

Staff Report to the **Zoning Administrator**

Application Number: 181325

Applicant: Sean Lopes Owner: Paul Lego **APN:** 046-261-27

Agenda Date: 3/1/2019

Agenda Item #: 2 Time: After 9:00 a.m.

Project Description: Proposal to demolish an existing 967 square foot single family dwelling and to construct a 1,114 square foot one-story, single family dwelling with a detached 482 square foot garage within 200 feet of Type 3 agriculture resource land. Requires a Coastal Development Permit, an Agricultural Buffer Reduction Determination (to reduce the 200-foot setback to a minimum of 101 feet to APN 046-072-20, 139 feet to APN 046-261-23, 160 feet to APN 046-261-21 (148'8" to property line), 25 feet to APN 046-261-25, and 47 feet to APN 046-081-24), and a Determination that the project is exempt from further review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Location: Property located on the west end of an unnamed right-of-way, approximately 600 feet northwest of Seaview Terrace (630 Seaview Terrace). Seaview Terrace is located approximately 1300 feet southwest of the intersection of Crest Drive, which is located approximately 850 feet southwest of San Andreas Road.

Supervisorial District: 2nd District (District Supervisor: Zach Friend)

Permits Required: Coastal Development Permit, Agricultural Buffer Reduction Determination Technical Reviews: None

Staff Recommendation:

- Determine that the proposal is exempt from further Environmental Review under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Approval of Application 181325 based on the attached findings and conditions.

Exhibits

A. Categorical Exemption (CEQA determination)

General Plan Maps

В. **Findings**

APAC Report, dated 11/15/2018 F.

Conditions C.

G. Comments & Correspondence

- D. Project plans
- Ε. Assessor's, Location, Zoning and

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Parcel Information

Parcel Size: 1.2 acres gross

Existing Land Use - Parcel: Vacant

Existing Land Use - Surrounding: Residentially developed properties

Project Access: Unnamed 50-foot right-of-way

Planning Area: San Andreas
Land Use Designation: AG (Agriculture)

Zone District: CA (Commercial Agriculture)
Coastal Zone: <u>x</u> Inside __ Outside

Appealable to Calif. Coastal Comm. x Yes No

Environmental Information

Geologic Hazards: Not mapped/no physical evidence on site

Soils: Project conditions to comply with required soils report update letter

required prior to issuance of a building permit

Fire Hazard: Not a mapped constraint

Slopes: Sloping topography from the northeast to the southwest Env. Sen. Habitat: Mapped biotic resources; No physical evidence on site

Grading: 95 cubic yards cut, 75 cubic yards fill, off-haul of 25 cubic yards

Tree Removal: No significant trees proposed to be removed

Scenic: Not mapped scenic, and development site is not visible from Manresa

Campground located to the south due to existing trees between

properties

Drainage: Site drainage required to comply with the Public Works Design

Criteria prior to issuance of a building permit.

Archeology: Not mapped/no physical evidence on site

Services Information

Urban/Rural Services Line: __ Inside __x Outside

Water Supply: Well Sewage Disposal: Septic

Fire District: Aptos La Selva Fire Protection District

Drainage District: Located outside drainage district

Project Setting

The subject property is characterized by sloping topography from the northeast to the southwest. The parcel is located outside the Urban Services Line in a coastal rural agricultural area, though this specific neighborhood contains a pocket of smaller residentially developed parcels with no agricultural development. The parcel is located within the Agriculture (AG) General Plan designation and the implementing zone district is (CA) Commercial Agriculture.

The subject property contains a Type 3 Agriculture resource designation. Commercial Agriculture Resource Type 3 land is situated within 200 feet of all sides of the property. The

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nearest agriculturally developed property is located a minimum of 615 feet to the northeast and 490 feet to the north. All properties adjacent to the dwelling are either vacant, developed with a residential use, or contain non-agricultural development. Properties to the north and west contain residential uses. The property to the east is owned by the subject project owner and currently under construction. Parcel farther to the east are small parcels likely to be developed with residential as well. Manresa Uplands Campground is located to the south of the property, and although it contains a Type 3 Agriculture resource designation, it is developed with a campground.

Permit History

Lot Legality Determination

A Parcel Legality Determination/Unconditional Certificates of Compliance Application 06-0438 for Assessor's parcel numbers 046-261-24, -25, -26, -27 was filed on August 15, 2006. An administrative action to approve only one certificate of compliance was made on December 15, 2006. Upon appeal to the Planning Director's designee, four certificates of compliance were approved on February 22, 2008. Subsequently, upon Special Consideration by the Supervisor for the District, the Board of Supervisors considered the legality of the parcels. Board of Supervisors review confirmed that the properties were created by deed on December 20, 1971 and prior to the County requirement for a land division approval on January 21, 1972. Thus, the Board of Supervisors approved four certificates of compliance on April 29, 2008. The certificates of compliance were recorded on the June 25, 2008.

Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission Determination

Pursuant to County Code Section 16.50.095, all habitable uses within 200 feet of Type 3 commercial agricultural land are subject to an agricultural buffer determination by the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission. The purpose of the agricultural buffer setback requirements is to prevent or minimize potential conflicts between either existing or future commercial agricultural and habitable land uses. The applicant is requesting a reduction in the 200-foot agricultural buffer setback to allow the proposed dwelling.

The Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) considered the application on January 17, 2019 (Exhibit F) following a continuance from November 15, 2018 due to a public noticing error. The Commission recommends that the Zoning Administrator approve the agriculture buffer reduction with the APAC recommended conditions of approval. This includes the proposed landscape plan with final review and approval by the Environmental Horticulture Farm advisor for the University of California Extension office, responsible for evaluation of appropriate agricultural buffer plan species that are not included on the recommended agricultural buffer plant list. Recommended plant species are typically native drought tolerant species that are not known hosts to the Light Brown Apple Moth, which causes significant damage to crops. The project is also conditioned to require recordation of a Statement of Acknowledgement that the property is located in an area determined by the County of Santa Cruz to be subject to Agricultural-Residential use conflicts. No solid board fencing was recommended because the nearest agriculturally developed properties are over 200 feet from the subject property (490 to 615 feet away) and surrounding properties are residentially developed or are

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vacant small parcels unlikely to support agricultural development. Thus, pesticide drift is unlikely.

Zoning & General Plan Consistency

Commercial Agriculture Use Consistency

The subject property is a parcel of approximately 1.2 acres in net size and located in the CA (Commercial Agriculture) zone district, a designation which allows residential uses. However, General Plan/LCP Policy 5.13.28 requires that residential uses be incidental to a principal permitted commercial agriculture use unless the parcel is less than 1 acre in size or if there are physical constraints other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use. The parcel does not contain an existing agricultural production use, such as a crop or animal grazing.

To address this policy issue, the applicant provided an agricultural viability analysis associated with the adjacent site development (APAC Report, Exhibit F), which confirmed that the adjacent property and surrounding area, including the subject property, does not have enough land with a suitable commercial agriculture soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the site that preclude agricultural viability. Thus, development of a residential use in the absence of an agricultural use is allowed on the subject property and is consistent with the General Plan/LCP because the parcel is barely above an acre, and the parcel does not meet the soil characteristics to be a viable economic unit for agricultural development.

Site Development Standards

County Code Section 13.10.313 requires the agricultural site standards be applied to CA zoning unless the parcel is less than two and one-half acres in size, then all site and structural dimensions of the residential districts as indicated in County Code 13.10.323 shall apply, based on the pre-existing parcel size. The proposed project can meet all the required site standards associated with site under an acre size, as noted in the below table, including the 28-foot residential building height maximum.

Residential Site Standards (Setbacks -> 1 Acre Site Standard)						
	Front	Side	Rear			
Required	40'	20'	20'			
Proposed	47' (south- consistent with adjoining lot front yard)	25'2" (east) 101' (west)	139' (north)			
Lot Coverage	ge: 10 percent allowed; <	+ 4 percent proposed				

No maximum floor area ratio applies to the parcel given the zoning. Notwithstanding, the proposed home and garage are modest in size and present no massing issues.

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Local Coastal Program Consistency

Coastal Design Criteria

County Code Section 13.20.110 (c) requires development to be consistent with the Design Criteria and Special Use Standards and Conditions pursuant to County Code Section 13.20.130 including providing visual compatibility, minimizing site disturbance and grading, providing landscaping to complement and enhance the visual resources, and providing protection of scenic resources.

Pursuant to County Code Section 13.20.130 (1) (B), the proposed dwelling has been "sited, designed and landscaped to be visually compatible and integrated with the character of surrounding neighborhoods or areas." The proposed home is located at the base of the slope and requires under 100 cubic yards of grading for site preparation. The proposed dwelling is a one-story modest size home with a detached garage that provides a building design reflecting the adjacent dwelling recently approved to the east of the subject property and held in common ownership. This includes low pitched roof, porch areas, wood and shingle siding, board and batten siding, and natural colors. The project requires removal of several dead stumps and removal of eucalyptus trees that are located within the building envelope.

Minimize Site Disturbance and Grading

County Code Section 13.20.130(1) (B) requires that "Grading, earth moving, and removal of major vegetation shall be minimized. Developers shall be encouraged to maintain all mature trees over six inches in diameter except where circumstances require their removal, such as obstruction of the building site, dead or diseased trees, or nuisance species. Special landscape features (rock outcroppings, prominent natural landforms, tree groupings) shall be retained".

Project plans include removal of a group of yucca trees located around the perimeter of the existing dwelling and within the proposed building envelope. Plans retain the larger mature significant trees located to the north of the proposed home site.

Landscaping

County Code Section 13.20.130(1) (B) (4) requires that "development shall include landscaping meant to provide visual interest and articulation, to complement surrounding landscaping (including landscaping in adjacent rights-of-way), to screen and/or soften the visual impact of development, and to help improve and enhance visual resources. When a landscaping plan is required, new or replacement vegetation shall be consistent with water-efficient landscape regulations, compatible with surrounding vegetation and shall be suitable to the climate, soil, and ecological characteristics of the area".

A landscape plan providing native, drought tolerant trees and shrubs is proposed. Plant selection is required to meet the recommended agricultural buffer plant list and/or obtained review approval from the Agriculture Extension office for species that are not host to the Light Brown Apple Moth given the location in the vicinity of agricultural production. The applicant

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also provided the water efficient landscape ordinance certificate of compliance, providing a statement that the plans meet the hydro zone irrigation standards, low to very low water use factors required of plant selection, use of noninvasive plants, 25 percent landscape turf limitation, and irrigation system requirements.

Scenic Resource Protection

The property is not mapped within a visual resource protection area and is not visible from public beaches in the distance. However, the property is located adjacent and north of Manresa Uplands State Campground and is afforded protection under the General Plan Land Use Plan Policy 5.10.3 (Protection of Public Vistas) and 5.10.4 (Preserving Natural buffers) of public vistas and natural buffers. The proposed home is not visible to the campground due to substantial existing trees located along the property line providing screening.

Local Coastal Program

The proposed residence is in conformance with the County's certified Local Coastal Program, in that the structure is sited and designed to be visually compatible, in scale with, and integrated with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Developed parcels in the area contain single family dwellings. Size and architectural styles vary widely in the area, and the design submitted is consistent with the existing range of styles. Although the project site is located between the shoreline and the first public road, it is not identified as a priority acquisition site in the County's Local Coastal Program, and beach access is available at the adjacent Manresa State Beach. Consequently, the proposed project will not interfere with public access to the beach, ocean, or other nearby body of water. And finally, the proposed project will be provided with native drought tolerant landscape species.

Environmental Review

A preliminary determination has been made that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a notice of exemption has been attached as Exhibit A.

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

- **DETERMINE** that the proposal is exempt from further Environmental Review under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- APPROVAL of Application Number 181325 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

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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

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The Santa Cruz County Planning Department has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.

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Person or Agency Proposing Project: Sean Lopes

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Sheila McDaniel, Project Planner

A B	The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).						
С	Ministerial Project involving only the use of fixed standards or objective						
D	measurements without personal judgment. <u>Statutory Exemption</u> other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).						
E. <u>X</u>	Categorical Exemption						
Specify type: Section 15302, Class 3, New construction or conversion of small structures							
F. Reasons why the project is exempt:							
Class 3 allows construction of up to three single family dwellings with an exemption							
In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.							
	Date:						

Coastal Development Permit Findings

1. That the project is a use allowed in one of the basic zone districts, listed in section 13.10.170(D) as consistent with the General Plan and Local Coastal Program LUP designation.

This finding can be made, in that the property is zoned CA (Commercial Agriculture), a designation which allows residential uses. The proposed residential is a permitted use within the zone district, and the zoning is consistent with the site's A (Agriculture) General Plan designation. Development of a residential use in the absence of an agricultural use is allowed on the subject property and is consistent with the General Plan/LCP Commercial Agriculture zoning because the parcel does not meet the soil characteristics to be a viable economic unit for agricultural development.

2. That the project does not conflict with any existing easement or development restrictions such as public access, utility, or open space easements.

This finding can be made, in that no such easements or restrictions are known to encumber the project site.

3. That the project is consistent with the design criteria and special use standards and conditions of this chapter pursuant to Section 13.20.130 and Section 13.20.140 et seq.

This finding can be made, in that the proposed development is consistent with the Design Criteria and special use standards and conditions pursuant to County Code Section 13.20.130, including providing visual compatibility in dwelling design, minimizing site disturbance and grading, providing landscaping to complement and enhance the visual resources, as well as minimizing views from the adjacent Manresa Campground, as noted in the staff report.

4. That the project conforms with the public access, recreation, and visitor-serving policies, standards and maps of the General Plan and Local Coastal Program land use plan, specifically Chapter 2: figure 2.5 and Chapter 7, and, as to any development between the nearest through public road and the sea or the shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, such development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act commencing with section 30200.

This finding can be made, in that even though the project site is located between the shoreline and the first public road, there is a public beach access at the adjacent Manresa State Beach. Consequently, the proposed residence will not interfere with public access to the beach, ocean, or any nearby body of water. Further, the project site is not identified as a priority acquisition site in the County Local Coastal Program.

5. That the proposed development is in conformity with the certified local coastal program.

This finding can be made, in that the structure is sited and designed to be visually compatible, in scale, and integrated with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Additionally, development of a residential use in the absence of an agricultural use is allowed on the subject property and is consistent with the General Plan/LCP Commercial Agriculture zoning because the parcel does not

meet the soil characteristics to be a viable economic unit for agricultural development, consistent with the General Plan and Local Coastal Program Agriculture land use plan designation. Developed parcels in the area contain single family dwellings. Size and architectural styles vary widely in the area, and the design submitted is consistent with the existing range of styles.

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.

This finding can be made, in that the project is located in an area designated for residential uses and is not encumbered by physical constraints to development. Construction will comply with prevailing building technology, the California Building Code, and the County Building ordinance to insure the optimum in safety and the conservation of energy and resources. The proposed residence will not deprive adjacent properties or the neighborhood of light, air, or open space, in that the structure meets all current setbacks that ensure access to these amenities.

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 residence and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will be consistent with all pertinent County ordinances and the purpose of the CA (Commercial Agriculture) zone district. Development of a residential use in the absence of an agricultural use is allowed on the subject property and is consistent with the General Plan/LCP Commercial Agriculture zoning because the parcel does not meet the soil characteristics to be a viable economic unit for agricultural development, consistent with the General Plan and Local Coastal Program Agriculture land use plan designation.

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 residential use is consistent with the use and density requirements specified for the AG (Agriculture) land use designation in the County General Plan.

The proposed residential development will not adversely impact the light, solar opportunities, air, and/or open space available to other structures or properties, and meets all current site and development standards for the zone district as specified in Policy 8.1.3 (Residential Site and Development Standards Ordinance), in that the residential development will not adversely shade adjacent properties, and will meet current setbacks for the zone district.

The proposed residential development will be properly proportioned to the parcel size and the character of the neighborhood as specified in General Plan Policy 8.6.1 (Maintaining a Relationship Between Structure and Parcel Sizes), in that the proposed residential will comply with the site standards for the CA zone district (including setbacks, lot coverage, floor area ratio, height, and number of stories) and will result in a structure consistent with a design that could be approved on any similarly sized lot in the vicinity.

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 proposed residence is to be constructed on an existing undeveloped lot. The expected level of traffic generated by the proposed project is not anticipated change as a result of replacement of the existing two-bedroom home with a new two-bedroom home and will not adversely impact existing roads or intersections in the surrounding area.

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 proposed structure is located in a mixed neighborhood containing a variety of architectural styles, and the proposed residential dwelling is consistent with the land use intensity and density of the 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 residential dwelling will be of an appropriate scale and type of design that will enhance the aesthetic qualities of the surrounding properties and will not reduce or visually impact available open space in the surrounding area.

Required Findings for Agricultural Buffer Setback Reduction County Code Section 16.50.095(D)

- 1. Significant topographical differences exist between the agricultural and non-agricultural uses which eliminates or minimizes the need for a 200-foot agricultural buffer setback; or
- 2. Permanent substantial vegetation (such as a Riparian Corridor or Woodland protected by the County's Riparian Corridor or Sensitive Habitat Ordinances) or other physical barriers exist between the agricultural and non-agricultural uses which eliminate or minimize the need for a two hundred (200) foot agricultural buffer setback; or
- 3. A lesser setback is found to be adequate to prevent conflicts between the non-agricultural development and the adjacent agricultural development and the adjacent agricultural land, based on the establishment of a physical barrier (unless it is determined that the installation of a barrier will hinder the affected agricultural use more than it would help it, or would create a serious traffic hazard on a public or private right of way) or the existence of some other factor which effectively supplants the need for a two hundred (200) foot agricultural buffer setback; or
- 4. The imposition of a two hundred (200) foot agricultural buffer setback would preclude building on a parcel of record as of the effective date of this chapter, in which case a lesser buffer setback distance may be permitted, provided that the maximum possible setback distance is required, coupled with a requirement for a physical barrier (e.g. solid fencing and/or vegetative screening) to provide the maximum buffering possible, consistent with the objective of permitting building on a parcel of record.

The subject property is approximately 1.2 acres in size and situated in an area of small, non-commercially viable agriculturally zoned parcels due to the small parcel size and/or development with single family residences. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the site that preclude agricultural viability. The imposition of a 200-foot setback would preclude building on this parcel of record. However, no conflicts would occur between the proposed residential use and surrounding properties given the greater than 200-foot setback to the nearest agricultural developed property. Agriculture buffer vegetation or fencing is not necessary given the surrounding residential development.

Required Finding for Agricultural Buffer Setback Reduction on Commercial Agriculture (CA) Zoned Land County Code Section 16.50.095(E)

1. In the event that an agricultural buffer setback reduction is proposed and the proposed non-agricultural development is located on Type 1, Type 2, or Type 3 commercial agricultural land, the non-agricultural development shall be sited so as to minimize possible conflicts between the agricultural use on the subject parcel; and the non-agricultural development shall be located so as to remove as little land as possible from production or potential production.

The subject property is located on Type 3 commercial agricultural resource type land and is approximately 1.2 acres in size. The property does not contain an existing commercial agricultural use. Thus, the proposed residential use does not conflict with an existing agricultural use on the property.

Furthermore, the proposed residential development would not remove land from commercial agricultural production or potential commercial agricultural production because a commercial agriculture zoned site less is not suitable for farming. This is supported by General Plan Policy 5.13.28, which notes that residential development is not required to be ancillary to commercial agricultural use when the property is less than an acre in size or there are physical constraints other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the surrounding area does not have enough land with a suitable soil to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the site that preclude agricultural viability. Thus, the proposed residential development will not remove land from agricultural production or future agricultural production.

Required Findings for Development on Land Zoned Commercial Agriculture or Agricultural Preserve County Code Section 13.10.314(A)

1. 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.

The subject property is not currently in agricultural production; and,

The proposed residential development would not reduce, restrict or adversely affect agricultural resources on the subject property because the property does not support commercial agricultural production. This is supported by General Plan Policy 5.13.28, which notes that residential development is not required to be ancillary to commercial agricultural use when the property is less than an acre in size or there are physical constraints other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors that preclude agricultural viability. Thus, the proposed residential development will not remove land from agricultural production or future agricultural production; and,

The proposed residential development would not adversely affect the economic viability of the agricultural operations of the area as the closest agriculturally developed parcels are over 490 feet from the subject property and properties in the immediate vicinity are developed with residential uses and are not farmed.

2. The use or structure is ancillary, incidental or accessory to the principal agricultural use of the parcel or no other agricultural use of the parcel is feasible for the parcel; or 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

The subject property is located on Type 3 commercial agricultural resource type land, but the property does not contain an existing commercial agricultural use. Furthermore, no agricultural use of the parcel is feasible. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the area that preclude agricultural viability.

3. 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.

The property does not contain an existing commercial agricultural use on site and therefore no conflicts would exist. In addition, the proposed residential use would not conflict with commercial agriculture activities in the area because the nearest commercial agricultural use is a minimum of 490 feet from the subject property.

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

The subject property is located on Type 3 commercial agricultural resource type land, but the property is approximately 1.2 acres and does not support commercial agricultural production. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors that preclude agricultural viability. Thus, the proposed residential development will not remove land from agricultural production or future agricultural production.

Required Findings for Residential Development on Land Zoned Commercial Agriculture or Agricultural Preserve In The Coastal Zone County Code Section 13.10.314(B)

1. The parcel is less than one acre in size; or the parcel has physical constraints (such as

adverse topographic, geologic, hydrologic, or vegetative conditions) other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use; or that the residential use will be ancillary to commercial agricultural use of the parcel based upon the fact that either:

- (i) The farmable portion of the parcel, exclusive of the building site, is large enough in itself to constitute a minimum economic farm unit for three crops, other than greenhouses, suited to the soils, topography, and climate of the area; or
- (ii) The owners of the subject parcel have a long-term binding arrangement for commercial agricultural use of the remainder of the parcel, such as an agricultural easement.

The parcel is approximately 1.2 acres in size and does not support commercial agricultural production. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors that preclude agricultural viability of the parcel.

2. The residential use will meet all the requirements of section 16.50.095 pertaining to agricultural buffer setbacks.

County Code 16.50.095 requires a minimum 200-foot buffer between residential uses and agriculture resource type land. The proposed development is too small to meet the required setbacks. However, the proposed project includes a request for an agricultural buffer reduction by the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission and is subject to conditions of approval, including a declaration of agricultural acknowledgment. The property is located within a pocket of residentially developed commercial agriculture zoned parcels and no agricultural production occurs in this area. The proposed residential use does not conflict with agricultural production in the area in that the nearest agricultural use is a minimum of 490 feet from the subject property.

3. The owners of the subject parcel have executed binding hold-harmless covenants with the owners and agricultural operators of adjacent agricultural parcels. Such covenants shall run with the land and shall be recorded prior to the issuance of the permit for the proposed development.

The project is conditioned to require recordation of a declaration of acknowledgement prior to issuance of a building permit.

Conditions of Approval

Exhibit D: Plans, dated 8/24/2018

- I. This permit authorizes demolition of an existing 967 square foot single family dwelling and to construct a 1,114 square foot one-story, single family dwelling with a detached 482 square foot garage within 200 feet of Type 3 agriculture resource land (a minimum of 101 feet to APN 046-072-20, 139 feet to APN 046-261-23, 160 feet to APN 046-261-21 (148'8" to property line), 25 feet to APN 046-261-25, and 47 feet to APN 046-081-24. 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 Building Permit 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.
- II. Prior to issuance of a Building Permit/Grading Permit the applicant/owner shall:
 - A. Submit final architectural plans for review and approval by the Planning Department. The final plans shall be in substantial compliance with the plans marked Exhibit "D" on file with the Planning Department. Any changes from the approved Exhibit "D" for this development permit on the plans submitted for the Building Permit must be clearly called out and labeled by standard architectural methods to indicate such changes. Any changes that are not properly called out and labeled will not be authorized by any Building Permit that is issued for the proposed development. The final plans shall include the following additional information:
 - 1. A copy of the text of these conditions of approval incorporated into the full-size sheets of the architectural plan set.
 - 2. One elevation shall indicate materials and colors as they were approved by this Discretionary Application. If specific materials and colors have not been approved with this Discretionary Application, in addition to showing the materials and colors on the elevation, the applicant shall supply a color and material sheet in 8 1/2" x 11" format for Planning Department review and approval.

- 3. Submit a detailed grading drainage plan for review. NOTE: Earthwork quantities shall include overexcavation/recompaction earthwork for the new residence and driveway extension shown on "Sheet C1.0".
- 4. Details showing compliance with fire department requirements. If the proposed structure(s) are located within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) the requirements of the Wildland-Urban Interface code (WUI), California Building Code Chapter 7A, shall apply.
- 5. Water Efficient Landscape Plan (including a signed Water Efficient Landscape Checklist and Certificate) prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (County Code Chapter 13.13) by a certified/licensed landscape architect, landscape contractor, civil engineer, landscape irrigation designer, landscape irrigation auditor, or water manager.
- 6. Details showing compliance with the plan requirements of the Agricultural Buffer Reduction Determination of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission.
- 7. Revise plans to reflect a 40-foot front yard setback (from the south property line) in place of the 20-foot setback shown.
- B. Meet all requirements of the County Department of Public Works, Stormwater Management. Drainage fees will be assessed on the net increase in impervious area. The project is required to meet the following:
 - 1. This application is proposing between 500 and 5,000 square feet of new and/or replaced impervious area, which is considered a "Medium Project" per Part 3 Section C.1 of the County Design Criteria (CDC). The project shall address the CDC and implement the most feasible best management practices to minimize pollutant and hydraulic impacts due to development and re-development. The plans shall include a tabulation table addressing all new and/or replaced impervious and semi-pervious areas.
 - 2. Per Part 3, Section C of the CDC, the project shall incorporate Best Management Practices to mitigate runoff in excess of pre-development conditions. Safe stormwater overflow shall be incorporated into the project design. Plans shall show all proposed drainage features and illustrate how stormwater runoff is conveyed and controlled. If downspouts to splash blocks are planned, plans are required to show their locations on the project plans. Plans shall clarify how runoff from the proposed driveways and parking areas will be treated. Plans shall provide construction cross-section details for all permanent stormwater mitigation features. The details must include all necessary information for the accurate construction of the proposed mitigation features. Plans shall ensure consistency

between plan sheets. For example, Sheet A1.0 shows a different porch orientation than Sheet C1.0.

3. Plans shall clarify who will maintain the portion of Sea View Terrace located on the subject property. The Private Road Construction and Maintenance Agreement (submitted as part of Discretionary Application 16063) specifies that stormwater facilities within Sea View Terrace on APNs 046-261-25, -26, and -24 will be maintained by a road maintenance association. The portion of Sea View Terrace on the subject property was not included in the Agreement. The agreement shall be updated to include APN 046-261-27 or specify on the maintenance agreement (form SWM-25A) that the property owner will be responsible to maintain the drainage along Sea View Terrace on the subject property.

Three holds (items 4 through 6 below) will be placed on the project: SWM-25A Maintenance Agreement, Upslope Runoff Acknowledgment, and Engineer's Final Letter. These holds shall be cleared after the building permit is issued and prior to the final building inspection.

- 4. Plans shall provide a maintenance schedule (include inspection frequency and maintenance requirements for each of the stormwater mitigation features proposed). Include the approved drainage plan and maintenance schedule in the maintenance agreement as a packet when the applicant records and notarizes their SWM-25A form. This form shall be submitted after the project has been approved and reference the approved drainage plans. It will be the responsibility of the property owner to inspect and maintain all drainage features. The applicant shall contact the County of Santa Cruz Recorder's office for appropriate recording procedures.
- 5. This site receives runoff from upstream/adjacent areas. Per the County of Santa Cruz Design Criteria (CDC) the property owner shall be required to abide by Part 3 Section G.3 page 78. The applicant shall provide the Stormwater Section with an applicable/acceptable recorded document that is recorded on the parcel deed. Per the CDC, "The recorded document shall acknowledge that the parcel does and will continue to receive upstream runoff, that the property owner is responsible for maintenance of the drainage pathway (natural and/or man-made) through the parcel, and that the County & Flood Control District(s) are not responsible for the upstream runoff or for the maintenance of the drainage pathway."
- 6. Upon approval of the project, a drainage "Hold" shall be placed on the permit and shall be cleared once the construction is complete and the stormwater management improvements are constructed per the approved plans: In order to clear the Hold, one of these options must be exercised: a. The civil engineer must inspect the drainage improvements on the parcel and provide public works with a letter confirming that the work was completed per the plans. The civil engineer's letter shall be specific as to

> what was inspected (such as invert elevations, pipe sizing, the size of the mitigation features and all relevant design features). Notes of "general conformance to plans" are not sufficient. b. As-built plans stamped by the civil engineer may be submitted in lieu of the letter. The as-built stamp shall be placed on each sheet of the plans where stormwater management improvements are shown, c. The civil engineer may review as-built plans completed by the contractor and provide the County with an approval letter of those plans, in lieu of the above two options. The contractor installing the drainage improvements will provide the civil engineer asbuilt drawings of the drainage system, including construction materials, invert elevations, pipe sizing and any modifications to the horizontal or vertical alignment of the system. The as-built drawings, for each sheet showing drainage improvements and/or their construction details, must be identified with a stamp (or label affixed to the plan) stating the contractor's name, address, license and phone number. The civil engineer will review the as-built plans for conformance with the design drawings. Upon satisfaction of the civil engineer that the as-built plans meet the design intent and are adequate in detail, the civil engineer shall submit the as-built plans and a review letter, stamped by the civil engineer to the County Public Works Department for review to process the clearance of the drainage Hold, if the submittal is satisfactory.

- C. Obtain an Environmental Health Clearance for this project from the County Department of Environmental Health Services.
- D. Meet all requirements and pay any applicable plan check fee of the Fire Protection District. This shall include, but not limited to:
 - 1. A plan review fee of \$135.00 is due and payable to the Aptos/La Selva Fire Department. Permit/Service Fees form must be submitted to the Aptos/La Selva Fire Department at time of payment.
- E. Submit a soils report update letter for review and approval.
- F. Pay the current Affordable Housing Impact Fee. The fees are based on unit size and the current fee for a 1,114 square foot dwelling unit is \$2 per square foot (for net new square footage).
- G. Provide required off-street parking for 3 cars. Parking spaces must be 8.5 feet wide by 18 feet long and must be located entirely outside vehicular rights-of way. Parking must be clearly designated on the plot plan.
- H. Submit a written statement signed by an authorized representative of the school district in which the project is located confirming payment in full of all applicable developer fees and other requirements lawfully imposed by the school district.
- 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. All inspections required by the building permit shall be completed to the satisfaction of the County Building Official.
- C. The project must comply with all recommendations of the approved soils reports.
- D. Comply with all requirements of the Agricultural Buffer Reduction Determination of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission.
- E. Pursuant to Sections 16.40.040 and 16.42.080 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 16.42.080, 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 project shall comply with all requirements of the Agricultural Buffer Reduction Determination of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission.
- 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, it 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.

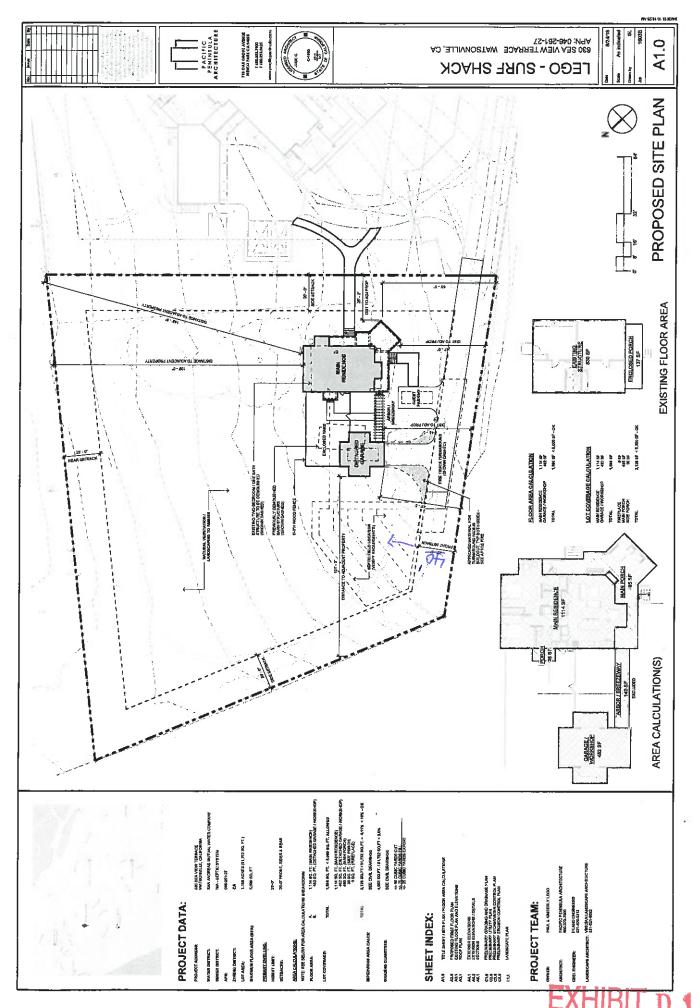
- B. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the COUNTY from participating in the defense of any claim, action, or proceeding if both of the following occur:
 - 5. COUNTY bears its own attorney's fees and costs; and
 - 6. COUNTY defends the action in good faith.
- C. <u>Settlement</u>. The Development 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. <u>Successors Bound</u>. "Development Approval Holder" shall include the applicant and the successor'(s) in interest, transferee(s), and assign(s) of the applicant.

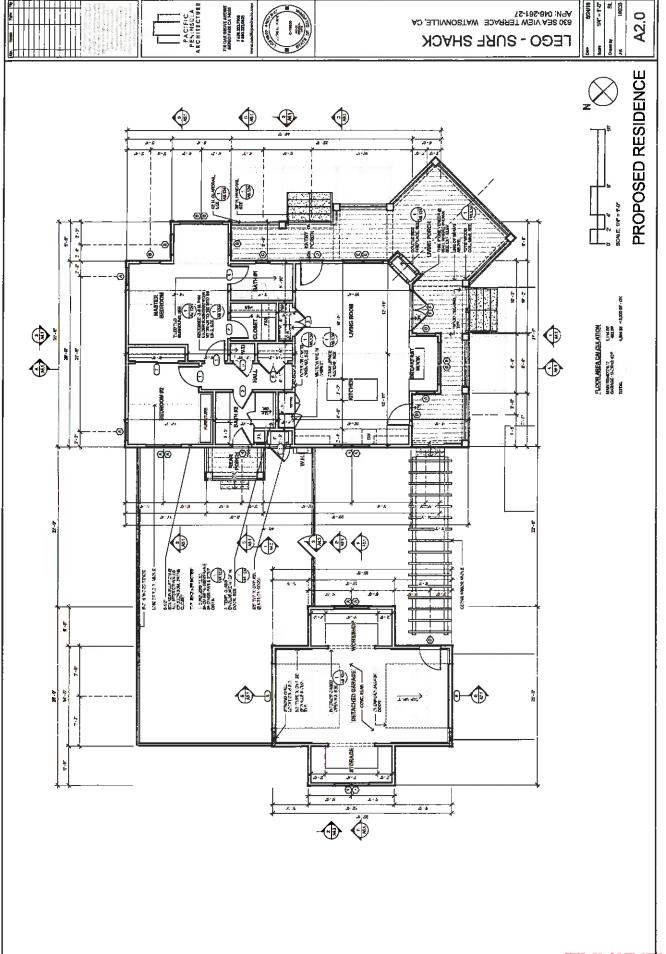
Minor variations to this permit which do not affect the overall concept or density may be approved by the Planning Director at the request of the applicant or staff in accordance with Chapter 18.10 of the County Code.

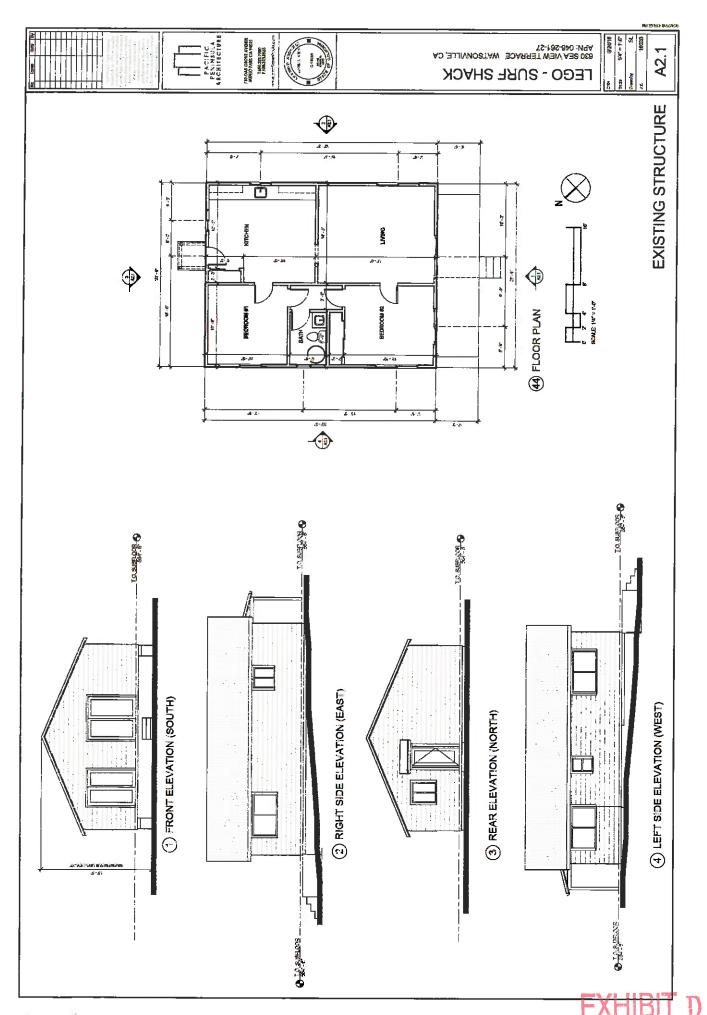
Please note: This permit expires three years from the effective date listed below unless a building permit (or permits) is obtained for the primary structure described in the development permit (does not include demolition, temporary power pole or other site preparation permits, or accessory structures 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.

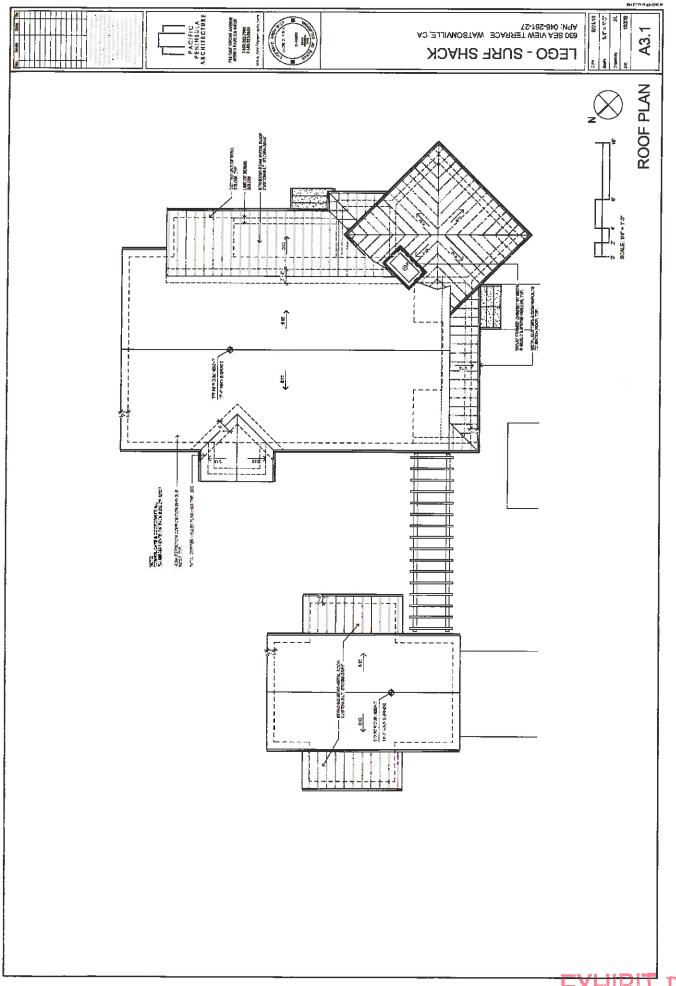
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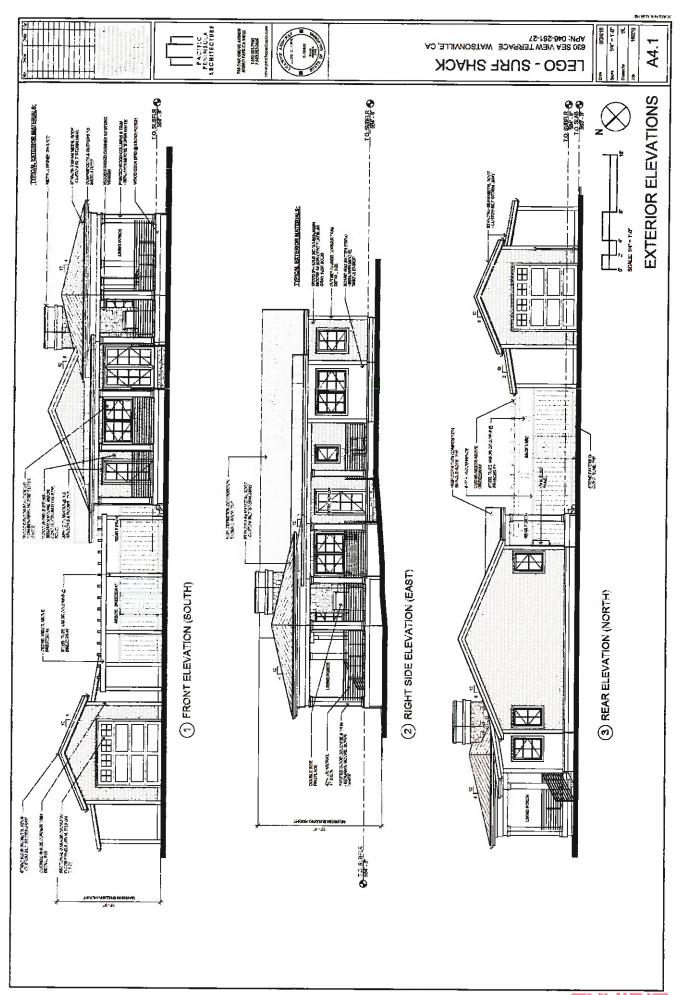
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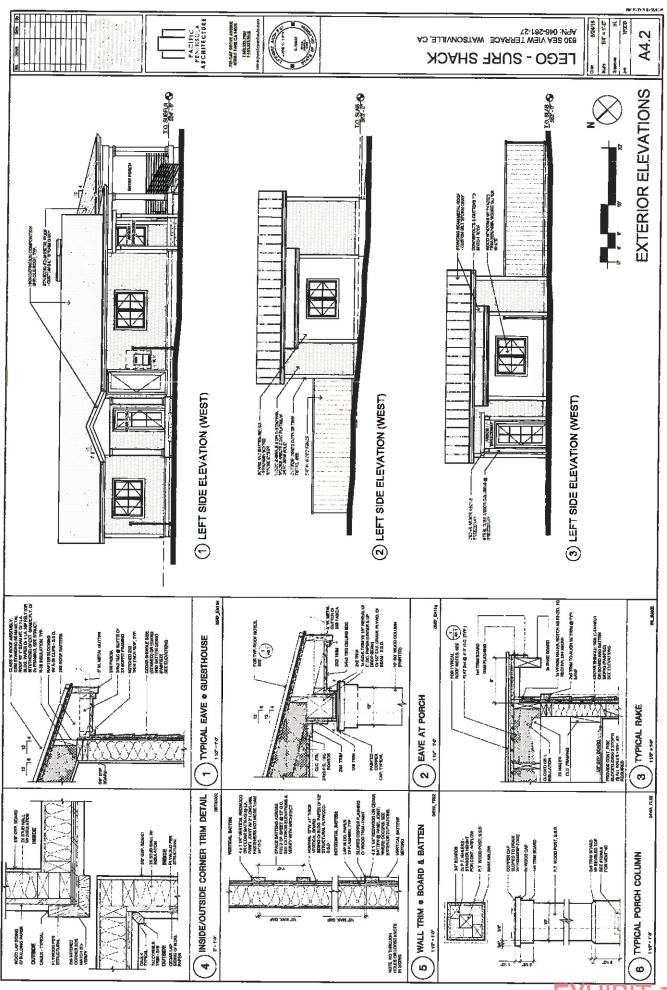


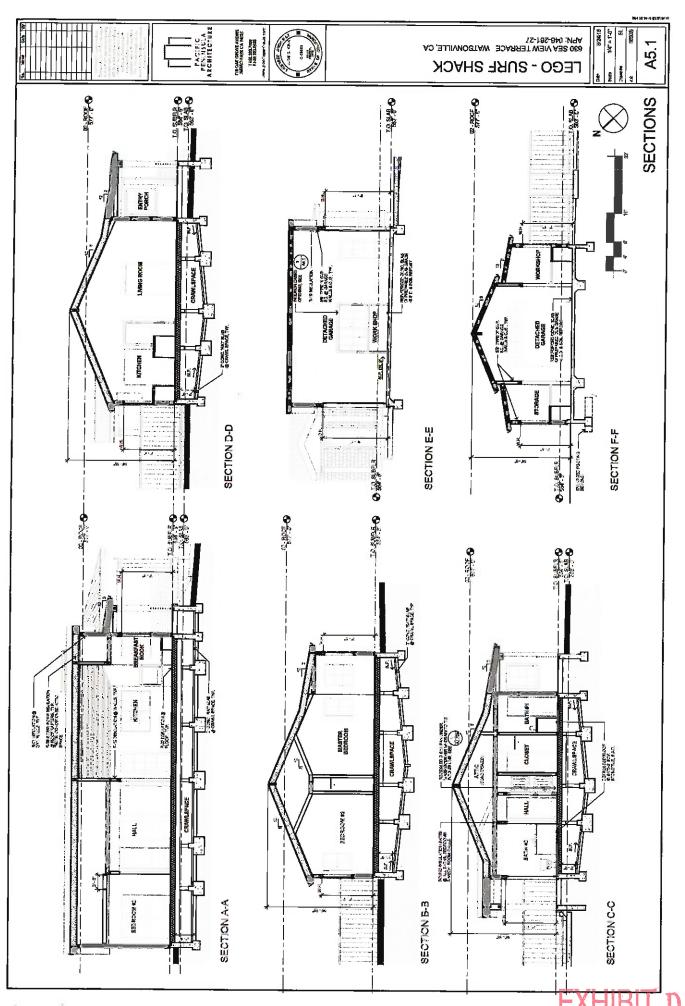


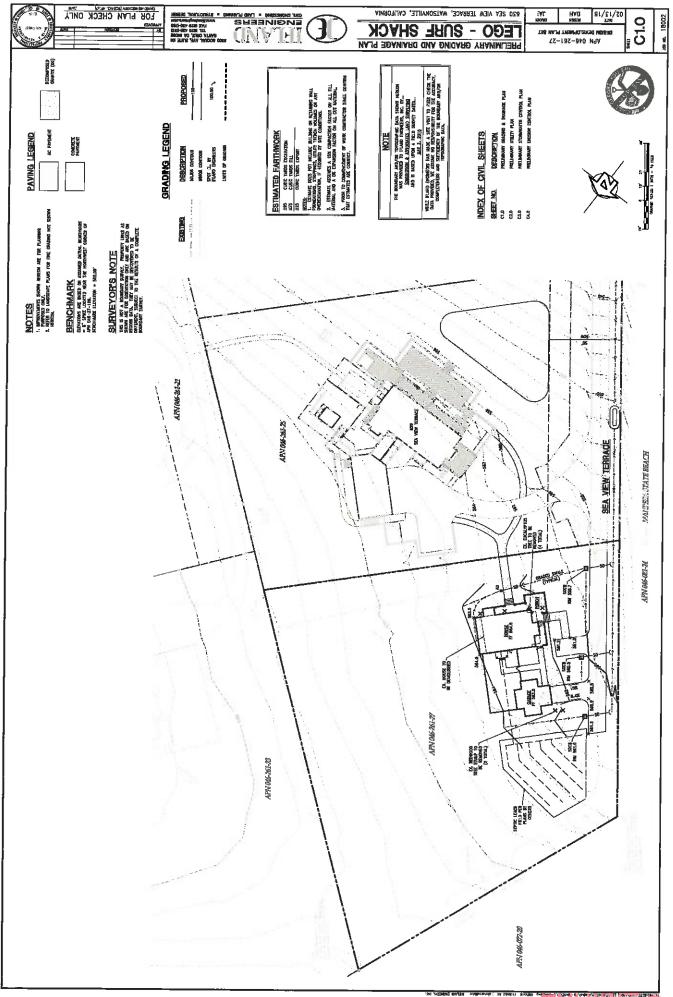


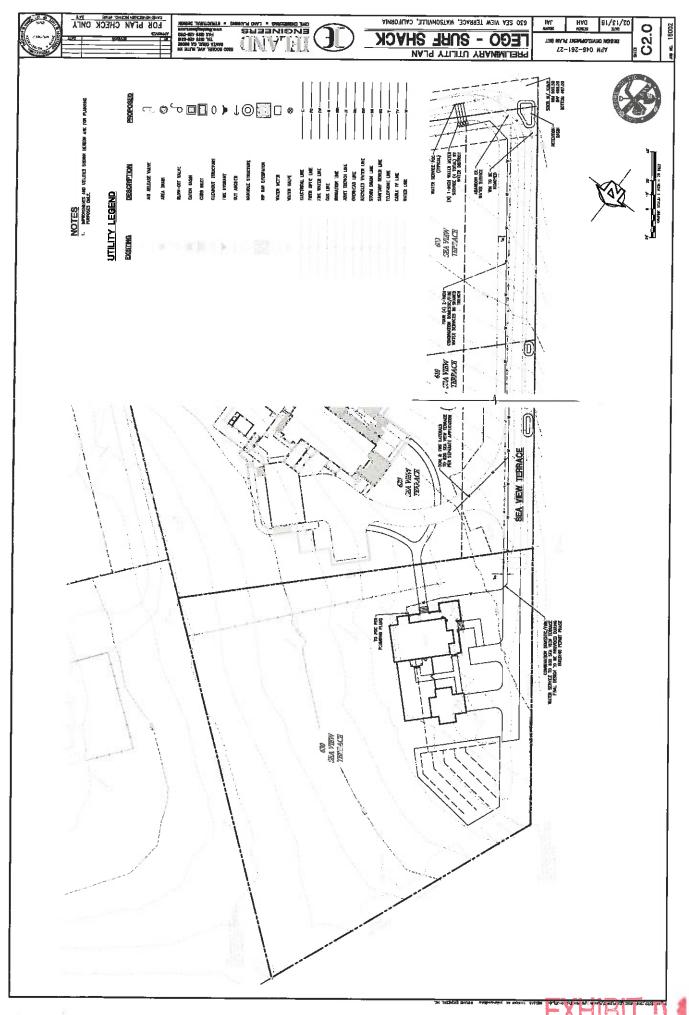


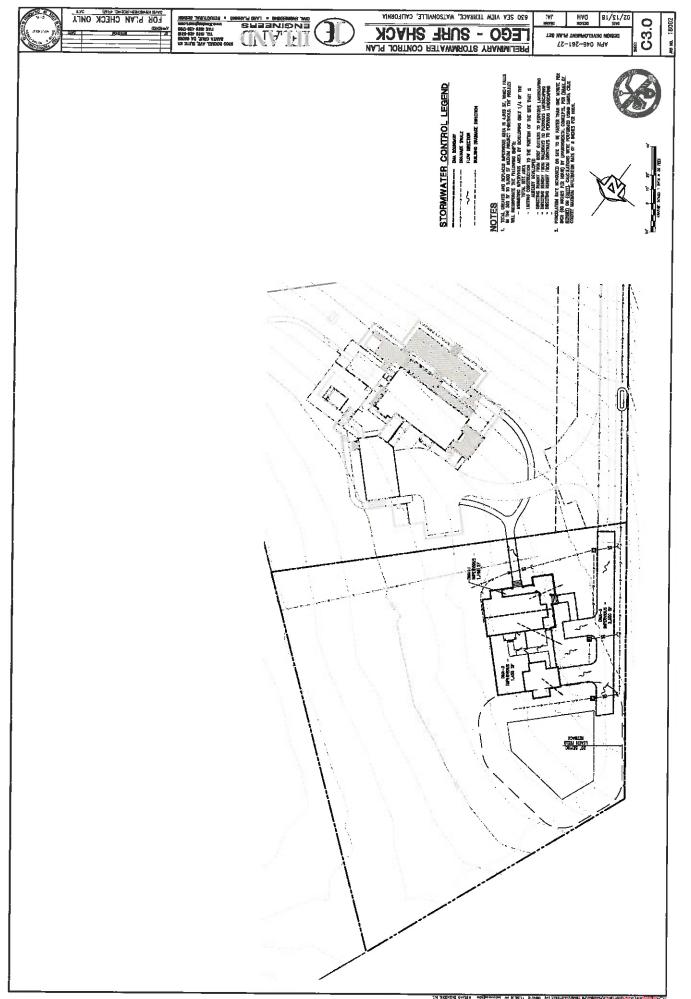


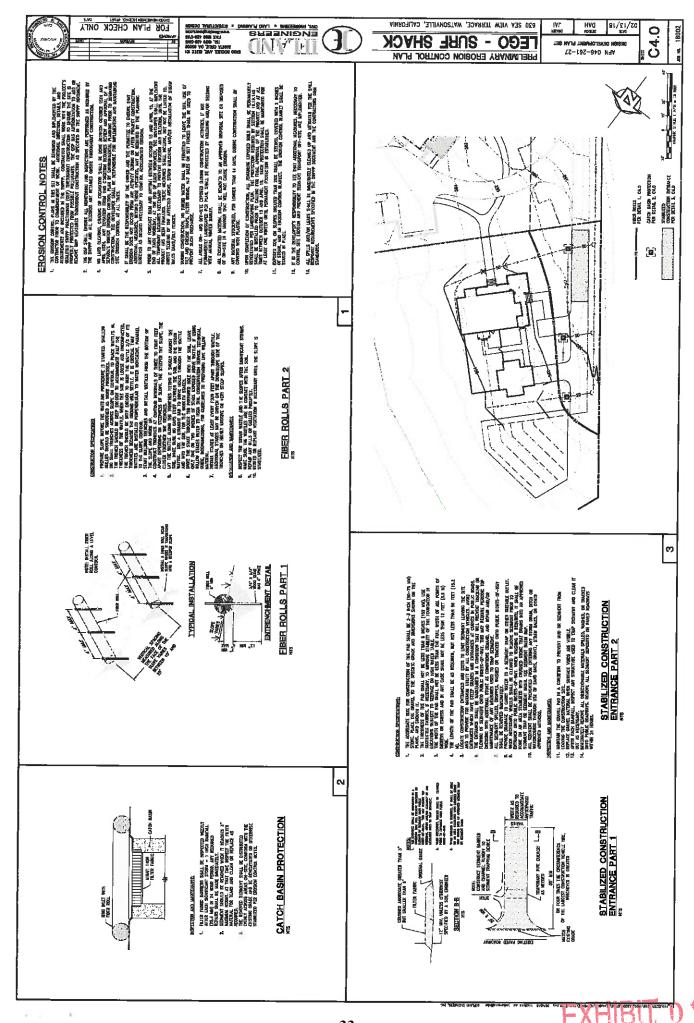


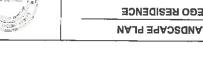


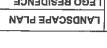












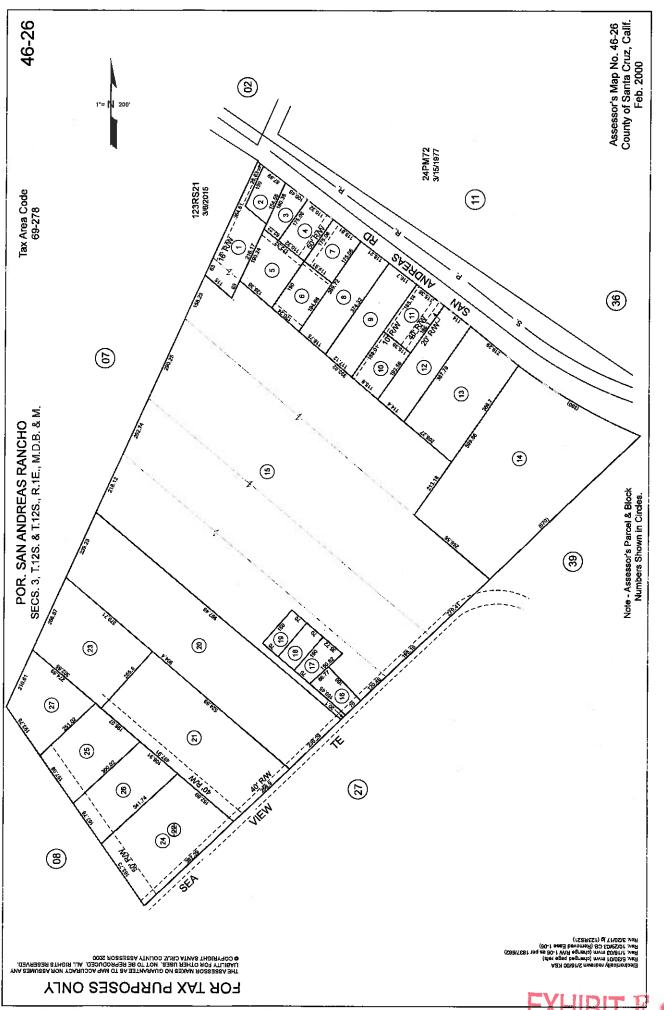


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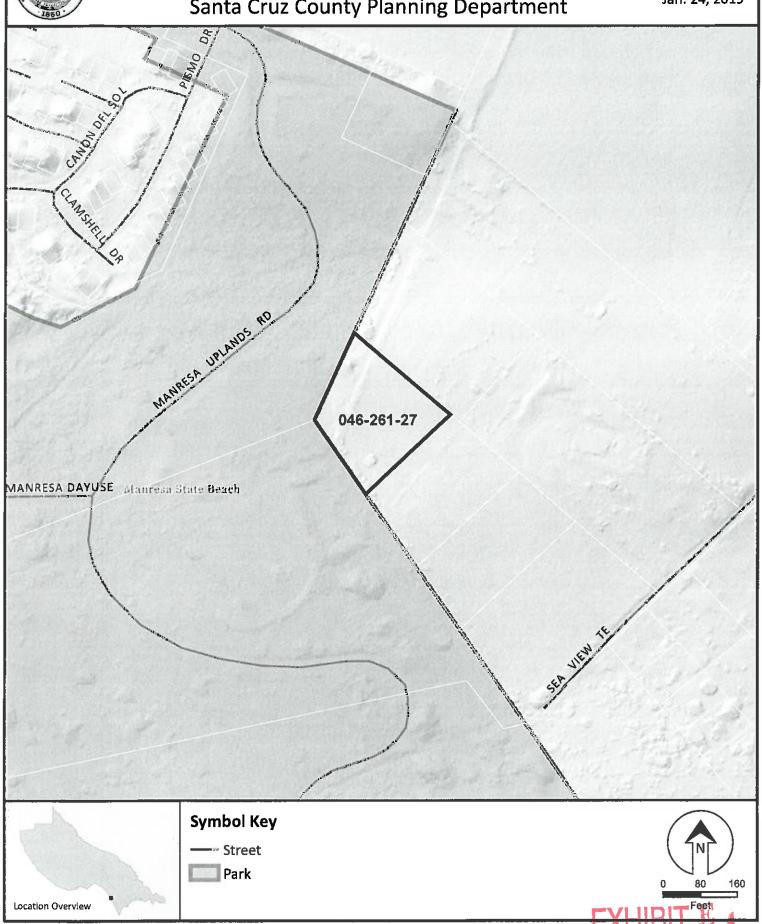
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Parcel Location Map

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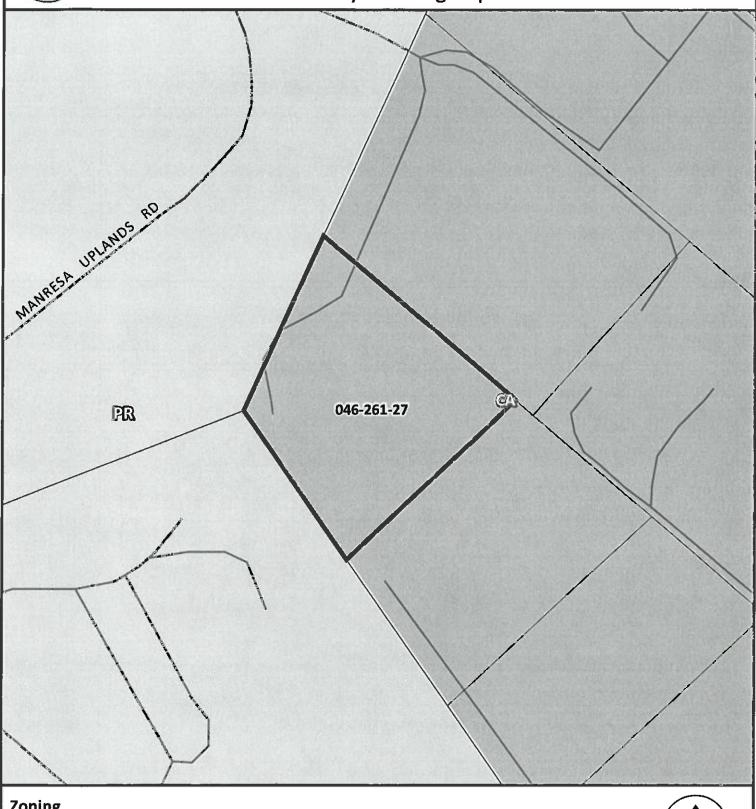
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Parcel Zoning Map

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Zoning

- (CA) Commercial Agriculture
- (PR) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

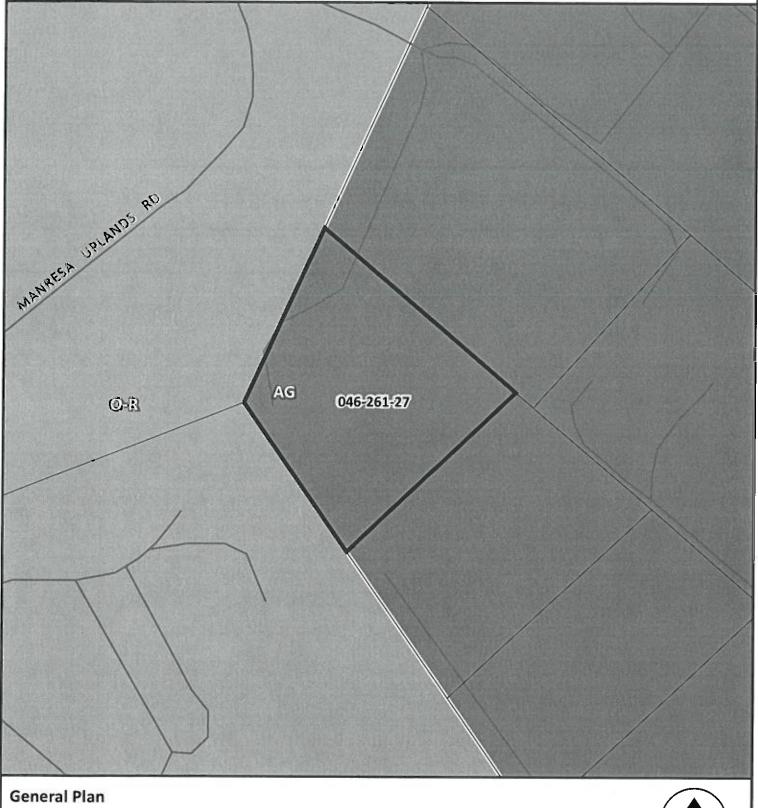




Parcel General Plan Map

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AG - Agriculture

O-R - Parks and Recreation





Staff Report to the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission

Application Number: 181325

Applicant: Sean Lopes

Owner: Paul and Kimberly Lego

APN: 046-261-27

Date: 11/15/2018

Agenda Item #: 7

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Project Description: Proposal to demolish an existing single-family dwelling and to construct a single-family dwelling with a detached garage within 200 feet of Type 3 agriculture resource land. Requires an Agricultural Buffer Determination to reduce the 200-foot setback to a minimum of 101 feet to APN 046-072-20, 139 feet to APN 046-261-23, 160 feet to APN 046-261-21 (148'8" to property line), 25 feet to APN 046-261-25, and 47 feet to APN 046-081-24.

Location: Property located on the west end of an unnamed right-of-way, approximately 600 feet northwest of Seaview Terrace (630 Seaview Terrace). Seaview Terrace is located approximately 1300 feet southwest of the intersection of Crest Drive, which is located approximately 850 feet southwest of San Andreas Road.

Permits Required: Agricultural Buffer Determination, Coastal Development Permit

Staff Recommendation:

 Recommend the Zoning Administrator Approve Application 181325, based on the attached findings and conditions.

Exhibits

- A. Findings
- B. Conditions
- C. Assessor's, Location, Zoning, and General Plan maps
- D. Project plans
- E. Agricultural Viability Analysis, prepared by Rush and Associates, dated June 24, 2017
- F. Comments & Correspondence

EXHIBIT F

Parcel Information

Parcel Size:

1.2 acres

Existing Land Use - Parcel:

Existing Single-family Dwelling

Existing Land Use - Surrounding:

Residentially developed properties Unnamed 50-foot right-of-way

Project Access: Planning Area:

San Andreas

Land Use Designation:

AG (Agriculture)

Zone District:

Coastal Zone:

CA (Commercial Agriculture) x Inside

__ Outside

Appealable to Calif. Coastal Comm.

x Yes

No

Services Information

Urban/Rural Services Line:

Inside

x Outside

Water Supply:

Well

Sewage Disposal:

Septic

Fire District: Drainage District:

Aptos La Selva Fire Protection District

Located outside Drainage District

Analysis and Discussion

The proposed project is to demolish an existing 967 square foot single family dwelling and to construct a 1,114 square foot one-story, single family dwelling with a detached 482 square foot garage on a parcel approximately 1.2 acres in size. Property located on the west end of an unnamed right-of-way, approximately 600 feet northwest of Seaview Terrace. Seaview Terrace is located approximately 1300 feet southwest of the intersection of Crest Drive, which is located approximately 850 feet southwest of San Andreas Road.

The building site is within 200 feet of Type 3 Agriculture Resource land (approximately 101 feet to APN 046-072-20, 139 feet to APN 046-261-23, 160 feet to APN 046-261-21(148'8" to property line in vicinity), 25 feet to APN 046-261-25, and 47 feet to APN 046-081-24). The applicant is requesting a reduction in the 200- foot agricultural buffer setback to allow the proposed dwelling.

The subject property is characterized by sloping topography from the northeast to the southwest. The parcel is located outside the Urban Services Line and can be characterized as an agricultural area, though this specific neighborhood contains a pocket of smaller residentially developed parcels with no agricultural development. The parcel is located within the Agriculture (AG) General Plan designation and the implementing zone district is (CA) Commercial Agriculture.

The subject property contains a Type 3 Agriculture resource designation. Commercial Agriculture Resource Type 3 land is situated within 200 feet of all sides of the property. The nearest agriculturally developed property is located a minimum of approximately 615 feet to the

northeast and 490 feet to the north. All properties adjacent to the proposed dwelling are either vacant, in process to be developed with a dwelling, developed with a dwelling, or contain non-agricultural development. Properties to the north and west contain residential uses. The property immediately to the east was recently approved for development with a dwelling. Properties to the east beyond that are vacant and small and likely to be developed with residential as well. Manresa Uplands Campground is located to the south of the property, and although it contains a Type 3 Agriculture resource designation, it is developed with a campground. No agricultural production uses are in the immediate 200 feet of the subject property on any side.

General Plan/LCP Policy 5.13.28 requires that residential uses be incidental to commercial agriculture development unless the parcel is less than 1 acre in size or there are physical constraints other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use. The parcel does not contain an agricultural use. Thus, the applicant provided an agricultural viability analysis for the property located directly to the east (Exhibit E) that also addresses the subject property. This report confirmed that the area has not been farmed, does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the site that preclude agricultural viability.

Development of a residential use alone, in the absence of an agricultural use, is allowed on the subject property and is consistent with the General Plan/LCP because the parcel does not meet the soil characteristics to be a viable economic unit for agricultural development.

A reduced agricultural buffer is recommended since the site would not allow sufficient building area for a dwelling if the required 200-foot setbacks were maintained from the adjacent Commercial Agriculture zoned property.

The applicant is not proposing solid board fencing because the nearest agriculturally developed properties are over 200 feet from the subject property (490 to 615 feet away) and surrounding properties are residentially developed or are vacant small parcels unlikely to support agricultural development. Staff is not recommending fencing either. The project plans include a landscape plan. The project is conditioned to be reviewed and approved by Steve Tjosvold, the Environmental Horticulture Farm advisor for the University of California Extension office, responsible for evaluation of appropriate agricultural buffer plant species that are not included on the recommended agricultural buffer plant list. The applicant will also be required to record a Statement of Acknowledgement regarding the issuance of a building permit in an area determined by the County of Santa Cruz to be subject to Agricultural-Residential use conflicts.

Recommendation

Recommend Zoning Administrator APPROVE the Agricultural Buffer Reduction
 Determination, proposed under Application 181325, based on the attached findings and recommended 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

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Principal Planner Development Review

Required Findings for Agricultural Buffer Setback Reduction County Code Section 16.50.095(D)

1. Significant topographical differences exist between the agricultural and non-agricultural uses which eliminates or minimizes the need for a 200 foot agricultural buffer setback; or

- 2. Permanent substantial vegetation (such as a Riparian Corridor or Woodland protected by the County's Riparian Corridor or Sensitive Habitat Ordinances) or other physical barriers exist between the agricultural and non-agricultural uses which eliminate or minimize the need for a two hundred (200) foot agricultural buffer setback; or
- 3. A lesser setback is found to be adequate to prevent conflicts between the non-agricultural development and the adjacent agricultural development and the adjacent agricultural land, based on the establishment of a physical barrier (unless it is determined that the installation of a barrier will hinder the affected agricultural use more than it would help it, or would create a serious traffic hazard on a public or private right of way) or the existence of some other factor which effectively supplants the need for a two hundred (200) foot agricultural buffer setback; or
- 4. The imposition of a two hundred (200) foot agricultural buffer setback would preclude building on a parcel of record as of the effective date of this chapter, in which case a lesser buffer setback distance may be permitted, provided that the maximum possible setback distance is required, coupled with a requirement for a physical barrier (e.g. solid fencing and/or vegetative screening) to provide the maximum buffering possible, consistent with the objective of permitting building on a parcel of record.

The subject property is approximately 1.2 acres in size and situated in an area of small, non-commercially viable agriculturally zoned parcels due to the small parcel size and/or development with single family residences. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the site that preclude agricultural viability. The imposition of a 200-foot setback would preclude building on this parcel of record. However, no conflicts would occur between the proposed residential use and surrounding properties given the greater than 200-foot setback to the nearest agricultural developed property. Agriculture buffer vegetation or fencing is not necessary given the surrounding residential development.



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Required Finding for Agricultural Buffer Setback Reduction on Commercial Agriculture (CA) Zoned Land County Code Section 16.50.095(E)

1. In the event that an agricultural buffer setback reduction is proposed and the proposed non-agricultural development is located on Type 1, Type 2, or Type 3 commercial agricultural land, the non-agricultural development shall be sited so as to minimize possible conflicts between the agricultural use on the subject parcel; and the non-agricultural development shall be located so as to remove as little land as possible from production or potential production.

The subject property is located on Type 3 commercial agricultural resource type land and is approximately 1.2 acres in size. The property does not contain an existing commercial agricultural use. Thus, the proposed residential use does not conflict with an existing agricultural use on the property.

Furthermore, the proposed residential development would not remove land from commercial agricultural production or potential commercial agricultural production because a commercial agriculture zoned site less is not suitable for farming. This is supported by General Plan Policy 5.13.28, which notes that residential development is not required to be ancillary to commercial agricultural use when the property is less than an acre in size or there are physical constraints other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the surrounding area does not have enough land with a suitable soil to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the site that preclude agricultural viability. Thus, the proposed residential development will not remove land from agricultural production or future agricultural production.

Required Findings for Development on Land Zoned Commercial Agriculture or Agricultural Preserve County Code Section 13.10.314(A)

1. 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.

The subject property is not currently in agricultural production; and,

The proposed residential development would not reduce, restrict or adversely affect agricultural resources on the subject property because the property does not support commercial agricultural production. This is supported by General Plan Policy 5.13.28, which notes that residential development is not required to be ancillary to commercial agricultural use when the property is less than an acre in size or there are physical constraints other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable



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agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors that preclude agricultural viability. Thus, the proposed residential development will not remove land from agricultural production or future agricultural production; and,

The proposed residential development would not adversely affect the economic viability of the agricultural operations of the area as the closest agriculturally developed parcels are over 490 feet from the subject property and properties in the immediate vicinity are developed with residential uses and are not farmed.

2. The use or structure is ancillary, incidental or accessory to the principal agricultural use of the parcel or no other agricultural use of the parcel is feasible for the parcel; or 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;

The subject property is located on Type 3 commercial agricultural resource type land, but the property does not contain an existing commercial agricultural use. Furthermore, no agricultural use of the parcel is feasible. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors associated with the area that preclude agricultural viability.

3. 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.

The property does not contain an existing commercial agricultural use on site and therefore no conflicts would exist. In addition, the proposed residential use would not conflict with commercial agriculture activities in the area because the nearest commercial agricultural use is a minimum of 490 feet from the subject property.

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

The subject property is located on Type 3 commercial agricultural resource type land, but the property is approximately 1.2 acres and does not support commercial agricultural production. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors that preclude agricultural viability. Thus, the proposed residential development will not remove land from agricultural production or future agricultural production.

Exhibit A



Required Findings for Residential Development on Land Zoned Commercial Agriculture or Agricultural Preserve In The Coastal Zone County Code Section 13.10.314(B)

- 1. The parcel is less than one acre in size; or the parcel has physical constraints (such as adverse topographic, geologic, hydrologic, or vegetative conditions) other than size which preclude commercial agricultural use; or that the residential use will be ancillary to commercial agricultural use of the parcel based upon the fact that either:
 - (i) The farmable portion of the parcel, exclusive of the building site, is large enough in itself to constitute a minimum economic farm unit for three crops, other than greenhouses, suited to the soils, topography, and climate of the area; or
 - (ii) The owners of the subject parcel have a long-term binding arrangement for commercial agricultural use of the remainder of the parcel, such as an agricultural easement.

The parcel is approximately 1.2 acres in size and does not support commercial agricultural production. This is supported by the agricultural viability analysis, which confirmed that the area does not have enough land with a suitable soil type to comprise a viable agricultural economic unit for three crops, among other factors that preclude agricultural viability of the parcel.

2. The residential use will meet all the requirements of section 16.50.095 pertaining to agricultural buffer setbacks.

County Code 16.50.095 requires a minimum 200-foot buffer between residential uses and agriculture resource type land. The proposed development is too small to meet the required setbacks. However, the proposed project includes a request for an agricultural buffer reduction by the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission and is subject to conditions of approval, including a declaration of agricultural acknowledgment. The property is located within a pocket of residentially developed commercial agriculture zoned parcels and no agricultural production occurs in this area. The proposed residential use does not conflict with agricultural production in the area in that the nearest agricultural use is a minimum of 490 feet from the subject property.

3. The owners of the subject parcel have executed binding hold-harmless covenants with the owners and agricultural operators of adjacent agricultural parcels. Such covenants shall run with the land and shall be recorded prior to the issuance of the permit for the proposed development.

The project is conditioned to require recordation of a declaration of acknowledgement prior to issuance of a building permit.

Exhibit A



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Conditions of Approval

- I. This permit authorizes demolition of an existing 967 square foot single family dwelling and to construct a 1,114 square foot one-story, single family dwelling with a detached 482 square foot garage within 200 feet of Type 3 agriculture resource land Resource. 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 Coastal Development Permit from the Santa Cruz County Building Official.
 - C. Obtain a Building Permit and Grading Permit 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.
- II. Prior to issuance of a Building Permit the applicant/owner shall:
 - A, Submit final architectural plans for review and approval by the Planning Department. The final plans shall be in substantial compliance with the plans marked Exhibit "D" on file with the Planning Department. Any changes from the approved Exhibit "D" for this development permit on the plans submitted for the Building Permit must be clearly called out and labeled by standard architectural methods to indicate such changes. Any changes that are not properly called out and labeled will not be authorized by any Building Permit that is issued for the proposed development. The final plans shall include the following additional information:
 - 1. A copy of the text of these conditions of approval incorporated into the full-size sheets of the architectural plan set.
 - 2. A development setback of a minimum of approximately 101 feet to APN 046-072-20, 139 feet to APN 046-261-23, 160 feet to APN 046-261-21(148'8" to property line in vicinity), 25 feet to APN 046-261-25, and 47 feet to APN 046-081-24 from the single-family dwelling to the adjacent commercial agriculture resource lands.



- 3. Water Efficient Landscape Plan (including a signed Water Efficient Landscape Checklist and Certificate) prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (County Code Chapter 13.13) by a certified/licensed landscape architect, landscape contractor, civil engineer, landscape irrigation designer, landscape irrigation auditor, or water manager. Landscape plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Environmental Horticulture Farm advisor for the University of California Extension office for evaluation of appropriate agricultural plant species that are not included on the recommended agricultural buffer plan list.
- B. Obtain a Coastal Development Permit.
- C. The owner shall record a Statement of Acknowledgement, as prepared by the Planning Department, and submit proof of recordation to the Planning Department. The statement of Acknowledgement acknowledges the adjacent agricultural land use and the agricultural buffer setbacks.
- 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. The agricultural buffer setbacks shall be met as verified by the County Building Inspector.
 - B. Any required vegetative shall be installed. The applicant/owner shall contact the Planning Department's Agricultural Planner, a minimum of three working days in advance to schedule an inspection to verify that the required barrier (vegetative and/or other) has been completed.
 - C. All inspections required by the building permit shall be completed to the satisfaction of the County Building Official and/or the County Senior Civil Engineer.

IV. Operational Conditions

- A. The vegetative buffer shall be permanently maintained, if required.
- B. All required Agricultural Buffer Setbacks shall be maintained.
- C. In the event that future County inspections of the subject property disclose non-compliance 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, up to and including permit revocation.
- 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, it 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:
 - COUNTY bears its own attorney's fees and costs; and
 - 2. COUNTY defends the action in good faith.
- C. <u>Settlement</u>. 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. <u>Successors Bound</u>. "Development Approval Holder" shall include the applicant and the successor'(s) in interest, transferee(s), and assign(s) of the applicant.

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.

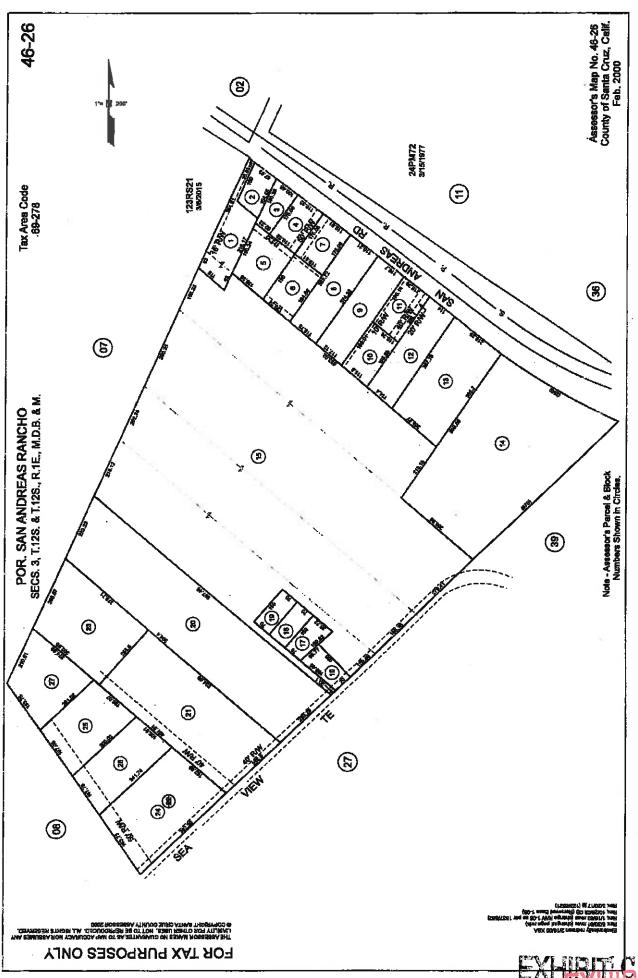
Please note: This permit expires three years from the effective date listed below or if additional discretionary permits are required for the above permitted project, this permit shall expire on the same date as any subsequent approved discretionary permit(s) unless a building permit (or permits) is 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,

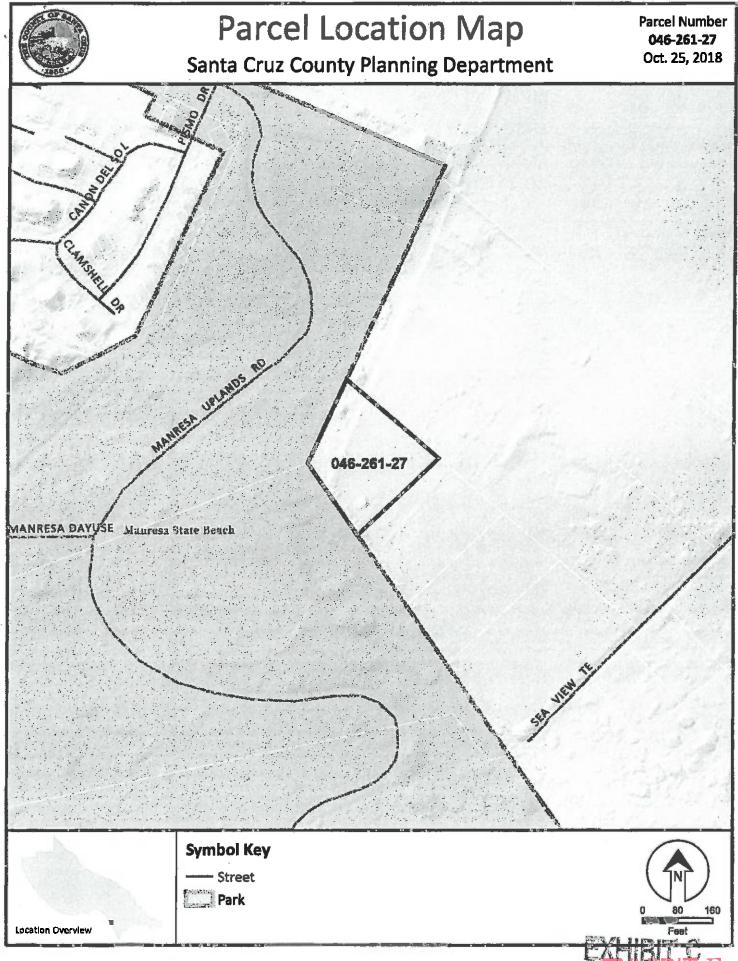


will void the development permit, unless there are special circumstances as determined by the Planning Director.

Approval Date:	
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Appeals: Any property owner, or other person aggrieved, or any other person whose interests are adversely affected by any act or determination of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission under the provisions of County Code Chapter 16.50, may appeal the act or determination to the Board of Supervisors in accordance with chapter 18.10 of the Santa Cruz County Code.



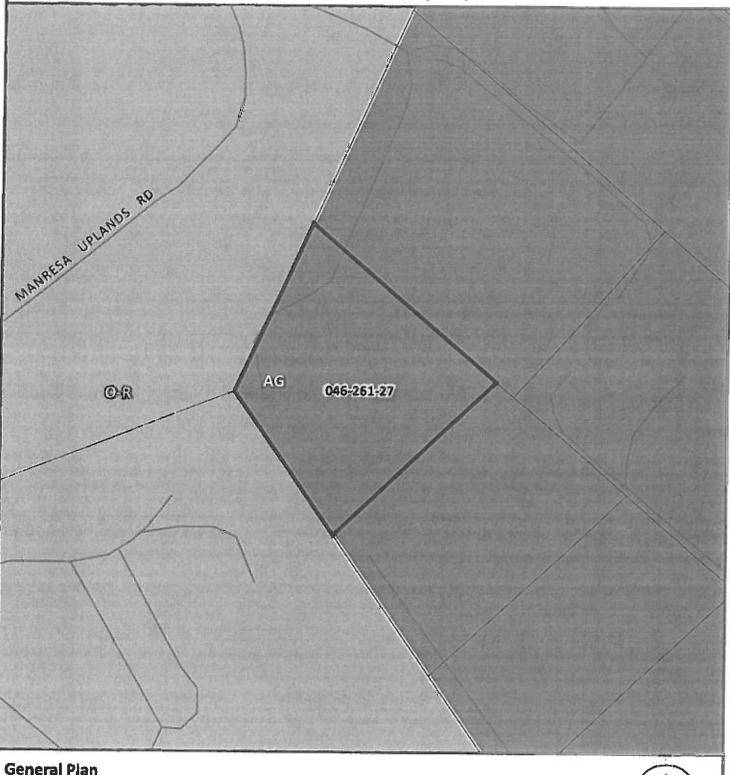




Parcel General Plan Map

Santa Cruz County Planning Department

Parcel Number 046-261-27 Oct. 25, 2018

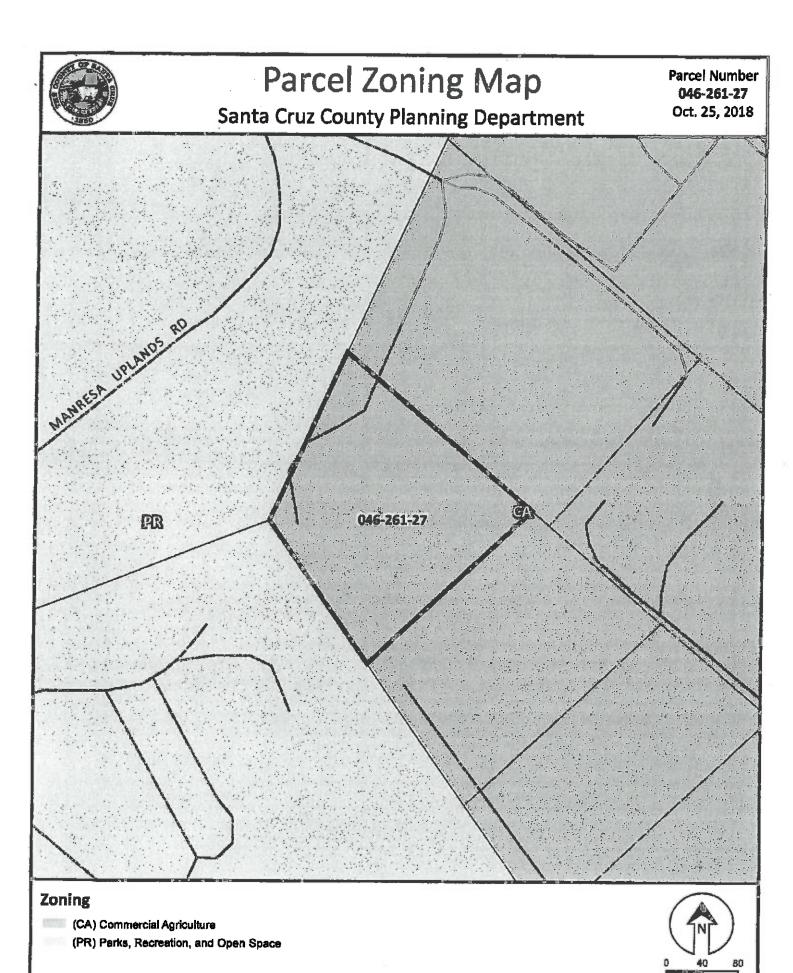


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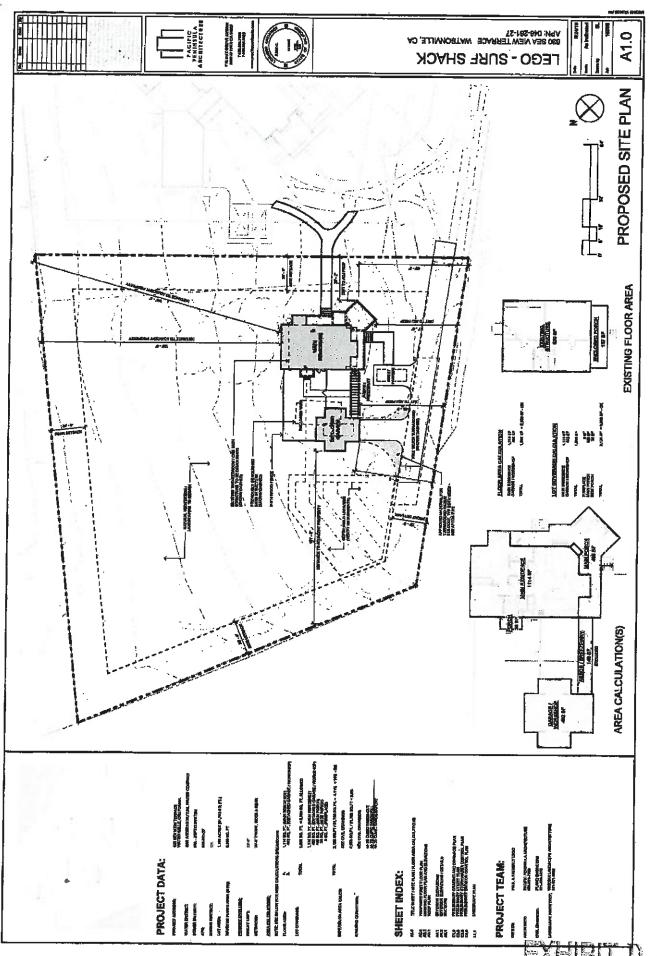
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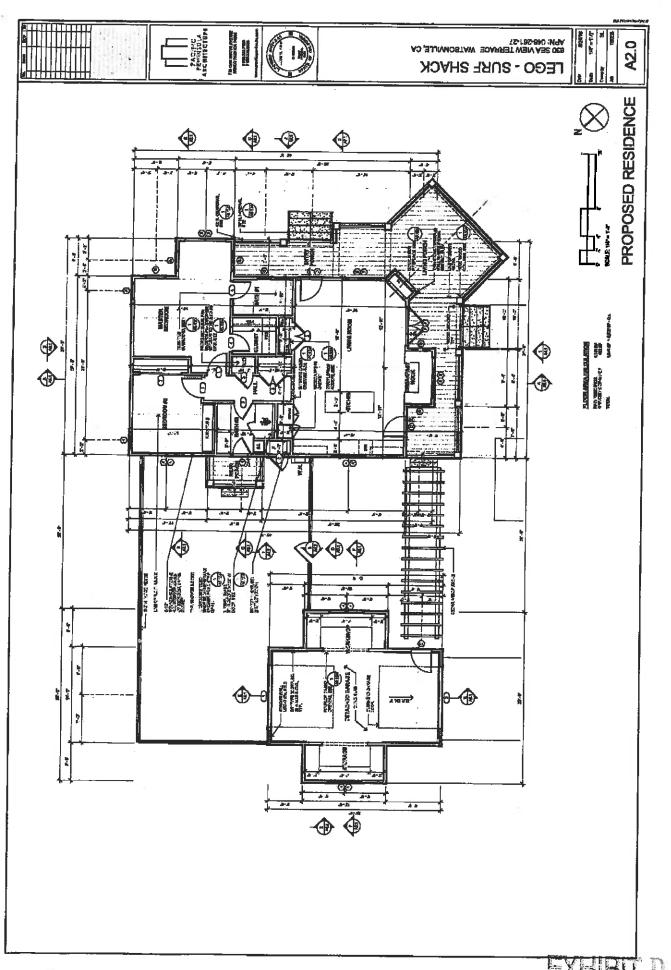
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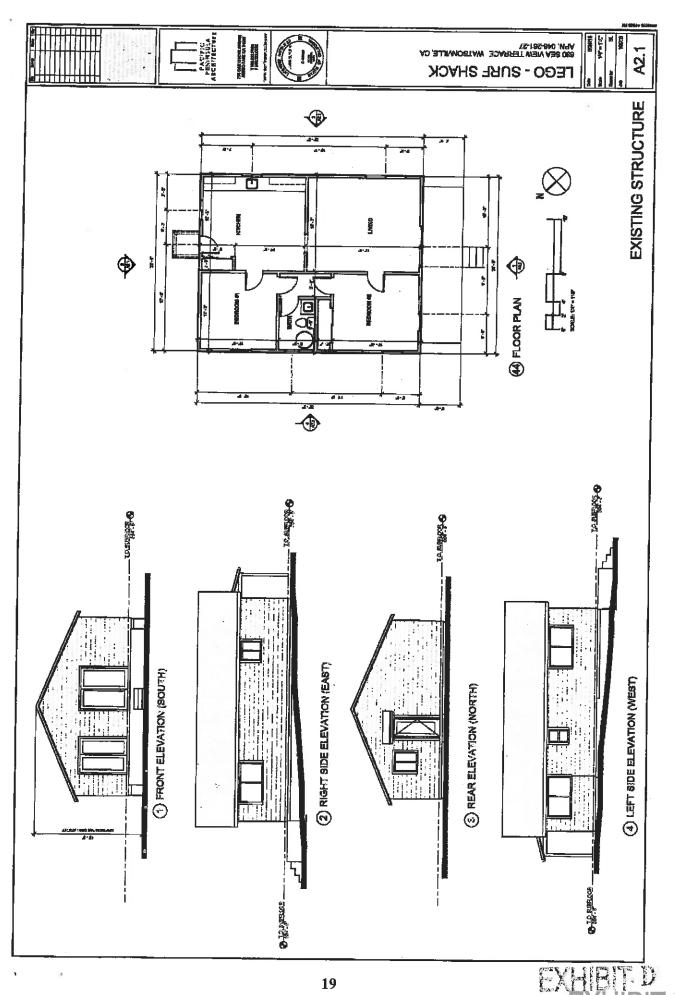


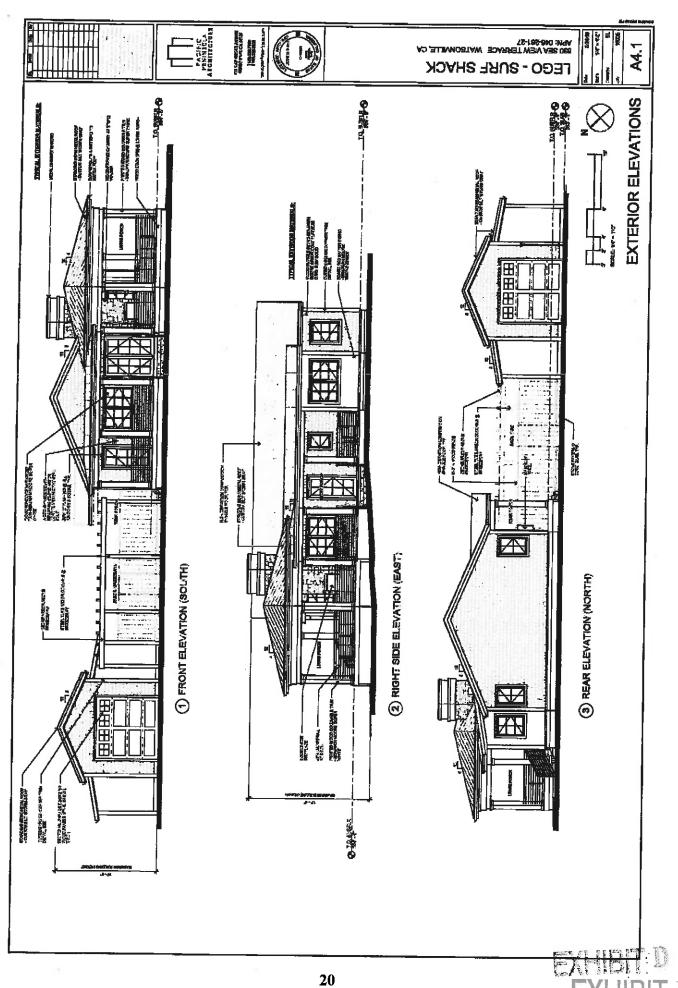


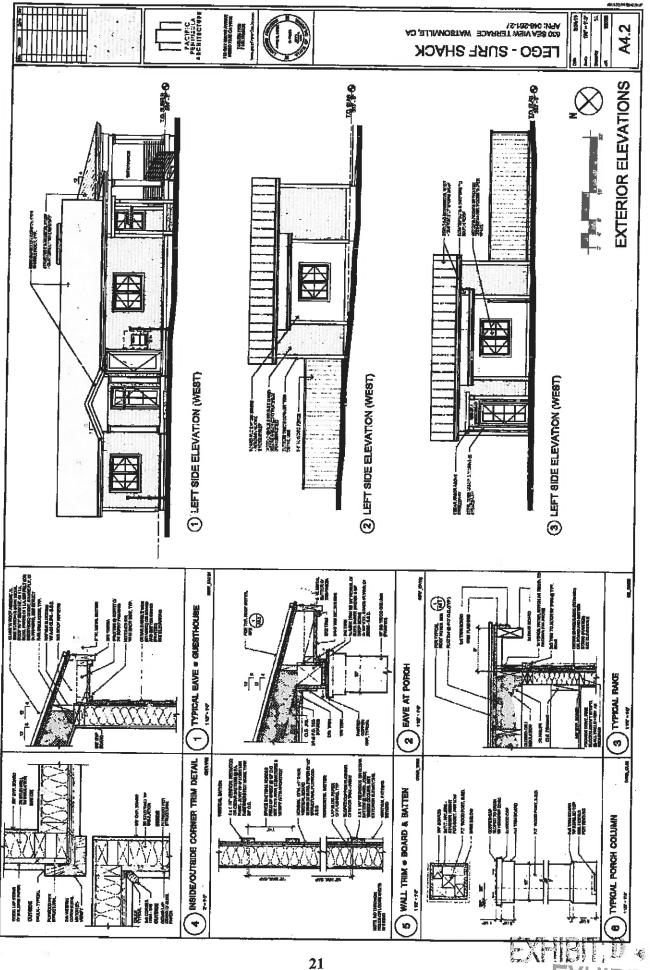


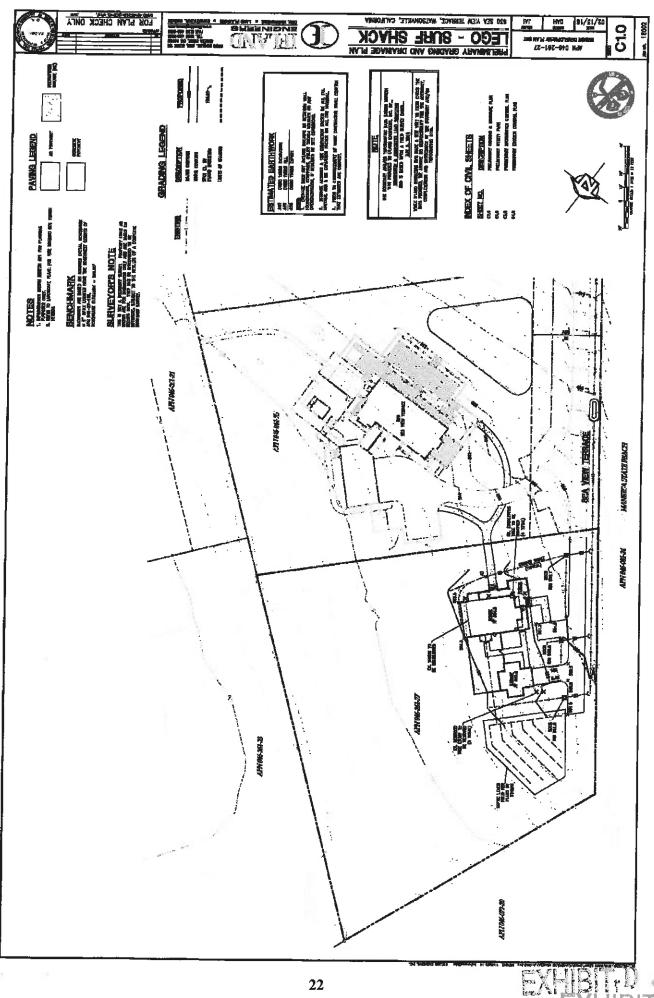




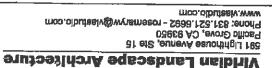








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Re: Status of property identified as APN 046-261-25, location: 620 Sea View Terrace, Watsonville, CA

At the request of Mr. Paul Lego an evaluation of the history, condition, and status of an approximately 1.2-acre parcel of land identified as APN 046-261-25 (APN 25, abbreviated) located at 620 Sea View Terrace was undertaken, specifically with respect to its current zoning as CA or commercial agriculture.

Qualifications

I am an agricultural consultant and have resided in Monterey County since 1994. As a part of my normal work, I evaluate agriculture-related issues including losses or damage to crops, land and/or related property. In addition, I have evaluated properties in the region including Santa Cruz County with respect to agricultural land suitability studies and comparative land uses, where agricultural, commercial, residential and other alternate uses were considered under requests to local planning commissions, departments and review boards, and submitted analyses on behalf of my clients. I also provide expert witness services in hearings and litigation. I have a Bachelors degree in Environmental Biology, a Masters degree in Soil Science, and a Doctorate degree in Soil Science, from the University of California, and more than 40 years of national, regional and local professional and field experience. I am a nationally and regionally certified Soil Scientist, Agronomist and Crop Advisor.

APN 25 and surrounding land

A site inspection revealed the subject APN 25 parcel exists on variably sloped land, and is surrounded on three sides by other residences of variable densities, and a substantial tree vegetation buffer to the west (Exhibit 1). There is no evidence of either previous or on-going agriculture within, among or contiguous with the subject or surrounding parcels.

As I understand the issue, the subject APN 25 is one of four separate and separately owned lots that is reportedly approximately 1.2 acres including areas of access and other easements that is currently zoned CA, although there is no currently used or contiguous land that is or has been used for commercial agricultural purposes. Review of Google Earth photos from 1993 through 2016 revealed there has been no commercial agricultural activity on the subject or surrounding contiguous parcels during that timeframe. Further, according to the current land owner, there has never been commercial agriculture on the subject APN 25 or surrounding parcels, based upon review of historical aerial photos dating back to at least 1948. The only apparent activity has been occasional management of seasonal grassy weeds.

The immediate and general area contains residences on three sides (north, east and south) with the western border abutting Manresa Uplands Campground, inland from Manresa State Beach, with the subject APN 25 property approximately 0.31 miles from the mid tide line of the beach (Exhibit 2). Across from the western

EXHIBIT 8

boundary, the vegetation consists of maturing trees including coast live oaks (Quercus agrifolia), Monterey pines (Pinus radiata) and the occasional Cypress (Cupressus macrocarpa) (Ref. Exhibit 2).

Soils classification - USDA NRCS Soil Survey

The subject APN 25 and the surrounding area sits on Baywood loamy sand of 2% to 30% slopes (soils map units 105 & 106). The upper (relatively) flatter portion of the subject lot mapped as 0.6 acres, has a land capability classification of 3e for the shallower sloped area (2-15% slopes) and 4e for the lower areas 15-30% slopes, if irrigated. The "e" subclass indicates the most significant edaphic issue is erosion hazard. If non-irrigated, the classification is 4e regardless of degree of severity of slope. According to the USDA NRCS Soil Classification criteria "Class 4 soils have very severe limitations that restrict the choice of plants or that require very careful management or both" (Exhibit 3). For the subject APN 25, the substantial limiting factors include the variable degrees of slope with substantial erosion potential (Exhibit 4), the textural classification as a loamy sand with low inherent water and nutrient holding capacities, and the lack of an irrigation water source. The NRCS soils classifications are the basis for those used by California counties for soils descriptions in regulatory and guidance documents.

Other criteria within the NRCS data includes a potential contradiction in how part of the subject APN 25 parcel is evaluated, in that the upper portion (2-15% slopes) including about 0.6 acres (as NRCS-mapped) is listed as Class 3 prime farmland if irrigated, while the lower approximately 0.5 acres of the subject parcel is not prime farmland whether irrigated or not. Even if the upper 0.6-acre portion were irrigable.

It should be noted that it is a potential contradiction in how part of the subject APN 25 parcel is evaluated as NRCS-mapped) is listed as Class 3 prime farmland if irrigated, while the lower approximately 0.5 acres of the subject parcel is not prime less than the minimum acreage established by the Santa Cruz County General Plan/Locs fy as a stand alone viable production unit (nor in my opinion does the subject parcel is not prime farmland.

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It should be noted that there is no source of agricultural irrigation water

vicinity of the subject or nearby parcels, so any agricultural suitability ev

surrounding properties as non-irrigated, and thus dominated by essentially

agricultural standpoint. While there is a limited mutual domestic w

surrounding area lie within the seawater intrusion zone as established by the Pajaro Valley Water Management District (Exhibit 5). As such, any attempt at establishing a well with an agricultural use volume could further exacerbate existing salt water intrusion. The lack of evidence that there was ever any agricultural activity, combined with documented edaphic constraints, further illustrates unsuitability of the subject parcel as economically viable commercial ag land.

Conclusion

The subject APN 25 parcel, while slightly larger than one acre (1.2 acres including easements) was never an economically viable commercial agricultural parcel as a stand alone entity; and based upon reported and observed conditions, never a part of a commercially viable parcel, even when considered in aggregate with the surrounding land, due to excessive slope, edaphic features (soil texture etc.), lack of an essential agricultural irrigation source, and within a seawater intrusion zone. Observations and data review are consistent with the county and NRCS classification as Class 4e non-prime, non-irrigable land. The location, size and aspect of the parcel preclude it from being a commercially viable agricultural entity, as do the surrounding land uses.

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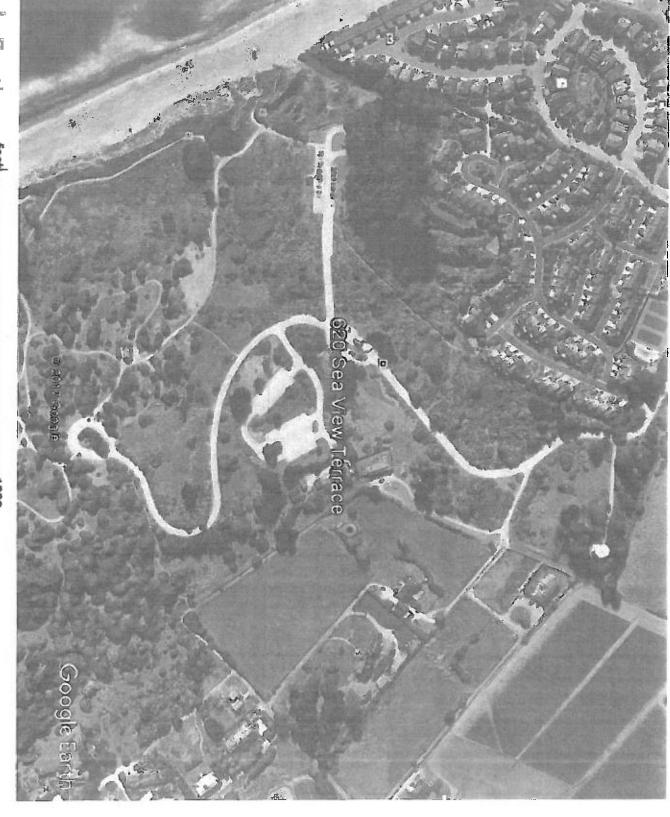
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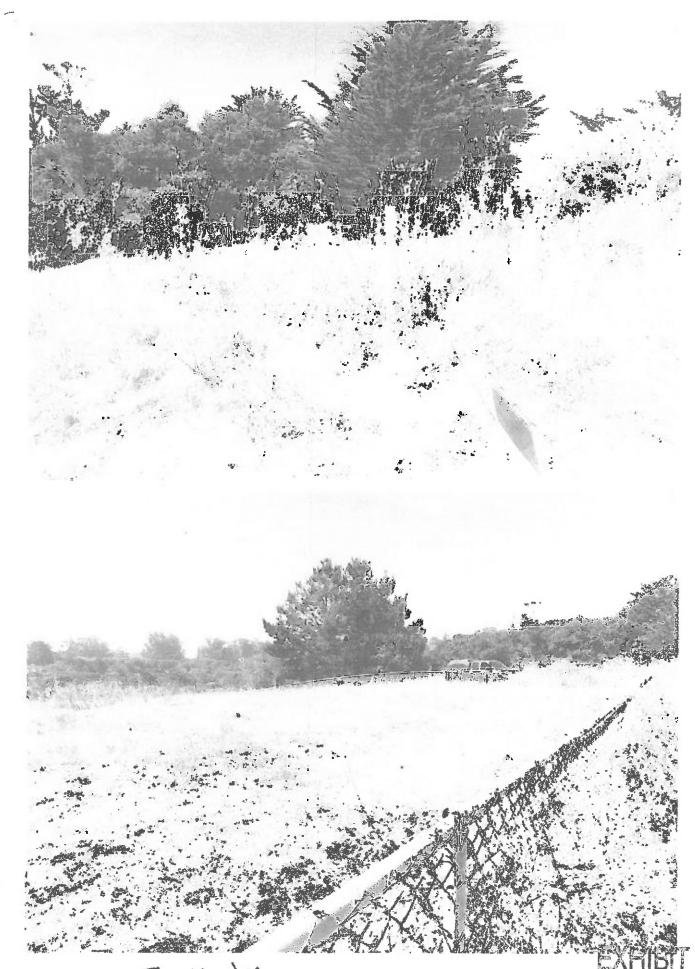




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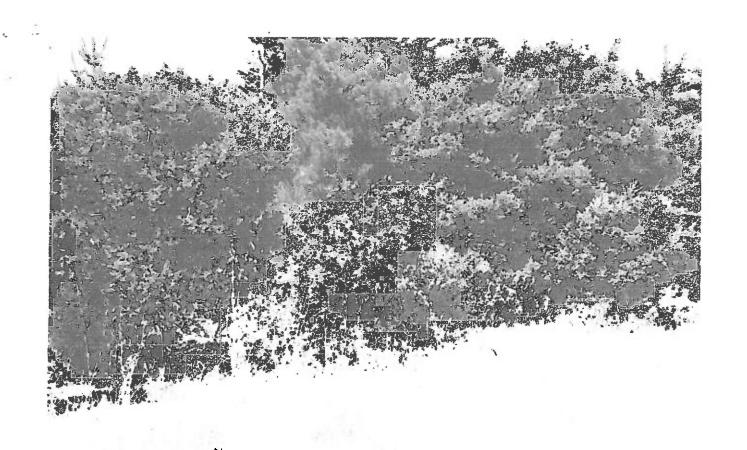
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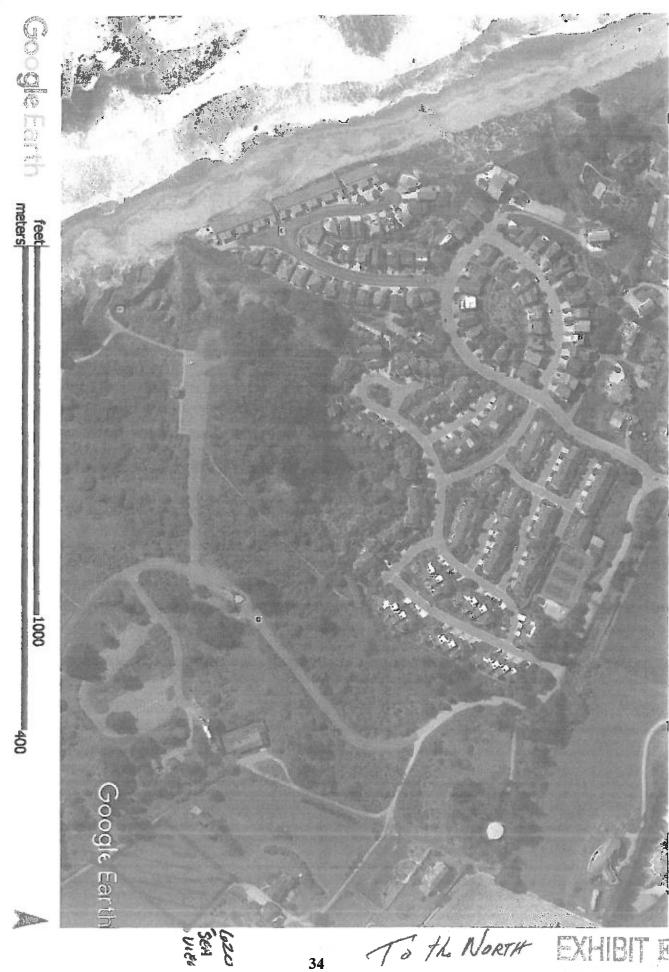


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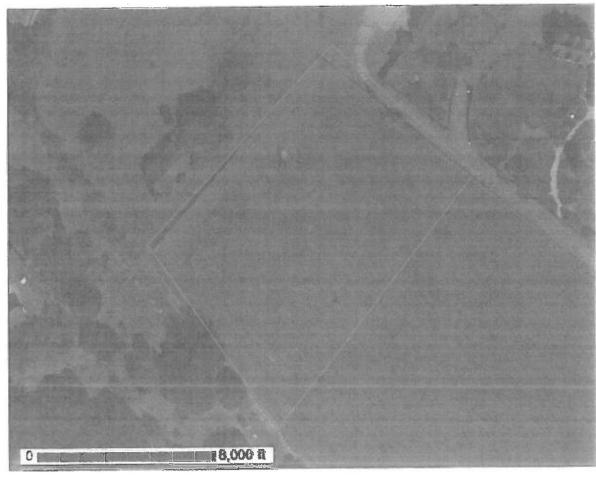


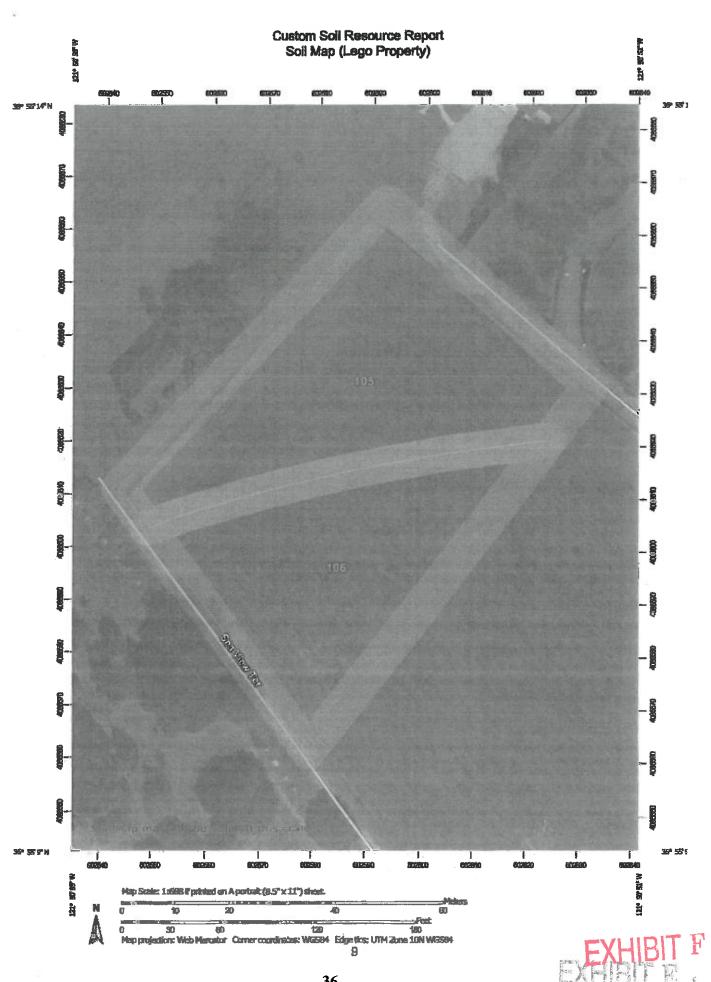
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Map Unit Legend (Lego Property)

Santa Cruz County, California (CA087)						
Nap Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI			
105	Baywood loamy sand, 2 to 15 percent slopes	0.6	58.0%			
106	Baywood loanry sand, 15 to 30 percent alopes	0.5	44.0%			
Totals for Area of Interest		1.1	100.0%			

Map Unit Descriptions (Lego Property)

The map units delinested on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the

development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a soil series. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, storiness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into soil phases. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A complex consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An association is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar, Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An undifferentiated group is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.



Santa Cruz County, California

105—Baywood loamy sand, 2 to 15 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: h9cv

Elevation: 20 to 500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 15 to 35 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 245 to 275 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated

Map Unit Composition

Baywood and similar soils: 85 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

Description of Baywood

Setting

Landform: Dunes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise

Down-slope shape: Concave Across-slope shape: Convex Parent material: Eolian deposits

Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 17 inches: loamy sand

H2 - 17 to 61 inches: loamy sand, loamy fine sand

H2 - 17 to 61 inches:

Properties and qualities

Slope: 2 to 15 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Natural drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat); High to very high (5.95

to 19.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 8.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: SANDY (R014XD059CA)

Hydric soll rating: No

Minor Components

Elder

Percent of map unit: 4 percent

Hydric soil rating: No



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Percent of map unit: 4 percent Hydric soil rating: No

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Percent of map unit: 3 percent Hydric soil rating: No

Baywood

Percent of map unit: 3 percent Hydric soil rating: No

Watsonville

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Hydric soil reting: Yes

106-Baywood loamy sand, 15 to 30 percent slopes

Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: h9cw

Elevation: 20 to 500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 15 to 35 inches Mean annual air temperature: 52 to 55 degrees F

Frost-free period: 245 to 275 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

Map Unit Composition

Baywood and similar soils: 85 percent

Minor components: 7 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mepunit.

Description of Baywood

Setting

Landform: Dunes

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Rise

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Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 17 inches: loamy sand

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H2 - 17 to 61 inches:

Properties and qualities

Slope: 15 to 30 percent



Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Natural drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Medium

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.95

to 19.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 8.4 inches)

Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soll Group: A

Ecological site: SANDY (R014XD059CA)

Hydric soil rating: No

Minor Components

Elkhorn

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Hydric soil rating: No

Elder

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Hydric soil rating: No

Watsonville

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Landform: Marine terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Hydric soil rating: Yes

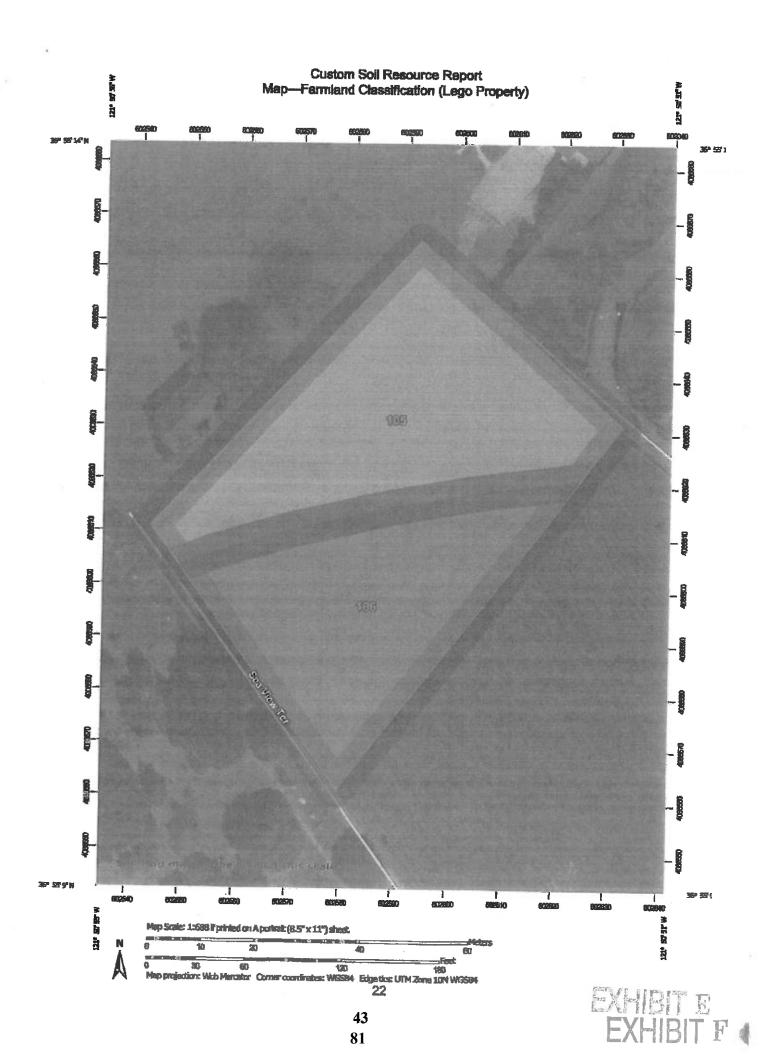
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Baywood

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Hydric soil rating: No



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Table—Farmland Classification (Lego Property)

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Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI	
105	Baywood loarny sand, 2 to 15 percent slopes	Prime farmland if Infigated	0.6	56.09	
105	Beywood loamy sand, 15 to 30 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	0.5	44.09	

Rating Options—Farmland Classification (Lego Property)

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower

Soil Properties and Qualities

The Soil Properties and Qualities section includes various soil properties and qualities displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each property or quality.

Soil Chemical Properties

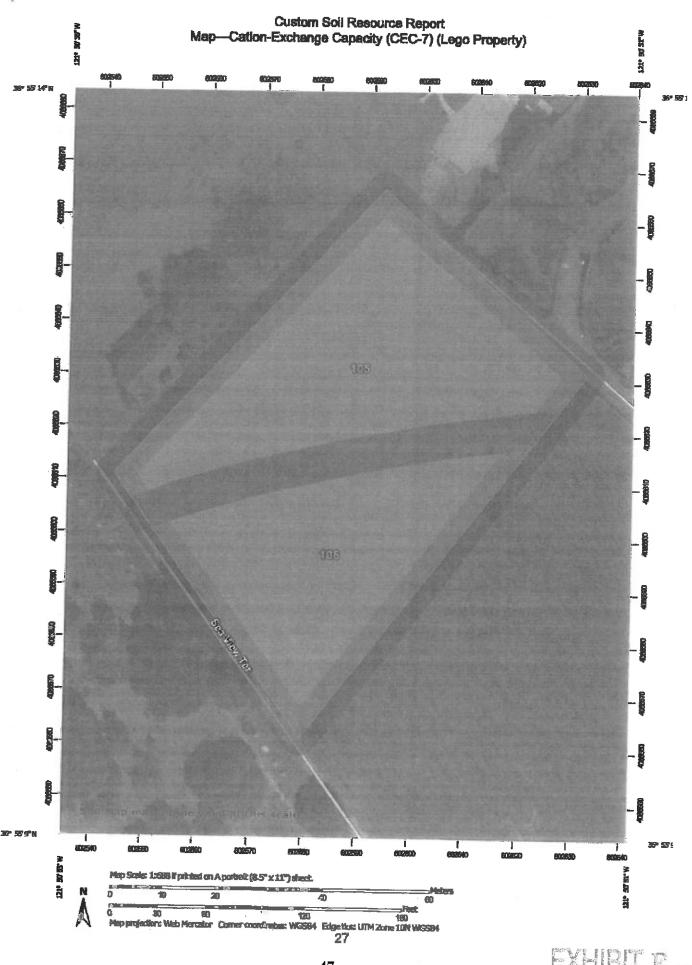
Soil Chemical Properties are measured or inferred from direct observations in the field or laboratory. Examples of soil chemical properties include pH, cation exchange capacity, calcium carbonate, gypsum, and electrical conductivity.

Cation-Exchange Capacity (CEC-7) (Lego Property)

Cation-exchange capacity (CEC-7) is the total amount of extractable cations that can be held by the soil, expressed in terms of milliequivalents per 100 grams of soil at neutrality (pH 7.0) or at some other stated pH value. Soils having a low cation-exchange capacity hold fewer cations and may require more frequent applications of fertilizer than soils having a high cation-exchange capacity. The ability to retain cations reduces the hazard of ground-water pollution.

For each soil layer, this attribute is actually recorded as three separate values in the database. A low value and a high value indicate the range of this attribute for the soil component. A "representative" value indicates the expected value of this attribute for the component. For this soil property, only the representative value is used.





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Table—Cation-Exchange Capacity (CEC-7) (Lego Property)

Map unit symbol	tap unit name	Rating (milliegulvalents per 180 grams)	Acres in AOi	Percent of AOI
105	Baywood loamy sand, 2 to 15 percent slopes	5.6	0.6	56.0%
106	Baywood loarny sand, 15 to 30 percent slopes	5.6	0.5	44.09

Rating Options—Cation-Exchange Capacity (CEC-7) (Lego Property)

Units of Measure: milliequivalents per 100 grams

Aggregation Method: Dominant Component

Aggregation is the process by which a set of component attribute values is reduced to a single value that represents the map unit as a whole.

A map unit is typically composed of one or more "components". A component is either some type of soil or some nonsoil entity, e.g., rock outcrop. For the attribute being aggregated, the first step of the aggregation process is to derive one attribute value for each of a map unit's components. From this set of component attributes, the next step of the aggregation process derives a single value that represents the map unit as a whole. Once a single value for each map unit is derived, a thematic map for soil map units can be rendered. Aggregation must be done because, on any soil map, map units are delineated but components are not.

For each of a map unit's components, a corresponding percent composition is recorded. A percent composition of 60 indicates that the corresponding component typically makes up approximately 60% of the map unit. Percent composition is a critical factor in some, but not all, aggregation methods.

The aggregation method "Dominant Component" returns the attribute value associated with the component with the highest percent composition in the map unit. If more than one component shares the highest percent composition, the corresponding "tie-break" rule determines which value should be returned. The "tie-break" rule indicates whether the lower or higher attribute value should be returned in the case of a percent composition tie. The result returned by this aggregation method may or may not represent the dominant condition throughout the map unit.

Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified

Components whose percent composition is below the cutoff value will not be considered. If no cutoff value is specified, all components in the database will be considered. The data for some contrasting soils of minor extent may not be in the database, and therefore are not considered.

Tie-break Rule: Higher



The tie-break rule indicates which value should be selected from a set of multiple candidate values, or which value should be selected in the event of a percent composition tie.

Interpret Nulls as Zero: No

This option indicates if a null value for a component should be converted to zero before aggregation occurs. This will be done only if a map unit has at least one component where this value is not null.

Layer Options (Horizon Aggregation Method); Depth Range (Weighted Average)

For an attribute of a soil horizon, a depth qualification must be specified. In most cases it is probably most appropriate to specify a fixed depth range, either in centimeters or inches. The Bottom Depth must be greater than the Top Depth, and the Top Depth can be greater than zero. The choice of "inches" or "centimeters" only applies to the depth of soil to be evaluated. It has no influence on the units of measure the data are presented in.

When "Surface Layer" is specified as the depth qualifier, only the surface layer or horizon is considered when deriving a value for a component, but keep in mind that the thickness of the surface layer varies from component to component.

When "All Layers" is specified as the depth qualifier, all layers recorded for a component are considered when deriving the value for that component.

Whenever more than one layer or horizon is considered when deriving a value for a component, and the attribute being aggregated is a numeric attribute, a weighted average value is returned, where the weighting factor is the layer or horizon thickness.

Top Depth: 0

Bottom Depth: 100

Units of Measure: Inches

Soil Reports

The Soil Reports section includes various formatted tabular and narrative reports (tables) containing data for each selected soil map unit and each component of each unit. No aggregation of data has occurred as is done in reports in the Soil Properties and Qualities and Suitabilities and Limitations sections.

The reports contain soil interpretive information as well as basic soil properties and qualities. A description of each report (table) is included.

AOI Inventory

This folder contains a collection of tabular reports that present a variety of soil information, included are various map unit description reports, special soil interpretation reports, and data summary reports.

Component Text Descriptions (Lego Property)

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the selected area. The component descriptions in this report, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit. A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the associated soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas (components) for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

The "Map Unit Component Nontechnical Descriptions" report gives a brief, general description of the soil components that occur in a map unit. Descriptions of nonsoil (miscellaneous areas) and minor map unit components may or may not be included. This description is written by the local soil scientists responsible for the respective soil survey area data. A more detailed description can be generated by the "Map Unit Description" report.

Additional information about the map units described in this report is available in other Soil Data Mart reports, which give properties of the soils and the limitations, capabilities, and potentials for many uses. Also, the narratives that accompany the Soil Data Mart reports define some of the properties included in the map unit descriptions.

Report—Component Text Descriptions (Lego Property)

Santa Cruz County, California

Map Unit: 105—Baywood loarny sand, 2 to 15 percent slopes

Description Category: GENSOIL

Baywood: 85 percent

The Baywood component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 2 to 15 percent. This component is on dunes. The parent material consists of eolian deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. This component is in the R014XD059CA Sandy ecological site. Nonirrigated land capability classification is 4e. Irrigated land capability classification is 5e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Description Category: GENSOIL

Elder: 4 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Elder soil is a minor component.

Description Category: GENSOIL

Elkhorn: 4 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Elkhorn soil is a minor component.

Description Category: GENSOIL

Tlerra: 3 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Tierra soil is a minor component.

Description Category: GENSOIL

Baywood: 3 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Baywood soil is a minor component.

Description Category: GENSOIL



Watsonville: 1 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Watsonville soil is a minor component.

Map Unit: 106—Baywood loamy sand, 15 to 30 percent slopes

Description Category: GENSOIL

Baywood: 85 percent

The Baywood component makes up 85 percent of the map unit. Slopes are 15 to 30 percent. This component is on dunes. The parent material consists of eolian deposits. Depth to a root restrictive layer is greater than 60 inches. The natural drainage class is somewhat excessively drained. Water movement in the most restrictive layer is high. Available water to a depth of 60 inches (or restricted depth) is low. Shrink-swell potential is low. This soil is not flooded. It is not ponded. There is no zone of water saturation within a depth of 72 inches. Organic matter content in the surface horizon is about 3 percent. This component is in the R014XD059CA Sandy ecological site. Nontrigated land capability classification is 4e. Irrigated land capability classification is 4e. This soil does not meet hydric criteria.

Description Category: GENSOIL

Elkhorn: 2 percent

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Description Category: GENSOIL

Elder: 2 percent

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Description Category: GENSOIL

Tierra: 1 percent

Generated brief soil descriptions are created for major soil components. The Tierra soil is a minor component.

Description Category: GENSOIL

Baywood: 1 percent

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Description Category: GENSOIL

Watsonville: 1 percent

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Land Classifications

This folder contains a collection of tabular reports that present a variety of soil groupings. The reports (tables) include all selected map units and components for each map unit. Land classifications are specified land use and management groupings that are assigned to soil areas because combinations of soil have similar behavior for specified practices. Most are based on soil properties and other factors that directly influence the specific use of the soil. Example classifications include ecological site classification, farmland classification, Irrigated and nonirrigated land capability classification, and hydric rating.

Land Capability Classification (Lego Property)

The land capability classification of map units in the survey area is shown in this table. This classification shows, in a general way, the suitability of soils for most kinds of field crops (United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, 1961). Crops that require special management are excluded. The soils are grouped according to their limitations for field crops, the risk of damage if they are used for crops, and the way they respond to management. The criteria used in grouping the soils do not include major and generally expensive landforming that would change slope, depth, or other characteristics of the soils, nor do they include possible but unlikely major reclamation projects. Capability classification is not a substitute for interpretations designed to show suitability and limitations of groups of soils for rangeland, for forestiand, or for engineering purposes.

In the capability system, soils are generally grouped at three levels: capability class, subclass, and unit.

Capability classes, the broadest groups, are designated by the numbers 1 through 8. The numbers indicate progressively greater limitations and narrower choices for practical use. The classes are defined as follows:

- Class 1 soils have slight limitations that restrict their use.
- Class 2 soils have moderate limitations that restrict the choice of plants or that require moderate conservation practices.
- Class 3 soils have severe limitations that restrict the choice of plants or that require special conservation practices, or both.
- Class 4 soils have very severe limitations that restrict the choice of plants or that require very careful management, or both.
- Class 5 soils are subject to little or no erosion but have other limitations, impractical to remove, that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.
- Class 6 soils have severe limitations that make them generally unsultable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.



- Class 7 soils have very severe limitations that make them unsuitable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to grazing, forestland, or wildlife habitat.
- Class 8 soils and miscellaneous areas have limitations that preclude commercial plant production and that restrict their use to recreational purposes, wildlife habitat, watershed, or esthetic purposes.

Capability subclasses are soil groups within one class. They are designated by adding a small letter, e, w, s, or c, to the class numeral, for example, 2e. The letter e shows that the main hazard is the risk of erosion unless close-growing plant cover is maintained; w shows that water in or on the soil interferes with plant growth or cultivation (in some soils the wetness can be partly corrected by artificial drainage); s shows that the soil is limited mainly because it is shallow, droughty, or stony; and c, used in only some parts of the United States, shows that the chief limitation is climate that is very cold or very dry.

In class 1 there are no subclasses because the solls of this class have few limitations. Class 5 contains only the subclasses indicated by w, s, or c because the soils in class 5 are subject to little or no erosion.

Report—Land Capability Classification (Lego Property)

Land Cepek	dity Classifi	cation—Santa Cruz County, California			
lšap unit symbol and name	Pct. of map unit	Component name	Land Cupability Subclass		
			Nonirrigat ed	irrigated	
105—Baywood loarny sand, 2 to 15 percent slopes					
	85	Baywood	4e	36	
	4	Elder	_	_	
	4	Elkhom	_		
	3	Tierra	_		
	3	Baywood	_		
	1	Watsonville	-	_	
IDS—Baywood learny sand, 15 to 30 percent slopes					
	85	Baywood	4e	4e	
	2	Elithorn	<u> </u>		
	2	Elder	_	_	
	. 1	Пела	_		
	1	Baywood	_	_	
	1	Watsonville	-		

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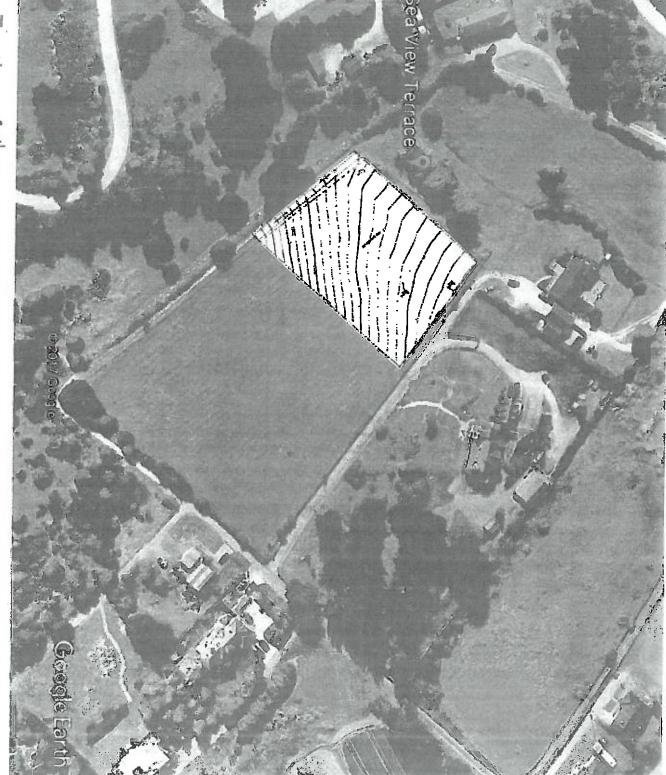
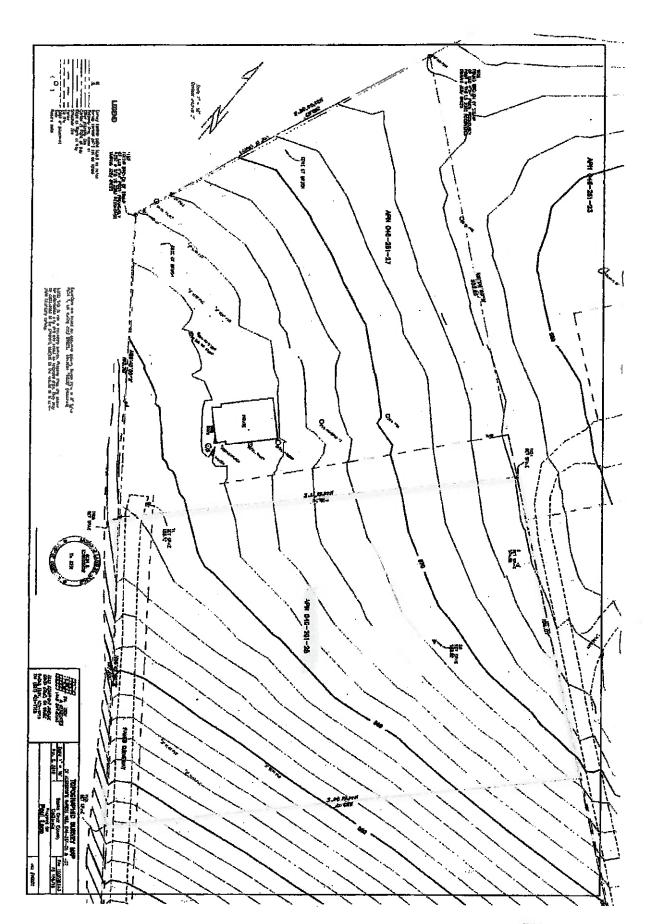
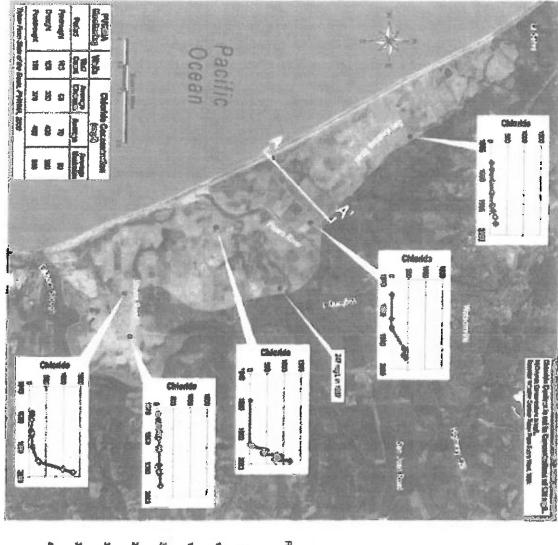
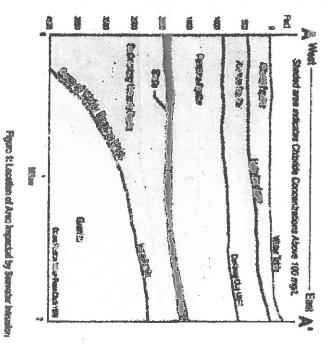


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