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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project No. 646497 SCH No. N/A I.O. No. 24008382

SUBJECT: COLLEGE VIEW APARTMENT SDP/NDP/PDP: A SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (SDP) for **ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS (ESL), NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT** PERMIT (NDP) for deviations, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (PDP), and MSCP MULTI-HABITAT PLANNING AREA (MHPA) BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT (BLA) to allow for the demolition of an existing building, pool and surface parking, and the construction of a 6-story, 90 unit, 175,667 square-feet apartment building with subterranean parking garage, on a 2.39-acre site. The project also proposes deviations for building height, front setback and private open space regulations. The project is addressed at 5420 55th Street in the RS-1-1 (Residential-Single Unit) and RM-3-9 (Residential-Multiple Unit) Zones within the College Area Community Plan, Parking Standards Transit Priority Area/Transit Priority Area, Parking Impact Overlay Zone (Campus Impact), Brush Management, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Airport Land Use Compatibility Overlay Zone (Montgomery Field), and the Airport Influence Area (Montgomery Field-Review Area 2). (LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Real Property in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, described as follows: Lots 108 and 109 of College View Estates Unit No. 3, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, According to Map Thereof No. 3157, Filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, November 19, 1954, APN 462-220-0400) Applicant: Pierce Education Properties

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

See attached Initial Study.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:

See attached Initial Study.

III. DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an Initial Study which determined that the proposed project could have a significant environmental effect in the following areas(s): **Biological Resources and Land Use (MSCP).** Subsequent revisions in the project proposal create the specific

mitigation identified in Section V of this Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project as revised now avoids or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects previously identified, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report will not be required.

IV. DOCUMENTATION:

The attached Initial Study documents the reasons to support the above Determination.

V. MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP):

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – PART I Plan Check Phase (prior to permit issuance)

- 1. Prior to the issuance of a Notice To Proceed (NTP) for a subdivision, or any construction permits, such as Demolition, Grading or Building, or beginning any construction related activity on-site, the Development Services Department (DSD) Director's Environmental Designee (ED) shall review and approve all Construction Documents (CD), (plans, specification, details, etc.) to ensure the MMRP requirements are incorporated into the design.
- 2. In addition, the ED shall verify that the MMRP Conditions/Notes that apply ONLY to the construction phases of this project are included VERBATIM, under the heading, "ENVIRONMENTAL/MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS."
- 3. These notes must be shown within the first three (3) sheets of the construction documents in the format specified for engineering construction document templates as shown on the City website:

http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/standtemp.shtml

- 4. The **TITLE INDEX SHEET** must also show on which pages the "Environmental/Mitigation Requirements" notes are provided.
- 5. **SURETY AND COST RECOVERY -** The Development Services Director or City Manager may require appropriate surety instruments or bonds from private Permit Holders to ensure the long term performance or implementation of required mitigation measures or programs. The City is authorized to recover its cost to offset the salary, overhead, and expenses for City personnel and programs to monitor qualifying projects.
- B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS PART II

 Post Plan Check (After permit issuance/Prior to start of construction)
- 1. PRE CONSTRUCTION MEETING IS REQUIRED TEN (10) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY WORK ON THIS PROJECT. The PERMIT HOLDER/OWNER is responsible to arrange and perform this meeting by contacting the CITY RESIDENT ENGINEER (RE) of the Field Engineering Division and City staff from MITIGATION MONITORING COORDINATION (MMC). Attendees must also include the Permit holder's Representative(s), Job Site Superintendent and the following consultants:

Qualified Biologist

Note:

Failure of all responsible Permit Holder's representatives and consultants to attend shall require an additional meeting with all parties present.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- a) The PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT is the **RE** at the **Field Engineering Division 858-627-3200**
- b) For Clarification of ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, it is also required to call **RE and MMC at 858-627-3360**
- **2. MMRP COMPLIANCE:** This Project, Project Tracking System (PTS) #646497 and /or Environmental Document #646497, shall conform to the mitigation requirements contained in the associated Environmental Document and implemented to the satisfaction of the DSD's Environmental Designee (MMC) and the City Engineer (RE). The requirements may not be reduced or changed but may be annotated (i.e. to explain when and how compliance is being met and location of verifying proof, etc.). Additional clarifying information may also be added to other relevant plan sheets and/or specifications as appropriate (i.e., specific locations, times of monitoring, methodology, etc.

Note:

Permit Holder's Representatives must alert RE and MMC if there are any discrepancies in the plans or notes, or any changes due to field conditions. All conflicts must be approved by RE and MMC BEFORE the work is performed.

3. OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: Evidence of compliance with all other agency requirements or permits shall be submitted to the RE and MMC for review and acceptance prior to the beginning of work or within one week of the Permit Holder obtaining documentation of those permits or requirements. Evidence shall include copies of permits, letters of resolution or other documentation issued by the responsible agency.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (concurrence)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (concurrence)

4. MONITORING EXHIBITS

All consultants are required to submit, to RE and MMC, a monitoring exhibit on a 11x17 reduction of the appropriate construction plan, such as site plan, grading, landscape, etc., marked to clearly show the specific areas including the **LIMIT OF WORK**, scope of that discipline's work, and notes indicating when in the construction schedule that work will be performed. When necessary for clarification, a detailed methodology of how the work will be performed shall be included.

NOTE: Surety and Cost Recovery – When deemed necessary by the Development Services Director or City Manager, additional surety instruments or bonds from the private Permit Holder may be required to ensure the long-term performance or implementation of required mitigation measures or programs. The City is authorized to recover its cost to offset the salary, overhead, and expenses for City personnel and programs to monitor qualifying projects.

5. OTHER SUBMITTALS AND INSPECTIONS:

The Permit Holder/Owner's representative shall submit all required documentation, verification letters, and requests for all associated inspections to the RE and MMC for approval per the following schedule:

Document Submittal/Inspection Checklist

DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL/INSPECTION CHECKLIST							
Issue Area Document Submittal Associated Inspection/Appr							
Biology	Consultant Qualified Letter	MMC Approval/prior to precon					
Biology	Biology Monitoring Exhibit						
Biology	Protocol or other Survey						
Biology	Limit of Work Verification	MMC Inspection/1 week after MMC					
	Letter	inspection Prior to starting work					
Final Approval	Request for Final	Final Inspection/ 1 week after request					
Bond Release	Request letter	Final to MMRP Inspection prior Bond					
		Release Letter.					

B. SPECIFIC MMRP ISSUE AREA CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Biological Resource Protection During Construction

I. Prior to Construction

- A. **Biologist Verification** The owner/permittee shall provide a letter to the City's Mitigation Monitoring Coordination (MMC) section stating that a Project Biologist (Qualified Biologist) as defined in the City's Biological Guidelines (2018), has been retained to implement the project's biological monitoring program. The letter shall include the names and contact information of all persons involved in the biological monitoring of the project.
- B. **Preconstruction Meeting** The Qualified Biologist shall attend the preconstruction meeting, discuss the project's biological monitoring program, and arrange to perform any follow up mitigation measures and reporting including site-specific monitoring, restoration or revegetation, and additional fauna/flora surveys/salvage.
- C. Biological Documents The Qualified Biologist shall submit all required documentation to MMC verifying that any special mitigation reports including but not limited to, maps, plans, surveys, survey timelines, or buffers are completed or scheduled per the City's Biology Guidelines, MSCP, ESL Ordinance, project permit conditions; CEQA; endangered species acts (ESAs); and/or other local, state or federal requirements.
- D. **Biological Construction Mitigation/Monitoring Exhibit** (**BCME**) The Qualified Biologist shall present a BCME, which includes the biological documents in "C" above. In addition, include: restoration/revegetation plans, plant salvage/relocation requirements (e.g., coastal cactus wren plant salvage, burrowing owl exclusions, etc.), avian or other wildlife

surveys/survey schedules (including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service protocol), timing of surveys, wetland buffers, other impact avoidance areas, and any subsequent requirements determined by the Qualified Biologist and the City Assistant Deputy Director (ADD)/MMC. The BCME shall include a site plan, written and graphic depiction of the project's biological mitigation/monitoring program, and a schedule. The BCME shall be approved by MMC and referenced in the construction documents.

- E. Avian Protection Requirements To avoid any direct impacts to any species identified as listed, candidate, sensitive, or special status in the MSCP, removal of habitat that supports active nests in the proposed area of disturbance should occur outside of the breeding season for these species (February 1 to September 15). If removal of habitat in the proposed area of disturbance must occur during the breeding season, the Qualified Biologist shall conduct a preconstruction survey to determine the presence or absence of nesting for these three sensitive bird species on the proposed area of disturbance. The preconstruction survey shall be conducted within 10 calendar days prior to the start of construction activities (including removal of vegetation). The applicant shall submit the results of the preconstruction survey to the City's Development Services Department for review and approval prior to initiating any construction activities. If nesting coastal California gnatcatchers, sensitive, or MSCP-covered birds are detected, a letter report or mitigation plan in conformance with the City's Biology Guidelines and applicable state and federal law (i.e., appropriate follow up surveys, monitoring schedules, construction and noise barriers/buffers, etc.) shall be prepared and include proposed measures to be implemented to ensure that take of birds or eggs or disturbance of breeding activities is avoided. The report or mitigation plan shall be submitted to the City for review and approval and implemented to the satisfaction of the City. The City's MMC Section or Resident Engineer, and Biologist shall verify and approve that all measures identified in the report or mitigation plan are in place prior to and/or during construction.
- F. **Resource Delineation** Prior to construction activities, the Qualified Biologist shall supervise the placement of orange construction fencing or equivalent along the limits of disturbance adjacent to sensitive biological habitats and verify compliance with any other project conditions as shown on the BCME. This phase shall include flagging plant specimens and delimiting buffers to protect sensitive biological resources (e.g., habitats/flora and fauna species, including nesting birds) during construction. Appropriate steps/care should be taken to minimize attraction of nest predators to the site.
- G. **Education** Prior to commencement of construction activities, the Qualified Biologist shall meet with the owner/permittee or designee and the construction crew and conduct an on-site educational session regarding the need to avoid impacts outside of the approved construction area and to protect sensitive flora and fauna (e.g., explain the avian and wetland buffers, flag system for removal of invasive species or retention of sensitive plants, and clarify acceptable access routes/methods and staging areas, etc.).

II. During Construction

A. **Monitoring** – All construction (including access/staging areas) shall be restricted to areas previously identified, proposed for development/staging, or previously disturbed as shown on "Exhibit A" and/or the BCME. The Qualified Biologist shall monitor construction activities as

needed to ensure that construction activities do not encroach into biologically sensitive areas, or cause other similar damage, and that the work plan has been amended to accommodate any sensitive species located during the preconstruction surveys. In addition, the Qualified Biologist shall document field activity via the Consultant Site Visit Record (CSVR). The CSVR shall be e-mailed to the MMC on the first day of monitoring, the first week of each month, the last day of monitoring, and immediately in the case of any undocumented condition or discovery.

B. **Subsequent Resource Identification** – The Qualified Biologist shall note/act to prevent any new disturbances to habitat, flora, and/or fauna on-site (e.g., flag plant specimens for avoidance during access, etc.). If active nests for Cooper's hawk, rufous-crowned sparrow, and coastal California gnatcatcher, or other previously unknown sensitive resources are detected, all project activities that directly impact the resource shall be delayed until species specific local, state or federal regulations have been determined and applied by the Qualified Biologist.

III. Post Construction Measures

A. In the event that impacts exceed previously allowed amounts, additional impacts shall be mitigated in accordance with City Biology Guidelines, ESL and MSCP, CEQA, and other applicable local, state and federal law. The Qualified Biologist shall submit a final BCME/report to the satisfaction of the City ADD/MMC within 30 days of construction completion.

MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPACTS TO SENSITIVE VEGETATION

					Table 4					
	Mitigation Requirement for Sensitive Vegetation Communities									
		Mitigation			Mitigation					
		Ratio for			Ratio for					
		Impacts			Impacts					
		Inside the			Outside the					
		MHPA with			MHPA with			On-site		
	Impact	Preservation		Impact	Preservation		Total	Preservation		
Vegetation	Inside	Located	Sub-	Outside	Located	Sub-	Mitigation	Inside	Remaining	
Community	MHPA	Inside	Total	MHPA	Inside	Total	Requirement	MHPA ¹	Mitigation	
(Tier)	(acres)	MHPA	(acres)	(acres)	MHPA	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	Requirement	
Southern										
Mixed	0.40		2 422			0.077	0.4==2	0.70		
Chaparral	0.10	1:1	0.10 ²	0.15	0.5:1	0.075 ²	0.175 ²	0.78	0	
(Tier IIIA)										
Total	0.10		0.10	0.15		0.075	0.175	0.78	0	

The project would be required to mitigate for 0.25 acres of Tier IIIA habitat. Impacts to a total of 0.25 acre of sensitive vegetation would be mitigated by the onsite preservation of 0.78 acre of sensitive vegetation, as summarized by habitat type in Table 4. The project will require a Boundary Line

Adjustment (BLA), prior to issuance of any permits. The preserved habitat areas on the site would be all within the boundaries of the adjusted MHPA.

PUBLIC REVIEW DISTRIBUTION:

Draft copies or notice of this Mitigated Negative Declaration were distributed to:

Federal Government

US Fish and Wildlife Service

State of California

State Clearinghouse

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

City of San Diego

Mayor's Office

Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera-District 9

City Attorney's Office

San Diego Central Library

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MSCP

Sierra Club

San Diego Audubon Society

Mr. Jim Peugh

California Native Plant Society

Endangered Habitat League

MMC

College Community Planning Board

College-Rolando Branch Library

San Diego State University, W. Anthony Fulton, Director

Mark Nelson

Pierce Education Properties (Applicant)

VI. RESULTS OF PUBLIC REVIEW:

- () No comments were received during the public input period.
- () Comments were received but did not address the accuracy or completeness of the draft environmental document. No response is necessary and the letters are incorporated herein.
- () Comments addressing the accuracy or completeness of the draft environmental document were received during the public input period. The letters and responses are incorporated herein.

Copies of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program and any Initial Study material are available in the office of the Development Services Department for review, or for purchase at the cost of reproduction.

Jamie M. Kennedy Senior Planner

Development Services Department

February 12, 2021
Date of Draft Report

Date of Final Report

Analyst: Rhonda Benally

Attachments: Figure 1-Location Map

Figure 2-Site Plan

Figure 3a-East and North Elevations
Figure 3b-West and South Elevations

Initial Study Checklist

INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

- 1. Project title/Project number: College View Apartment SDP/NDP/PDP/ 646497
- Lead agency name and address: City of San Diego, 1222 First Avenue, MS-501, San Diego, California 92101
- 3. Contact person and phone number: Rhonda Benally/ (619) 446-5468
- 4. Project location: 5420 55th Street, San Diego, California, 92115
- 5. Project Applicant/Sponsor's name and address: Pierce Education Properties, 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 750, San Diego, CA 92108
- 6. General/Community Plan designation: The College Area Community Plan land use designation is high density residential (45-75 dwelling units per acre). The land use designation of the General Plan is Residential.
- 7. Zoning: RS-1-1 (Residential Single-Unit) and RM-3-9 (Residential-Multiple Unit)
- 8. Description of project (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to, later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation.):

A SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (SDP) for ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS (ESL), NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NDP) for deviations, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (PDP), and MSCP MULTI-HABITAT PLANNING AREA (MHPA) BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT (BLA) to allow for the demolition of an existing building, pool, and surface parking, and the construction of a 6-story, 90 unit, 175,667 square-feet apartment building with subterranean parking garage, on a 2.39-acre site. The residential portion would sit over a 1-story parking garage. The project consists of fifteen 1-bedroom units, five 2-bedroom units, four 3-bedrooms units, and sixty-six 4-bedroom units. Further, the project proposes 980 square-feet leasing office, 1,721 square-feet lobby, and 953 square-feet fitness center. The project would also include a courtyard, pool and spa. The project also proposes the construction of a 20-foot driveway, and new sidewalks adjacent to the site on 55th Street.

The project requires a Site Development Permit (SDP) for multiple dwelling unit development in environmentally sensitive lands per San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) Table 143-01A. The project proposes deviations on an infill site that would be processed with a Neighborhood Development Permit (NDP), per SDMC 143.0915(b)(1), SDMC 143.0920(a) and SDMC 143.0920(b). The project proposes a Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) Boundary Line Adjustment to adjust for .10 acre of Southern Mixed Chaparral out of the MHPA and adding .40 acres of Southern Mixed Chaparral into the MHPA. The project also requires a Planned Development Permit (PDP) per the College-Core Subarea Specific Plan, SDMC 126.0602(a)(1) and SDMC 143.0465.

The project requests the following deviations;

- 1. To allow a maximum height of 82 feet where 60 feet is permitted by the RM-3-9 zone per SDMC Table 131.04G.
- 2. To waive the private open space requirement of the RM-3-9 zone, per SDMC Table 131.04G.
- 3. To allow up to 73% of the building to observe the minimum front yard setback of 10 feet, where no more than 50 percent would be permitted, per SDMC Section 131.0443(f)(1)(A).

The maximum floor area ratio (FAR) is 0.45 in the RM-1-1 Zone and 2.70 in the RM-3-9 Zone, where the proposed FAR is 2.47. Development would occur in the RM-3-9 zone of the site. The highest point of the building would be 82 feet, where the maximum permitted height limit in this zone is 60 feet, however the project is requesting a deviation for the height limit. The project would provide 48 vehicle parking spaces, 9 motorcycle spaces and 52 bicycle parking spaces (48 long term spaces and 4 short term spaces).

Project implementation would involve the grading of the project proposes 650 cubic yards (cy) of cut at a maximum depth of cut of 8 feet and 1,800 cy of fill, at a maximum fill depth of 1.5 feet.

Construction of the building consists of wood frame construction, stucco, metal siding, stone veneer, aluminum storefront doors and windows, metal awnings, and glass railings.

A Brush Management Program would be implemented as part of the project. Brush management Zone One is the area adjacent to the structure and considered the least flammable and consists of pavement and permanently irrigated native and drought tolerant planting. Brush management Zone Two is located between Zone One and any undisturbed, native or naturalized non-irrigated vegetation. The brush management zones were established based on the structure. Zone One width is 10' to 53'-6" while Zone Two width is 38' to 65'. All landscape and irrigation would conform to the standards of the City-wide Landscape Regulations and the City of San Diego Land Development Manual Landscape Standards, and other landscape related City and regional standards. Zone One (transitional) Planting would include the following shrubs and groundcover; Mission Manzanita (Xylococcus bicolor), Italian Buckthorn (Rhamnus alaternus), and American Agave (Agave Americana). Further, trees and small trees would consist of Catalina Ironwood (Lyonothamnus f. Asplenifolius), Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia), Laurel Sumac (Malosma laurina), Sugar Bush (Rhus ovata), Mission Manzanita (Xylococcus bicolor) and Torrey Pine (Pinus torreyana). Zone Two Planting would include the following shrubs and groundcover; Chamise (Adenostoma fasciculatum), California Sagebrush (Artemisia californica), Bush Monkey Flower (Diplacus aurantiacus), Buckwheat (Erigonum fasciculatum), and Black Sage (Salvia melifera). Further, trees and screen trees would consist of Coast Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia), California Sycamore (Platanus racemosa), Toyon (Heteromeles arbitifolia), Laurel Sumac (Malosma laurina), Sugar Bush (Rhus ovata), Lemonade Berry (Rhus integrifolia), Mission Manzanita (Xylococcus bicolor) and Scrub Oak (Quercus berberidifolia).

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

The 2.39-acre site is located at 5420 and 5422 55th Street and is situated north of Remington Road and west of the San Diego State University (SDSU) campus. The eastern portion of the

project site is currently developed with a 32-unit apartment complex that would be demolished, while the western portion of the project site consists of surface parking west of the buildings, and an undeveloped steep slope canyon. Further, associated hardscape and landscape exist across the property and a pool. The project site is surrounded by SDSU student housing to the north, open space land to the west, and existing development occurs to the east and south of the site.

Existing grades gently slope to the northwest with elevations ranging from approximately 408 feet above mean sea level (MSL), to approximately 471 feet MSL across the site.

The project site is also located in the College Area Community Plan, Parking Standards Transit Priority Area, Transit Priority Area, Parking Impact Overlay Zone (Campus Impact), Brush Management, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Airport Land Use Compatibility Overlay Zone (Montgomery Field), and the Airport Influence Area (Montgomery Field-Review Area 2). The site is located in a developed area currently served by existing public services and utilities.

- Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):
 None required.
- 11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, has consultation begun?

In accordance with the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 52, the City of San Diego initiated AB 52 Notification on June 2, 2020, to lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Jamul Indian Village and San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians via email correspondence. As requested by a Tribal Representative additional information was sent via email correspondence. On July 17, 2020, EAS received email correspondence by Tribal Representative that they had no further concerns for potential impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources, and consultation was closed on this project.

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

	ronmental factors checked be ally Significant Impact" as indi				t, involving at least one impact that is a
	Aesthetics		Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Population/Housing
	Agriculture and Forestry Resources		Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Public Services
	Air Quality		Hydrology/Water Quality		Recreation
\boxtimes	Biological Resources	\boxtimes	Land Use/Planning		Transportation/Traffic
	Cultural Resources		Mineral Resources		Tribal Cultural Resources
	Energy		Noise		Utilities/Service System
	Geology/Soils	\boxtimes	Mandatory Findings Significance		Wildfire
DETER	MINATION: (To be com	pleted b	by Lead Agency)		
On the b	asis of this initial evaluation:				
	The proposed project COUL be prepared.	D NOT ha	ve a significant effect on the ϵ	environme	ent, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will
		evisions ir	the project have been made		ment, there will not be a significant eed to by the project proponent. A
	The proposed project MAY has required.	nave a sigr	nificant effect on the environr	nent, and	an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
	on the environment, but at l applicable legal standards, a	east one	effect (a) has been adequately	y analyzed on measui	ally significant unless mitigated" impact I in an earlier document pursuant to res based on the earlier analysis as red.
	effects (a) have been analyze applicable standards, and (b	ed adequa) have be	ately in an earlier EIR or (MITIO en avoided or mitigated pursi	GATED) NI uant to th	ment, because all potentially significant EGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to at earlier EIR or (MITIGATED) NEGATIVE upon the proposed project, nothing

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact answer should be explained where it is based on project specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis.)
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses", as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or (mitigated) negative declaration. *Section 15063(c)(3)(D)*. In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures Incorporated", describe the mitigation measures that were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a. The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significant.

lss	sue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTH	HETICS – Would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes
-	lic views and/or scenic corridors are site. Therefore, the project would no		_	-	
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				
parking outcrop physica are ider	velopment of a 6-story, 90 unit, 175,6 garage would occur on a 2.39-acre sopings, or historic buildings within a solution, or degradation of a contified by the General Plan or College a substantial damage to any scenic responses.	site that has i state scenic h community ic e Area Comm	no scenic resource nighway). The proje dentification symbo	s (trees, rock ect would not ol or landmar	result in the k, as none
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual	П	П	\square	П

The project site is currently developed with an up to four-story, 32-unit apartment building with surface parking, and is located in an area of 55th Street comprised of multi-family developments within the RM-3-9 zone, with buildings ranging from two to five stories. The project site is immediately adjacent to an existing five-story building to the south that sits atop an extensive retaining wall system. Properties down the hill to the west are single-family homes, zoned RS-1-1 and RS-1-7. The surrounding developments within the project area vary in age and quality of upkeep, creating a varied urban form.

surroundings?

The project would demolish an existing building and construct a six-story, 90-unit, 175,667 square-foot apartment building with subterranean parking garage, on a 2.39-acre site. The project takes place almost entirely on the existing, flat pad adjacent to 55th Street. The project is comprised of stucco, concrete masonry unit (CMU) walls, stone veneer, accent panels, and a variety of offsetting planes of architectural interest. This contemporary style is designed to match existing newly-constructed buildings in the vicinity. All surrounding land to the north, east and south is owned by San Diego State University (SDSU), either directly (part of campus) or indirectly (owned by Aztec Shops). The project height, massing, building materials, and placement on the site would be attractive and compatible with adjacent development, particularly San Diego State University buildings under construction to the south.

The existing neighborhood is comprised almost exclusively of uses related directly to SDSU, including residence halls, off-campus apartments, and related recreational amenities. Although the site is not a part of the SDSU Campus, is it adjacent and will serve primarily SDSU students due to its geographic location. The project does not open up a new area for development; the existing site is

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undei	ntly developed. The project will provid rground, and will preserve existing land ining in its existing, natural state.			_	-
adjace palm	ct landscaping on the slope will soften ent to the swimming pool. Street trees trees, which will be protected in place. I character or quality of the site and its	are provided The project w	l along 55 th Street vould not substan	to supplementially degrade	nt existing the existing
(d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				
const expectomp Outdo (MHPA Section limite frame metal	ruction activities would occur during deted to cause substantial light or glare only with all current outdoor lighting region Lighting Regulations. Additionally, the Ashould be directed away from the Min 142.0730 Glare Regulations that required to specific reflectivity ratings. The processor of the Ashould state of the construction, stucco, metal siding, storage and the formal state of the construction of the California Departmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the construction of the California Departmental effects on agriculture and farmland. In deterministicant environmental effects, lead agencies reproject and the Forest Legacy Assessment project Protocols adopted by the California Air Resource	ay light hours during operatulations, Land e project wouting requiremental The project propose one veneer, all not create signary refer to inforst inventory of forest; and forest carboards.	Eurthermore, the ion. All lighting wo Development Co Id comply with Muents which states ect would comply naterials utilized for structures which uminum storefrorganificant glare. Trimpacts to agriculture gricultural Land Evaluation as an optional more controlled by the stand, including the con measurement me	e project wou buld be requir de Section 14 ulti-Habitat Pl lighting adjac with Municipa or proposed so or proposed so or would consi nt doors and was ral resources are ation and Site As odel to use in ass es, including time he California Dep Forest and Rang	Id not be red to .2.0740 anning Area ent to the al Code structures be st of wood windows, significant sessment essing berland, are partment of the Assessment
ć	a) Converts Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
•	project would not result in the conversion wide importance (farmland). Agricultur ty.	•	•		
k	b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract?				\boxtimes

lss	sue	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact
Plan de	o IIa. The site is not designated or zo signates the site as high density res resent on this site or in the general	idential (45-7		-	-
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 1220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				
•	ject would not result in rezoning of or in the general vicinity.	forestland or	timberland. Fores	t land is not p	resent on
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
	ollc. The project would not involve and or conversion of forest land to r	-		result in the	loss of
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
	ject would not involve any changes stland to non-agricultural or non-for			e conversion (of Farmland
	QUALITY – Where available, the significance lution control district may be relied on to ma				ment or air
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				
San Die	n Diego Air Pollution Control District go Air Basin, in which the project sit Strategy (RAQS) in response to the	te is located.	The SDAPCD prepa	red the Regio	nal Air

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(CAA) Assembly Bill (AB) 2595 (SDAPCD 1992) and the federal CAA. As such, the RAQS is the applicable regional air quality plan that sets forth the SDAPCD's strategies for achieving the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the California Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS).

The growth projections used by the SDAPCD to develop the RAQS emissions budgets are based on the population, vehicle trends, and land use plans developed in general plans and used by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in the development of the Regional Transportation

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Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communitie that is consistent with the growth anticiplan would not conflict with the RAQS.		• •		•
The project is located in the College Are residential designation (45-75 dwelling of growth forecasts developed by SANDAG conflict with the goals and strategies in would occur.	units per acre). As and used in the F	such, the project RAQS. Therefore,	t is consistent wo	with the uld not
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				
See Illa. The development of a 6-story, 9 subterranean parking garage, does not to require preparation of an Air Quality air quality standard or contribute substa	meet the City's CE Study. Therefore,	QA Significance the project is no	Determination of the volume to visit the visit of the vis	Thresholds
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under an applicable federa or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				\boxtimes
Refer to Illa. The County is non-attainme project is not expected to generate cons not result in cumulatively considerable	siderable net incre	ease of ozone or	PM10. The proj	
d) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				\boxtimes
The project would not be associated wit number of people. No such impacts, the	erefore, would occ	-	ors affecting a	substantial
a) Have substantial adverse effects, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identifie as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services	er d s,			

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A site-specific Biological Survey Report (BSR) for the College View Project (dated October 12, 2020), was prepared by RECON Environmental, Inc. The project consists of the construction of a 6-story, 90-

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unit, 175,667-square-foot apartment building, with subterranean parking garage, on a 2.39-acres site. The project would develop approximately 1.45 acres of the project site for multi-family housing units along with associated amenities and infrastructure.

On May 2, 2019, a general biological resources survey was conducted on the project site by RECON Biologist Gerry Scheid, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Wildlife species observed directly or detected from calls, scat, nests, or other signs were noted. Plant species observed on site were noted, and plants that could not be identified in the field were collected for identification in the office using taxonomic keys.

The project is subject to the City's Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) regulations, as well as additional regulations for lands that contain sensitive biological resources, and lands that are within the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). The USFW and CDFW MHPA BLA concurrence was received on November 20, 2020. The project will require a MHPA BLA, prior to the issuance of permits.

As summarized in Table 3 of the BSR below, the project would impact a total of 0.25 acres of Southern Mixed Chaparral (SMC), Tier IIIA habitat per the City's Biology Guidelines. Mitigation for impacts to SMC would be achieved through the preservation of habitat on the site which would be located outside the development area and brush management zone 1 (BMZ 1). No jurisdictional wetlands or waters were observed on the project site.

Table 3 Impacts to Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Types (acres)								
		F	Permanent Impact					
V	Outside MHPA				M-4-1			
Vegetation Communities/		Inside			Total			
Land Cover Types	Existing	$MHPA^1$	Development	BMZ-1	Impacts ²			
Southern Mixed Chaparral	1.2	0	0.08	0.17	0.25			
Disturbed Land	1.19	0	1.14	0.04	1.18			
TOTAL 2.39 0 1.22 0.21 1.43								
¹ Assumes MHPA BLA approv	ed.							

The propose project would also have minor encroachment in the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA); therefore, the project proposes an MHPA Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) that would remove the minor encroachment area and transfer disturbed on-site habitat not currently in the MHPA into the MHPA preserve. See Table 2 of the BSR below for summary of the MHPA BLA. See Figure 6b of the BSR below which shows the MHPA BLA.

²Does not include 0.18-acre BMZ-2 impact to southern mixed chaparral which is "impact neutral".



Table 2 Summary of Proposed MHPA Boundary Line Adjustment									
		Deletions		Proposed MHPA					
Vegetation Communities/	Existing	(Impact)	Added	with BLA					
Land Cover Types	MHPA Acres	Acres	Acres	(Net Change)					
Southern Mixed Chaparral	0.66	0.10	0.40	0.96 (+0.30)					
Disturbed Land	0.002	0.002		0 (0)					
TOTAL	0.662	0.102	0.40	0.96(+0.30)					

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Due to impacts of 0.25 acres of SMC, the project would mitigate the impacts by the onsite preservation of 0.78 acre of sensitive vegetation. Table 4 of the BSR summarizes the mitigation requirements. The preserved habitat areas on the site would be all within the boundaries of the adjusted MHPA.

	Table 4											
	Mitigation Requirement for Sensitive Vegetation Communities											
		Mitigation			Mitigation							
		Ratio for			Ratio for							
		Impacts			Impacts							
	Impac	Inside the			Outside the							
	t	MHPA with		Impact	MHPA with		Total	On-site				
	Inside	Preservatio	Sub-	Outsid	Preservatio	Sub-	Mitigation	Preservatio	Remaining			
Vegetation	МНРА	n Located	Total	е	n Located	Total	Requireme	n Inside	Mitigation			
Communit	(acres	Inside	(acres	MHPA	Inside	(acres	nt	MHPA ¹	Requireme			
y (Tier))	MHPA)	(acres)	MHPA)	(acres)	(acres)	nt			
Southern												
Mixed	0.10	1.1	0.102	0.15	0.5.1	0.075	0.1752	0.70	0			
Chaparral	0.10	1:1	0.10 ²	0.15	0.5:1	2	0.175 ²	0.78	0			
(Tier IIIA)												
Total	0.10		0.10	0.15		0.075	0.175	0.78	0			
Footpotos												

Footnotes:

- 1. Does not include 0.18-acre within BMZ-2 which is "impact neutral"
- 2. Mitigation to be located in the MHPA

No sensitive plant species were observed on the project site. No sensitive wildlife species were detected during the survey. The analysis states that the coastal California gnatcatcher (CAGN) known past occurrences occur north of Interstate 8 in coastal sage scrub (CSS) habitat. No CSS was present during the biological survey in the survey area, and there is low potential for CSS to occur. However, the BSR states there are two bird species that have a moderate potential to occur on the site: the Southern California rufous crowned sparrow and the Bell's sage sparrow. The Southern California rufous crowned sparrow is currently on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) watch list and is an MSCP covered species, and the Bell's sage sparrow is on the CDFW watch list. No raptors were observed on the site. Two reptile species have a moderate potential to occur on the site, Belding's orange-throated whip tail and coastal whip tail. Since the project has a moderate potential to impact the above species, the project would need to comply with the area-specific management directives for these species. A list of sensitive wildlife species with the potential to occur on the site is provided in Attachment 5 of Appendix D of the BSR.

Due to the potential for direct impacts to sensitive nesting birds, reptiles, and sensitive vegetation, the applicant is required to provide biological monitoring, pre-grading bird surveys, and incorporate

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would n achieve dedicati project	measures as outlined in Section V, Not require any off-site mitigation as donsite through the preservation of ion of 0.96-acre in fee title to the City would be required to comply with thes would ensure that impacts to biolance.	mitigation for habitat in ein of San Dieg oe MHPA Lan	or impacts to sensiti ither a 0.96-acre Co o. Further, as a con d Use Adjacency Gu	ive vegetation venant of Eas dition of appr uidelines. The	would be ement or oval the se
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			\boxtimes	
mitigation approva commu	does not contain any riparian habita on for biological impacts and the Mhal. The project would not have a subs nity identified in local or regional pla es for biological resources and MHP.	HPA Land Use stantial adve ens, policies o	e Adjacency Guideli rse effect on any rip or regulations. Impl	nes as a cond parian habitat ementation o	ition of or other f mitigation
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes
south, a	is in an urban setting and surround and the western area of the is a site i ect site, therefore no adverse effects	s a canyon. 1	here are no federa	lly protected	wetlands or
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?			\boxtimes	

See IVa. The project site does contain sensitive habitat, and has the potential for impacts to the nesting birds/raptors, therefore the project will be required to provide biological monitoring, pregrading bird surveys, and to incorporate specific measures as outlined in Section V, MMRP of the MND. The project would not require any off-site mitigation as mitigation for impacts to sensitive vegetation would be achieved onsite through the preservation of habitat in either a 0.96-acre Covenant of Easement or dedication of 0.96 acre in fee title to the City of San Diego. In addition, the

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approva	would be required to implement the al. Implementation of these measure educe impacts to below a level of sig	s, including			
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
	The project would not conflict with a es, including a tree preservation poli			ances protectir	ng biological
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?			\boxtimes	
would a approva	and d. A portion of the site is within lso be required to implement the Mi al. Therefore, the project would not c Community Conservation Plan, or ot	HPA Land Us onflict with a	e Adjacency Guide any adopted Habit	elines, as a cor at Conservatio	ndition of on Plan,
V. CULTU	JRAL RESOURCES – Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				

Archaeological Resources

Many areas of San Diego County, including mesas and the coast, are known for intense and diverse prehistoric occupation and important archaeological and historical resources. The region has been inhabited by various cultural groups spanning 10,000 years or more.

According to the archaeology maps in the Environmental Analysis Section library, the site is not located in a high sensitivity area for archaeological resources. The Environmental Analysis Section (EAS) consulted with qualified City staff (QCS) for a California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) database search. On June 2, 2020, QCS conducted a CHRIS search and there were no archaeological sites recorded at this location. PHS further stated portions of the project site are undeveloped, however these areas are on steep slopes where the chances to find resources are very limited. Overall, the College area has proven not have any resources and that it appears that the site has been previously graded and flattened. QCS determined that no further archaeological evaluation would be required on this project. Since impacts to significant archaeological resources were not identified, mitigation would not be required.

Built Environment

The project proposes the demolition of an existing building. The City of San Diego's CEQA Significance Determination Thresholds states if a building is greater than 45 years or older, then the building may be considered potentially historically significant. In addition, San Diego Municipal Code

Iss	sue	Significant Impact	Mitigation Incorporated	Significant Impact	No Impact
historica prepare therefor 143.021 the buil	Section 143.0212 requires that all pal significance. According to the site by Jennifer Ayala, the subject prore this building is over 45 years of a 2. The City's Plan-Historic staff (PHS ding is not eligible for designation utilizant historic resources were not identificant historic resources were	-specific Histo perty at 5420 ge and did re s), reviewed th ander any Hist	orical Evaluation Re 55 th Street was cor quire review pursu ne site-specific repo coric Resource Boa	port (dated M nstructed in 19 ant to SDMC S ort and determ rd Criteria. Sir	lay 2020), 958, and Section nined that
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				
Refer to	v V (a).				
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			\boxtimes	
consists paleont highly s the proj fill, at a	as Lindavista Formation), Mission Vasof undocumented fill. Lindavista for ological resources. Stadium Conglo ensitive for paleontological resource ject proposes 650 cubic yards (cy) of maximum fill depth of 1.5 feet. BasEQA Significance Thresholds for impd.	ormation is co merate and M es. Project im f cut at a max sed on this inf	nsidered moderate lission Valley Form plementation woul imum depth of cut ormation the proje	ely sensitive for ations are cond involve the of 8 feet and ect would not i	or nsidered grading of 1,800 cy of meet the
d)	Disturb human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?				\boxtimes
vicinity. associat forth in	o V.a. above, no formal cemeteries of In the event that human remains a ted with development of the project the California Public Resources Cod of 7050.5). No impact would occur.	re discovered t site, work sh	during ground dis all halt in the area	turbing-activit and the proce	ies dures set
VI. ENER	RGY – Would the project:				
a)	Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?				

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The development of a 6-story, 90 unit, 175,667-square-foot apartment building with subterranean parking garage would incorporate energy standards to meet the California energy code-Title 24. The

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project also proposes to incorporate building design measures per the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) that incorporate energy conservation features (low flow fixtures, efficient HVAC systems). In addition, the project would implement Climate Action Plan (CAP) strategies which are energy reducing (cool roof, EV Charging Stations, and bicycle parking spaces), in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code.

Energy usage may incrementally increase during the construction of the project by use of construction equipment, but the project is not expected to result in potentially significant environmental impacts due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources as a result of the project. Energy impacts would be minimal and less than significant. No mitigation is required.

b)	Conflict with or obstruct a state or local		
	plan for renewable energy or energy		\boxtimes
	efficiency?		

The project is consistent with the General Plan and Community Plan's underlying land use and zoning designations, and appropriately implements the Climate Action Plan checklist. See also section VIII, Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Because the project does not conflict with or obstruct the Climate Action Plan, no impact would occur.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

 Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

A site-specific Geotechnical Report (October 2019) was prepared by Geocon Consultants for this project. The project site is located within geologic hazard zone (GHC) 53 as shown on the City's Seismic Safety Study Geologic Hazard Maps. GHC 53 is characterized as level or sloping terrain, unfavorable geologic structure, low to moderate risk. According to the geotechnical report there are no known active, potentially active, or inactive faults mapped across the site. The closest known active fault is the Newport-Inglewood Fault System, located approximately 6 miles west of the site.

The project would be required to comply with seismic requirements of the California Building Code. As a condition of project approval, the Owner/Permittee shall submit an update geotechnical investigation report or update letter that specifically addresses the proposed construction plans, prior to issuance of any construction permits. Implementation of proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, including recommendations contained in the Geotechnical Investigation, or update letter, to be verified at the building permit stage would ensure that the potential for impacts from regional geologic hazards would be less than significant.

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ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?			\boxtimes			
Building C constructi update let	As noted in VI.a, the project would be required to comply with seismic requirements of the California Building Code. Implementation of proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, including recommendations contained in the Geotechnical Investigation or update letter to be verified at the building stage, would ensure that the potential for impacts from regional geologic hazards would be less than significant.						
ii	i) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?						
According	to the geotechnical report, the po	tential for liq	uefaction is consid	dered very lov	v.		
iv	v) Landslides?						
According	to the geotechnical report, there i	s no potentia	al for a significant l	andslide on t	his site.		
	desult in substantial soil erosion or the coss of topsoil?						
the implei	rould be landscaped in accordance mentation of storm water Best Ma ents would be met, and therefore, topsoil. Refer also to VII a.	nagement Pr	actices (BMP's). Al	l storm water	·		
ti u p la	Be located on a geologic unit or soil hat is unstable, or that would become instable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site and slide, lateral spreading, subsidence, quefaction or collapse?						
engineerii permit sta	ii and VII.a.iv. The site is not located ng design and utilization of standa age, would ensure that the potentia significant, and no mitigation meas	rd constructi al for impacts	on practices, to be from regional ge	verified at th	e building		
ir C	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Gode (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?			\boxtimes			

Implementation of proper engineering design and utilization of standard construction practices, including recommendations contained in the Geotechnical Report to be verified at the building permit stage would ensure that the potential for impacts from regional geologic hazards would be less than significant.

lss	ue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				
infrastru systems	ject site is located in an area that is a ucture, including water and sewer lin . No such impact, therefore, would o	nes. Therefore occur.			•
VIII. GRE	EENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – Would the proje	ect:			
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the			\boxtimes	

The City adopted the Climate Action Plan (CAP) in December 2015 (City of San Diego 2015). With implementation of the CAP, the City aims to reduce emissions 15% below the baseline to approximately 11.1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT CO2E) by 2020, 40% below the baseline to approximately 7.8 MMT CO2E by 2030, and 50% below the baseline to approximately 6.5 MMT CO2E by 2035. The City has identified the following five CAP strategies to reduce GHG emissions to achieve the 2020 and 2035 targets: (1) energy- and water-efficient buildings; (2) clean and renewable energy; (3) bicycling, walking, transit, and land use; (4) zero waste (gas and waste management); and (5) climate resiliency. The City's CAP Consistency Checklist, adopted July 12, 2016, is the primary document used by the City to ensure project-by-project consistency with the underlying assumptions in the CAP and thereby to ensure that the City would achieve the emission reduction targets identified in its CAP.

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The CAP Consistency Checklist is the City's significance threshold utilized to ensure project-by-project consistency with the underlying assumptions in the CAP and to ensure that the City would achieve its emission reduction targets identified in the CAP. The CAP Consistency Checklist includes a three-step process to determine if the project would result in a GHG impact. Step 1 consists of an evaluation to determine the project's consistency with existing General Plan, Community Plan, and zoning designations for the site. Step 2 consists of an evaluation of the project's design features compliance with the CAP strategies. Step 3 is only applicable if a project is not consistent with the land use and/or zone, but is also in a transit priority area to allow for more intensive development than assumed in the CAP.

Under Step 1 of the CAP Checklist, the project is consistent with the existing General Plan, Community Plan designations as well as zoning for the site. Therefore, the project is consistent with the growth projections and land use assumptions used in the CAP. Furthermore, completion of Step 2 of the CAP Checklist demonstrates that the project would be consistent with applicable strategies and actions for reducing GHG emissions. This includes project features consistent with the energy and water efficient buildings strategy. Thus, the project is consistent with the CAP. Step 3 of the CAP Consistency Checklist would not be applicable, as the project is not proposing a land use amendment or a rezone.

Issu	ue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
emission	n the project's consistency with the ns to cumulative statewide emission re, the impact would be less than sig	s would be l			
b)	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
not conf	VIII.a., above. The project is consisted lict with an applicable plan, policy or use gas. No impact would occur.		•		
IX. HAZAF	RDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – Would t	he project:			
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			\boxtimes	
etc.), whi not routi substance significant use, or de the project	ction of the project may require the ich would require proper storage, he inely transport, use or dispose of hates may be present during constructed, lisposal of hazardous material on or ect would not create a significant hat a significant.	andling, use azardous mation of the public due to the nathrough the	and disposal; how terials. Although n roject, they are not ature of the projec s subject site is not	ever, the projoninimal amou anticipated tot, the routine anticipated. I	ect would nts of such o create a transport, Therefore,
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
hazardoi associate	l in VIII.a, no health risks related to to us materials would result from the ied with the such impacts. Therefore environment. Impacts would be less	mplementat , the project	ion of the project. would not create a	The project w	ould not be
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			\boxtimes	

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See IX.a. Construction of the project may require the use of hazardous materials (fuels, lubricants, solvents, etc.), which would require proper storage, handling, use and disposal. no health risks related to the storage, transport, use, or disposal of significant hazardous materials would result

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expected	implementation of the project. The to emit hazardous emissions or is, substances or waste. Impacts w	nvolve the han	dling of hazardous		
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
55962.5 ncluding State Wa nazardou no conta dentified	of potential hazardous materials was completed for the project site the Department of Toxic Substanter Resources Control Board Geotus materials site available on the Cominated sites are on or adjacent to the DTSC Cortese List. Therefronment.	e. Several datab nces Control (D cracker databas California EPA w o the project si	rases and resource TCS) EnviroStor da se, and other source website. Based on tte. Furthermore, t	es were consitabase, the Coses of potent the searches the project sit	ulted California ial conducted, ce was not
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two mile of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
ocated v nfluence require a	ect site is not located within two mouthin the Airport Land Use Compa e Area (Montgomery Field-Review a consistency determination and/cor people residing or working in the	atibility Overlay Area 2), howev or FAA Notificat	Zone (Montgome er City staff deterr ion. The project w	ry Field), and nined the pro	the Airport oject did not
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
Γhe proj	ect site is not located within proxir	mity of a private	e airstrip.		
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				

The development of a 6-story, 90 unit, 175,667-square-foot apartment building with subterranean parking garage would not interfere with the implementation or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. The Fire Access Plan was reviewed and approved by City staff. As a condition of approval, the Owner/Permittee shall assure by permit and

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	e construction of a two new emerger to ensure that no impediments to				e City
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				
develop manage structur vegetati manage Implem	ject is located in an urban neighborloment, and a canyon is located in the ement is required, a comprehensive res by providing an effective firebreation, which have been reviewed and ement regulations and MHPA Land Lentation of these regulations and guor structures to a significant risk of lentation.	e western are program is r ak between s accepted by Jse Adjacenc uidelines by t	ea of the project site equired to reduce tructures and cont staff. The project way Guidelines for bre project would reserved.	e. Where brus fire hazards a iguous area o rould impleme ush managem oot significantl	round all f flammable ent brush eent.
X. HYDR	OLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the pro	oject:			
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
Diego, C required appropi would b	Decific Preliminary Storm water Desi California, was prepared by Fuscoe E d to comply with all storm water qua- riate Best Management Practices (Bl be implemented. Implementation of a related to water quality to below a	ingineering li ality standard MPs) (Site De the measure	ncorporated, June ds during and after sign, Source Contr s would reduce po	11, 2020. The construction, ol and Structu	project is and ral BMPs)
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
recharg ground	ject would not substantially deplete e such that there would be a net de water table level. The project does n water. The project would connect to	ficit in aquife ot require th	r volume or a lowe e construction of v	ering of the loc vells or the us	cal e of
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of				\boxtimes

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	a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
the site.	ject would not substantially alter a s The project would not substantially Ild the site result in substantial eros	y alter the exi	sting drainage pat		-
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner, which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
adjacen	ject does not require the alteration t to the project site. The project wo or area, nor would the project resu	uld not subst	antially alter the ex		
e)	Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
and afte	ject would be required to comply wer construction appropriate Best Mathet project runoff would not excee	anagement Pr	ractices (BMPs) wil	l be utilized th	at would
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				
and afte	ject would be required to comply wer construction, appropriate Best Mathet water quality is not degraded, a	anagement P	ractices (BMPs) wi	ll be utilized th	
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				
	ject site is not located within a 100- Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate I	-			Flood
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area, structures that would impede or	П	П	П	\bowtie

redirect flood flows?

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The project site is not located within a structures that would impede or redire		ard area, and th	erefore, would	place no
XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING – Would the proj	ect:			
a) Physically divide an established community?				
The 2.39-acre project site is located in a residential uses. The development of a with subterranean parking garage is co would not physically divide an establish	a 6-story, 90 unit, 17 onsistent with the a	75,667-square-f	oot apartment l	building
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	ral 🔲		\boxtimes	
See Response XI(a). A site-specific Noise were prepared by RECON Environment Noise Element of the General Plan, mu exterior noise levels up to 60 dB(A) CNI to 70 dB(A) CNEL. The City's interior noise shown in the Table 8 of the noise analy less across the entire project site, and to 45 CNEL. Additionally, even with the wito 45 CNEL or less. The project would be standards, Noise Element of the Gener City's Noise Abatement and Control and	tal, Inc., October 12 lti-family residentia EL and "conditional ise level standard for sis, noise levels during the project would no ndows in an open page compatible with al Plan, Section 59.	, 2020. According a consist of the compatible of the compatible of the compatible of the consistion, interior the City's exterior of the consistion, interior the City's exterior of th	ng to the noise a idered "compati vith exterior no I uses is 45 dB(A fic would be 55 City's noise level r noise would b or and interior r	analysis, the ible" with ise levels up A) CNEL. As CNEL or standard of e reduced noise
The 2.39-acre project site is located in a residential uses. The immediate areas Unit), the area to the east of the site is is zoned RM-3-9 (Residential Multiple-U units per acre) by the College Area Comthe land use designation and the policicomplies with the underlying RM-3-9 are with any applicable land use plan, policimitigating an environmental effect.	to the south and w zoned RS-1-7 (Resid Init) and is designat nmunity Plan. The es of the General P nd RS-1-1 Zones. T	rest are zoned R dential -Single-U ted high density proposed devel lan, College Are herefore, the pr	RS-1-1 (Resident Init) , the area to residential (45- opment is cons a Community P oject would not	ial Single- o the north -75 dwelling istent with Plan, and it t conflict
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat				

See Response X (a) through (b). All potential impacts related to the presence of biological resources at the site would be reduced and addressed through implementation of the Mitigation, Monitoring,

conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

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and Reporting Program (MMRP), as detailed in within Section V of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. With implementation of the biological resources monitoring program, potential impacts on land use would be reduced to less than significant.

The propose project would also have minor encroachment in the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA); therefore, the project proposes an MHPA Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) that would remove the minor encroachment area and transfer disturbed on-site habitat not currently in the MHPA into the MHPA preserve, as shown in Table 2 of Section IV(a). However as proposed the project would place the remaining undeveloped areas in the MHPA through the BLA. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFW) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) MHPA BLA concurrence was received on November 20, 2020. Therefore, the BLA would exchange habitat of lower quality (disturbed) for habitat of higher quality (Tier IIIA habitat). The project would not require any off-site mitigation as mitigation for impacts to sensitive vegetation would be achieved onsite through the preservation of habitat in either a 0.96-acre Covenant of Easement or dedication of 0.96 acre in fee title to the City of San Diego. Further, as a condition of approval the project would be required be to comply with the MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines. These measures would ensure that impacts to biological resources would be reduced to below a level of significance. The project would not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan.

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XII. MINI	XII. MINERAL RESOURCES – Would the project:							
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?							
The project would not result in the loss of availability of a significant mineral resource as identified the Open File Report 96-04, Update of Mineral Land Classification: Aggregate Materials in the Western San Diego County Production - Consumption Region, 1996. The project is too small for economically feasible extraction (2.39 acres), would not preclude other mining operations, and is not currently being mined. Therefore, the project would not result in a potentially significant impact to mineral resources.								
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?							
See XIIa. There are no such resources located on the project site.								
XIII. NOISE – Would the project result in:								
a)	Generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?							

A site-specific Noise Analysis Study was prepared by RECON Environmental, Inc., October 12, 2020. The analysis addresses potential noise impacts from the construction and operation of the project.

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As shown in Table 7 of the analysis, at the adjacent multi-family uses, construction noise levels would be 75 dB(A) Leq or less. Although the existing adjacent uses would be exposed to construction noise levels above ambient conditions, the exposure would be temporary. The project would comply with Section 59.5.0404 of the Municipal Code. Impacts would be less than significant.

In regard to the adjacent MHPA, construction noise levels would be significant if the habitat is occupied and if, during the breeding season, construction noise levels exceed 60 dB(A) Leq or the existing ambient noise level if it is above 60 dB(A) Leq. As stated in Table 7 of the analysis, construction noise levels are anticipated to exceed 60 dB(A) Leq, however, based on the biological analysis, CAGN are not likely to be present at the project site and there is a low potential for this species to occur on the site. Therefore, construction noise impacts in the habitat would not be significant. Further, the project proposes to comply with all MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines, as a condition of approval.

The noise sources on the project site after completion of construction is anticipated to be operational use of the residential development, vehicles arriving and leaving, and the use of landscape maintenance machinery. These noise sources are expected to comply with the SDMC Noise Abatement and Control Ordinance. The project also proposes to include roof top HVAC units within the building and a pool deck. As shown in Table 10 of the noise analysis, noise levels at the adjacent MHPA would not exceed 60 dB(A) Leq, impacts would be less than significant. Noise levels at the adjacent multi-family uses would range from 31 to 42 dB(A) Leq during the daytime hours, and 31 to 35 dB(A) during the nighttime hours. The noise levels would not exceed the most restrictive multi-family limit of 45 dB(A) Leq; therefore, the HVAC Units and pool activities would not have a significant impact to the residences within the proposed multi-family building, mitigation would not be required.

In conclusion, on-site generated noise would not exceed the noise limits of SDMC Section 59.5.0401, and the project would comply with the SDMC Noise Abatement and Control Ordinance. Operational noise from the residential development would be compatible with the Noise Element of the General Plan, therefore onsite generated noise would be less than significant. Mitigation will not be required. Therefore, the project is not expected to generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or City's Noise Ordinance, or other applicable standards. Further, as a condition of approval the project would implement MHPA Land Use Adjacency for noise.

b)	Generation of, excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?							
According to the acoustical analysis the project does not propose any construction activities that will generate significant levels of vibration such as pile driving or blasting, and therefore, any construction vibration generated at the site will be minimal and less than significant.								
c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?							

Refer to XIIIa.

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d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above existing without the project?				
unit, 175 The proj	XIIIa. Temporary construction noise 5,667-square-foot apartment building ect's required compliance with the strion noise levels to below a level of	ng with subte Section 59.5.0	rranean parking ga	arage, on a 2.	39-acre site.
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport would the project expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes
	ect is not located within two miles of ect would not expose people residing	•		•	
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes
The proj	ect site is not located within the vici	inity of a priva	ate airstrip.		
XIV. POP	ULATION AND HOUSING – Would the project	t:			
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				
The development of a 6-story, 90 unit, 175,667-square-feet apartment building with subterranean parking garage does not involve the extension of roads or services, as the project is an infill project located within an existing urban community. The project density is consistent with the underlying zoning and the College Area Community Plan. Therefore, the project would not induce substantial population growth in the area.					
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				

The project proposes to remove a multi-family residential building (a total of 32-units), and construct a 6-story, 90 units apartment building with subterranean parking garage, which the new residential

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	opment would be a net increase of 58 ively displace residential housing elsev		ore, the new devel	opment woul	d not
c	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			\boxtimes	
See XI	II (b). Impacts would be less than signi	ficant.			
XV. PL	JBLIC SERVICES				
a	 Would the project result in substantial adve physically altered governmental facilities, no construction of which could cause significar rations, response times or other performan 	eed for new or p nt environmenta	physically altered goverr al impacts, in order to m	nmental facilities aintain acceptat	s, the
	i) Fire protection			\boxtimes	
miles the pr the ar	es are already provided. San Diego Fire southeast of the project site; and Stati oject site. The project would not adve ea and would not require the constructs to fire protection would be less that	on 17 is loca rsely affect e ction of new	ted approximately existing levels of fire	3.3 miles sou e protection s	ithwest of services to
	ii) Police protection			\boxtimes	
provice Depar the ar	roject site is located in an urbanized ar ded. The project site would be served b tment. The project would not adverse ea and would not require the constructs to police protection would be less the	by the easter ly affect exist tion of new	n division substation ting levels of police or expanded gover	on of the San protection s	Diego Police ervices to
	iii) Schools			\boxtimes	
schoo is loca is con	roject is within the San Diego Unified S ls, one junior high school, and one ser sted within the College Area, also serve sistent with the community plan and in ruction of a new school or the expansion	nior high scho es as an educ mplementing	ool. Additionally, Sa ation facility in the g zone and would n	n Diego State community. ot require th	e University The project e
	iv) Parks				

The project is consistent with the adopted community plan; it would not require the construction of a new park or the expansion of existing park facilities. No impact would occur.

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	v) Other public facilities				
	ect would not affect existing levels the construction of new or the expa	•			
XVI. REC	REATION				
a)	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				
parking or other	elopment of a 6-story, 90 unit, 175, garage, would not significantly incr recreational facilities to the extent ccur or be accelerated.	ease the use	of existing neighbo	orhood and re	gional parks
b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				\boxtimes
	/la. The project does not propose re on of such facilities.	ecreational fa	cilities nor require	the construct	ion or
XVII. TRA	NSPORTATION/TRAFFIC – Would the project	t?			
a)	Would the project or plan/policy conflict with an adopted program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the transportation system, including transit, roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				

The project is consistent with the General Plan and College Area Community Plan land use and zoning designations. The project would not change existing circulation patterns on area roadways. The project would not conflict with any applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system. The project is not expected to cause a significant short-term or long-term increase in traffic volumes, and therefore, would not adversely affect existing levels of service along area roadways. Therefore, impacts are considered less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.

Additionally, the project is located within the Airport Land Use Compatibility Overlay Zone (Montgomery Field), and the Airport Influence Area (Montgomery Field-Review Area 2), however City staff determined the project did not require a consistency determination and/or FAA Notification. The project would be consistent with the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for Montgomery Field Airport. Therefore, the project would not conflict with an adopted program, plan, or ordinance or policy addressing transportation systems.

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b) Would the project or plan/polic in VMT exceeding thresholds id in the City of San Diego Transpostudy Manual?	lentified \Box			
Refer to XVIIa. The project is presult transportation impact because it is capita of 15.5 miles, which is 81.89 threshold for residential projects is was not required.	s located within Censu % of the 2016 regional	us Tract 41 with a 2 average of 19.0 m	.016 residentia iles per reside	al VMT per ent. The
c) Would the project or plan/polic substantially increase hazards design feature (e.g., sharp curv dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	due to a			
The project has been reviewed by obstruction including solid walls in per SDMC Section 142.0409 (b)(2), the adjacent public right-of-way should be substantially increase hazards due	n the visibility area tria plant material, other hall not exceed 36 inch	ingles shall exceed than trees, located nes in height. The p	3 feet in heigh within visibilit project would n	nt. Further, ty areas or
d) Result in inadequate emergence access?	cy 🗆			\boxtimes
As a condition of approval, the Ow of a two new emergency access of impediments to emergency access.	nly driveways, satisfac	tory to the City Eng		
XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES – V cultural resource, defined in Public Resou geographically defined in terms of the siz California Native American tribe, and tha	urces Code section 21074 a ze and scope of the landsca	s either a site, feature, p	olace, cultural land	dscape that is
 a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register historical resources as defined Resources Code section 5020.1 	r of \square in Public			
No tribal cultural resources or hist 5020.1(k) have been identified on the California Register of Historica in Public Resources Code Section	the project site. The p al Resources, or in a lo	roject site is not lis cal register of histo	ted or eligible	for listing in
 b) A resource determined by the l agency, in its discretion and sup by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria 	pported			\boxtimes

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	in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				
of tribe resour Declara	bly Bill 52 (AB 52) requires as part of es, and opportunity for tribes to requ ces when a project is determined to ation or Environmental Impact Repo es that have previously requested su	uest a consulta require a Neg rt under CEQA	ation regarding im ative Declaration, A. In compliance w	pacts to triba Mitigated Neg ith AB-52, the	l cultural gative City notified
Santa \ 52. As corresp that th	e 2, 2020, the City of San Diego sent as abel, the Jamul Indian Village and to requested by a Tribal Representative pondence. On July 17, 2020, EAS received had no further concerns for potentation was closed on this project. No	he San Pasqu e additional ir eived email co ntial impacts t	al of Mission India Iformation was se rrespondence by o Tribal Cultural R	ins for the pui nt via email a Tribal Repre lesources, and	rposes of AB sentative
					urces.
XIX. UT	ILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the pr	oject:			urces.
XIX. UT		roject:			urces.
a) Adequa consur	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable	□ e site. The pro	•		⊠ esidential

Adequate services are available to serve the site. The project would not result in the requirement for the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities, therefore the project would not cause significant environmental effects. No such impacts, therefore, would occur.

c)	Require or result in the construction of			
	new storm water drainage facilities or			
	expansion of existing facilities, the		\boxtimes	
	construction of which could cause			
	significant environmental effects?			

The project proposes a new drainage system for this development which would be completed at the approval of the City Engineer. The construction of the new drainage system would not result in significant environmental effects.

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d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				
Significa and 221 result in	Adequate services are available to serve the site. The project did not meet the City's CEQA Significance Thresholds of 500 residential units or more that would be subject to Senate Bills 610 and 221, therefore a Water Supply Assessment was not required. The project's development would result in standard residential energy consumption. Therefore, new or expanded entitlements would not be necessary.				
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
The project was reviewed by the Public Utilities staff who determined that adequate services are available to serve the site.					
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				

The project did meet the City's CEQA Significance Determination Thresholds for cumulative impacts to solid waste; therefore, a Waste Management Plan was prepared by RECON Environmental, Inc., March 24, 2020. The California Public Resources Code (Assembly Bill 939) requires each city in the state to divert at least 50 percent of its solid waste from landfill disposal through source reduction, recycling, composting, and transformation. Subsequent approvals, (Assembly Bill 341) require a 75 percent solid waste diversion by the year 2020. The City has enacted codes and policies aimed at helping it achieve this diversion level, including the Refuse and Recyclable Materials Storage Regulations (Municipal Code Chapter 14, Article 2 Division 8), Recycling Ordinance (Municipal Code Chapter 6, Article 6, Division 7), and the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Deposit Ordinance (Municipal Code Chapter 6, Article 6, Division 6). The project would comply with these codes.

As prescribed in the project's Waste Management Plan (WMP) (RECON, 2016), the project would comply with all applicable City ordinances regarding collection, diversion, and disposal of waste generated from C&D, grading, and occupancy. Of the 1,413.9 tons estimated to be generated (1,047 tons from demolition and 384.9 tons from construction), 1,319.3 tons would be diverted (1,016.5 tons from demolition and 302.8 from construction). This would result in the diversion and reuse of 92.1 percent of the waste material generated from the project from the landfill, which would meet the City's current 75 percent waste diversion goal. During occupancy, the 90 units multi-family development would generate approximately 115.7 tons of waste per year. As such, the applicant would be required to implement the ongoing WMP measures to ensure maximum diversion from landfills. Exterior storage space for refuse, recyclable, and landscape/green waste materials would

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be provided consistent with SDMC requ the WMP and compliance with all applic to below a level of significance. Impacts would be less than significant.	able City ordinan	ces, solid waste ir	mpacts would l	be reduced
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulation related to solid waste?	ı 🗆			\boxtimes
The applicable regulations related to sol 75 percent waste diversion by the year 2 2007, which requires on-site recyclable of Refuse and Recyclable Materials Storage recyclable material storage areas requires Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debis construction, demolition, and remodeling permits pay a refundable C&D Debris Reby recycling, reusing, or donating reusal to arrange for recycling services for organization waste, nonhazardous wood waste. The project would be required to related to solid waste. No impacts, there exists will the project:	2020; the City's Recollection for residence Regulations indired at residential oris Deposit Ording projects requirecycling Deposit able materials; and anic waste includeste, and food-soil ocomply with fed	ecycling Ordinance dential and commicates the minimuland commercial plance requires the divert at least divert	e, adopted Nor nercial uses; the oroperties; the at the majority bination, or de 50 percent of s businesses in reen waste, lan	vember ne City's use and of emolition their waste n California idscape and with food
 Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? 				
The City of San Diego participates in the Plan. The project complies with the Gen Plan's land use and the Land Developme urbanized area of San Diego and constrexisting multi-family residence would not the Hazard Mitigation Plan. As a conditional bond the construction of a two new Engineer to ensure that no impediments would have a less-than-significant impactonstruction and operation.	eral Plan and is cent Code's zoning uction of a multion of disrupt any emon of approval, the emergency access to emergency a	onsistent with the g designation. The family residential tergency evacuation te Owner/Permitt ss only driveways ccess would occu	e College Area project is loca units in the pla on routes as id ee shall assure s, satisfactory to r. Therefore, th	Community ited in an ace of an lentified in by permit to the City ne project
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of wildfire?				

The project is located in an urbanized neighborhood of similar residential development and is located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. However, due to the location of the project, the project would implement Brush Management Regulations and MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines

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quate fire hyd	rant services and	d street access	. No new
Development (y Engineer. Ho	Code. The project wever, the project	t proposes nev	w drainage expose
	infrastructure quate fire hyd oject that may quired.	significant Mitigation Incorporated the City's Land Development Copies occupants to pollutant contementation of the brush management. Infrastructure which would ser quate fire hydrant services and roject that may exacerbate fire quired. Indurban neighborhood. The property Engineer. However, the project project of the project that grant code as a result of the project project of the project project of the project project of the project project project of the project proje	Significant Impact Significant with Mitigation Impact Impa

The site is located in an established urban neighborhood with residential uses and adjacent to San Diego State University. The analysis has determined that, although there are potential for significant impacts to Biological Resources and Land Use, implementation of Section V of the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) would reduce potential impacts to below a level of significance. With implementation of the MMRPs, the project would not degrade the quality of the environment or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

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b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable ("cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				

The project may have cumulatively considerable impacts to Biological Resources and Land Use. As such, mitigation measures included in this document would reduce these potential impacts to less than significant. Other future projects within the surrounding neighborhood or community would be required to comply with applicable local, State and Federal regulations to reduce potential impacts to less than significant, or to the extent possible. As such, the project is not anticipated to contribute to potentially significant cumulative environmental impacts.

c)	Does the project have environmental		
	effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings,		\boxtimes
	either directly or indirectly?		

Refer to Section V-Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources. The project would not have any environmental effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. No significant impacts would occur.

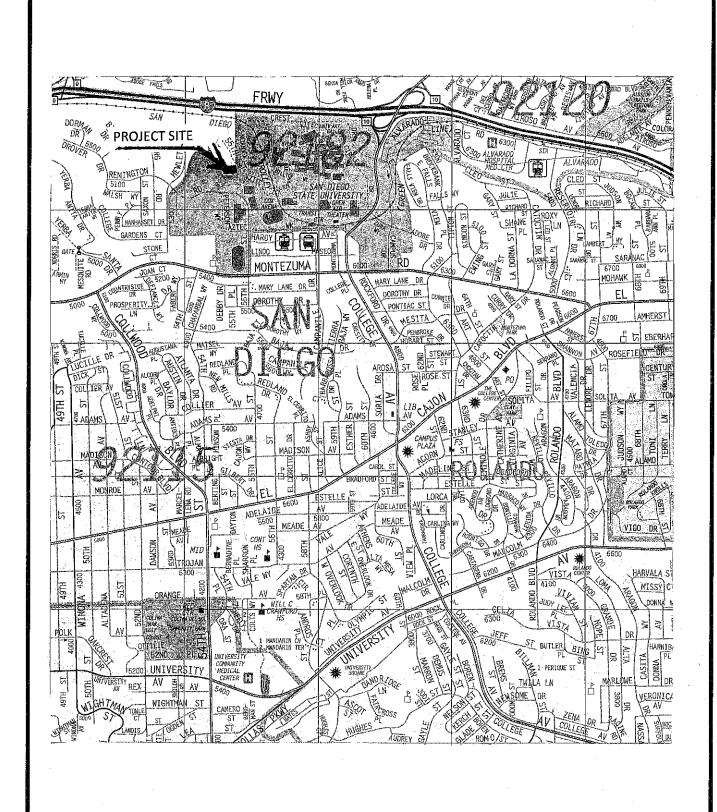
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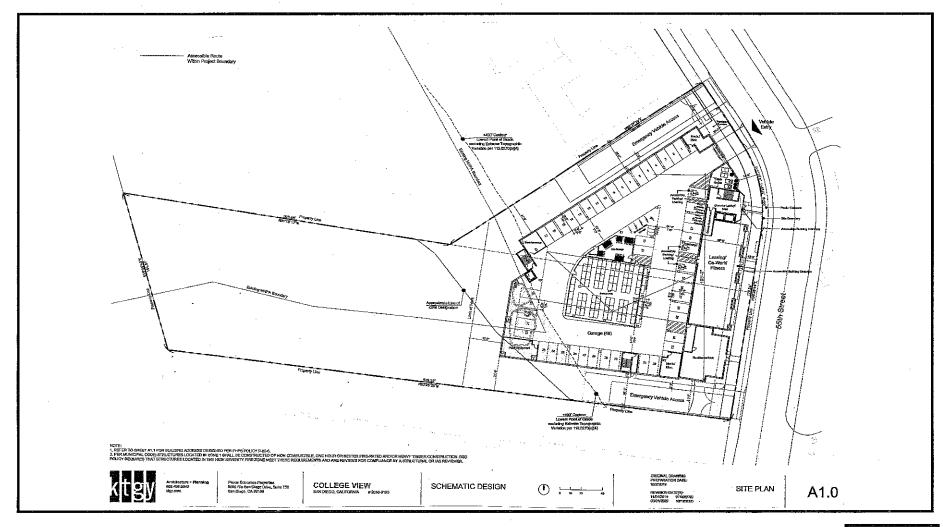




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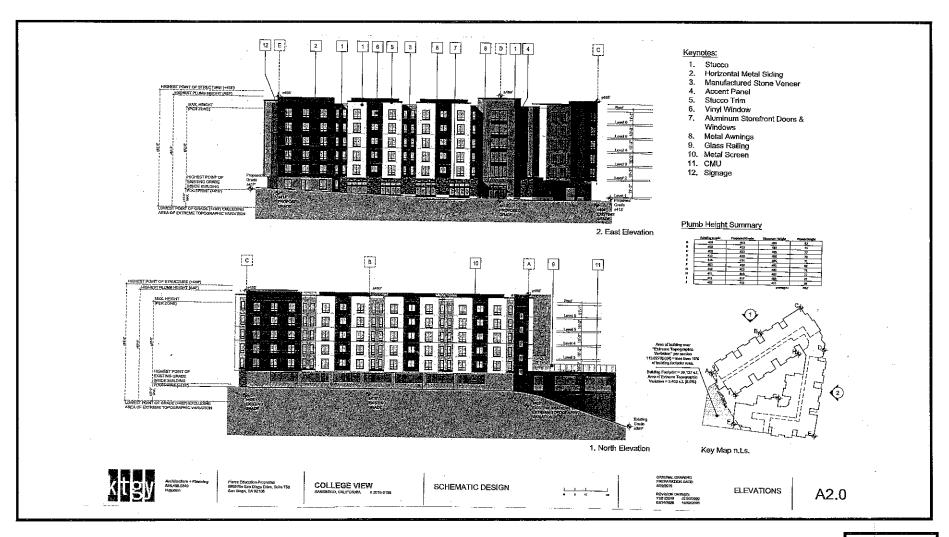




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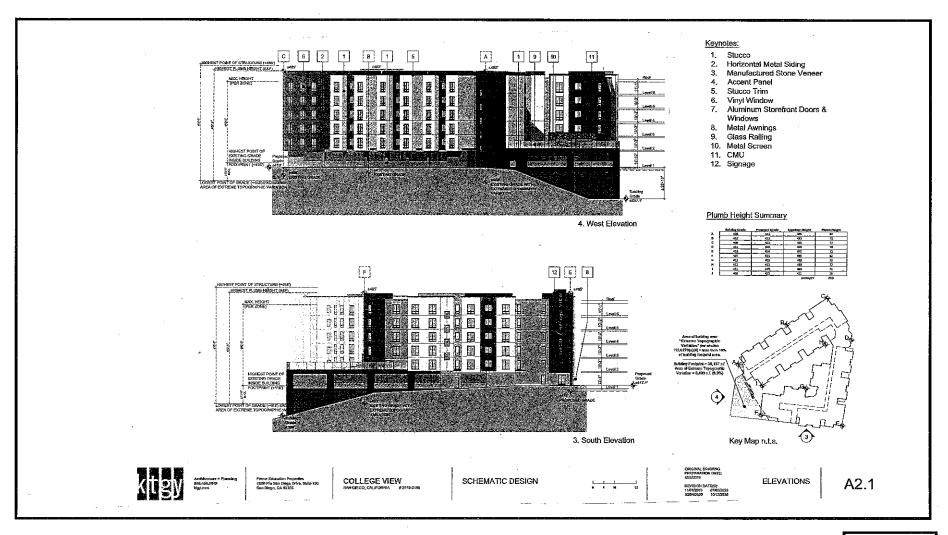




East and North Elevations

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West and South Elevations

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