

Staff Report to the Zoning Administrator

Application Number: 141069

Applicant: Steven Graves

Owner: Tushar Atre APN: 028-304-72

Agenda Date: October 17, 2014

Agenda Item #: 4 Time: After 9:00 a.m.

Project Description: Proposal to demolish an existing 1,928 square foot, one-story fire damaged single-family dwelling with an attached 246 square foot one-car garage, and to construct a 3,793 square foot, two-story single-family dwelling with an attached 445 square foot two-car garage and a 255 square foot one-car garage. Requires a Coastal Development Permit and an Exception to the Pleasure Point Combining District Design Standards to allow for an increase in the maximum 15 foot wall height within the required upper floor setback to around 17 feet 3 inches, in the R-1-5-PP zone district.

Location: Property located on the south side of South Palisades Avenue (2866 South Palisades Avenue) at about 200 feet southeast of the intersection with East Cliff Drive.

Supervisorial District: First District (District Supervisor: John Leopold)

Permits Required: Coastal Development Permit

Exception to the Pleasure Point Combining District Design Standards

Technical Reviews: Combined Soils and Geologic Report Review (REV131099)

Staff Recommendation:

- Certification that the proposal is exempt from further Environmental Review under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Approval of Application 141069, based on the attached findings and conditions.

Exhibits

A. Categorical Exemption (CEQA determination)

F. Visual simulations

B. Findings

G. Assessor's, Location, Zoning and General Plan Maps

C. Conditions

H. Comments and correspondence

D. Project plans

E. Revised design of rear rooftop deck.

Parcel Information

Parcel Size:

14,905 square feet (gross)/10,385 square feet (net)

Existing Land Use - Parcel:

Residential

Existing Land Use - Surrounding:

Residential neighborhood

Project Access:

South Palisades Avenue

Planning Area:

Live Oak

Land Use Designation:

R-UM/OR (Urban Medium Residential/Existing Parks

and Recreation)

Zone District:

R-1-5-PP/PR-PP (Single-family residential, 5,000 square

feet)

Coastal Zone:

X Inside

__ Outside

Appealable to Calif. Coastal

X Yes

__ No

Comm.

Environmental Information

Geologic Hazards:

Located on a Coastal Bluff, Geologic Report Reviewed and accepted

Soils:

Soils report reviewed and accepted

Fire Hazard:

Not a mapped constraint

Slopes:

The developable portion of the parcel is not sloped

Env. Sen. Habitat:

Not mapped/no physical evidence on site

Grading:

No grading proposed

Tree Removal:

No trees proposed to be removed

Scenic:

Not a mapped resource

Drainage:

Preliminary drainage plan approved by the Department of Public

Works, Stormwater Division.

Archeology:

Not mapped/no physical evidence on site

Services Information

Urban/Rural Services Line:

X Inside Outside

Water Supply:

Santa Cruz City Water District

Sewage Disposal:

Santa Cruz County Sanitation District

Fire District:

Central Fire Protection District

Drainage District:

Zone 5.

History

The existing one-story dwelling and a detached garage was constructed on the parcel in 1946. A one bedroom addition and extension to the living room was constructed in 1961, subject to Building Permit #10700 and later Coastal Development Permit 83-323-CZ was approved for the construction of a further addition and to remodel the dwelling, and this was constructed under Building Permit #74163 issued in 1983. These additions resulted in the one-story dwelling with an attached garage that currently exists on the parcel.

Several development applications have been filed on the parcel including an application in 1963 for a Variance (459-V), in 1982 for a Minor Land Division, Planned Development, Use Permit and Variance (82-240-MLD, 82-241-PD, 82-242-U and 82-243-V) and in 1982 for a second

story addition (82-977-ZA). However all of these applications were denied, withdrawn or went void. In addition, several Development Permits and Grading Permits have been issued on this parcel for the placing of rip-rap and for the construction of seawalls to protect the property from coastal erosion processes.

Permits for coastal protection structures include Planned Development Permits 74-132-PD and 78-1559-PD for the installation of rip rap and Grading Permits #0895 and #1547 for the placement of rip rap. More recently, in 1999, Coastal Development Permit and Grading Permit 99-0463 was approved to recognize work that was done under an Emergency Coastal Permit issued in November 1999, for the construction of 46 linear feet of seawall with a height of 18 feet, to relocate a portion of an existing rip rap protection structure and to construct a 2 foot buttress wall at the base of the rip rap. A further Emergency Coastal Permit, 06-0690, was issued on December 7, 2006, to repair the existing shotcrete seawall, to restack 12 linear feet of the rip rap and also to install sheeting for erosion control. Preliminary Grading Permit 07-0713 was then approved for the restacking of the rip rap and to establish a maintenance period for the existing rip rap and bluff armoring as well as to to extend and maintain the existing seawall. Coastal Permit 3-07-047 was also issued by the California Coastal Commission on August 7, 2008 for this work and later extended for one year by Permit 3-07-047-E1.

Following the approval of these permits the rip rap was restacked and construction of the wall repair and extension commenced. However, initially no Building Permit or Grading Permit was obtained for the work. As a result a Stop Work order was issued and the property was redtagged. In 2013 Building Permit B-132164 and Grading Permit B-134366 were issued to recognize the work and the code violation was resolved. Additional red tags that were issued for further unpermitted work, including electrical upgrades at the dwelling and the construction of a tepee, have also now been resolved. Later, the dwelling was badly damaged by an electrical fire and since that time the property has been vacant.

Project Setting

The property is located on South Palisades Avenue, a narrow road that was originally laid out as an alleyway to serve the rear of parcels located to the south and west that fronted onto the former East Cliff Drive and also to the north and east, fronting onto Chesterfield Drive. However, coastal erosion processes along this stretch of coastline has meant that the right-of-way for East Cliff Drive has long been abandoned so that South Palisades is now the only means of access to those parcels, including the subject parcel, that are now located on the coastal bluff.

Although, newer homes, including the homes on adjacent parcels, have been designed to meet current setback requirements, many of the homes along the street or their detached garages, have been developed so that there is no, or only a minimal setback to the edge of the right-of-way. Therefore the street feels narrow and constricted, especially when vehicles park along the roadway. In addition, because there are very few front yard areas abutting the street there is only very limited landscaping to break up and soften the built environment. The styles and types of housing along the street are also very eclectic with newer structures interspersed with the original older dwellings and with a range of architectural styles. The structures along the street include single story cottages or accessory dwellings, attached and detached garages, two story homes and also, opposite the subject parcel, an apartment building that is constructed over an open carport.

Coastal bluff/Geologic Hazards

The subject parcel borders the Pacific Ocean and is located along a coastal bluff that consists of a lower and an upper terrace. The lower terrace consists of an elevated bedrock platform while the upper terrace is set back from the edge of the bedrock and is comprised of marine deposits that are more easily eroded. Therefore revetment and seawall structures have been constructed at the site to protect the upper marine terrace. A concrete seawall constructed in 1959, approximately 10 feet in height extends into the property from the neighboring parcel to the northwest. In addition there is a shotcrete seawall with tie-backs, constructed in 2001, that is approximately 16 feet in height and 40 lineal feet in length. Both seawalls are founded on the bedrock terrace below. These two seawalls, which were separated by a gap of around 20 feet, have now been connected by a new section of wall as approved by Coastal Development Permit 3-07-047 issued by the California Coastal Commission. In addition rip rap has been restacked to protect the seawalls.

Prior to making an application for this project an application was submitted for a Geologic Hazards Assessment. As a result of that review the County Geologist required that the applicant submit a Geologic Report to determine the 100 year geologic setback for the site and also information to show that the proposed replacement dwelling will comply with all FEMA requirements. As a result, a Geologic Report, prepared by Craig S. Harwood and a Wave Runup Analysis, prepared by Bauldry Engineering, were submitted for review. In addition, a Geotechnical Report prepared by Dees and Associates was submitted.

The Geologic Report and Wave Run-Up Analysis are both based upon the assumption that the existing seawalls at the property will be retained and that ongoing maintenance to the structures, as approved by Coastal Development Permits 3-07-047 and 3-07-047-E1, will occur. The Coastal Commission has reviewed the plans and supporting information submitted in support of this application for compliance with the approved Coastal Development Permits

The proposed dwelling has been designed in accordance with the recommendations of the Geologic Report and Chapter 16 of County Code, which requires a minimum 25 foot setback from the existing coastal bluff/seawall. In addition, based upon the recommendations of the Wave Run-Up Report, the structure is be elevated so that the finished floor level will be a minimum of one foot above the base flood elevation, which accounts for potential increase in sea level, and will therefore be raised 2 feet 4 inches above the existing grade level at the site. The design of the structure also includes breakaway vents to allow for the flow of seawater in the event that a flood should occur.

Zoning & General Plan Consistency

The subject property is a parcel with a net developable area of approximately 10,385 square feet that is located in the R-1-5-PP/PR-PP (Single-family residential, 5,000 square feet) zone district, a designation that allows residential uses. The proposed Single-family dwelling is a principal permitted use within the zone district and the zoning is consistent with the site's (R-UM) Urban Medium Residential General Plan Designation. A portion of the parcel that is south and east of a line that corresponds with the original front property line onto East Cliff Drive, is within the PR (Parks and Recreation) zone district and has a General Plan Designation of (OR) (Existing Parks and Recreation), however the proposed dwelling will be located outside of ths area.

The Pleasure Point Community Design Combining District is an overlay or combining district that provides site and development standards that are in addition to those imposed by the site's R-1-5 zoning. These include increased setback requirements at the second floor to reduce the visual and shading impacts of new and expanded houses on neighboring parcels and homes, and additional restrictions on garage doors and driveways to reduce the impact of automobile-oriented features on residential building facades. In addition, the Pleasure Point Community Design Combining District encourages community interaction and orientation towards the street by providing incentives, such as reduced setbacks and an exemption from lot coverage calculations, for the provision of front porches. As set out in County Code section 13.10.446(a); "Residential Development Standards in the Pleasure Point Community Design PP Combining District", on lots that are over 35 feet in width such as the subject parcel, a 10 foot side yard setback is required to any portion of the structure that exceeds 15 feet in height.

The proposed dwelling does not include features such as recessed garage doors or a front porch, since the lot, which is pie-shaped and also has increased setbacks from the coastal bluff to the rear, does not readily lend itself to include such features. However, the proposed dwelling has been designed to meet all of the required site and development standards of the R-1-5 zone district and the additional side yard setback requirements to the second floor of the structure of the Pleasure Point Community Design Combining District.

	Required Standard	Proposed	
Front Yard	20 feet Min.	Min. 20 feet	
Side Yards (lot < 60 feet wide)	5 feet (both sides) 5 feet (both sides		
Second Floor Side Yard (PP)	10 feet Min. (both sides)	10 feet (both sides)	
Rear Yard	15 Min. feet	25 feet	
Lot Coverage	40% Max.	26%	
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	50% Max.	42%	
Height	28 feet Max.	28 feet	
Height in Second Floor Side Yard	15 feet Max.	17 feet 3 inches	

As shown in the final column of the above table, the structure will exceed the 15 foot maximum height limit for portions of a structure that are located within the increased 10 foot side setback area. This is because the entire structure is required to be raised 2 feet 4 inches above the existing grade level at the site as required by the Wave Run-Up Analysis. As a result, the parapet wall where decks are located over single story roofs within the 10 foot second story side setback will exceed the maximum 15 foot height limit. To allow for this increased height an Exception to the Pleasure Point Community Design standards has been requested to increase the height within the 10 foot side setback by around 2 feet 3 inches. Shadow Plans submitted in support of this application demonstrate that the proposed structure will not deprive the adjacent structures of light. Exception Findings are included with this report.

Local Coastal Program Consistency

The proposed Single-family dwelling 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 both single-family and multi-family dwellings and the size and architectural styles vary widely. The design submitted is consistent with the existing range of styles. The

neighborhood contains many two-story homes that exhibit many different architectural styles as well as exterior materials and colors and also have either pitched or flat roofs.

Although the project site is located between the shoreline and the first public road, the proposed project will not interfere with public access to the beach, ocean, or other nearby body of water in that there is no public access to the beach that crosses the site. Currently there are no views of the ocean across the parcel due to the location of the existing structure that is set close to the road and has fences on either side that obstruct ocean views. However, the proposed dwelling includes an open breezeway at the lower floor that will open up views to the ocean from South Palisades Avenue that are not currently available. No fencing is proposed within the front yard that will obstruct this newly opened vista. The site is not identified as a priority acquisition site in the County's Local Coastal Program.

Design Review

The proposed Single-family dwelling complies with the requirements of the County Design Review Ordinance, in that the proposed project will incorporate site and architectural design features such as increased side setbacks to the second floor, an open breezeway through the center of the structure to allow for ocean views from South Palisades Avenue and new tree planting and landscaping to reduce the visual impact of the proposed development on surrounding land uses and the natural landscape. In addition, to address concerns voiced by the neighbor to the east of the proposed dwelling, the one-story section of the dwelling that extends towards the coastal bluff along the eastern property boundary has been pulled back away from the bluff by four feet and re-designed to include a reduced ceiling height and a glass railing instead of a solid parapet wall which will reduce the impact of that portion of the structure in views from the neighboring property and also in views looking west along the coastline from the public beach overlook located at the end of Rockview Drive. The rear of the proposed dwelling will be in-line with other dwellings located both to the east and northwest of the subject parcel along South palisades Avenue and therefore will not be visually prominent in views along the coast from either the Rockview Drive or from the Moran Lake beach to the northwest.

Environmental Review

Environmental Review has not been required for the proposed project since, as proposed, the project qualifies for an exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consistent with the CEQA guidelines in Section 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (15303). This is because the proposed replacement dwelling is will be constructed within an area designated for residential uses and will conform to all of the required site and development standards for the zone district with the approval of an Exception to allow for an increased height within the required second story setback from 15 feet to 17 feet 3 inches feet for the proposed parapet wall at the first story decks.

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.

APN: 028-304-72 Owner: Tushar Atre

Staff Recommendation

• Certification that the proposal is exempt from further Environmental Review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

 APPROVAL of Application Number 141069, based on the attached findings and conditions.

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

The County Code and General Plan, as well as hearing agendas and additional information are available online at: www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us

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Coastal Development Permit Findings

1. That the project is a use allowed in one of the basic zone districts, other than the Special Use (SU) district, 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 R-1-5-PP/PR-PP (Single-family residential, 5,000 square feet – Pleasure Point Combining District), a designation which allows residential uses. The proposed Single-family dwelling is a principal permitted use within the zone district that will be located entirely within that portion of the parcel which has a residential zoning, and the zoning is consistent with the site's (R-UM/OR) Urbam Medium Residential/ Existing Parks and Recreation General Plan designation.

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 et seq.

The proposed Single-family dwelling is consistent with the surrounding neighborhood in terms of architectural style and will incorporate site and architectural design features such as increased side setbacks to the second floor, an open breezeway through the center of the structure to allow for ocean views from South Palisades Avenue and new tree planting and landscaping to reduce the visual impact of the proposed development on surrounding land uses and the natural landscape. The site is surrounded by lots developed to an urban density; the colors will be natural in appearance and complementary to the site.

Currently there are no views of the ocean across the parcel due to the location of the existing structure that is set close to the road and has fences either side that obstruct ocean views. The proposed dwelling will improve the character of the street in that the proposed breezeway will open up views to the ocean from South Palisades Avenue that are not currently available. No fencing is proposed within the front yard that will obstruct this newly opened vista. Further, new landscaping will soften and improve views along the South Palisades Avenue, a street that currently has very few trees.

The rear of the proposed dwelling will be in-line with other dwellings located both to the east and northwest of the subject parcel along South palisades Avenue and therefore will not be visually prominent in views along the coast from either the Rockview Drive overlook or from the Moran Lake beach to the northwest.

Therefore this finding can be made.

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 and nearest 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, although the project site is located between the shoreline and the first public road, the proposed project will not interfere with public access to the beach, ocean, or other nearby body of water. There is currently no public access to the beach that crosses the site and therefore the proposed project will not block any pathway to the ocean or beach. Additionally, there are existing public beach access points that are located approximately 300 feet east of the site and 750 feet west of the site, that will not be affected by the proposed development. Further, the proposed project will result in the availability of newly opened up views of the ocean from South Palisades Avenue that are not currently available. The proposed dwelling has been sited so that the rear of the dwelling is in-line with houses sited on lots to the northwest and east along South Palisades Drive and therefore the structure will not be visually prominent in views from the public beach or the overlook at the end of Rockview Drive. Where a one-story section of the structure does extend southwards towards the bluff, this portion has been redesigned following discussions with neighbors to the east. Ceiling heights have been lowered to reduce the scale of the structure and the proposed deck rail has been modified so as to be glass. Therefore this will further reduce the scale of the building so that there will be no significant visual impacts from the proposed dwelling.

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, residential uses are allowed uses in the R-1-5-PP/PR-PP (Single-family residential, 5,000 square feet) zone district, as well as the General Plan and Local Coastal Program land use 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.

Exception Findings

Exceptions to the Pleasure Point residential development standards may be granted if the project is found to be consistent with the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District purposes, found in SCCC 13.10.444, the Development Permit Findings Findings found in SCCC 18.10.230(A), and at least one of the following additional findings:

- 1. There are special existing site or improvement characteristics or circumstances, including but not limited to the absence of adjacent residential parcels that could potentially be shaded by the proposed development, that appropriately excuses the proposed development from meeting one or more of the development standards; or
- 2. The Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District purposes, found in SCCC 13.10.444, are better achieved by an alternative design; or
- 3. The granting of an exception will result in a superior residential design that is consistent with the Pleasure Point Community Design "PP" Combining District purposes, found in SCCC 13.10.344.

The proposed replacement dwelling meets all of the required site and structural standards for the R-1-5-PP zone district in which it is situated, except that the parapet walls at first-story rooftop decks exceed the 15 foot maximum height limit within the side yard. Setbacks in the R-1-5 zone district on lots that are less than 60 feet wide require minimum side yard setbacks of 5 feet. Within the Pleasure Point Combining District the design criteria set out in County Code section 13.10.446(A)(1)(b) require, in addition, that on lots where the site width exceeds 35 feet, a 10 foot setback is required to any portion of the structure that exceeds 15 feet in height. The proposed structure has been designed so that the proposed second floor will be set back an additional 5 feet to meet the increased setback requirement. However, although the height of roof areas within the 10 foot setback are within the required 15 foot maximum height limit the parapet walls will have a height of 17 feet 3 inches.

The proposed project warrants the granting of an Exception to allow for the parapet walls to exceed the 15 foot height limit by 2 feet 3 inches, in that the proposed additional height is a result of the requirement of the submitted Wave Run-Up Analysis for the site, that requires that the entire structure be raised a minimum of 2 feet 4 inches above the existing grade. If the dwelling were to be constructed at grade it would then conform to all aspects of the required standards. Further the proposed solid parapet walls around first-story rooftop decks, where they run alongside the side of the adjacent structures, are desirable to protect the privacy of dwellings on either side of the project site. To address concerns voiced by the neighbor to the east that the one-story section of the dwelling that extends southwards towards the coastal bluff along the eastern property boundary will obstruct their ocean views, this portion of the structure that is for a dressing room area and bathroom at the master suite, has been be re-designed. The rear wall has been pulled back from the bluff by four feet and the sitting area and bathroom will also have a reduced ceiling height. In addition, the rooftop deck has been redesigned to have a glass railing instead of a solid parapet wall. This will reduce the impact of that portion of the structure

in views from the neighboring property and also in views looking west along the coastline from the public beach overlook located at the end of Rockview Drive.

In addition, shadow studies have been prepared to illustrate the impact of the proposed dwelling on neighboring properties. These studies (which are based upon the original design and do not include the reduced scale of the southernmost extension of the structure) illustrate that, even before the design was modified, the proposed structure will not deprive the adjacent homes of light, air or open space. Therefore, as designed, the proposed dwelling will be in conformance with the general intents and purposes of the Pleasure Point Community Design Combining District.

This decision on an exception shall not establish a precedent for future applications.

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 the portion of the site that is to be developed 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. Further, the design of the proposed dwelling is based upon Geological and Geotechnical Reports and also a Wave Run-Up Analysis, each prepared by a licensed professional, to ensure that the proposed structure has been specifically designed for the coastal bluff location on which it is situated.

As illustrated by the submitted Shadow plan, the proposed single-family dwelling will not deprive adjacent properties or the neighborhood of light, air, or open space, in that, with the approval of an Exception, the proposed addition will be in conformance with the general intents and purposes of the Pleasure Point Community Design Combining District. This combining zone provides site and development standards in addition to the setback requirements of the R-1-5 zone district, that are designed to further reduce the visual and shading impacts of new and expanded houses on neighboring parcels. Therefore the proposed addition will not deprive neighboring parcels of these amenities. Exception Findings are included with this report.

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.

The proposed location of the Single-family dwelling and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will be consistent with all pertinent County ordinances and the purpose of the R-1-5-PP/PR-PP (Single-family residential, 5,000 square feet) zone district. The primary use of the property will be one Single-family dwelling that, with the approval of an Exception to the Pleasure Point Combining District standards to allow for an increase in height of 2 feet 3 inches within the 10 foot side yard setback to allow for parapet walls at first-story decks, meets all current site standards for the zone district.

This finding can therefore be made.

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 Urbam Medium Residential/Existing Parks and Recreation (R-UM/OR) land use designation in the County General Plan.

The proposed Single-family dwelling will not adversely impact the light, solar opportunities, air, and/or open space available to other structures or properties, and with the approval of an Exception to the Design Standards of the Pleasure Point Community Combining District, 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 Single-family dwelling will not adversely shade adjacent properties, and will meet current setbacks for the zone district.

The proposed replacement home 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, with the Approval of an Exception to the Design Standards of the Pleasure Point Community Combining District, the proposed Single-family dwilling will comply with the site standards for the R-1-5-PP/PR-PP 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 Single-family dwelling is to be constructed on an existing developed lot and will replace the existing home that was destroyed by fire. The structure will be built to current building standards that ensure efficient use of energy and therefore the proposed dwelling will not overload utilities. Further, the expected level of traffic generated by the proposed project is not anticipated to be any greater than was generated by the previous structure while it was inhabited, and therefore the new home 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 with many two-story homes that exhibit many different architectural styles as well as exterior materials and colors and that also have either pitched or flat roofs. The proposed Single-family 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 Single-family 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. The proposed project will incorporate site and architectural design features such as increased side setbacks to the second floor, an open breezeway through the center of the structure that will allow for ocean views from South Palisades Avenue. In addition, new tree planting and

landscaping within the front yard will reduce the visual impact of the proposed development on surrounding land uses and the natural landscape. The rear of the proposed dwelling will be inline with other dwellings located both to the east and northwest of the subject parcel along South palisades Avenue and therefore will not be visually prominent or out of place in views along the coast from either the public viewpoint at the end of Rockview Drive or from the Moran Lake beach to the northwest.

Conditions of Approval

Exhibit D: 9 sheets (A-1 through A-9, 3 sheets drawn April 2014, 6 sheets revised August 2014) and 2 sheets (L-1 and SH-1, dated June 2014 and August 2014), prepared by Patrick Powers Designs, and 4 sheets (Sheet 1 of 1, dated 1/24/07 and sheets 1-3 of 3, two as revised 5/17/14, one as revised 5/21/14) prepared by Robert L.

DeWitt & Associates, Inc.

Exhibit E: Revisions to the rear sitting area and bath at bedroom #1: Sheets A-4.1, A-5.1, A-6.1 and A-8.1, dated September 2014 prepared by Patrick Powers Designs.

- I. This permit authorizes the demolition of an existing 1,928 square foot, one-story fire damaged single-family dwelling with an attached 246 square foot one-car garage, and the construction of a 3,793 square foot, two-story single-family dwelling with an attached 445 square foot two-car garage and a 255 square foot one-car garage. This approval does not confer legal status on any existing structure(s) or existing use(s) on the subject property that are not specifically authorized by this permit. Prior to exercising any rights granted by this permit including, without limitation, any construction or site disturbance, the applicant/owner shall:
 - A. Sign, date, and return to the Planning Department one copy of the approval to indicate acceptance and agreement with the conditions thereof.
 - B. Obtain a Demolition Permit from the Santa Cruz County Building Official.
 - C. 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.
 - D. If required for over-excavation and re-compaction, obtain a Grading Permit from the Santa Cruz County Building Official.
 - E. Obtain an Encroachment Permit from the Department of Public Works for all offsite work performed in the County road right-of-way.
 - F. Submit proof that these conditions have been recorded in the official records of the County of Santa Cruz (Office of the County Recorder) within 30 days from the effective date of this permit.
- 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" with revisions to the sitting area and bathroom and rooftop deck at bedroom #1 as shown on Exhibit "E", on file with the Planning Department. Any changes from the approved Exhibit "D" and "E" 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. One elevation shall indicate materials and colors as they were approved by this Discretionary Application.
 - i. Please provide three (3) additional copies of the colors and materials sheet mounted on an 8.5" X 11" sheet of card or paper (not foam core board).
- 2. Grading, drainage, and erosion control plans.
- 3. The building plans must include a surveyed roof plan based upon the surveyed contour map of the ground surface, superimposed and extended to allow height measurement of all features. Spot elevations shall be provided at points on the structure that have the greatest difference between ground surface and the highest portion of the structure above. This requirement is in addition to the standard requirement of detailed elevations and cross-sections and the topography of the project site which clearly depict the total height of the proposed structure. Maximum height is 28 feet and within the 10 foot second story side setback the maximum approved height is 17 feet 3 inches.
- 4. Details showing compliance with fire department requirements.
- B. Submit four copies of the approved Discretionary Permit with the Conditions of Approval attached. The Conditions of Approval shall be recorded prior to submittal, if applicable.
- C. Meet all requirements of the Environmental Planning section of the Planning Department as follows:
 - 1. Revise sheets A-1, P-1 and P-2 to correctly delineate the 25'/100-year coastal bluff setback and also revise the design of the proposed dwelling to eliminate any portion that lies within this designated area. Development, other than the at grade patio as shown on the approved plans, within the 25'/100-year coastal bluff setback is prohibited. Currently a portion of the proposed residence falls within the setback and **cannot be approved.**
 - 2. Note on the plans that the structure is required to be elevated at least one (1) foot above the base flood elevation, as required by County Code section 16.10.070(f). All plan sheets shall reference the base flood elevation of 31.2 feet (NAVD88 reference datum).

NOTE: FEMA is currently in the process of updating the flood maps for this area. Any building permit issued after the preliminary maps have been provided to the County will be required to be revised if the base flood elevation is increased.

In addition the flood hazard ordinance contained within Chapter 16 of County Code is currently also being revised. Any building permit applied for after the ordinance has been adopted will be required to be revised if requirements change.

- 3. Plans submitted for the building application shall be designed in conformance with all recommendations provided in the soils and geology reports, and Wave Run-Up Analysis and shall reference the reports. Please also submit the following:
 - a. Two copies of the soils report and any updates;
 - b. Two copies of the geology report and any updates;
 - c. Two copies of the wave run-up analysis and any updates;
- 4. Plans submitted for the building application shall conform to ASCE 24-05.
- 5. Plans submitted for the building application shall show flood vents to be located on all enclosed portions of the foundation of the structure.
- 6. Plans submitted for the building application shall include a civilengineered stormwater pollution control plan that meets the requirements set forth in the County's Construction Site Stormwater Pollution Control BMP Manual. The Manual may be found on our website at sccoplanning.com by navigation to Environmental / Erosion and Stormwater Pollution Control / Construction Site Stormwater BMP Manual.
- 7. Plans submitted for the building application shall include a drainage plan that complies with the requirements set forth in 2013 California Building Code (CBC) Section 1804.3 and the recommendations of the soils engineer.
- D. Prior to building permit approval the applicant shall submit:
 - 1. A plan review form, based on final revised plans, signed and stamped by the soils engineer.
 - 2. A plan review form, based on final revised plans, signed and stamped by the project geologist.
 - 3. A copy of the recorded Declaration of Geologic Hazards.

- E. Meet all requirements of and pay Zone 5 drainage fees to the County Department of Public Works, Stormwater Management as follows:
 - i. Please make clear on the plans the limits of the proposed semi-pervious pavement and provide a cross section construction detail to facilitate proper construction by the contractor.
 - ii. Please revise the construction detail of the proposed gravel filled retention trench by moving the perforate sub-drain up in the trench to provide some area for percolation of runoff. If feasible it is recommended that the downspouts be directed to the gravel trench drain or landscaping prior to discharging to the ocean through the existing outfalls.
 - iii. The designer has to inspect the drainage improvements on the parcel and provide public works with a letter confirming that the work was completed per the plans. The designer's letter shall be specific as to what got inspected whether invert elevations, pipe sizing, the size of the mitigation features and all the relevant design features. Notes of "general conformance to plans" are not sufficient. An as-built plan may be submitted in lieu of the letter. Upon approval of the project a hold will be placed on the permit to be released once a satisfactory letter is received.
 - iv. A drainage fee will be assessed on the net increase in impervious area. The fees are currently \$1.14 per square foot, and are subject to increase based on the fee amount applicable at the time of permit issuance. Reduced fees (50%) are assessed for semi-pervious surfacing (such as gravel, base rock, paver blocks, porous pavement, etc.) to offset costs and encourage more extensive use of these materials.
- F. Meet all requirements and pay any applicable plan check fee of the Central Fire Protection District.
- G. Pay the current fees for Parks and Child Care mitigation for one additional bedroom. Currently, these fees are, respectively, \$1,000 and \$109 per bedroom.
- H. Provide required off-street parking for a minimum of 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.
- I. 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 reports:
 - 1. The applicant shall provide a completed Elevation Certificate, based on finished construction.
 - 2. The applicant shall provide final inspection forms from the geotechnical engineer, engineering geologist, and civil engineer.
 - 3. All construction shall be completed in compliance with all recommendations provided in the soils and geology reports.
 - 4. Project shall comply with the requirements set forth in the technical report acceptance letter prepared by Joe Hanna, County Geologist, dated 1/15/2014.
- D. 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. All proposed and future maintenance or work on the coastal protection structures at the property shall be made in accordance with approved Coastal Development Permit 3-07-047, as extended by 3-07-047-E1, issued by the California Coastal Commission. In addition, all work requires the issuance of a Grading Permit and/or Building Permit from the County of Santa Cruz. Any work that is not authorized under CDP 3-07-047 shall not be permitted.
- B. Rooftops at the second story shall not be used as deck area and no permanent ladder or other form of access is allowed.
- C. 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.

- 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:
 - 1. 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 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.

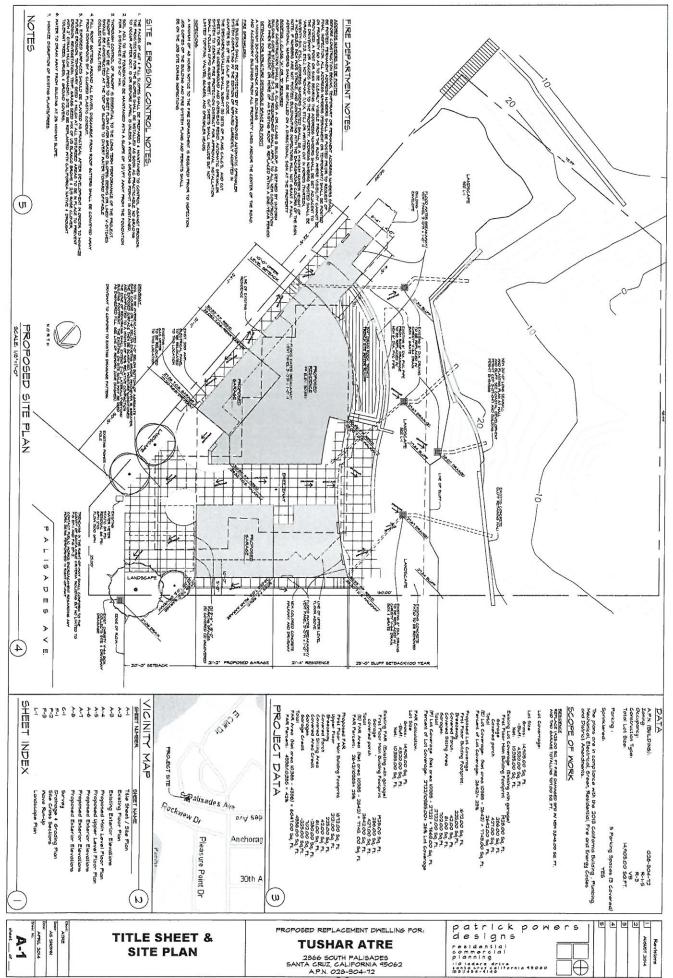
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Wanda Williams	Lezanne Jeffs	
	National State Section 1	
Deputy Zoning Administrator	Project Planner	

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

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

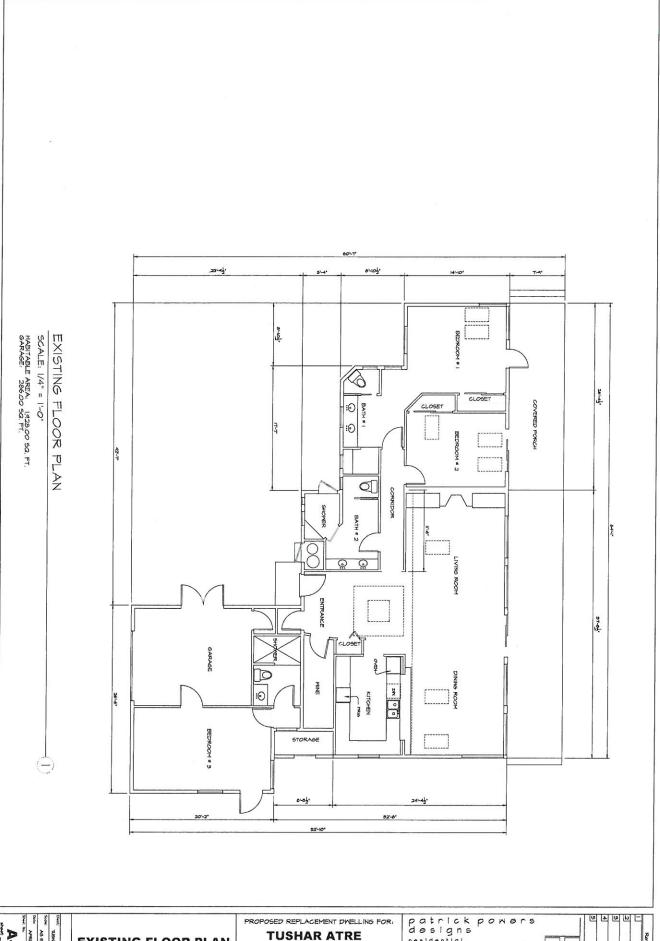
The Santa Cruz County Planning Department has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.

Application Number: 141069 Assessor Parcel Number: 028-304-72 Project Location: 2866 South Palisades Avenue
Project Description: Proposal to replace an existing fire damaged single-family dwelling and attached garage with a replacement single-family dwelling with attached garages.
Person or Agency Proposing Project: Steven Graves
Contact Phone Number: (831) 661 5451
A The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. B The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c). C Ministerial Project involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment. D Statutory Exemption other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).
E. X Categorical Exemption
Specify type: Class 3 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303)
F. Reasons why the project is exempt:
Replaceing a fire damaged single-family dwelling with a replacement single-family dwelling in an area that is zoned for residential uses.
In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.
Dates
Lezanne Jeffs, Project Planner

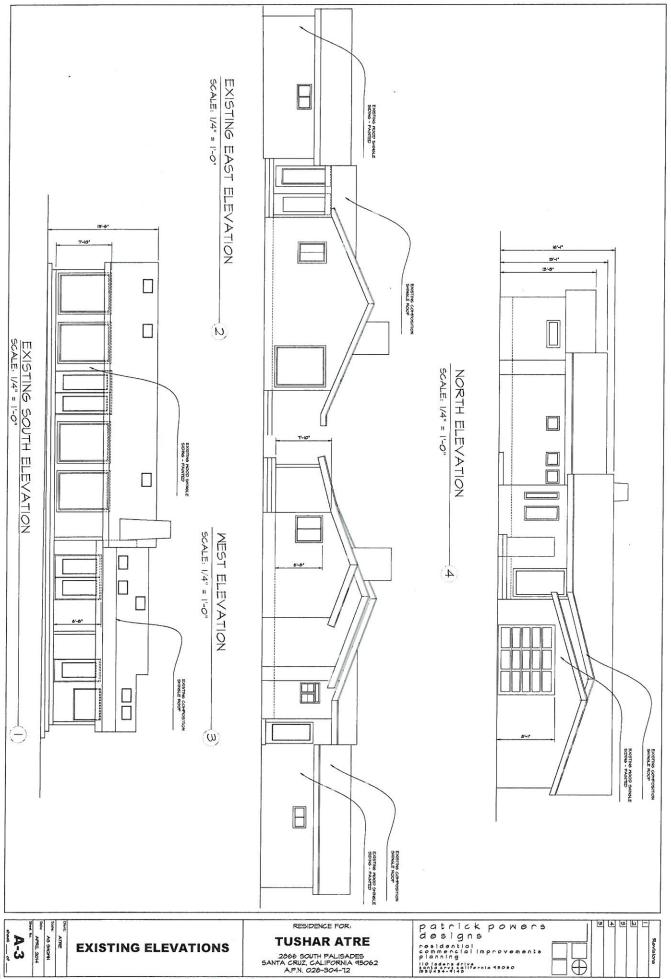


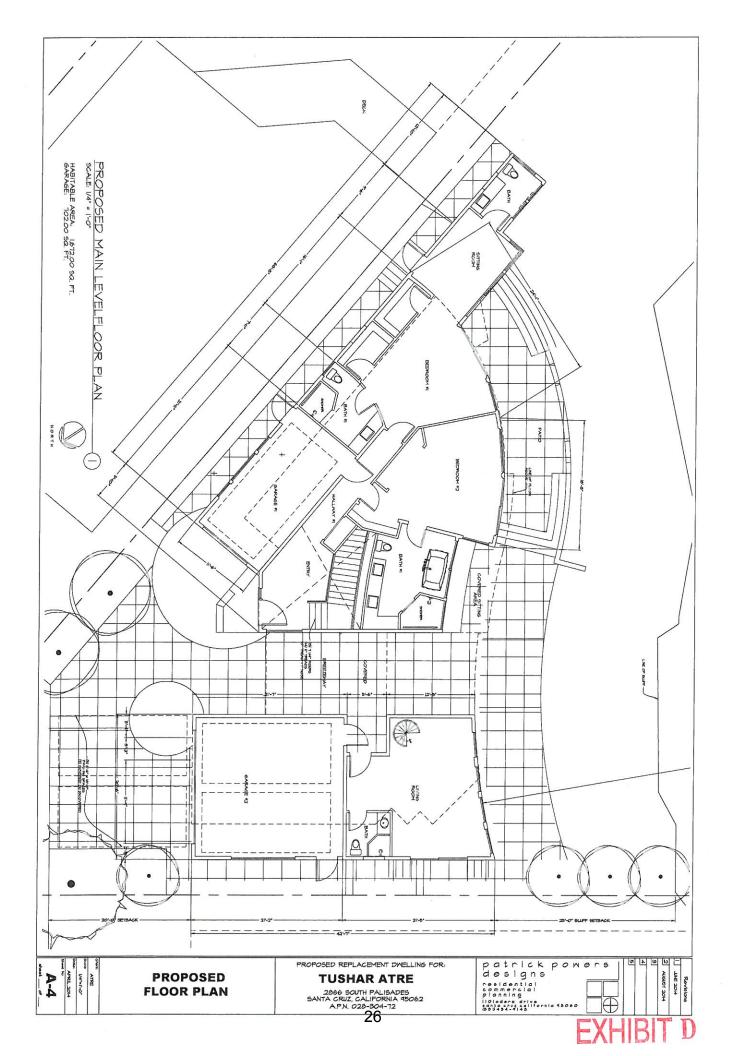
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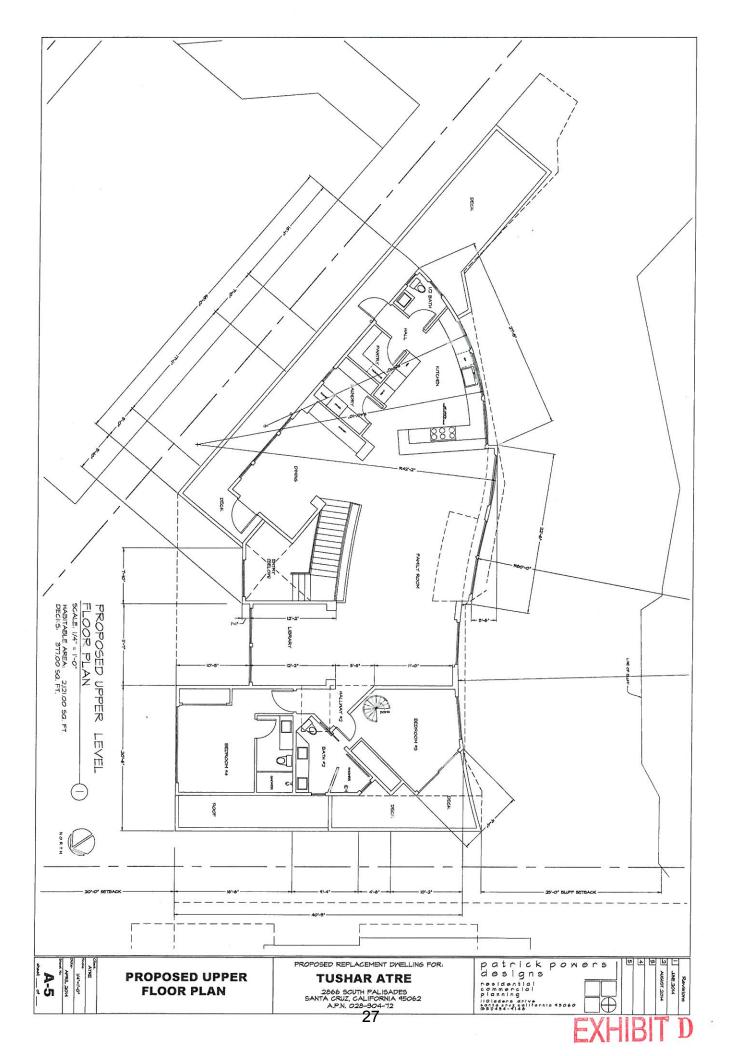
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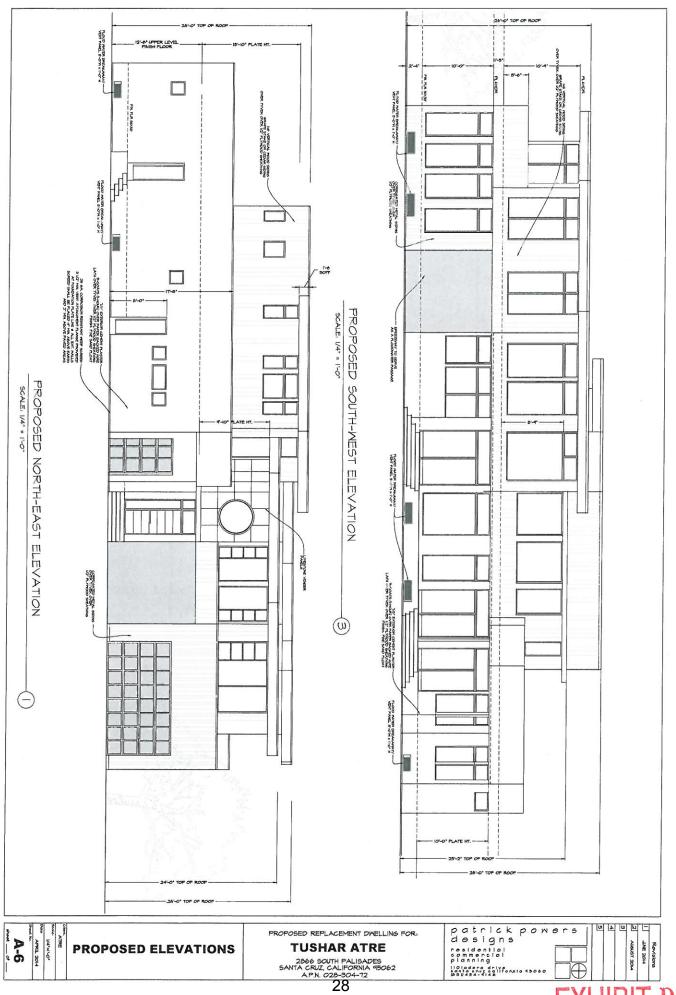
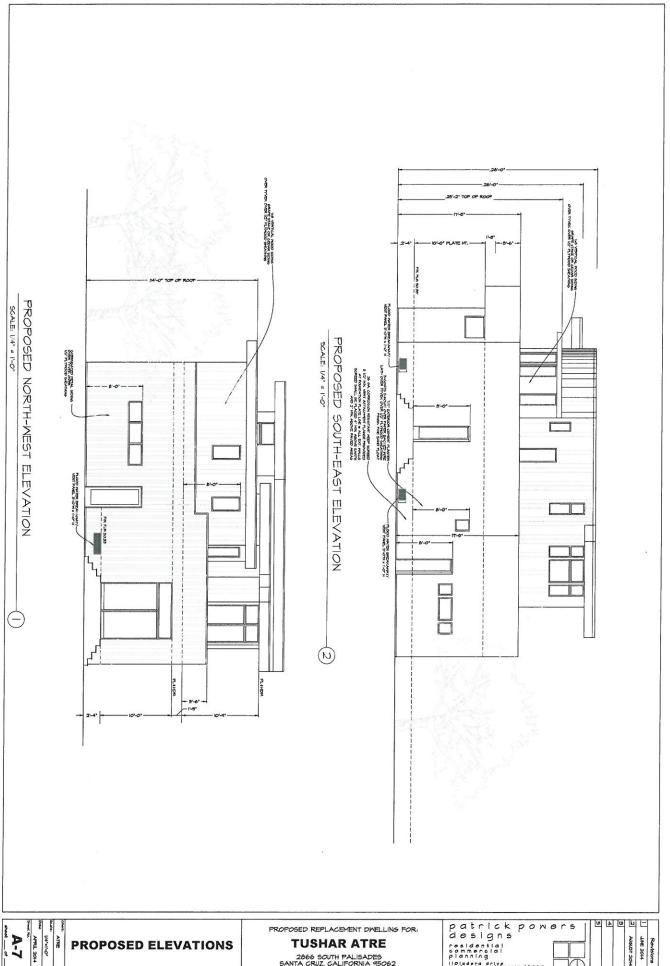


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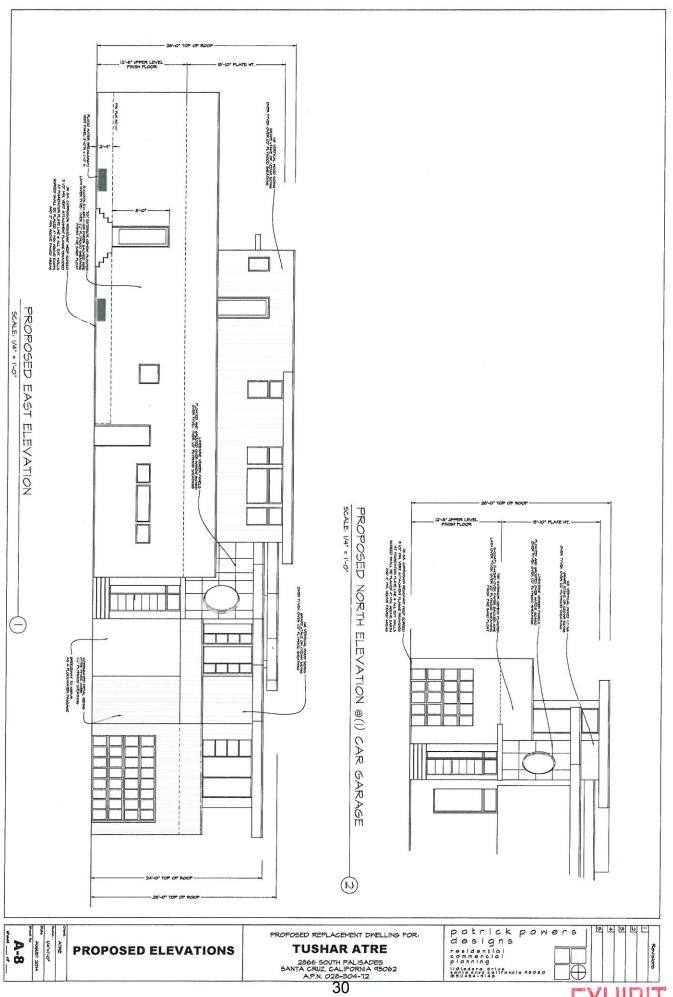
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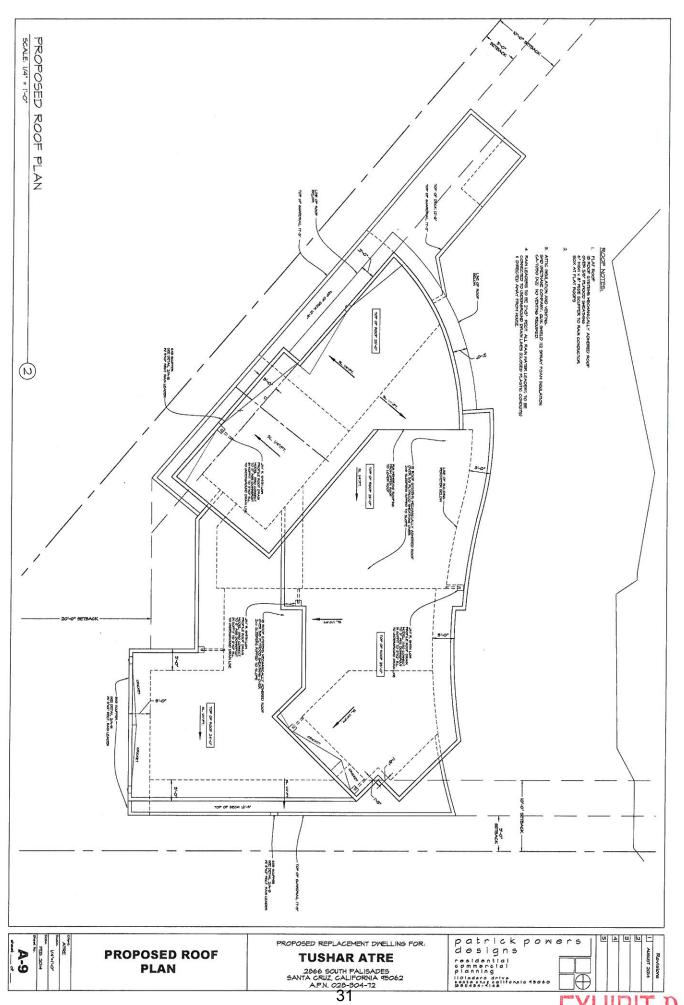
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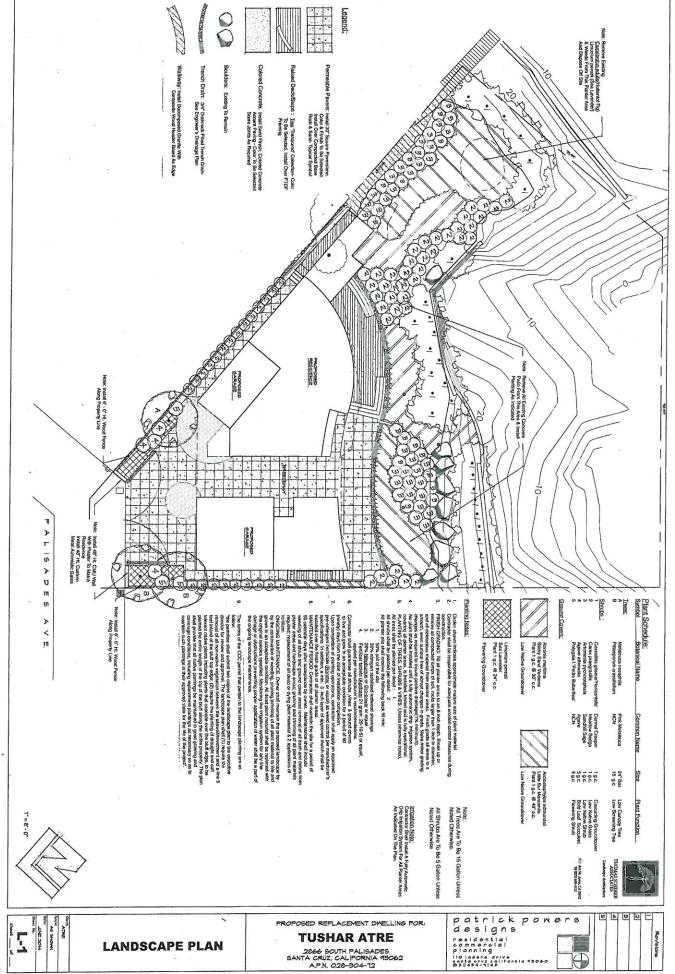
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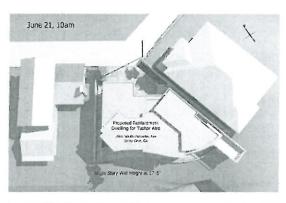


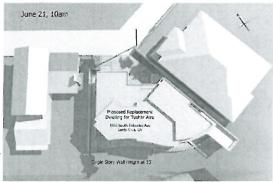
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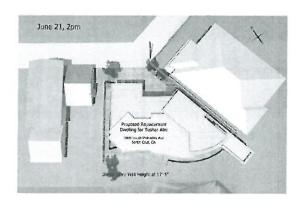
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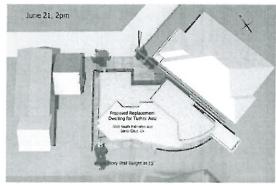
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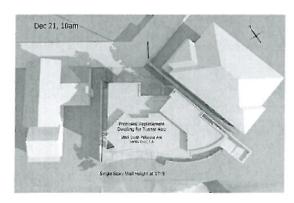
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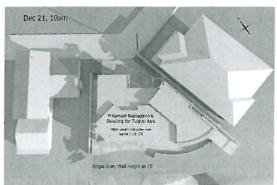


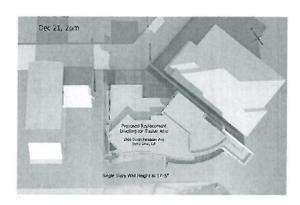


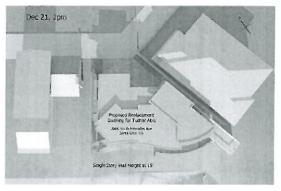












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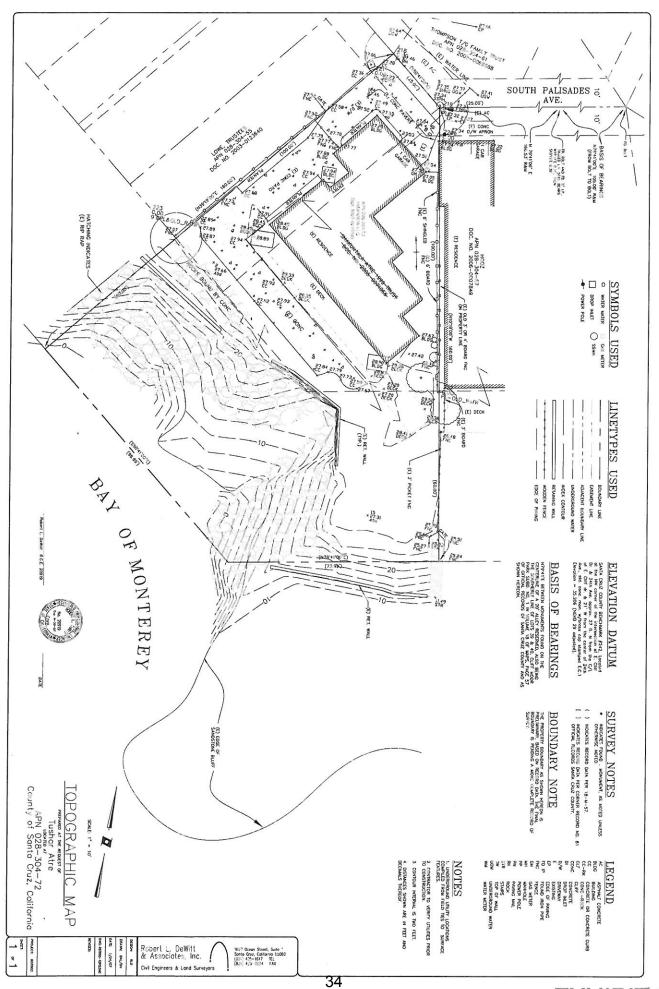


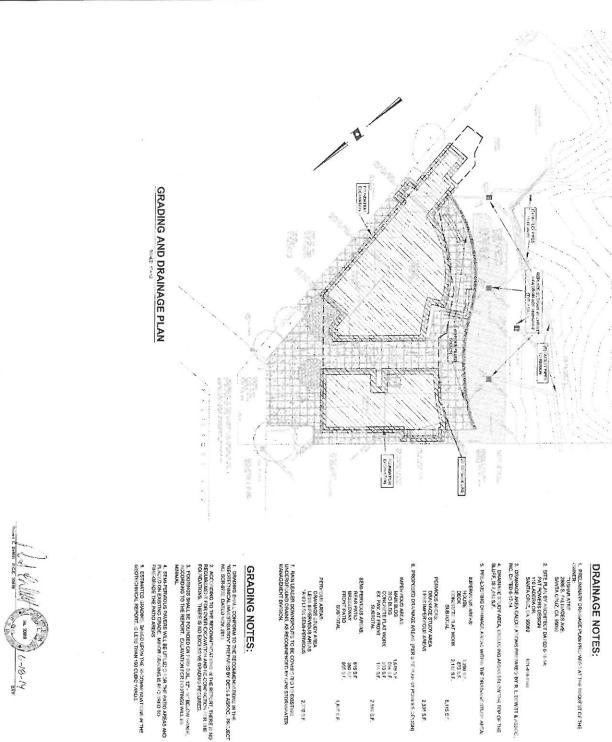
As shown in this shading study the second story portions of the building are creating the shading effect, the single level walls would not create any additional shading effect



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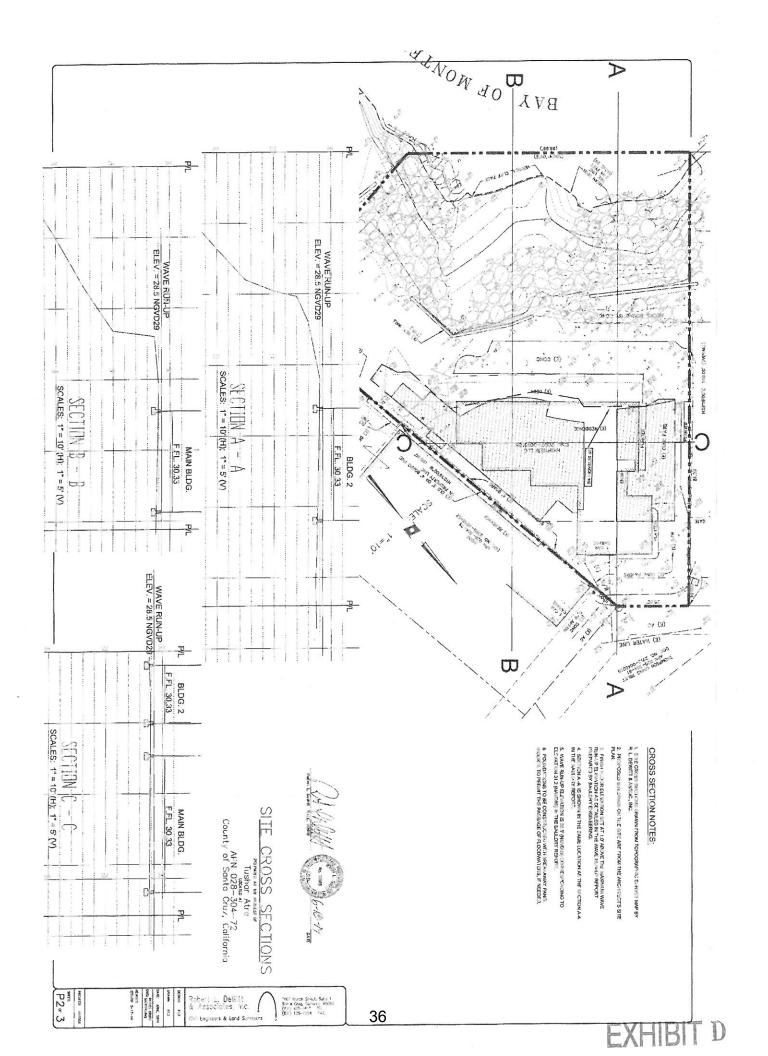
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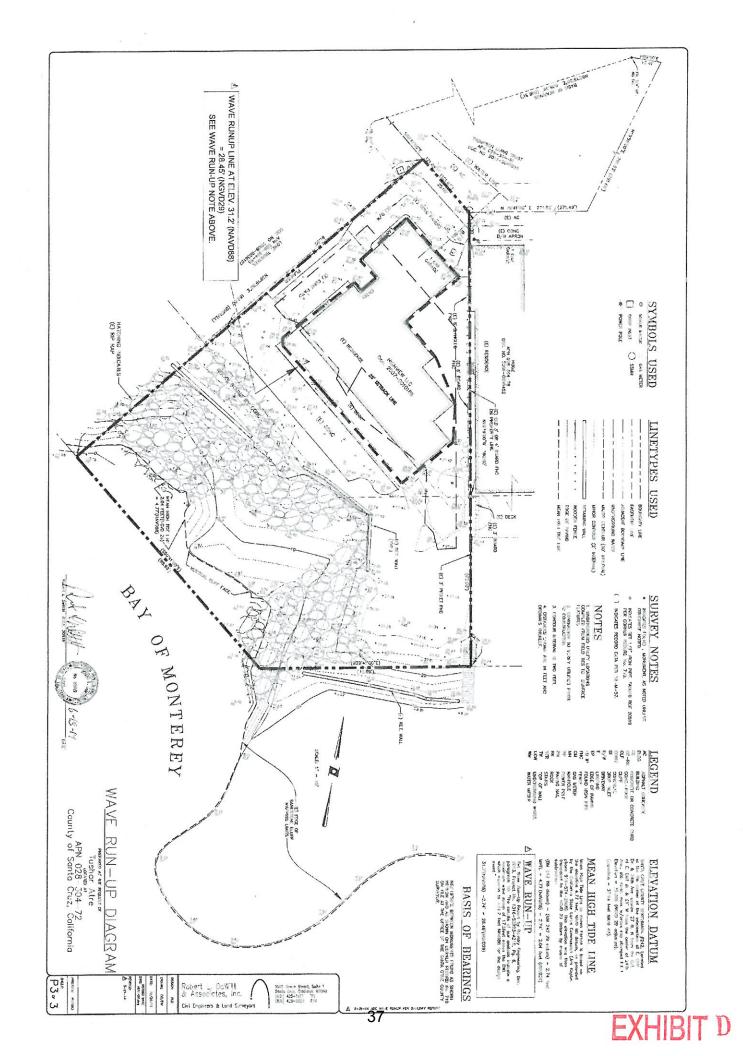
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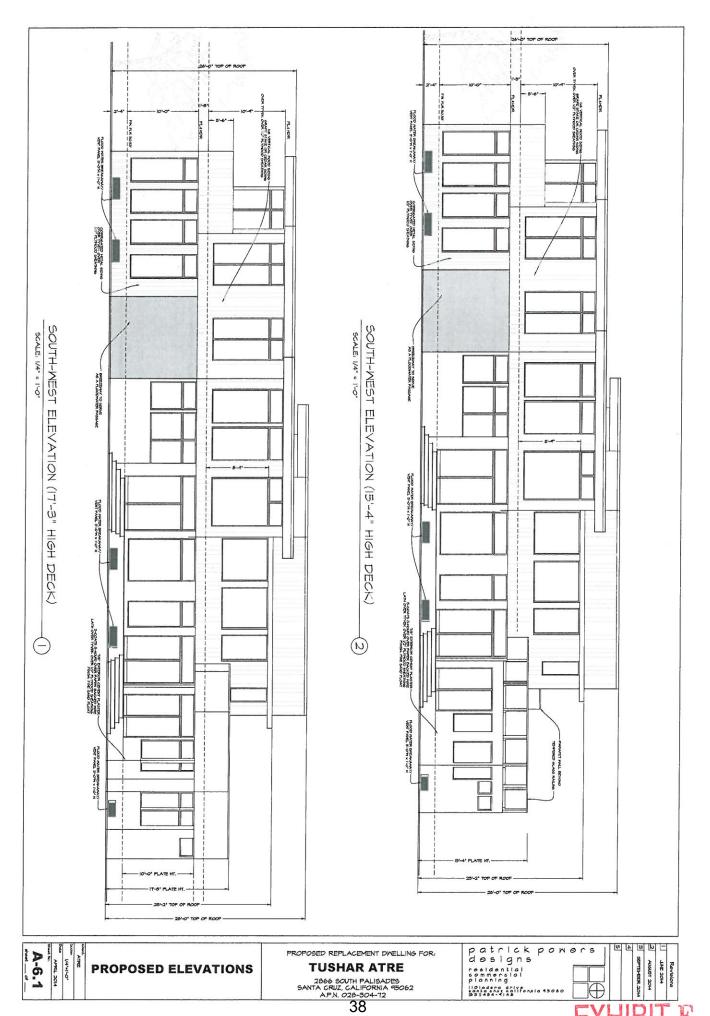
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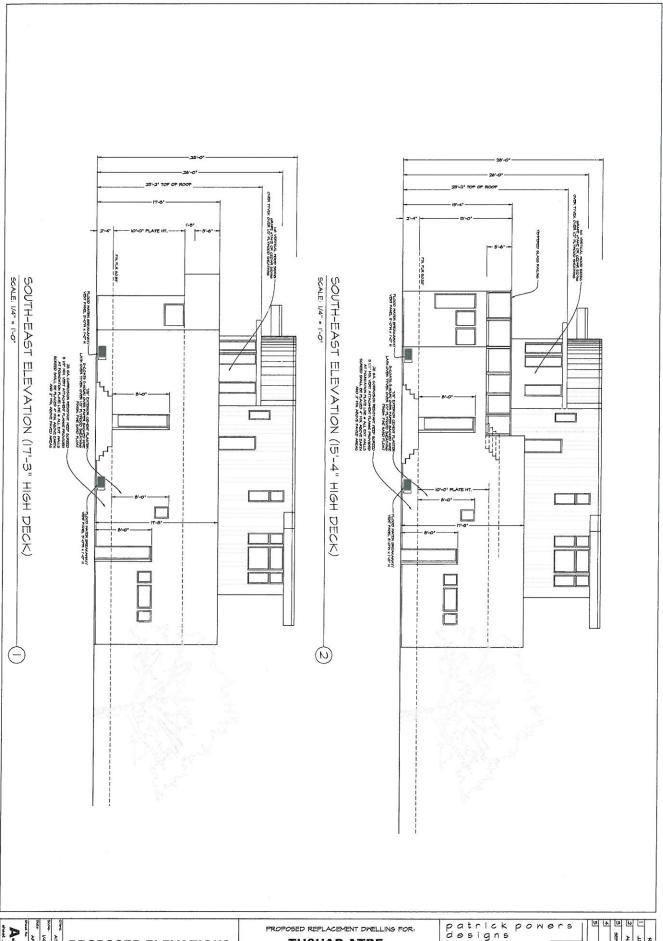
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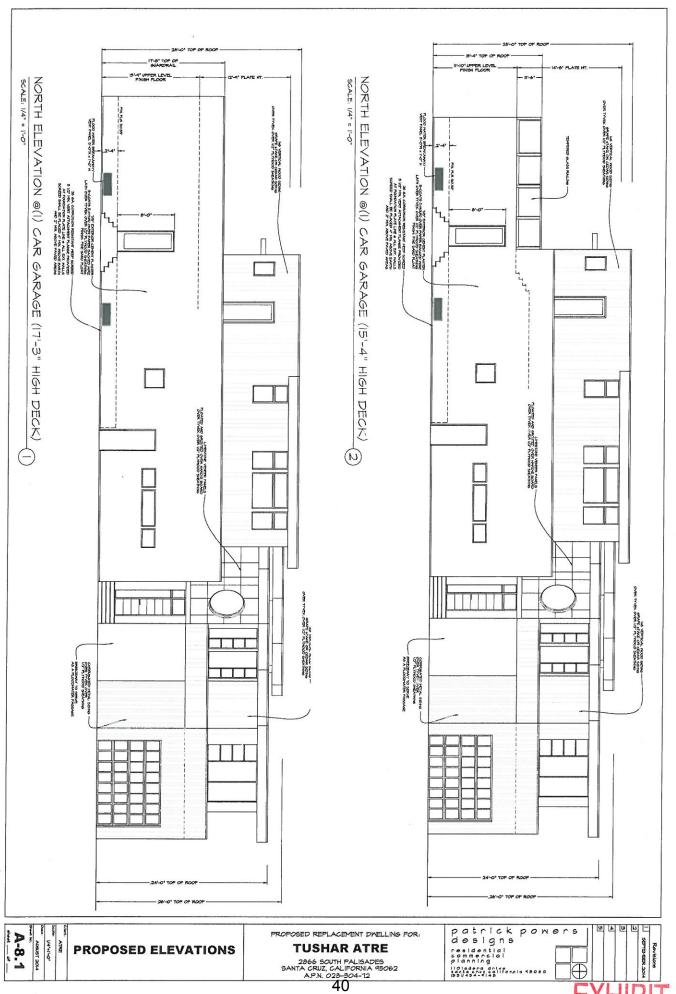




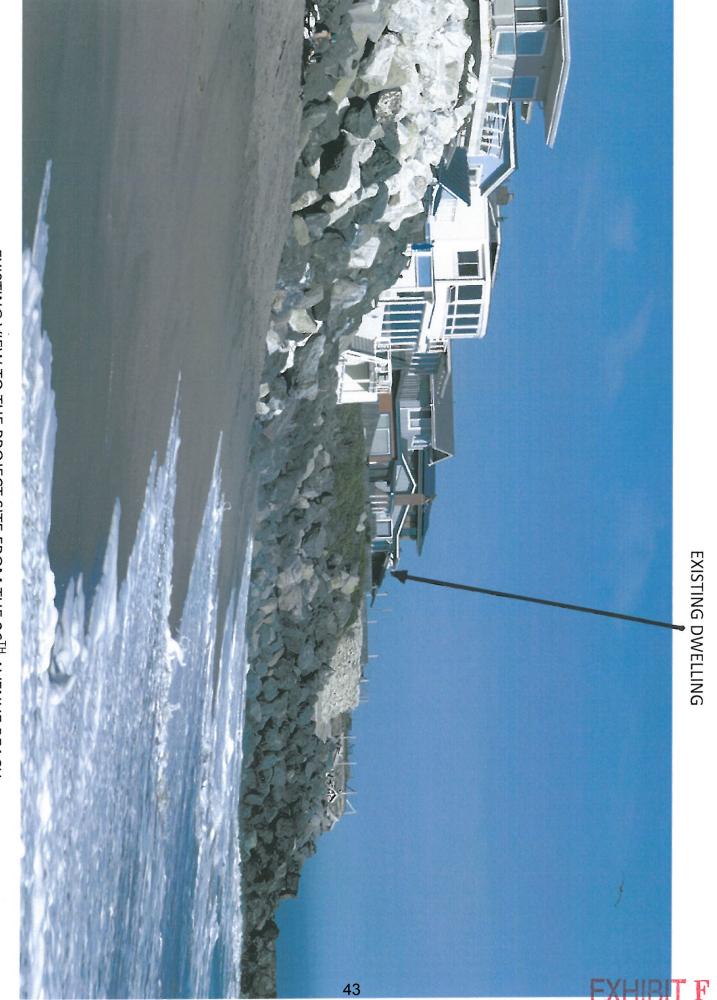
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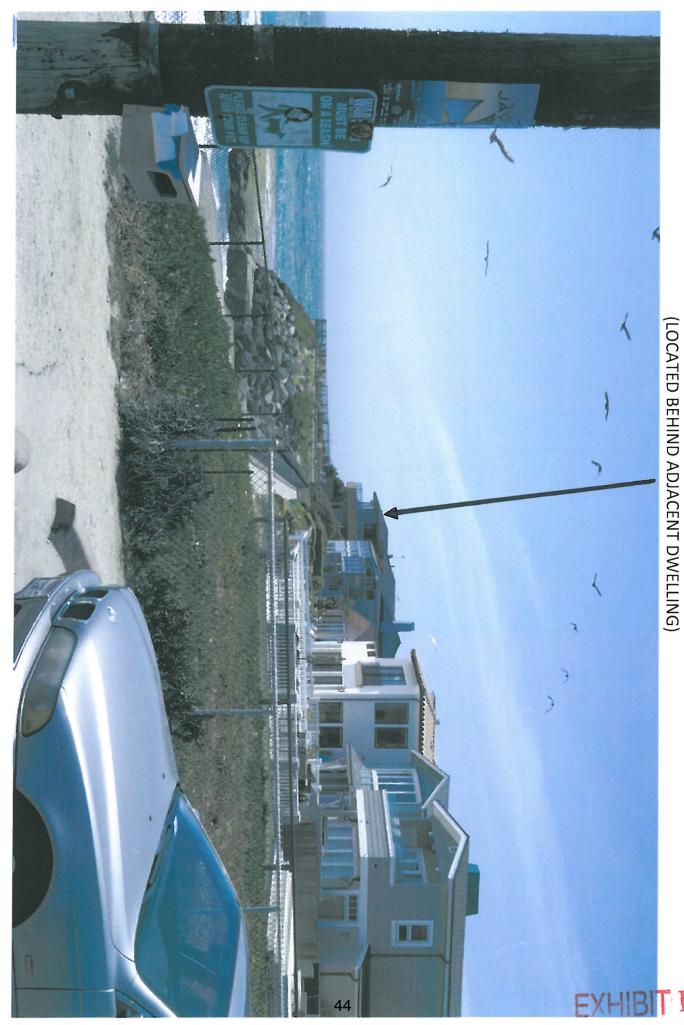
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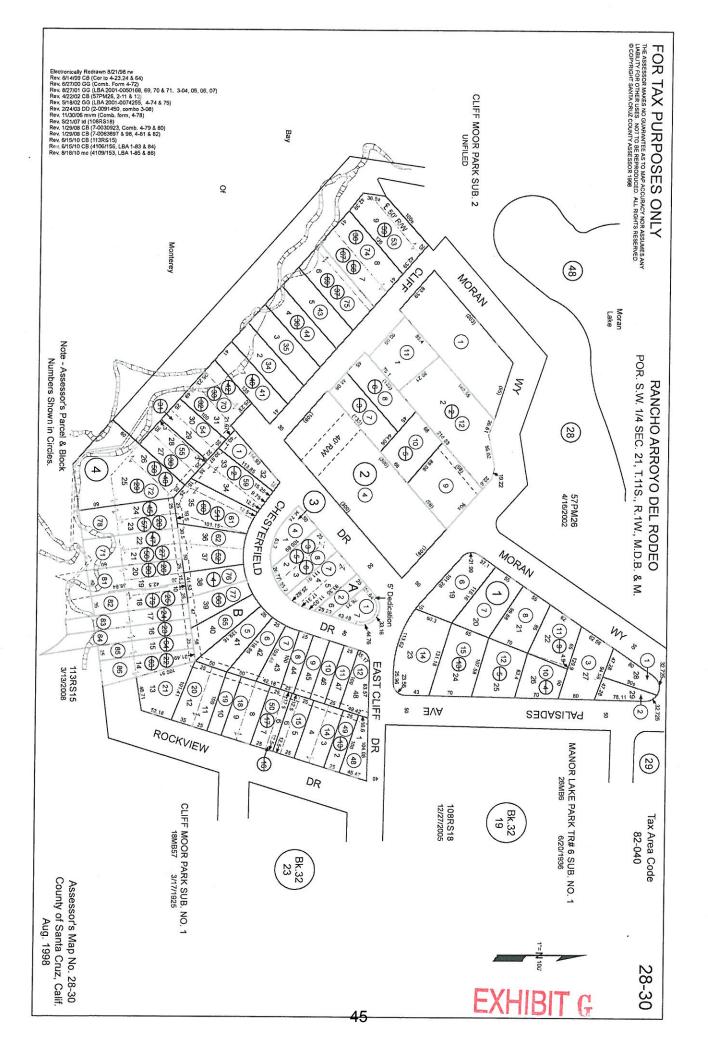


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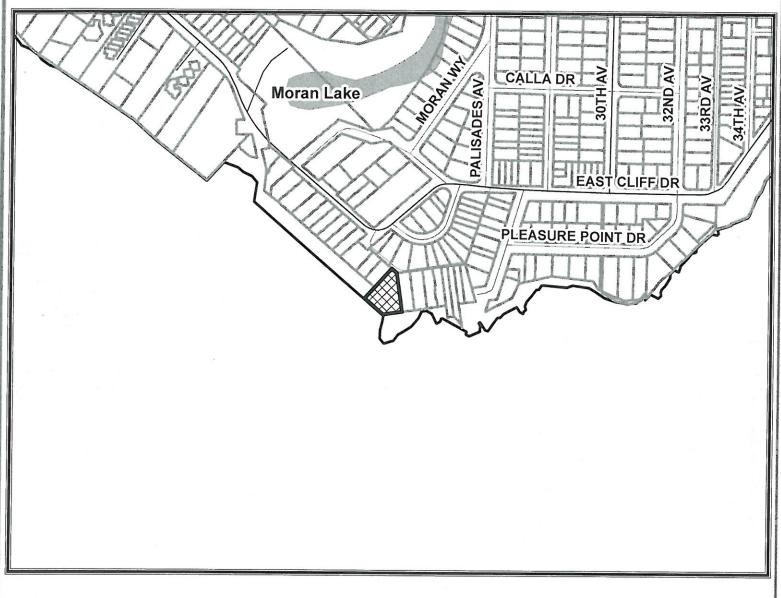
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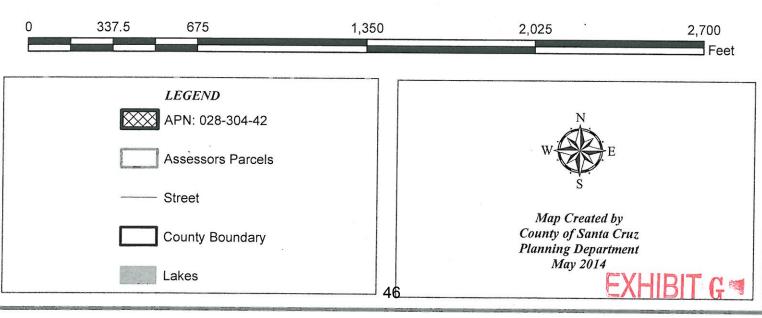
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Location Map

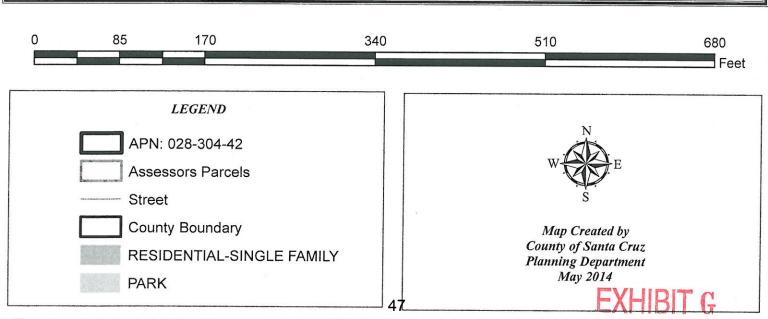






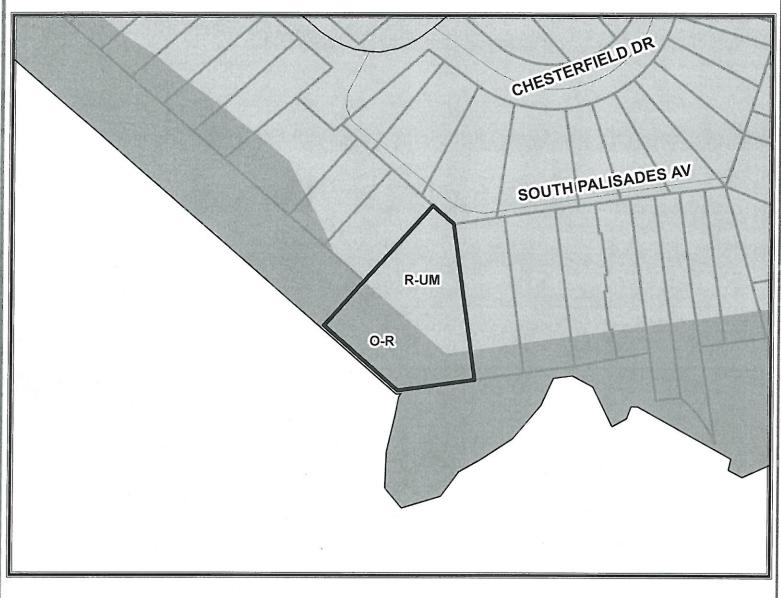
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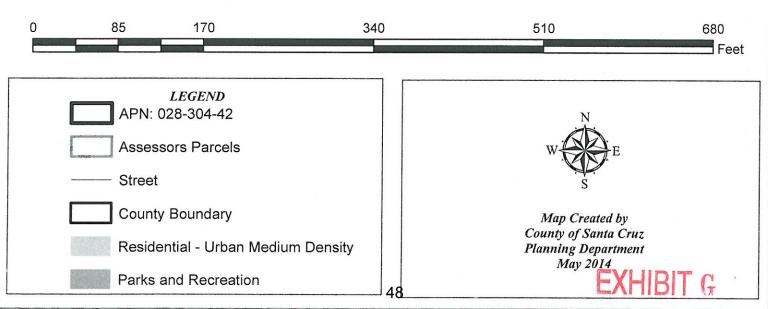






General Plan Designation Map





Ms. Lezanne Jeffs Planner County of Santa Cruz Planning Department 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Ref: Project 141069, Parcel APN 028-3604-72

Dear Lezanne,

Thank you for the time spent with us Wednesday afternoon, September 18 in your office. We appreciate your consideration, especially since you had a pending staff meeting and were about to embark on a trip getting your daughters off to college.

I mentioned that the story poles don't really tell the "story". There is just a single pole on the southeastern elevation (and at a height you said is no longer correct). Because the wall extends at an angle, it is difficult to see how much the view to the ocean is obstructed. It would be more revealing to have poles at the end wall corners to see how much the view is constrained. From the park bench at the foot of Rockview Dr., it appears to be a lot. You said you would stop by to see them on your way home the afternoon we spoke.

We were disappointed to see the building has a flat roof at the absolute maximum allowable height and that the reason it is so high is to accommodate a 2-foot addition at the bottom to allow for wave run-up (with breakaway doors, etc.) -- seems like the house doesn't fit the property. And we were distressed to see that the siding will be corrugated metal and grape stakes. We disagree with you that the building will not seem very large hanging over the street. Even more, we think it will look like a big shed with windows looming from the cliff over the ocean.

We look forward to seeing the revised plans with the lowered second-story deck and with the revisions to overcome the encroachment of the 25' setback you mentioned. We'd also appreciate it if you would check that the plans do not include a ladder to the roof.



Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jim and Karen Tucker

33 Rockview Dr. Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Mail: (13645 Riverdale Dr., Saratoga CA 95070)

831/462-5055

CC: Mr. Dan Carl
Deputy Director
California Coastal Commission
Central Coast District Office
725 Front St. Ste. 300
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4508

Ms. Karen Geisler Central Coast District Office

Lezanne Jeffs

From:

Connie Hart [hartthecook@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 1:05 PM

To:

Lezanne Jeffs

Subject:

Re: Application# 141069 APN: 028-304-72

I live in the area and I have some input on this property. Application #141069 APN: 028-304-72 I vote AGAINST the proposal for this permit asking for a costal permit EXCEPTION. I do not deny the right for this person to build. However, stay within the district standards. Many thanks, Connie

On Friday, September 19, 2014 2:52 PM, Connie Hart < hartthecook@yahoo.com > wrote:

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