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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

A notice, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code 21,000, et sec.) that the following project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

File Number	TAZ	APN(s)	Date
11008-17GA-17EA	57	898-34-003	2/1/2019
Project Name		Project Type	
Vietnamese Sangha Congregation Gradin	ng Abatement	Grading Abatement	
Owner		Applicant	
Vietnamese Sangha Congregation		Thomas Nguyen	
Project I acation			

Project Location

The subject property is located off the intersection of Dryden Avenue and Leavesley Avenue, in an unincorporated area of the County, outside of the City of Gilroy. Property address is 3555 Dryden Avenue Gilroy.

Project Description

This application is for a Grading Abatement to restore the site to pre-graded conditions. Approximately 2.19 acres of the site was converted into a flat surface for parking that required approximately 9,842 cubic yards of grading with up to 25 ft. in height of fill material. A new pond was excavated that resulted in 7,777 cubic yards of cut volume and 7 feet cut height, which altered a natural drainage swale that leads to Alamias Creek. The grading violation also include an additional 4,215 cubic yards of fill which will be removed and hauled away from site as surplus backfill created from alteration of pipeline utilities. The proposed project will entail 10,558 cubic yards of cut and 6,343 cubic yards of fill to restore the site to prior existing conditions by regrading the property to original contours.

Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the County Planning Staff has recommended that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be approved for this project. County of Santa Clara Planning Staff has reviewed the Initial Study for the project, and based upon substantial evidence in the record, finds that although the proposed project could initially have a significant effect on the environment, changes or alterations have been incorporated into the project to avoid or reduce impacts to a point where clearly no significant effects will occur.

Final action is tentatively scheduled on the proposed project on March 6, 2019 in the County Government Center, 70 W. Hedding St., E, Wing, 7th Floor - Planning Dept. It should be noted that the approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration does not constitute approval of the project under consideration. The decision to approve or deny the project will be made separately.

Public Review Period: 30 days Begins: 2/4/19 Ends: 3/5/19

Public Comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of this negative declaration are invited and must be received on or before the above date. Such comments should be based on specific environmental concerns. Written comments should be addressed to the attention of Colleen Tsuchimoto, Senior Planner at the County of Santa Clara Planning Office, County Government Center, 70 W. Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110, Tel: (408) 299-5797 . A file containing additional information on this project may be reviewed at the Planning Office under the file number appearing at the top of this form. For additional information regarding this project and the Negative Declaration please contact Colleen Tsuchimoto at (408) 299-5797or Colleen.Tsuchimoto@pln.sccgov.org

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be viewed at the following locations:

(1) Santa Clara County Planning Office, 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110
(2) Planning & Development website <u>www.sccgov.org/sites/dpd</u> (under "Development Projects" > "Current Projects > Gilroy")

(3) Gilroy Library, 350 W. Sixth Street Gilroy, CA 95020

Responsible Agencies sent a copy of this document

CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Army Corp of Engineers, Santa Clara Valley Water District, National Marine Fisheries Service

Mitigation Measures included in the project to reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level:

Biological Resources:

1) Erosion control plantings shall be installed to prevent further erosion in the pond area as part of the grading restoration work.

Cultural Resources:

- 2) Prior to final grading abatement permit issuance, submit copy of contract with archaeologist to conduct archaeological monitoring during the grading restoration work.
- 3) Prior to final inspection, submit archaeological monitoring report prepared by archaeologist to document that the recorded archaeological resource is not impacted. Work shall be halted on-site if the archaeological resource is at risk.
- 4) If artifacts are found on the site a qualified archaeologist shall be contacted along with the County Planning Dept. No further disturbance of the artifacts may be made except as authorized by the County Planning Dept.

Hydrology and Water Quality:

- 5) Best Management Practices shall be implemented to protect water quality in near proximity to Alamias Creek and its tributary during project implementation in compliance with the State Stormwater Pollution Prevent Program (SWPPP) and the County's grading ordinance.
- 6) Dewatering of the pond shall occur during the late summer/early fall when water levels are at the lowest to limit downstream impacts from dewatering.
- 7) An erosion control plan is required to minimize erosion and siltation impacts during the grading work.

A reporting or monitoring program must be adopted for measures to mitigate significant impacts at the time the Negative Declaration is approved, in accord with the requirements of section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code.

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