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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303494

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAR 11 2008

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2003, Pardee Homes, Owner/Applicant submitted an application to the City of San Diego for a vesting tentative map, planned development permit/site development permit/coastal development permit/neighborhood use permit for the Rancho Valley Farms project; and

WHEREAS, the matter was set for a public hearing to be conducted by the Council of the City of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, under Charter section 280(a)(2) this resolution is not subject to veto by the Mayor because this matter requires the City Council to act as a quasi-judicial body and where a public hearing was required by law implicating due process rights of individuals affected by the decision and where the Council was required by law to consider evidence at the hearing and to make legal findings based on the evidence presented;

WHEREAS, the issue was heard by the City Council on MAR 11 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the issues discussed in Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 5029; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that it is certified that Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 5029, on file in the office of the City Clerk, has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), as amended, and the State guidelines thereto (California Code of Regulations section 15000 et seq.), that the declaration reflects the independent judgment of the City of San Diego as Lead Agency and that the information

contained in the report, together with any comments received during the public review process, has been reviewed and considered by this Council of the City of San Diego..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that project revisions now mitigate potentially significant effects on the environment previously identified in the Initial Study and therefore, that the Mitigated Negative Declaration, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk and incorporated by reference, is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21081.6, the City Council adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, or alterations to implement the changes to the project as required by this body in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment, a copy of which is attached hereto, as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to file a Notice of Determination [NOD] with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Diego regarding the above project.

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EXHIBIT A

MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 8294/ SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 8292/  
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 419844/  
NEIGHBORHOOD USE PERMIT NO. 411907

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is designed to ensure compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 during implementation of mitigation measures. This program identifies at a minimum: the department responsible for the monitoring, what is to be monitored, how the monitoring shall be accomplished, the monitoring and reporting schedule, and completion requirements. A record of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program will be maintained at the offices of the Land Development Review Division, 1222 First Avenue, Fifth Floor, San Diego, CA 92101. All mitigation measures contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (Project No. 5029) shall be made conditions of PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 8294, SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 8292, COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 419844 AND NEIGHBORHOOD USE PERMIT NO. 411907 as may be further described below.

MITIGATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM:

General Measures which must be completed prior to any authorization to proceed:

1. Prior to issuance of any grading permits, the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of the City's Land Development Review Division (LDR) shall verify that the following statement is shown on the grading and/or construction plans as a note under the heading, Environmental Requirements: "Rancho Valley Farms project is subject to a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and shall conform to the mitigation conditions as contained in the environmental document MND (LDR No. 5029). The project is conditioned to include the monitoring of grading operations by a paleontologist."
2. The owner/permittee shall make arrangements to schedule a preconstruction meeting to ensure implementation of the MMRP. The meeting shall include the Resident Engineer (RE), the monitoring paleontologist and biologist, and staff from the City's Mitigation Monitoring and Coordination (MMC) Section.

**PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**I. Prior to Permit Issuance**

- A. Land Development Review (LDR) Plan Check
  1. Prior to Notice to Proceed (NTP) for any construction permits, including but not limited to, the first Grading Permit, Demolition Plans/Permits and Building Plans/Permits, but prior to the first preconstruction meeting, whichever is applicable, the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) Environmental designee shall verify that the requirements for Paleontological Monitoring have been noted on the appropriate construction documents.
- B. Letters of Qualification have been submitted to ADD
  1. The applicant shall submit a letter of verification to Mitigation Monitoring Coordination (MMC) identifying the Principal Investigator (PI) for the project and

the names of all persons involved in the paleontological monitoring program, as defined in the City of San Diego Paleontology Guidelines.

2. MMC will provide a letter to the applicant confirming the qualifications of the PI and all persons involved in the paleontological monitoring of the project.
3. Prior to the start of work, the applicant shall obtain approval from MMC for any personnel changes associated with the monitoring program.

## **II. Prior to Start of Construction**

### **A. Verification of Records Search**

1. The PI shall provide verification to MMC that a site specific records search has been completed. Verification includes, but is not limited to a copy of a confirmation letter from San Diego Natural History Museum, other institution or, if the search was in-house, a letter of verification from the PI stating that the search was completed.
2. The letter shall introduce any pertinent information concerning expectations and probabilities of discovery during trenching and/or grading activities.

### **B. PI Shall Attend Precon Meetings**

1. Prior to beginning any work that requires monitoring, the Applicant shall arrange a Precon Meeting that shall include the PI, Construction Manager (CM) and/or Grading Contractor, Resident Engineer (RE), Building Inspector (BI), if appropriate, and MMC. The qualified paleontologist shall attend any grading/excavation related Precon Meetings to make comments and/or suggestions concerning the Paleontological Monitoring program with the Construction Manager and/or Grading Contractor.
  - a. If the PI is unable to attend the Precon Meeting, the Applicant shall schedule a focused Precon Meeting with MMC, the PI, RE, CM or BI, if appropriate, prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring.
2. Identify Areas to be Monitored  
Prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring, the PI shall submit a Paleontological Monitoring Exhibit (PME) based on the appropriate construction documents (reduced to 11x17) to MMC identifying the areas to be monitored including the delineation of grading/excavation limits. The PME shall be based on the results of a site specific records search as well as information regarding existing known soil conditions (native or formation).
3. When Monitoring Will Occur
  - a. Prior to the start of any work, the PI shall also submit a construction schedule to MMC through the RE indicating when and where monitoring will occur.
  - b. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC prior to the start of work or during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program. This request shall be based on relevant information such as review of final construction documents which indicate conditions such as depth of excavation and/or site graded to bedrock, presence or absence of fossil resources, etc., which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.

## **III. During Construction**

### **A. Monitor Shall be Present During Grading/Excavation/Trenching**

1. The monitor shall be present full-time during grading/excavation/trenching activities as identified on the PME that could result in impacts to formations with high and moderate resource sensitivity. **The Construction Manager is responsible for notifying the RE, PI, and MMC of changes to any construction activities.**
  2. The monitor shall document field activity via the Consultant Site Visit Record (CSVSR). The CSVSR's shall be faxed by the CM to the RE the first day of monitoring, the last day of monitoring, monthly (**Notification of Monitoring Completion**), and in the case of ANY discoveries. The RE shall forward copies to MMC.
  3. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program when a field condition such as trenching activities that do not encounter formational soils as previously assumed, and/or when unique/unusual fossils are encountered, which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.
- B. Discovery Notification Process**
1. In the event of a discovery, the Paleontological Monitor shall direct the contractor to temporarily divert trenching activities in the area of discovery and immediately notify the RE or BI, as appropriate.
  2. The Monitor shall immediately notify the PI (unless Monitor is the PI) of the discovery.
  3. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone of the discovery, and shall also submit written documentation to MMC within 24 hours by fax or email with photos of the resource in context, if possible.
- C. Determination of Significance**
1. The PI shall evaluate the significance of the resource.
    - a. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone to discuss significance determination and shall also submit a letter to MMC indicating whether additional mitigation is required. The determination of significance for fossil discoveries shall be at the discretion of the PI.
    - b. If the resource is significant, the PI shall submit a Paleontological Recovery Program (PRP) and obtain written approval from MMC. Impacts to significant resources must be mitigated before ground disturbing activities in the area of discovery will be allowed to resume.
    - c. If resource is not significant (e.g., small pieces of broken common shell fragments or other scattered common fossils) the PI shall notify the RE, or BI as appropriate, that a non-significant discovery has been made. The Paleontologist shall continue to monitor the area without notification to MMC unless a significant resource is encountered.
    - d. The PI shall submit a letter to MMC indicating that fossil resources will be collected, curated, and documented in the Final Monitoring Report. The letter shall also indicate that no further work is required.

#### **IV. Night Work**

- A. If night work is included in the contract**
1. When night work is included in the contract package, the extent and timing shall be presented and discussed at the precon meeting.

2. The following procedures shall be followed.
  - a. No Discoveries  
In the event that no discoveries were encountered during night work, The PI shall record the information on the CSV and submit to MMC via fax by 8 AM of the next business day.
  - b. Discoveries  
All discoveries shall be processed and documented using the existing procedures detailed in Sections III - During Construction.
  - c. Potentially Significant Discoveries  
If the PI determines that a potentially significant discovery has been made, the procedures detailed under Section III - During Construction shall be followed.
  - d. The PI shall immediately contact MMC, or by 8AM of the next business day to report and discuss the findings as indicated in Section III-B, unless other specific arrangements have been made.
- B. If night work becomes necessary during the course of construction
  1. The Construction Manager shall notify the RE, or BI, as appropriate, a minimum of 24 hours before the work is to begin.
  2. The RE, or BI, as appropriate, shall notify MMC immediately.
- C. All other procedures described above shall apply, as appropriate.

## VI. Post Construction

- A. Preparation and Submittal of Draft Monitoring Report
  1. The PI shall submit two copies of the Draft Monitoring Report (even if negative) prepared in accordance with the Paleontological Resources Guidelines which describes the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Paleontological Monitoring Program (with appropriate graphics) to MMC for review and approval within 90 days following the completion of monitoring,
    - a. For significant paleontological resources encountered during monitoring, the Paleontological Recovery Program shall be included in the Draft Monitoring Report.
    - b. Recording Sites with the San Diego Natural History Museum  
The PI shall be responsible for recording (on the appropriate forms) any significant or potentially significant fossil resources encountered during the Paleontological Monitoring Program in accordance with the City's Paleontological Guidelines, and submittal of such forms to the San Diego Natural History Museum with the Final Monitoring Report.
  2. MMC shall return the Draft Monitoring Report to the PI for revision or, for preparation of the Final Report.
  3. The PI shall submit revised Draft Monitoring Report to MMC for approval.
  4. MMC shall provide written verification to the PI of the approved report.
  5. MMC shall notify the RE or BI, as appropriate, of receipt of all Draft Monitoring Report submittals and approvals.
- B. Handling of Fossil Remains
  1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains collected are cleaned and catalogued.

2. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains are analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the geologic history of the area; that faunal material is identified as to species; and that specialty studies are completed, as appropriate
- C. Curation of fossil remains: Deed of Gift and Acceptance Verification
1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all fossil remains associated with the monitoring for this project are permanently curated with an appropriate institution.
  2. The PI shall include the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution in the Final Monitoring Report submitted to the RE or BI and MMC.
- D. Final Monitoring Report(s)
1. The PI shall submit two copies of the Final Monitoring Report to MMC (even if negative), within 90 days after notification from MMC that the draft report has been approved.
  2. The RE shall, in no case, issue the Notice of Completion until receiving a copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report from MMC which includes the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution.

## **HISTORICAL RESOURCES (ARCHAEOLOGY)**

### **I. Prior to Permit Issuance**

#### **A. Land Development Review (LDR) Plan Check**

1. Prior to Notice to Proceed (NTP) for any construction permits, including but not limited to, the first Grading Permit, Demolition Plans/Permits and Building Plans/Permits, but prior to the first preconstruction meeting, whichever is applicable, the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) Environmental designee shall verify that the requirements for Archaeological Monitoring and Native American monitoring have been noted on the appropriate construction documents.

#### **B. Letters of Qualification have been submitted to ADD**

1. The applicant shall submit a letter of verification to Mitigation Monitoring Coordination (MMC) identifying the Principal Investigator (PI) for the project and the names of all persons involved in the archaeological monitoring program, as defined in the City of San Diego Historical Resources Guidelines (HRG). If applicable, individuals involved in the archaeological monitoring program must have completed the 40-hour HAZWOPER training with certification documentation.
2. MMC will provide a letter to the applicant confirming the qualifications of the PI and all persons involved in the archaeological monitoring of the project.
3. Prior to the start of work, the applicant must obtain approval from MMC for any personnel changes associated with the monitoring program.

### **II. Prior to Start of Construction**

#### **A. Verification of Records Search**

1. The PI shall provide verification to MMC that a site specific records search (1/4 mile radius) has been completed. Verification includes, but is not limited to a copy of a confirmation letter from South Coast Information Center, or, if the search was in-house, a letter of verification from the PI stating that the search was completed.

2. The letter shall introduce any pertinent information concerning expectations and probabilities of discovery during trenching and/or grading activities.
3. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC requesting a reduction to the ¼ mile radius.

**B. PI Shall Attend Precon Meetings**

1. Prior to beginning any work that requires monitoring; the Applicant shall arrange a Precon Meeting that shall include the PI, Construction Manager (CM) and/or Grading Contractor, Resident Engineer (RE), Building Inspector (BI), if appropriate, and MMC. The qualified Archaeologist and Native American Monitor shall attend any grading/excavation related Precon Meetings to make comments and/or suggestions concerning the Archaeological Monitoring program with the Construction Manager and/or Grading Contractor.
  - a. If the PI is unable to attend the Precon Meeting, the Applicant shall schedule a focused Precon Meeting with MMC, the PI, RE, CM or BI, if appropriate, prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring.
2. Identify Areas to be Monitored
  - a. Prior to the start of any work that requires monitoring, the PI shall submit an Archaeological Monitoring Exhibit (AME) based on the appropriate construction documents (reduced to 11x17) to MMC identifying the areas to be monitored including the delineation of grading/excavation limits.
  - b. The AME shall be based on the results of a site specific records search as well as information regarding existing known soil conditions (native or formation).
3. When Monitoring Will Occur
  - a. Prior to the start of any work, the PI shall also submit a construction schedule to MMC through the RE indicating when and where monitoring will occur.
  - b. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC prior to the start of work or during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program. This request shall be based on relevant information such as review of final construction documents which indicate site conditions such as depth of excavation and/or site graded to bedrock, etc., which may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.

**III. During Construction**

**A. Monitor(s) Shall be Present During Grading/Excavation/Trenching**

1. The Archaeological Monitor shall be present full-time during grading/excavation/trenching activities which could result in impacts to archaeological resources as identified on the AME. The Native American monitor shall determine the extent of their presence during construction related activities based on the AME and provide that information to the PI and MMC. The Construction Manager is responsible for notifying the RE, PI, and MMC of changes to any construction activities.
2. The monitor shall document field activity via the Consultant Site Visit Record (CSV). The CSV's shall be faxed by the CM to the RE the first day of monitoring, the last day of monitoring, monthly (Notification of Monitoring Completion), and in the case of ANY discoveries. The RE shall forward copies to MMC.

3. The PI may submit a detailed letter to MMC during construction requesting a modification to the monitoring program when a field condition such as modern disturbance post-dating the previous grading/trenching activities, presence of fossil formations, or when native soils are encountered may reduce or increase the potential for resources to be present.

B. Discovery Notification Process

1. In the event of a discovery, the Archaeological Monitor shall direct the contractor to temporarily divert trenching activities in the area of discovery and immediately notify the RE or BI, as appropriate.
2. The Monitor shall immediately notify the PI (unless Monitor is the PI) of the discovery.
3. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone of the discovery, and shall also submit written documentation to MMC within 24 hours by fax or email with photos of the resource in context, if possible.

C. Determination of Significance

1. The PI and Native American monitor shall evaluate the significance of the resource. If Human Remains are involved, follow protocol in Section IV below.
  - a. The PI shall immediately notify MMC by phone to discuss significance determination and shall also submit a letter to MMC indicating whether additional mitigation is required.
  - b. If the resource is significant, the PI shall submit an Archaeological Data Recovery Program (ADRP) and obtain written approval from MMC. Impacts to significant resources must be mitigated before ground disturbing activities in the area of discovery will be allowed to resume.
  - c. If resource is not significant, the PI shall submit a letter to MMC indicating that artifacts will be collected, curated, and documented in the Final Monitoring Report. The letter shall also indicate that that no further work is required.

IV. Discovery of Human Remains

If human remains are discovered, work shall halt in that area and the following procedures as set forth in the California Public Resources Code (Sec. 5097.98) and State Health and Safety Code (Sec. 7050.5) shall be undertaken:

A. Notification

1. Archaeological Monitor shall notify the RE or BI as appropriate, MMC, and the PI, if the Monitor is not qualified as a PI. MMC will notify the appropriate Senior Planner in the Environmental Analysis Section (EAS).
2. The PI shall notify the Medical Examiner after consultation with the RE, either in person or via telephone.

B. Isolate discovery site

1. Work shall be directed away from the location of the discovery and any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlay adjacent human remains until a determination can be made by the Medical Examiner in consultation with the PI concerning the provenience of the remains.
2. The Medical Examiner, in consultation with the PI, will determine the need for a field examination to determine the provenience.

3. If a field examination is not warranted, the Medical Examiner will determine with input from the PI, if the remains are or are most likely to be of Native American origin.
- C. If Human Remains ARE determined to be Native American
1. The Medical Examiner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours. By law, ONLY the Medical Examiner can make this call.
  2. NAHC will immediately identify the person or persons determined to be the Most Likely Descendent (MLD) and provide contact information.
  3. The MLD will contact the PI within 24 hours or sooner after the Medical Examiner has completed coordination, to begin the consultation process in accordance with the California Public Resource and Health & Safety Codes.
  4. The MLD will have 48 hours to make recommendations to the property owner or representative, for the treatment or disposition with proper dignity, of the human remains and associated grave goods.
  5. Disposition of Native American Human Remains shall be determined between the MLD and the PI, IF:
    - a. The NAHC is unable to identify the MLD, OR the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 48 hours after being notified by the Commission; OR;
    - b. The landowner or authorized representative rejects the recommendation of the MLD and mediation in accordance with PRC 5097.94 (k) by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to the landowner.
    - c. In order to protect these sites, the Landowner shall do one or more of the following:
      - (1) Record the site with the NAHC;
      - (2) Record an open space or conservation easement on the site;
      - (3) Record a document with the County.
    - d. Upon the discovery of multiple Native American human remains during a ground disturbing land development activity, the landowner may agree that additional conferral with descendants is necessary to consider culturally appropriate treatment of multiple Native American human remains. Culturally appropriate treatment of such a discovery may be ascertained from review of the site utilizing cultural and archaeological standards. U Where the parties are unable to agree on the appropriate treatment measures the human remains and buried with Native American human remains shall be reinterred with appropriate dignity, pursuant to Section 5.c., above.
- D. If Human Remains are NOT Native American
1. The PI shall contact the Medical Examiner and notify them of the historic era context of the burial.
  2. The Medical Examiner will determine the appropriate course of action with the PI and City staff (PRC 5097.98).
  3. If the remains are of historic origin, they shall be appropriately removed and conveyed to the Museum of Man for analysis. The decision for interment of the human remains shall be made in consultation with MMC, EAS, the applicant/landowner and the Museum of Man.

V. Night and/or Weekend Work

A. If night and/or weekend work is included in the contract

1. When night and/or weekend work is included in the contract package, the extent and timing shall be presented and discussed at the precon meeting.
2. The following procedures shall be followed.

a. No Discoveries

In the event that no discoveries were encountered during night and/or weekend work, the PI shall record the information on the CSVR and submit to MMC via fax by 8AM of the next business day.

b. Discoveries

All discoveries shall be processed and documented using the existing procedures detailed in Sections III - During Construction, and IV - Discovery of Human Remains.

c. Potentially Significant Discoveries

If the PI determines that a potentially significant discovery has been made, the procedures detailed under Section III - During Construction shall be followed.

- d. The PI shall immediately contact MMC, or by 8AM of the next business day to report and discuss the findings as indicated in Section III-B, unless other specific arrangements have been made.

B. If night and/or weekend work becomes necessary during the course of construction

1. The Construction Manager shall notify the RE, or BI, as appropriate, a minimum of 24 hours before the work is to begin.
2. The RE, or BI, as appropriate, shall notify MMC immediately.

C. All other procedures described above shall apply, as appropriate.

VI. Post Construction

A. Preparation and Submittal of Draft Monitoring Report

1. The PI shall submit two copies of the Draft Monitoring Report (even if negative), prepared in accordance with the Historical Resources Guidelines (Appendix C/D) which describes the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Archaeological Monitoring Program (with appropriate graphics) to MMC for review and approval within 90 days following the completion of monitoring,
  - a. For significant archaeological resources encountered during monitoring, the Archaeological Data Recovery Program shall be included in the Draft Monitoring Report.
  - b. Recording Sites with State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. The PI shall be responsible for recording (on the appropriate State of California Department of Park and Recreation forms-DPR 523 A/B) any significant or potentially significant resources encountered during the Archaeological Monitoring Program in accordance with the City's Historical Resources Guidelines, and submittal of such forms to the South Coastal Information Center with the Final Monitoring Report.
2. MMC shall return the Draft Monitoring Report to the PI for revision or, for preparation of the Final Report.
3. The PI shall submit revised Draft Monitoring Report to MMC for approval.

4. MMC shall provide written verification to the PI of the approved report.
  5. MMC shall notify the RE or BI, as appropriate, of receipt of all Draft Monitoring Report submittals and approvals.
- B. Handling of Artifacts**
1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all cultural remains collected are cleaned and catalogued
  2. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all artifacts are analyzed to identify function and chronology as they relate to the history of the area; that faunal material is identified as to species; and that specialty studies are completed, as appropriate.
  3. The cost for curation is the responsibility of the property owner.
- C. Curation of artifacts: Accession Agreement and Acceptance Verification**
1. The PI shall be responsible for ensuring that all artifacts associated with the survey, testing and/or data recovery for this project are permanently curated with an appropriate institution. This shall be completed in consultation with MMC and the Native American representative, as applicable.
  2. The PI shall include the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution in the Final Monitoring Report submitted to the RE or BI and MMC.
- D. Final Monitoring Report(s)**
1. The PI shall submit one copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report to the RE or BI as appropriate, and one copy to MMC (even if negative), within 90 days after notification from MMC that the draft report has been approved.
  2. The RE shall, in no case, issue the Notice of Completion and/or release of the Performance Bond for grading until receiving a copy of the approved Final Monitoring Report from MMC which includes the Acceptance Verification from the curation institution.

## **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

### Conveyance to the Multi-Habitat Planning Area

1. Prior to recordation of the first final map and/or issuance of any grading permits, the 33.45 acres of on-site MHPA shall be conveyed to the City's MSCP preserve through fee title to the City, a conservation easement or a covenant of easement granted in favor of the City and wildlife agencies. Conveyance of any land in fee to the City shall require approval from the Park and Recreation Department Open Space Division Deputy Director and shall exclude detention basins or other stormwater control facilities, brush management areas, landscape/revegetation areas, and graded slopes; these features shall have conservation easements recorded over them if accepted into the MHPA, with maintenance and management responsibilities retained by the Owner/Permittee, unless otherwise agreed to by the City.
2. To facilitate MHPA conveyance, any non-fee areas shall be lotted separately, have conservation easements placed over them if located in the MHPA, and be maintained in perpetuity by the Owner/Permittee/Applicant unless otherwise agreed to by the City. All other on-site areas shall be conveyed through any of the three above methods. A copy of the proposed/ final method of MHPA conveyance shall be submitted to DSD and MSCP.

### Avian Mitigation

The Rancho Valley Farms site could also result in adverse impacts to raptor foraging habitat. This measure shall be offset through the preservation of 100% of the natural vegetation onsite, located within the MHPA. This measure would reduce all impacts to a level that is less than significant.

To avoid any unnecessary construction-related direct and indirect impacts to possible raptors and California Gnatcatchers that might inhabit the MHPA prior to grading, and to the MHPA resources in general, the owner/permittee shall, using a qualified biologist, implement the following mitigation measures. A letter of verification to the Assistant Deputy Director of the Land Development Review Divisions stating that a qualified biologist has been retained to implement these measures shall be submitted prior to the granting of a grading permit.

- a) The qualified biologist shall supervise the placement of orange construction fencing or equivalent along the boundary of the development area as shown on the approved grading plans.
- b) The project biologist shall meet with the owner, permittee or designee, and the construction crew to conduct an onsite educational session regarding the need to avoid impacts outside of the approved development area.
- c) During grading activities, Best Management Practices for erosion control shall be implemented and monitored as needed to prevent any significant sediment transport. These practices may include, but may not be limited to, the following: the use of materials such as sandbags; sediment fencing and erosion control matting to stabilize disturbed areas; and installation of erosion control materials, particularly on the downslope side of disturbed areas, to prevent soil loss.
- d) All construction activities shall take place only inside the fenced area. Grading materials shall be stored either inside the fenced development area or in an area approved by the project biologist.
- e) If the site has a potential to support nests and nesting raptors are present during grading and/or construction activities, compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act/ Section 3503 would preclude the potential for direct impacts.

If there is a potential for direct noise impacts to nesting raptors, prior to any grading or vegetation removal within the development area during the raptor breeding season (February 1 through September 15) the biologist shall ensure that no raptors are nesting. If construction occurs during the raptor breeding season a preconstruction survey would be conducted and no construction would be allowed within 300 or 500 feet of any identified nest(s) (depending on type of avian species) until the young had fledged. Should the biologist determine that raptors are nesting; an active nest shall not be removed until after the breeding season.

- f) Prior to the issuance of any grading permit the Assistant Deputy Director of the Land Development Review Division shall verify that the MHPA boundaries and the following project requirements regarding the Coastal California Gnatcatcher are shown on the construction plans.

No clearing, grubbing, grading, or other construction activities shall occur between March 1 and August 15, the breeding season of the Coastal California Gnatcatcher, until the following requirements have been met to the satisfaction of the City Manager.

- A. A qualified biologist (possessing a valid Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(A) recovery permit) shall survey those habitat areas within the MHPA that

would be subject to construction noise levels exceeding 60 decibels [dB(A)] hourly average for the presence of the Coastal California Gnatcatcher. Surveys for the Coastal California Gnatcatcher shall be conducted pursuant to the protocol survey guidelines established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within the breeding season prior to the commencement of any construction. If gnatcatchers are present, then the following conditions must be met:

- I. Between March 1 and August 15, no clearing, grubbing, or grading of occupied gnatcatcher habitat shall be permitted. Areas restricted from such activities shall be staked or fenced under the supervision of a qualified biologist; and
  - II. Between March 1 and August 15, no construction activities shall occur within any portion of the site, where construction activities would result in noise levels exceeding 60 dB(A) hourly average at the edge of occupied gnatcatcher habitat. An analysis showing that noise generated by construction activities would not exceed 60 dB(A) hourly average at the edge of occupied habitat must be completed by a qualified acoustician (possessing current noise engineer license or registration with monitoring noise level experience with listed animal species) and approved by the City Manager at least two weeks prior commencement of construction activities. Prior to the commencement of construction activities during the breeding season, areas restricted from such activities shall be staked or fenced under the supervision of a qualified biologist; or
  - III. At least two weeks prior to the commencement of construction activities, under the direction of a qualified acoustician, noise attenuation measures (e.g., berms, walls) shall be implemented to ensure that noise levels resulting from construction activities shall not exceed 60 dB(A) hourly average at the edge of habitat occupied by the Coastal California Gnatcatcher. Concurrent with the commencement of construction activities and the construction of necessary noise attenuation facilities, noise monitoring\* shall be conducted at the edge of the occupied habitat area to ensure that noise levels do not exceed 60 dB(A) hourly average. If the noise attenuation techniques implemented are determined to be inadequate by the qualified acoustician or biologist, then the associated construction activities shall cease until such time that adequate noise attenuation is achieved or until the end of the breeding season (August 16).
- B. If Coastal California Gnatcatchers are not detected during the protocol survey, the qualified biologist shall submit substantial evidence to the City Manager and applicable resource agencies which demonstrates whether or not mitigation measures such as noise walls are necessary between March 1 and August 15 as follows:
- I. If this evidence indicates the potential is high for the Coastal California Gnatcatcher to be present based on historical records or site conditions, then condition A. III shall be adhered to as specified above.
  - II. If this evidence concludes that no impacts to this species are anticipated, no mitigation measures would be necessary.

#### Land Use Adjacency-MHPA

Drainage – All drainage from proposed roads and structures associated with the Rancho Valley Farms site shall flow into a storm drain system located in the proposed road, then to a detention structure located in the northeast corner of the development area. A pipe shall convey water from this detention structure to an existing natural drainage swale

where it shall be discharged. This will ensure that runoff from the project will not increase erosion, sedimentation or affect water quality.

Lighting – All lighting associated with the project shall be shielded and directed away from the urban/natural edge. Remnant night-lighting would not be a nuisance to surrounding wildlife. These remaining indirect effects are not considered significant, and no additional mitigation is required.

Human Intrusion – Barriers such as low fencing and trail markers shall be incorporated into the project design to limit and control public access into natural open space.

Invasive Plants – The landscape plant palate for the proposed graded areas adjacent to natural open space areas shall include only native and low fuel plant species. No invasive (non-native weedy) species shall be introduced adjacent to natural open space.

Brush Management – Brush Management Zone 2 is compatible with the biological objectives of maintaining the biological function of the natural open space. In this particular circumstance, it has been possible to locate all brush management, whether Zone 1 or 2, within the development area. No brush management shall be done within the MHPA.

\* Construction noise shall continue to be monitored at least twice weekly on varying days, or more frequently depending on the construction activity, to verify that noise levels at the edge of occupied habitat are maintained below 60 dB(A) hourly average or to the ambient noise level if it already exceeds 60 dB(A) hourly average. If not, other measures shall be implemented in consultation with the biologist and the City Manager as necessary, to reduce noise levels to below 60 dB(A) hourly average or to the ambient noise level if it already exceeds 60 dB(A) hourly average. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, limitations on the placement of construction equipment and the simultaneous use of equipment.

The above mitigation monitoring and reporting program will require additional fees and/or deposits to be collected prior to the issuance of building permits, certificates of occupancy and/or final maps to ensure the successful completion of the monitoring program.

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