



February 25, 2026



Mr. William Chiocchi  
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RE: Supplemental Review of Potential Historic Buildings/ Structures in Regard to Proposed Site Improvements – 0 State Highway 17, Los Gatos, Santa Clara County  
PLN21-141 (APN 558-41-033)

Dear Mr. Chiocchi

Please let this letter serve as Basin Research Associates' (BASIN) response to Santa Clara County's request to discuss the current status of a complex of historic buildings and/or structures previously recorded as P-43-003652 during a Caltrans review in 1990. The complex was determined ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places (status 6Y) although it was not evaluated for the California Register of Historical Resources or local listing.

The complex included a house, a barn and shed that had apparently been used over the past 75+ years for agriculture by the Jesuit Seminary at Alma College to the northwest (current Bear Creek Open Space Preserve). The general area was used to grow irrigated crops and ornamental plants with a formal irrigation system installed including a large concrete cistern and piping as well as drainage. The barn noted in 1990 (P-43-003652), located on a rise closer to State Highway 17, was used for dairying and included a large concrete milking parlor for 12-15 cows.

The barn location, now within APN 558-41-033, collapsed in 2014 and the remains were removed in early 2016 by the land owner (Bill Chiocchi, various personal communications, September 2025-February 2026; review of aerial photographs Google Earth) [see Figs. 2-3, photographs provided by Bill Chiocchi).

A field review of the property on February 23, 2026 noted the deteriorating remnants of the concrete floor slab [Fig. 2] but no extant structure [Fig. 1]. Review and observation of the remainder of the parcel did not note any standing buildings and/or structures.

Based on the current parcel configuration and a field review, there are no historical resources (pursuant to §15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines and Division C17 of the County Ordinance Code) that may be impacted by the proposed project.

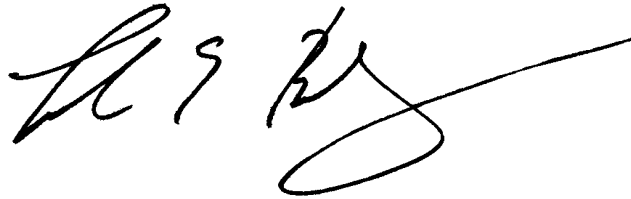
***Recommendations***

The project can proceed as planned in regard to the previously recorded built environment. The former barn collapsed in 2014 and the structural remains were removed. There are no historic buildings/structures recorded within the current parcel based on a field inspection.

***Closing Remarks***

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

BASIN RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Colin I. Busby, Ph.D., RPA  
Principal



Figure 1: Barn location (2/23/2026)



Figure 2: Barn site after removal ((2/19/2016)



Figure 3: Barn collapse (3/8/2014)