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re: County File Number PLN2018-00458 / APN 037-156-130, Moss Beach / David Jaehning

Dear Ms. Richstone:

Records at this office were reviewed to determine if this project could adversely affect cultural resources. **Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological sites and historical buildings and/or structures. The review for possible historic-era building/structures, however, was limited to references currently in our office and should not be considered comprehensive.**

**Project Description:** The proposed project entails a Coastside Design Review, CDP (public hearing), and Variance for a new 3-story 2,190 square foot single family residence. The project proposes an entry bridge 56 feet in length to provide driveway access over Dean Creek to the proposed house. The project also includes the removal of 8 trees, the replanting of 4 trees, and the planting of native riparian plant species throughout the parcel. A Variance is requested due to site constraints to allow 2 tandem uncovered parking spaces where 2 covered parking spaces are required, an 18 foot rear yard setback where 20 feet is required, and a height of 31 ft 4 in where 28 feet is the maximum allowed. The project also includes a COC/Type A to confirm parcel legality (037-156-130); Zoning: R-1/S-17/DR.

**Previous Studies:**

XX Study #S-03082 (Dietz and Jackson 1970) may have included all or parts of the proposed project area in its maps. However, the report is unclear as to whether the researchers surveyed the proposed project area (*see recommendations below*).

**Archaeological and Native American Resources Recommendations:**

XX Based on an evaluation of the environmental setting and features associated with known sites, Native American resources in this part of San Mateo County have been found near areas populated by oak, buckeye, laurel, and hazelnut, as well as near a variety of plant and animal resources. Sites are also found near watercourses and bodies of water. The proposed project area is located on a wooded hillslope and is adjacent to Dean Creek. The project area is situated approximately one-half mile from the coast, near

several watercourses and small bodies of water. Given the similarity of one or more of these environmental factors, there is a moderate potential for unrecorded Native American resources in the proposed project area.

We therefore recommend that a qualified archaeologist conduct further archival and field study to identify cultural resources. Field study may include, but is not limited to, hand auger sampling, shovel test units, or geoarchaeological analyses as well as other common methods used to identify the presence of archaeological resources. Please refer to the list of consultants who meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>.

XX We recommend that the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710.

#### **Built Environment Recommendations:**

XX Since the Office of Historic Preservation has determined that any building or structure 45 years or older may be of historical value, if the project area contains such properties, it is recommended that prior to commencement of project activities, a qualified professional familiar with the architecture and history of San Mateo County conduct a formal CEQA evaluation.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

For your reference, a list of qualified professionals in California that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards can be found at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>. If archaeological resources are encountered during the project, work in the immediate vicinity of the finds should be halted until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the situation. If you have any questions, please contact our office at [nwic@sonoma.edu](mailto:nwic@sonoma.edu) or at (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,

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