

Attachment G – Environmental Documentation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**ATTACHMENT G**

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services, M.S. 0650
Attn: Project Planning Division Section Secretary

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: PDS2021-STP-14-016M1– Henkel Landscape Update

Project Location: 7633 Road to Singapore, San Diego, CA 92127 in the San Dieguito Community Planning Area within unincorporated San Diego County (APN: 267-210-22)

Project Applicant: Mark Henkel (206-714-1583); 7633 Road to Singapore, San Diego, CA 92127

Project Description: The project proposes a minor deviation to STP-14-016, which was approved for a single-family dwelling and accessory structures. The applicant's request is to update the plot plan to modify the rear yard landscaping in conformance with the Special Area Designator D1 for visually sensitive hillsides and ridgelines, with landscaping that has already been installed. This landscaping includes approximately 76 cape honeysuckle plants. The plans also indicate the location of 18 California Pepper trees that currently exist on the slope that replaced Sycamore and Strawberry trees (which is one less than shown on the previously permitted landscape plans from 2001 (PDS2001-3960-01-063) and 2015 (PDS2015-LP-15-022)). The project has been found to comply with the D1 Special Area Designator, which states ridgeline and hillside landscaping shall comply with the following standards: Landscaping shall be composed primarily of indigenous, drought tolerant plant materials; and, landscaping shall be natural, meandering and informal in layout rather than planting in formal rows or straight lines." The proposed minor deviation has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with these requirements. This site is subjected to the General Plan Regional Category Semi-Rural, Land Use Designation Specific Plan Area. Zoning for the site is Rural Residential (RR).

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Michael Johnson Telephone Number: 619-952-2873

Date Form Completed: July 17, 2024

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Planning and Development Services has approved the above described project on September 10, 2024 and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

1. Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
 - ☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
 - ☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
 - ☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section:
 - ☒ Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
 - ☐ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.
 - ☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - ☐ G 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - ☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
2. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
3. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 15304 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the project is exempt from CEQA because it involves new gardening and landscaping that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees. It has been determined that the project is not in an environmentally sensitive location; will not have a cumulative effect on the environment; is not on a hazardous waste site; will not cause a substantial change in the significance of a historical resource; and will not result in damage to a scenic highway. The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: 619-952-2873

Name (Print): Michael Johnson Title: Group Program Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.