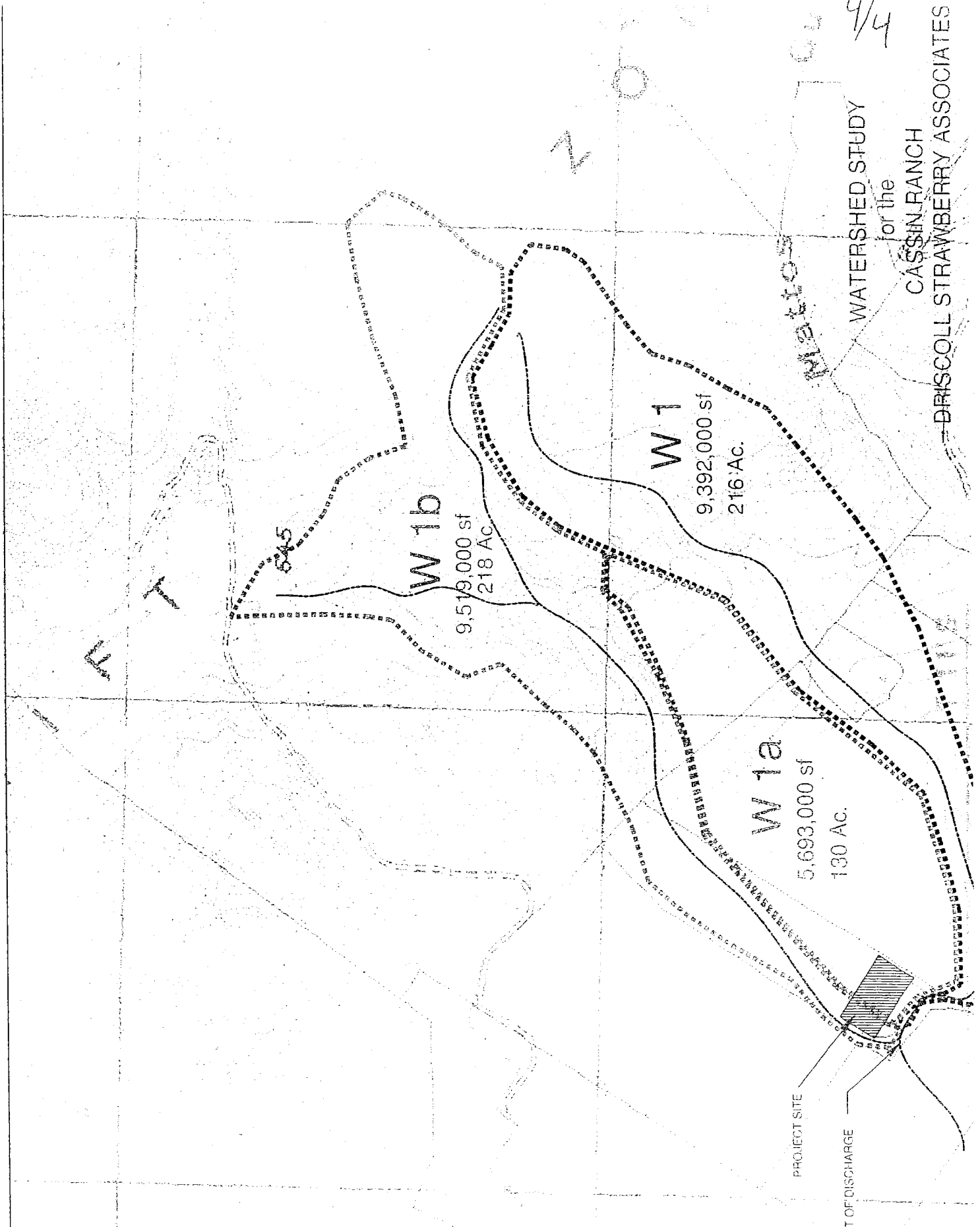


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WATERSHED STUDY  
for the

CASSIN RANCH

BRISCOLL STRAWBERRY ASSOCIATES



Project No. SC9717  
27 August 2008

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DRISCOLL STRAWBERRY ASSOCIATES  
151 Silliman Road  
Watsonville, California 95076

Attention: Ms. Jane Nelson

Subject: Percolation Testing

Reference: Proposed Detention Pond  
Cassin Ranch Research Center  
151 Silliman Road, Watsonville  
APN 110-141-07 & -08  
Santa Cruz County, California

Dear Ms. Nelson:

This Geotechnical Report outlines the results of our exploratory soil borings and percolation testing at the proposed storm water runoff detention pond area situated near the Cassin Ranch Research Center, 151 Silliman Road in Santa Cruz County, California; see the Site Location Map, Figure 1 in the Appendix of this report. Our firm completed the Geotechnical Investigation for the development and expansion of the Cassin Ranch Research Center on 30 May 2008.

The purpose of our recent site work was to determine the soil profile beneath the proposed detention pond site and measure the percolation rate of the near surface soils to aid in the design of the storm water runoff control system for the research center development.

Our scope of work included:

- a. Site reconnaissance, communication with the project civil engineers and Underground Service Alert (USA) utility locates;
- b. Drilling and sampling one (1) exploratory boring to 26.5 feet below grade;
- c. Drilling four exploratory borings to between 5 and 7 feet below grade and completing the borings with perforated pipe and gravel for percolation testing;
- d. Pre-saturating the percolation test holes by filling to grade with water 24 hours prior to percolation testing;
- e. Percolation testing of the four test holes using the Falling Head Method;

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- f. Returned to the site on three subsequent days to measure the relatively low percolation rate at the detention pond site; and
- g. Summarize our fieldwork into this report.

### **Site Description**

The existing research center sits upon a near level topographic bench within gently sloping agricultural fields. The proposed detention pond area is below and adjacent to the southern perimeter of the topographic bench. The percolation pond area is near level and currently contains netted blueberry plants.

### **Field Exploration**

Subsurface conditions were investigated 1 July 2008. The approximate location of the exploratory soil boring (B-1) and the percolation test site borings (P-1, P-2, P-3 & P-4) are indicated on the Boring and Percolation Test Location Site Plan, Figure 2 in the Appendix of this report. The Boring and Percolation Test Location Site Plan was based upon the Robert L. DeWitt and Associates Preliminary Drainage Plan for the project dated 4 June 2008.

We drilled a total of five exploratory borings at the project site. One boring (B-1) was drilled and sampled to 26.5 feet below grade to characterize the project site soil profile with regard to soil type and density/consistency. Four borings (P-1, P-2, P-3 & P-4) were drilled to 5 to 7 feet below grade and completed with slotted pipe and gravel for percolation testing.

The borings were advanced with 4-inch diameter continuous flight-auger equipment mounted on a truck.

Representative soil samples were obtained from the exploratory borings at selected depths, or at major strata changes. These samples were recovered using the 3.0 inch O.D. Modified California Sampler (L) or the Standard Terzaghi Sampler (T).

The penetration resistance blow counts noted on the boring log were obtained as the sampler was dynamically driven into the in situ soil. The process was performed by dropping a 140-pound hammer a 30-inch free fall distance and driving the sampler 6 to 18 inches and recording the number of blows for each 6-inch penetration interval. The blows recorded on the boring logs represent the accumulated number of blows that were required to drive the last 12 inches.

The soils encountered in the borings were continuously logged in the field and described in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (ASTM D2486). The Log of the Exploratory Soil Boring, B-1 is included in Appendix of this report. The Boring Log denotes subsurface conditions at the location and



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time observed, and it is not warranted that they are representative of subsurface conditions at other locations or times.

### **Laboratory Testing**

The laboratory testing program was directed toward determining pertinent engineering and index soil properties.

The natural moisture contents and dry densities were determined on selected samples and are recorded on the boring logs at the appropriate depths.

The strength parameters of the underlying earth materials were determined from field test values derived from Standard Penetration Testing resistance of the in situ soils.

The results of the field and laboratory testing appear on the "Log of Test Boring" opposite the sample tested.

### **Subsurface Conditions**

Based on our subsurface exploration, the general soil conditions below the site (B-1) consist of silty clays and clayey silts to about 21 feet below grade overlying interbedded silty sands with gravels and silty/sandy clays to 26.5 feet below grade.

The drilling spoils from the shallow percolation test holes, P-1, P-2, P-3 & P-4 consisted of fine grained soils, silty clays and clays silts.

### **Groundwater**

We did not observe any indication of a stable groundwater level at our exploratory boring location, B-1; drilled and sampled to 26.5 feet below grade at the percolation pond site on 1 July 2008.

It should be noted that groundwater levels may fluctuate due to variations in rainfall, crop irrigation or other factors not evident during our investigation.

### **Percolation Testing**

The four percolation test holes, P-1, P-2, P-3 & P-4, were pre-saturated on 1 July 2008 by filling the test holes to grade with potable water.

We returned to the site, 24 four hours later, on 2 July 2008 to test the percolation holes using the Falling Head Method in order to establish a rate of percolation for a 4 hour period. The four test holes were once again filled to grade with potable water and the surface or level of the water in each test hole was measured at one-half hour intervals.

The 4 hour Percolation Test Rates were as follows:

**4 hour Percolation Test Rates**

| Percolation Test Hole | Percolation Rate<br>inches per four hours<br>(inches per hour)             |
|-----------------------|--|
| P-1                   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr)  |
| P-2                   | 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr)  |
| P-3                   | 17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr) |
| P-4                   | 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr)  |

Due to the relatively low percolation rates during the four hour test, we returned to the site on 3, 4 and 6 July 2008 to measure the falling head of the water surface within each of the four test holes. No additional water was added to the test holes during these subsequent measurements. A summary of our site measurements including the data from the initial four hour falling head method percolation test is outlined in the following table:

**Cassin Ranch Detention Pond  
 Percolation Rate Testing Summary**

| Date               | Test Hole 1   | Test Hole 2   | Test Hole 3  | Test Hole 4   |
|--------------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>1 July 2008</b> | Drilled to 5.5 ft bg <sup>1</sup> , pipe set and test hole filled with water to grade.  | Drilled to 7.0 ft bg <sup>1</sup> , pipe set and test hole filled with water to grade.  | Drilled to 7.0 ft bg <sup>1</sup> , pipe set and test hole filled with water to grade.   | Drilled to 5.0 ft bg <sup>1</sup> , pipe set and test hole filled with water to grade.  |
| <b>2 July 2008</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 17"bg.<br>Refill hole to grade for 4 hr falling head percolation rate test.<br>= 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr) | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 12"bg.<br>Refill hole to grade for 4 hr falling head percolation rate test.<br>= 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr) | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 33"bg.<br>Refill hole to grade for 4 hr falling head percolation rate test.<br>= 17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr) | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 18"bg.<br>Refill hole to grade for 4 hr falling head percolation rate test.<br>= 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> hrs<br>(2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "/hr) |
| <b>3 July 2008</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 22"bg<br>= 15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> hrs<br>(<1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> "/hr)   | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 19"bg<br>= 15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> hrs<br>(<1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> "/hr)   | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 38"bg<br>= 21 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> hrs<br>(<1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> "/hr)  | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 27"bg<br>= 18 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> hrs<br>(<1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>24</sub> "/hr)   |

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| Date        | Test Hole 1  | Test Hole 2  | Test Hole 3   | Test Hole 4   |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|
| 4 July 2008 | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 32"bg<br>= 10"/28 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ ) | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 25"bg<br>= 6"/28 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ )  | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 44"bg<br>= 6"/28 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ ) | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 36"bg<br>= 9"/28 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ ) |
| 6 July 2008 | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 39"bg<br>= 7"/23 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ )  | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 35"bg<br>= 10"/23 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ ) | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 48"bg<br>= 4"/23 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ ) | H <sub>2</sub> O @ 44"bg<br>= 8"/23 hrs<br>( $<1"/hr$ ) |

bg<sup>1</sup> = below adjacent surface grade

### Recommendations

The measured percolation rates of the near surface soils at the proposed detention pond site are low. To account for the long term reduction in the percolation rates due to silting of the surface soils, we recommend the outlined percolation rates be further reduced. A minimum Factor of Safety of 2 should be used for percolation basin design. It will also be necessary to maintain the detention pond each year, prior to the winter rainy season, by scraping the pond basin to remove accumulated fines in order to promote percolation of the detained storm water runoff.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please call our office.

Very truly yours,

**HARO, KASUNICH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Rick L. Parks  
G.E. 2603

RLP/sq  
Attachments  
Copies:

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1 to Robert L. DeWitt & Associates  
Attn: Robert DeWitt, PE  
1 to Robert J. Goldspink, Architect



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DRISCOLL STRAWBERRY ASSOCIATES  
ATTN: Jane Nelson  
151 Silliman Road  
Watsonville, California 95076

Subject: Geotechnical Review of Preliminary Drainage Plan

Reference: Cassin Ranch Research Center  
151 Silliman Road, Watsonville  
APN 110-141-07 & -08  
Santa Cruz County, California

Dear Ms. Nelson:

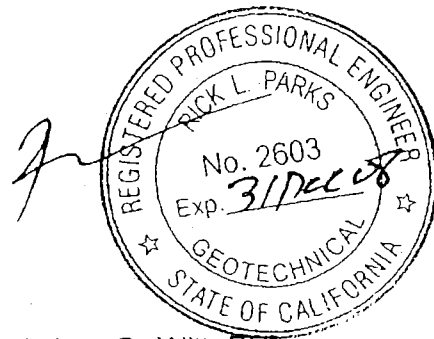
This letter is written to outline our review of the geotechnical aspects the Preliminary Drainage Plan for the proposed development of the Cassin Ranch Research Center at the referenced parcels. The Preliminary Drainage Plan – Sheet P1 revised 28 August 2008, was prepared by Robert L. DeWitt & Associates. We also reviewed the letter dated 2 September 2008 from Robert L. DeWitt & Associates to Ms. Rachel Fatoohi, PE of the County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works presenting the revised Preliminary Drainage Plan as well as supplemental project information. Our firm completed the Geotechnical Investigation for the development and expansion of the Cassin Ranch Research Center on 30 May 2008 and the Percolation Testing of the Proposed Detention Pond Area report dated 27 August 2008.

It is our opinion the Preliminary Drainage Plan – Sheet P1 has been prepared in general conformance to our geotechnical recommendations.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or geotechnical aspects of the project, please call our office.

Sincerely,

Rick L. Parks  
G.E. 2603



RLP/dk

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**C O U N T Y   O F   S A N T A   C R U Z**  
**DISCRETIONARY APPLICATION COMMENTS**

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**Environmental Planning Completeness Comments**

===== REVIEW ON JUNE 25, 2007 BY ROBERT S LOVELAND =====  
NO COMMENT

**Environmental Planning Miscellaneous Comments**

===== REVIEW ON JUNE 25, 2007 BY ROBERT S LOVELAND =====

Conditions of Approval:

1. Submit a soils report (3 copies) completed by a California licensed geotechnical engineer for all proposed structures.
2. Submit a grading/drainage plan completed by a licensed civil engineer for review and approval.
3. Obtain a grading permit if required.
4. Submit an erosion/sediment control plan for review and approval.

**Dpw Drainage Completeness Comments**

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The submittal is incomplete and lacks even the most basic information to give specific comments. Please provide engineered drainage/site plan showing all proposed improvements and best management practises on site to mitigate the impact of the extensive development proposed. The project is not allowed to release more than pre-development runoff rates. The mitigations to be considered shall be chosen to minimize the impacts of likely drainage problems such as stormwater runoff pollution, downstream erosion and sedimentation impacts resulting from the new impervious areas. Consider eliminating all unnecessary paving and where paving is necessary please consider alternative pervious or semi impervious surfacing. Show how site runoff is proposed to be handled until it reaches a safe point of release such as an adequate drainage system or a water course. Provide downstream impact assessment identifying capacity restrictions in existing drainage facilities receiving site runoff and identify the water body receiving the flow. The pre-development release rate will be decided once the capacity limitation is identified by the project's civil engineer and reviewed/accepted by the Stormwater Management staff. Quantify the flow from offsite upstream drainage areas draining toward the site and show how the flow will be handled. Include the drainage area map used to quantify the flow. provide clear topo information per County Design Criteria Part 1, Section A.1.g as applicable. The comments above are general and more detailed comments will be made once we receive the engineered plans and the downstream assessment. The applicant is encouraged to meet with Stormwater Management staff before preparing the next submittal. Provide clear legend on the plans for the proposed improvements. The provided Key is hard to follow and does not make it easy to see the overall picture.

===== UPDATED ON JUNE 25, 2007 BY RACHEL J FATOCHI =====

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===== UPDATED ON OCTOBER 27, 2007 BY LOUISE B DION =====

The following comments made during the first review have not been addressed:

1) Show how site runoff is proposed to be handled until it reaches a safe point of release such as an adequate drainage system or a water course. Sheet P-1 - Preliminary Drainage Plan - 2nd submittal - indicates water will ultimately flow into an existing roadside drainage ditch flowing west - southwest. However County hydrology maps indicate that this ditch dead ends after another +/- 1000 feet. Which leads to the comment#2:

2) Provide downstream impact assessment identifying capacity restrictions in existing drainage facilities receiving site runoff and identify the water body receiving the flow. The pre-development release rate will be decided once the capacity limitation is identified by the project's civil engineer and reviewed/accepted by the Stormwater Management staff.

3) Quantify the flow from offsite upstream drainage areas draining toward the site and show how the flow will be handled. Sheet T-1 (topo map) indicates that there is a ridge line potentially dividing the drainage path. The proposed drainage design appears to collect and route runoff to a single dispersion point from a different drainage path. This is considered a diversion of the natural drainage pattern. Information substantiating the diversion must be submitted for review. If the diversion is found to be allowable in this design an assessment of the path to be diverted to must be submitted. Off-site information must be included as requested in comment #2.

ADDITIONAL 2nd REVIEW COMMENTS: 4) Preliminary Drainage Plan Sheet P-1 indicates either detention or retention. Please note, utilizing only detention to meet mitigation requirements for increases in runoff is only allowed if other measures are not feasible. If detention is the only method available to meet pre-development requirements, please submit reasons of infeasibility for review.

5) As indicated in the CDC (County Design Criteria). Runoff from parking and driveways are required to go through water treatment prior to discharge. Consider outsloping areas to drain to landscaped areas for filtering prior to discharge from the site. If use of landscaped areas is not feasible and structural treatment is proposed, recorded maintenance agreements are required. Please clarify on the plans the method used for treatment.

6) Regarding the preliminary drainage study by Dewitt & Associates - choosing an P60 isopleth of 1.45 is probably beyond the accuracy of the figure. We suggest using 1.5 instead.

7) Similar to comment #1 the hydrography stream layer on the County GIS map indicates that the drainage ditch drawn on the topo map included in Dewitt's drainage study does not reach the Pajaro River in that direction. Please document that this drainage path is in fact correct. While the County topo map indicate that the overall drainage pattern is in this direction, the County stream map doesn't indicate the drainage path described in Dewitt's study. This conflict should be resolved because directing the runoff southeast towards the Pajaro River is contrary to the

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natural drainage pattern; the impacts of which need to be evaluated before this diversion is deemed acceptable.

If you have questions, please contact me at 831-233-8083.

===== UPDATED ON AUGUST 8, 2008 BY RACHEL J FATOOHI =====

The submittal does not include civil plans for storm water management changes per our discussion of 5/30/08. No review was done for this submittal

===== UPDATED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 BY LOUISE B DION =====

Application with civil plans dated August 28, 2008, correspondence from Driscoll-s dated August 18, 2008, correspondence from Robert DeWitt dated September 2, 2008 and reports from Haro, Kasunich & Associates dated August 27, 2008 and May 30, 2008 has been received. The application is deemed complete with respect to the discretionary permit application stage. See miscellaneous comments to be addressed during building permit application.

===== UPDATED ON OCTOBER 28, 2008 BY LOUISE B DION =====

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**Dpw Drainage Miscellaneous Comments**

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===== REVIEW ON JUNE 25, 2007 BY RACHEL J FATOOHI ===== Zone 7A Fees shall be assessed on all the new impervious areas. Semi-impervious areas shall be assessed half the applicable fee. Provide clear legend identifying existing and proposed impervious areas. Currently the fee is \$0.95 per square foot of new impervious area.

===== UPDATED ON OCTOBER 27, 2007 BY LOUISE B DION =====

No new miscellaneous comments.

===== UPDATED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 BY LOUISE B DION =====

Miscellaneous comments to be addressed during building permit application:

1. Complete review of drainage calculations, detention basin, infiltration trench and orifice sizing will be performed during building permit review.
2. While the correspondence from Driscoll-s dated August 18, 2008 indicates verbal approval from the downstream property owner, Joe Kalich, a recorded maintenance

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agreement will be required at the time of building permit issuance.

3. A recorded maintenance agreement from Driscoll-s will be required for the proposed detention basin. Maintenance recommendations for the basin should be provided on the plan sheets.

4. The correspondence from Robert Dewitt, September 2, 2008 indicates that the geotechnical engineer is not recommending pervious pavement.

The May report states that "Storm water runoff should be directed away from site improvements including structures, pavement sections and exterior slabs on grade. Storm water runoff should be collected and conveyed away from the proposed development to a suitable facility such as a retention pond situated below the slope at the southwest perimeter of the project site."

As it reads there is no recommendation against the use of pervious pavement or pavers; just a recommendation to keep runoff away from site improvements BMPs can be designed to manage runoff and direct away from site improvements.

5. Zone 7 drainage fees will be assessed on the net increase in permitted impervious area due to this project

===== UPDATED ON OCTOBER 28, 2008 BY LOUISE B DION =====

### Dpw Road Engineering Completeness Comments

===== REVIEW ON JUNE 18, 2007 BY ANWARBEG MIRZA =====

NO COMMENT

===== UPDATED ON JANUARY 28, 2009 BY GREG J MARTIN =====

Compliance: 1. A stop sign is required at the intersection of the driveway and Silliman Road.

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----- 2. At the intersection of the driveway and Silliman Road, the driveway should be paved for forty feet. The minimum structural section is 2 inches of asphalt concrete over 6 inches of aggregate base. The width of the road is recommended to be 24 feet wide and no less than 20 feet if there are constraints. A transition from the 24 feet to the existing width is required as well. Standard driveway returns of 15 feet may be applicable depending upon the alignment of the driveway and the road however this can be determined during processing of the encroachment permit.  
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----- Miscellaneous: 3. The increase in daily vehicle trips generated by the project will not cause a significant impact to Silliman Road with respect to Level of Service. The traffic volumes on Silliman Road are very low.



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Greg Martin 454-2811

===== UPDATED ON JANUARY 28, 2009 BY GREG J MARTIN =====  
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**Dpw Road Engineering Miscellaneous Comments**

===== REVIEW ON JUNE 18, 2007 BY ANWARBEG MIRZA =====  
NO COMMENT  
===== UPDATED ON JANUARY 28, 2009 BY GREG J MARTIN =====  
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**Environmental Health Completeness Comments**

===== REVIEW ON JUNE 18, 2007 BY JIM G SAFRANEK =====  
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NO COMMENT

**Environmental Health Miscellaneous Comments**

===== REVIEW ON JUNE 18, 2007 BY JIM G SAFRANEK =====  
The proposed project requires that septic system be upgraded to meet current standards. Applicant must obtain an approved sewage disposal permit for an upgrade. Contact the appropriate Land Use staff of Environmental Health at 454-2022.  
The approved septic application is a buildign phase req. and will be needed at time of EHS Building Clearance.

**Pajaro Valley Fire District Completeness Comments**

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===== REVIEW ON JUNE 21, 2007 BY COLLEEN L BAXTER =====  
DEPARTMENT NAME:PAJARO VALLEY FIRE  
Add the appropriate NOTES and DETAILS showing this information on your plans and RESUBMIT, with an annotated copy of this letter:  
Each APN (lot) shall have separate submittals for building and sprinkler system plans.  
The job copies of the building and fire systems plans and permits must be onsite during inspections.  
NOTE on the plans the OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TYPE/FIRE RATING and SPRINKERED or NONSPRINKERED as determined by the building official and outlined in Part IV of the California Building Code, e.g. R-3, Type V-N, Sprinklered.  
Note on these plans the occupancy load of each area. Show where the occupancy load signs will be posted.  
SHOW on the plans a public fire hydrant within 250 feet of any portion of the property, along the fire department access route, meeting the minimum required fire flow for the building. This information can be obtained from the water company.  
NOTE on the plans that the building shall be protected by an approved automatic fire sprinkler system complying with the currently adopted edition of NFPA 13 and Chapter 35 of California Building Code and adopted standards of the authority having juris-

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diction.

NOTE that the designer/installer shall submit three (3) sets of plans and calculations for the underground and overhead Residential Automatic Fire Sprinkler System to this agency for approval. Installation shall follow our guide sheet.

NOTE on the plans that an UNDERGROUND FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM WORKING DRAWING must be prepared by the designer/installer. The plans shall comply with the UNDERGROUND FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM INSTALLATION POLICY HANDOUT.

Building numbers shall be provided. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches in height on a contrasting background and visible from the street, additional numbers shall be installed on a directional sign at the property driveway and street.

NOTE on the plans that the roof covering shall be no less than Class "B" rated roof.

NOTE on the plans that a 100 foot clearance will be maintained with non-combustible vegetation around all structures or to the property line (whichever is a shorter distance). Single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery or similar plants used as ground covers, provided they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from native growth to any structure are exempt.

All bridges, culverts and crossings shall be certified by a registered engineer.

Minimum capacity of 25 tons. Cal-Trans H-20 loading standard.

SHOW on the plans, DETAILS of compliance with the driveway requirements. The driveway shall be 18 feet minimum width and maximum twenty percent slope.

The driveway shall be in place to the following standards prior to any framing construction, or construction will be stopped:

- The driveway surface shall be "all weather", a minimum 6" of compacted aggregate base rock, Class 2 or equivalent certified by a licensed engineer to 95% compaction and shall be maintained.
- ALL WEATHER SURFACE: shall be a minimum of 6" of compacted Class II base rock for grades up to and including 5%, oil and screened for grades up to and including 15% and asphaltic concrete for grades exceeding 15%, but in no case exceeding 20%.
- The maximum grade of the driveway shall not exceed 20%, with grades of 15% not permitted for distances of more than 200 feet at a time.
- The driveway shall have an overhead clearance of 14 feet vertical distance for its entire width.
- A turn-around area which meets the requirements of the fire department shall be provided for access roads and driveways in excess of 150 feet in length.
- Drainage details for the road or driveway shall conform to current engineering practices, including erosion control measures.
- All private access roads, driveways, turn-arounds and bridges are the responsibility of the owner(s) of record and shall be maintained to ensure the fire department safe and expedient passage at all times.
- The driveway shall be thereafter maintained to these standards at all times.

All Fire Department building requirements and fees will be addressed in the Building Permit phase.

Plan check is based upon plans submitted to this office. Any changes or alterations shall be re-submitted for review prior to construction.

72 hour minimum notice is required prior to any inspection and/or test.

Note: As a condition of submittal of these plans, the submitter, designer and installer certify that these plans and details comply with the applicable Specifications, Standards, Codes and Ordinances, agree that they are solely responsible for compliance with applicable Specifications, Standards, Codes and Ordinances, and further agree to correct any deficiencies noted by this review, subsequent review, inspection or other source, and, to hold harmless and without prejudice, the reviewing agency.

When a fire alarm system is proposed in lieu of 110V/battery backup smoke detectors

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a separate fire alarm permit and fee is required by the fire department having jurisdiction. Fire Alarm plans (3 sets) shall be submitted and approved prior to commencing work.

SHOW ON PLANS DIMENSIONS OF ACCESS ROADS. ALSO SHOW ON PLANS WHAT MATERIALS GREEN-HOUSES ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF. THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SPRINKLERED PER NFPA 13. ===== UPDATED ON OCTOBER 10, 2007 BY COLLEEN L BAXTER =====

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NO NEW FIRE NOTES AT THIS TIME. ALL COMMENTS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. ===== UPDATED ON OCTOBER 10, 2007 BY COLLEEN L BAXTER =====

**Pajaro Valley Fire District Miscellaneous Comments**

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===== REVIEW ON JUNE 21, 2007 BY COLLEEN L BAXTER =====

===== UPDATED ON OCTOBER 10, 2007 BY COLLEEN L BAXTER =====

Accessibility: Preliminary Project Comments for Development Review  
County of Santa Cruz Planning Department

Date: 10/17/07      *Revised 7/28/08*  
Planner: Samantha Hashert

Application Number: **07-0267**  
APN: 110-141-07,08

Dear Ms Haschert,

A preliminary review of the above project plans was conducted to determine accessibility issues. The following comments are to be applied to the project design. ( 10-17-07 comments)See

***Please have the applicant provide a written response to each of these comments and route it back to building plan check along with one set of the original plans. Thank-you.***

Please refer to the attached brochure entitled Accessibility Requirements - Building Plan Check which can also be found at the County of Santa Cruz Planning Department website:

[http://www.sccoplanning.com/brochures/access\\_plancheck.htm](http://www.sccoplanning.com/brochures/access_plancheck.htm)

This document is an information source for the designer when preparing drawings for building plan check.

Comment: Please include the above brochure to the architect with your letter. This application is incomplete. Please have the applicant submit a plan specifically titled "Accessibility Plan". This is required according to the LORI. The plan must include all access features required by the California Building Code. The plan must include topographical contour lines, the plan by Matthew Ward with spot elevation point is not helpful. In addition, the plan must be stamped and signed by a design professional architect or engineer.

*10-17-07 Note: The submittal of a building permit application after January 1, 2008 will require compliance with the 2007 California Building Code (based on the International Building Code). The following comments do not reflect those code requirements.*

***7-28-08 Please note the comments dated 7-28-08.***

Project Description: Construct offices, greenhouses, laboratory, and conference facility, propane storage building, maintenance building, relocate fuel station, relocate storage building, construct trash encl., and demo of various bldgs, pool and other facilities.

Determination of Occupancy: Please apply specific requirements per California Building Code (CBC) sections 1104B thru 1111B. The occupancy and construction type are to be noted in the Project Data section on the cover sheet of the plans. Chapter 3 in the CBC shall be used to determine occupancy. Chapter 5 in the CBC shall be used to determine minimum construction type.

Comment: Required information

10-17-07 Identify the location of each occupancy classification on a floor plan of each building (preferably on sheet 3 ) The location of the conference room(s) ('A' occupancy?) must be identified.

The occupancy classification and construction type of each building will determine the allowable area and exterior wall and opening protection. (CBC 503, Table 5A, Appendix Chapter 3) This may effect some of the enlarged buildings such as U-3 (agricultural buildings) and buildings that are closely situated, based on the location of assumed property lines (503.3) Additional consideration on your part may be necessary to assure that any required fire-resistive exterior walls do not unnecessarily impact existing or proposed structures.

7/15/08 Not resolved.

The occupancy classification of each building is not specified.

The construction type of each building is not specified.

***7/28/08 Resolved.***

CBC Section 1103B – Building Accessibility

Accessibility to buildings or portions of buildings shall be provided for all occupancy classifications except as modified by this section. Occupancy requirements in this chapter may modify general requirements, but never to the exclusion of them. Multistory buildings must provide access by ramp or elevator.

Comment: Required information

10-17-07 The details provided are insufficient to identify that each new, remodeled or existing accessible building is accessible. Identify the types of entries. Identify level entries, ramps, steps, landings, and their construction types.

7/15/08 Not resolved.

The type of accessible entry, ramps, landings and details to determine if new buildings and existing accessible buildings are accessible, are not provided.

**7/28/08 Resolved. Note: BPA submittal must incorporate all accessibility details.**

CBC 1114B.1.2 Accessible Route of Travel

At least one accessible route within the boundary of the site shall be provided from public transportation stops, accessible parking and accessible passenger loading zones, other buildings on the site, and public streets or sidewalks, to the accessible building entrance they serve. Refer also to 1127B for Exterior Routes of Travel. Where more than one route is provided, all routes shall be accessible. All spot elevations, slopes, cross slopes, ramps, stairs, curb ramps, striping, signage and any other accessible requirements are to be shown on the plans.

Comment: Must be shown on an accessibility plan. Required information. Note: Check code-assembly occupancies (A) must have a 20' clear and unobstructed exit discharge to the public way and it must be accessible too.

10-17-07 Not resolved. The use of a passenger loading zone in lieu of an accessible Route of Travel to the public R/W will require an Unreasonable Hardship Request and justification as equivalent facilitation at the time of permit submittal, under CBC Section 1127B.1 Exception 1. The proposed passenger loading zone also appears to conflict with the pedestrian route of travel. The route/paths of travel must be slip-resistant 1133B.7.1.1

7/15/08 See Accessible Parking below.

**7/28/08 Resolved.**

CBC 1129B Accessible Parking Required

Each lot or parking structure where parking is provided for the public as clients, guests or employees, shall provide accessible parking as required by this section.

Comment: Where is it?

10-17-07 Identify the accessible van parking spaces and provide a standard detail for accessible parking spaces.

7-15-08 Not resolved. Parking (1129B) and passenger loading zone (1131B) details were not provided.

**7/28/08 Resolved. Reference the amended 8 ½ x 11 detail submitted on 7/25/08.**

Path of Travel Verification Form (refer to brochure)

To be submitted at the time of Building Permit application.

CBC 1133B General Accessibility for Entrances, Exits and Paths of Travel

Provide an Egress Plan showing maneuvering clearances at all doorways, passageways, and landings.

Comment: Required – floor plan and exiting plan is required information.

10-17-07 Not resolved. See Building Accessibility above.

7/15/08 Not resolved

The requested information was not provided.

**7/28/08 Resolved.**

Plumbing Fixture Requirements – Accessible Restrooms

Please refer to the 2001 California Plumbing Code, Table 4-1 for plumbing fixture requirements for this occupancy.

Comment: Show restroom floor plans

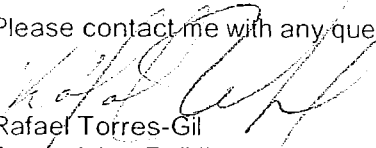
10-17-07 Not resolved. Provide a typical floor plan. Also note CBC section 115B.1 for existing buildings. Providing accessible restrooms for existing buildings within a 'reasonable distance' will precipitate the need for utilization of the stated exception criteria via submittal of an Unreasonable Hardship Request.

7-15-08 Not Resolved.  
Accessible restroom locations and details were not provided.

**7/28/08 Resolved. Reference the amended Unreasonable Hardship Request submitted on 7/25/08.**

Please note that this is only a preliminary review to determine major accessibility issues. This is not a complete accessible plan check. A complete accessible plan check will be conducted at the time of building permit application review. The plans submitted for building plan check review will need to include complete details and specifications for all of the accessible issues in the California Building code. Therefore, there may be additional comments when applying for a building permit and responding to the Building Plan Check process.

Please contact me with any questions regarding these comments.



Rafael Torres-Gil  
Supervising Building Inspector  
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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
Planning Department

AGRICULTURAL BUFFER DETERMINATION

Owner: BERKSHIRE INVESTMENTS, LLC  
Address: 11 QUAIL RUN CIRCLE, #203  
SALINAS, CA 93907

Permit Number: 07-0267  
Parcel Number(s): 110-141-07,-08

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

Permit to expand an existing agricultural research facility to include 7504 square feet of offices, 9044 square feet of greenhouses, 3370 square feet of laboratory, a 2304 square foot office/conference room, and a 3024 square foot storage building. Requires an Amendment to permits 88-1104, 01-0422, and 03-0195 and an Agricultural Buffer Determination to decrease the minimum required 200 foot buffer to a 45 foot setback from APN 110-141-06 to the west, a 137 foot setback from APN 110-141-06 to the south, a 105 foot setback from APN 110-141-01, a 90 foot setback from the existing agricultural use on the subject parcel to the north, and a 100 foot setback from the existing agricultural use on the subject parcel to the south.

**SUBJECT TO ATTACHED CONDITIONS**

APAC Approval Date: 8/21/08

Effective Date: 9/05/08

Subject to final discretionary review if Zoning Admin., Planning Com., or Board action is required.

Exp. Date (if not exercised): see conditions

Coastal Appeal Exp. Date: N/A

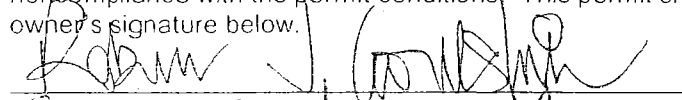
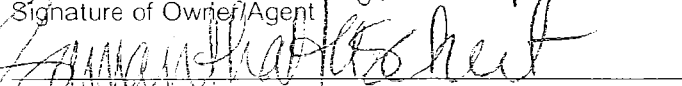
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This permit cannot be exercised until after the Coastal Commission appeal period. That appeal period ends on the above indicated date. Permittee is to contact Coastal staff at the end of the above appeal period prior to commencing any work.

**APAC REVIEW IS NOT A BUILDING PERMIT.** A Building Permit must be obtained (if required) and construction must be initiated prior to the expiration date in order to exercise this permit.

By signing this permit below, the owner agrees to accept the terms and conditions of this permit and to accept responsibility for payment of the County's costs for inspections and all other actions related to noncompliance with the permit conditions. This permit shall be null and void in the absence of the owner's signature below.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner/Agent  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Planner

10.15.08  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
9/26/08  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Application 07-0267  
Attachment 12

EXHIBIT D

**Cassin Ranch Application 07-0267**  
**Application to Amend Master Occupancy Permit**

Neighborhood Meeting

Enclosures:

Neighborhood Meeting Notification Mailing Lists

Meeting Notes - Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Sign-In Sheet - Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Meeting Notes - Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Neighborhood Meeting Letter of Notification, dated September 24, 2008

Sign-In Sheet - Wednesday, November 5, 2008



110-111-04

Kelly-Thompson Ranch LLC  
105 Logan St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

110-141-01

Michael L. Kalich, et al  
P.O. Box 65  
Watsonville, CA 95077

110-151-01 111 Silliman Rd.

John A. Lukrich Trustee, all as tc et al  
460 Martinelli St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

110-152-01 110 Silliman Rd.

Estelle Basor Morrison, Trustee et al  
218 Majors St.  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Robert J. Goldspink Architects  
8042 Soquel Dr.  
Aptos, CA 95003

Dan Balbas  
Reiter Berry, Inc.  
1767 San Juan Road  
Aromas, CA 95004

Mark Scurich  
Scurich Brothers, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1090  
Watsonville, CA 95077-1090

Mrs. Rosanne Reiter  
3855 Trout Gulch Road  
Aptos, CA 95003

110-131-04 959 Riverside Rd.

Kelly-Thompson Ranch LLC  
105 Logan St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

110-141-04

Crosetti Lands, Inc.  
P.O. Box 160  
Watsonville, CA 95077

110-151-02

John A. Lukrich Trustee, all as tc et al  
460 Martinelli St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

4<sup>th</sup> Dist. Supervisor Tony Campos  
701 Ocean St., #500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

110-151-01 111 Silliman Rd.

Resident  
111 Silliman Rd.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Russ Nichols  
RMW Architecture and Design  
40 South Market St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sam Jose, CA 95113

John Eiskamp  
J.E. Farms, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1869  
Freedom, CA 95019

110-131-05 959 Riverside Rd.

Kelly-Thompson Ranch LLC  
105 Logan St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

110-141-06

Berkshire Company  
11 Quail Run Circle, #203  
Salinas CA 93907

110-151-03

John A. Lukrich Trustee, all as tc et al  
460 Martinelli St.  
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Tom Burns, Planning Director  
County of Santa Cruz Planning Dept.  
701 Ocean Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Watsonville, CA 95076

Bill Scurich  
Scurich Brothers, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1090  
Watsonville, CA 95077-1090

David Kegebein  
KB Farms  
P. O. Box 1115  
Aromas, CA 95004-1115

**Cassin Ranch Application 07-0267**  
**Application to Amend Master Occupancy Permit**

Neighborhood Meeting  
Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
4:00 PM

In attendance:

Neighbors:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Jim Scurich     | P. O. Box 936, Watsonville, CA 95077     |
| Robert Silliman | 333 Silliman Road, Watsonville, CA 95076 |

Consultants:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Robert Goldspink | Architect 8042 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003 |
| Bernabe Camacho  | Ranch Manager Aptos Berry Farms, Inc.      |

Driscoll's Employees:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Steven Stein     | VP – Human Resources, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.     |
| Carmelo Sicairos | Rubus Production Manager, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc. |
| Jane Nelsen      | Administrative Manager, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.   |

I received a telephone call from Robert Silliman on Monday, October 27, 2008 requesting information about our proposed project. I invited him to our scheduled Neighborhood Meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the evening, but he was unable to attend at that time. This special meeting was set up for him and his guest and our fellow neighbor Jim Scurich.

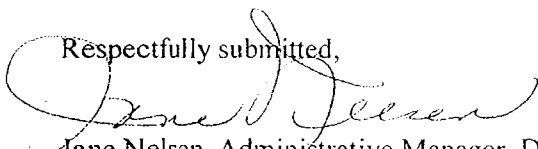
Robert Silliman discussed the history of his family, the area and the naming of the road. Our architect, Robert Goldspink presented our proposed development plan referring to copies of the submitted drawings and an aerial photograph of Cassin Ranch property and surrounding area.

We discussed the size, shape and design of the proposed buildings, their location and the parking areas. Mr. Silliman was pleased to see that the proposed buildings were only one story. We told him that we will extend the landscaping improvements that were developed at the entrance of our facility to the remainder of the development area. We confirmed that we have provided special attention to the health and well-being of our large oak trees that line the bluff of the Southeast side of the parcel.

Mr. Silliman expressed concern regarding the existing lighting. We assured him that any yard lights would be directed toward the ground and away from his home. Mr. Silliman was encouraged to call the staff at Cassin Ranch if there were any problems and corrective action would be taken immediately.

Mr. Silliman was concerned about delivery trucks that had missed the entrance to Cassin Ranch and turned in his driveway. Mr. Goldspink confirmed we would request permission to erect a new sign approximately 100 yards from the property to prepare drivers for turning into the entry drive. Mr. Goldspink confirmed that our entrance driveway will be widened to 18 feet and will be repaved before the completion of the project.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Nelsen, Administrative Manager, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc. 11.03.08

# 151 Silliman Road Meeting

151 Silliman Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

4:00 PM PDT

| PRINTED NAME: |          | SIGNATURE:         | ADDRESS:                         |                       |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| FIRST         | LAST     |                    | STREET ADDRESS                   | CITY/ZIP CODE         |
| Jim           | Scovich  | <i>[Signature]</i> | PO Box 936 CA 95077              | Watsonville           |
| Robert        | Silliman | <i>[Signature]</i> | 333 Silliman Rd 95076            | Watsonville 95076     |
| Bearhe        | Chambers | <i>[Signature]</i> | 1209 San Juan Rd                 | Arroyo San Juan 95007 |
| Steven        | Stein    | <i>[Signature]</i> | 345 Westridge Ave<br>Watsonville | Watsonville 95077     |
| ROBERT        | GORDON   | <i>[Signature]</i> | 8042 Weaver Dr<br>Aptos CA 95003 |                       |
| Carmelo       | Sacarias | <i>[Signature]</i> | 404 San Juan Rd<br>Watsonville   | 95076                 |
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EXHIBIT E

**Cassin Ranch Application 07-0267  
Application to Amend Master Occupancy Permit**

Neighborhood Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5, 2008  
6:00 PM

In attendance:

**Neighbors:**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Joe Kalich    | P.O. Box 121, Watsonville, CA 95077       |
| Thomas Kalich | 174 Carlton Rd., Watsonville, CA 95076    |
| John Lukrich  | 460 Martinelli St., Watsonville, CA 95076 |

**County Officials:**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Tony Campos      | Santa Cruz County Supervisor 4 <sup>th</sup> District |
| Gustavo Gonzalez | 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060                   |

**Consultants:**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Robert Goldspink | Architect, 8042 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003             |
| Dee Murray       | Land Use Consultant                                     |
| Daniel Balbas    | Reiter Berry Farms, 1767 San Juan Rd., Aromas, CA 95004 |

**Driscoll's Employees:**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| J. Miles Reiter     | Chairman/Chief Executive Officer                                    |
| Steven Stein        | VP – Human Resources, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.          |
| Richard E. Harrison | VP – Research and Development, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc. |
| Joan Bassmann       | Facilities Manager, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.            |
| Chase Kaljian       | Finance Manager, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.               |
| Jane Nelsen         | Administrative Manager, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.        |

Our letter (copy attached) dated September 24, 2008 was mailed to the neighbors of Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc., Cassin Ranch, 151 Silliman Road, as required in County Code Section 18.10.211 inviting them to attend the Neighborhood Meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

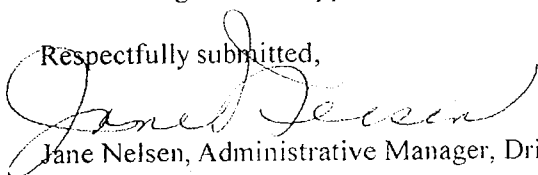
Robert Goldspink, Architect presented our proposed development plan referring to copies of the submitted drawings and an aerial photograph of Cassin Ranch property and surrounding area.

Joe Kalich asked about storm water runoff from the proposed development. Robert Goldspink confirmed that storm water would be directed to an on-site detention pond with an outflow pipe restricting runoff from the site to predevelopment levels.

Tom Kalich asked if the proposed development would impact the use of crop chemicals on the Kalich property. Jane Nelsen confirmed that the proposed buildings would be no closer to the Kalich property than the existing buildings and they would not impact the use of any existing crop chemicals. Jane also confirmed that APAC had reviewed the application and approved agricultural setbacks.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:00 PM

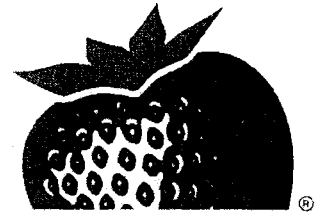
Respectfully submitted,



Jane Nelsen, Administrative Manager, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc. 11.06.08



Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.  
The Cassin Ranch  
151 Silliman Road  
Watsonville, California 95076 U.S.A.  
(831) 722-5577 (831) 722-0191 FAX



September 24, 2008

In re: Cassin Ranch Application # 07-0267  
APN 110-114-07 and 08

Dear Neighbor;

Driscoll's has applied to the County to amend the existing approved Master Occupancy Permit # 88-1104. On Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. we will be conducting a neighborhood meeting at the Cassin Ranch, 151 Silliman Road.

This meeting will allow you to review Driscoll's proposals for improving the existing agricultural research facility. The project will incorporate the latest technology in the agricultural sciences, environmentally sound methods, and energy conservation technology to produce a state-of-the-art facility. The use will be consistent with the Santa Cruz County General Plan and the Commercial Agricultural "CA" Zone District designation on the property. The proposals will not impact current agricultural land uses.

The Driscoll name has Santa Cruz County roots going back over 100 years to when R. F. Driscoll and Joe Reiter farmed together on this ranch. Driscoll's is a third-generation, family-owned company founded in 1944. Our mission is to "continually delight berry consumers" by providing the highest quality berries in the world. To do this, Driscoll's uses (traditional plant breeding) methods to create plants that produce premium quality berries. We then partner with independent farmers all around the world to grow Driscoll's patented berry varieties.

We look forward to your attendance at this meeting so that we may answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

J. Miles Reiter  
Chairman/Chief Executive Officer  
Driscoll Strawberry Associates, Inc.

JMR:jen

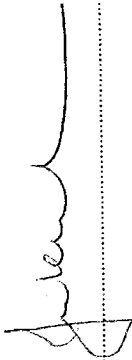





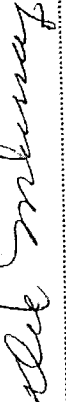
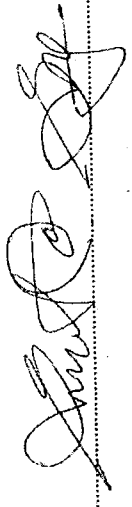


cc: Robert Goldspink, Architect  
Supervisor Tony Campos  
Tom Burns, Planning Director

# 151 Silliman Road Meeting

151 Silliman Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

6:00 PM

| PRINTED NAME: |          | SIGNATURE:  |  | ADDRESS:            |                      |
|---------------|----------|---|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| FIRST         | LAST     |   |  | STREET ADDRESS      | CITY/ZIP CODE        |
| Joe           | KALICH   |    |  | Po Box 121          | Watsonville 95077    |
| THOMAS        | KALICH   |     |  | 174 CARLTON RD      | WATSONVILLE 95076    |
| Miles         | Reiter   |     |  | 345 Wedgeway Dr     | Watsonville          |
| JOHN          | LUKICH   |    |  | 460 MARTINELLI ST.  | WATSONVILLE          |
| RICK          | HARRISON |     |  | 151 Silliman Rd     | WATSONVILLE 95076    |
| Tony          | Campes   |   |  | County Supervisor   | 7th Dist. Santa Cruz |
| DEE           | MURRAY   |   |  | Land Use Consultant |                      |
| Esteban       | Conzalez |   |  | 701 Ocean St.       | Watsonville          |
| JOAN          | BASSMAN  |  |  | 403 Casserly Dr     | Santa Cruz 95062     |
| Chase         | Kaljar   |  |  | 623 Summer St       |                      |

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151 Silliman Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

**Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

6:00 PM

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| FIRST             | LAST     |             | STREET ADDRESS    | CITY / ZIP CODE |
| <del>ROBERT</del> | GOWSPINK | [Signature] | 8042 SOAVER DR.   | Aptos           |
| Daniel            | Balbas   | [Signature] | 1767 San Juan Rd. | Humboldt        |

**SECRET**



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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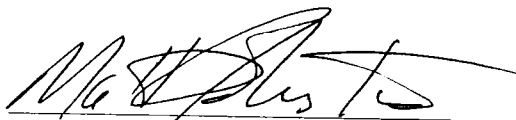
**KATHLEEN MOLLOY PREVISICH, PLANNING DIRECTOR**

### **Addendum to the Negative Declaration Issued for Application 07-0267**

On May 5, 2009, the Environmental Coordinator for the County of Santa Cruz issued the Notice of Determination of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for application 07-0267, a proposal to expand an existing agricultural research facility. An addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration may be prepared under CEQA Guidelines section 15164(b) if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary to a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Per the guidelines, the addendum may be attached to the original adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration and considered by the decision-making body prior to approval of the project. The Environmental Coordinator has reviewed the current proposal and has determined that the changes in the project result from:

- 1) A Lot Line Adjustment approved by the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission on November 18, 2010 which creates new Assessor's Parcel Numbers, parcel sizes, and location of property lines; and
- 2) A slight redesign of the proposed site including the elimination of two structures, revision of two proposed building shapes, and redesign of the parking area.

Based on these findings, the Environmental Coordinator has determined that the Mitigated Negative Declaration does not require recirculation, if approved by the Planning Commission.

  
Matthew Johnston, Environmental Coordinator

11/30/10  
Date