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Glen Jia, Project Planner San Mateo County Planning and Building Division 455 County Center Redwood City, CA 94063

# re: PLN2021-00478 / APN 047-105-020 at 779 San Carlos Ave, El Granada / Lacasia-Barrios Rodrigo

Dear Glen Jia,

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

#### **Project Description:**

Coast side Design Review Permit, Hearing-level Coastal Development Permit (CDP), Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and Variance for the construction of a new 1,820 sq. ft. (formerly 1,808 sq. ft.) three-story, singlefamily residence with an attached 381 sq. ft. garage and 795 sq. ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on a legal 7,070 sq. ft. parcel (Recorded Certificate of Compliance, PLN2020-00448), associated with a hearing level Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and Variance. A Variance is required to allow a reduced front yard setback of 13 feet where 20 feet is the minimum front yard setback in the S-17 zoning district, due to the site location within a portion of the Montecito Riparian Corridor and the associated 30-feet riparian setback. Wetland setbacks are not met and the applicant seeks a reduction in the minimum 100 feet setback. The project includes minor grading and no tree removal. An Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) will be prepared by staff and made available for public review. Subsequently, the Planning Commission will make a decision on the IS/ND, DR, CDP, and Variance at a public hearing. This project was scheduled for continued consideration from the August 11, 2022 meeting. The project is appealable to the California Coastal Commission.

# **Previous Studies**:

XX Study # 3082 (Dietz and Jackson 1970), included the proposed project area in their maps. However, the report is unclear as to whether the researchers surveyed the proposed project area (*see recommendation below*).

# Archaeological and Native American Resources Recommendations:

The proposed project area has the possibility of containing unrecorded <u>archaeological site(s)</u>. A study is recommended prior to commencement of project activities.

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- XX We recommend the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at 916/373-3710.
- XX While the general region surrounding the proposed project site has a high level of sensitivity for archaeological resources, the project parcel itself is located on a steep slope and has a <u>low</u> possibility of containing unrecorded <u>archaeological site(s)</u>. Therefore, no further study for archaeological resources is recommended.

### **Built Environment Recommendations:**

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Bryan Much Coordinator