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Good morning. I was following up on this as I have not received any response. Did the information I provided help? Is there any more assistance I can provide? Thanks,

On Mon, Aug 25, 2025 at 12:13 PM Nick Robinson <[forestryrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:forestryrobinson@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good morning Portia and planning staff. I am assisting Jon Stone in responding to the deficiency letter dated July 21, 2025. My apologies to all for the delay in responding.

1. Quantity, size and type of trees to be removed. **There are approximately 80 trees within this project. These trees are 99% redwood and range in diameter from 6 to 30 inches DBH(diameter breast height). I also observed one grand fir, one Douglas-fir, several small holly trees, a few willow trees and a rhododendron.**

2. Provide a specific reason and justification as to why the tree removal is necessary. **The proposed development is the primary reason for tree removal. Additionally, due to the even aged nature of the stand structure, retaining isolated trees from this stand would be highly susceptible to wind throw and thus a hazard for the proposed and adjacent structures. This risk declines for the trees that are growing in the gulch below the proposed development, as these trees are more sheltered and will remain as part of an intact stand. For this reason the proposed development and conversion excludes the areas below the break in slope in the southwest portions of the property. Please refer to the Conversion Boundary shown on the attached Project Map.**

3. Provide documentation on proposed mitigation measures for the vegetation removal proposed within the Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone buffer area.

- Timber operations within the WLPZ shall not occur within the Winter/Wet Weather Period (October 15 through May 1).

- Encampment: The approximately 2,750 sq ft area of the encampment is to be excavated to remove all material, trash and refuse to an appropriate off-site location. Following removal, the excavated area shall be recontoured to match the native slope to the extent feasible and standard erosion control measures shall be applied.

- Invasive Species management: Within the approximately 4,700 sq ft area identified (see attached map), invasive species are to be removed and native species are to be planted. Planted species shall consist of locally appropriate native shrubs and herbaceous species with an emphasis on creating dense, year-round screening (e.g., wax myrtles) and ground cover to filter stormwater runoff.

- The applicant has agreed to CDFW's recommendation to daylight the watercourse by cutting the 18" culvert where it emerges from the fill and removing the remaining exposed portions as shown on the attached map. This is approximately 100 ft of culvert that will be removed.

4. The maps submitted with the project are unclear on exactly what the width of the buffer

reduction proposed. It is also unclear if the setback is being proposed to accommodate the housing in addition to the tree removal.

For clarity, I have attached a map that shows the watercourse features and proposed actions. The buffer reduction proposed, and agreed upon with planning staff and CDFW in the field is as follows:

- A 20ft reduction from the standard 50' SMA for development. That is, the extent of development, or permanent reduction to the SMA as measured from the edge of the intermittent wetland and from the bottom of the swale feature is to be 30 ft. This is to accommodate housing and the mitigations described above.
- As previously agreed to, trees (and invasive vegetation) are to be removed within the reduced 30' SMA on the north side of the watercourse features. No vegetation removal, disturbance or development is proposed on the south side of the watercourse features.

The attached map shows the proposed 30' SMA shown in blue. This is the extent of development. The Conversion Boundary shows the extent of tree removal. (A purple dotted line shows where the standard 50' SMA would be located for reference.) The measurements shown on the map were done with GIS and are approximate.

Note I'm not responding to Item #5. As I understand, this will be handled by the applicant's draftsman.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or additional clarifications. Thanks,

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