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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NAME: Ridgeway Drive Major Grade

RECORD ID: PDS2020-LDGRMJ-30273; PDS2023-ER-23-18-004

This Document is Considered Draft Until it is Adopted by the Appropriate County of San Diego Decision-Making Body.

This Negative Declaration is comprised of this form along with the Environmental Initial Study that includes the following:

- a. Initial Study Form
 - b. Attached extended studies for Archaeological and Biological Resources
1. California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period; and that revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the project applicant would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and, on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Mitigated Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project as revised will have a significant effect on the environment.

2. Required Mitigation Measures:

Refer to the attached Environmental Initial Study for the rationale for requiring the following measures:

ANY PERMIT: *(Prior to the approval of any plan, issuance of any permit, and prior to occupancy or use of the premises in reliance of this permit).*

1. **BIO#1–BIOLOGICAL EASEMENT [PDS, FEE X 2]**

INTENT: In order to protect sensitive biological resources, pursuant to the [Biological Mitigation Ordinance \(BMO\)](#) and the County's Guidelines for Determining Significance

for Biological Resources, a biological open space easement shall be granted. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** Grant to the County of San Diego and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife by separate document, an open space easement, or grant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife a conservation easement, as shown on the approved Grading Plan. This easement is for the protection of biological resources and prohibits all of the following on any portion of the land subject to said easement: grading; excavation; placement of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or other material; clearing of vegetation; construction, erection, or placement of any building or structure; vehicular activities; trash dumping; or use for any purpose other than as open space. Granting of this open space authorizes the County and its agents to periodically access the land to perform management and monitoring activities for the purposes of species and habitat conservation. The only exception(s) to this prohibition are:

1. Selective clearing of vegetation by hand to the extent required by written order of the fire authorities for the express purpose of reducing an identified fire hazard. While clearing for fire management is not anticipated with the creation of this easement, such clearing may be deemed necessary in the future for the safety of lives and property. All fire clearing shall be pursuant to the applicable fire code of the Fire Authority Having Jurisdiction and the Memorandum of Understanding dated February 26, 1997, (<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/PDS/docs/MemoofUnder.pdf>) between the wildlife agencies and the fire districts and any subsequent amendments thereto. Activities conducted pursuant to a revegetation or habitat management plan approved by the Director of PDS, DPW or DPR.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall prepare the draft plats and legal descriptions of the easements, then submit them for preparation and recordation with the [DGS, RP], and pay all applicable fees associated with preparation of the documents. **TIMING:** Prior to approval of any plan or issuance of any permit, and prior to use of the premises in reliance of this permit the easements shall be recorded. **MONITORING:** The [DGS, RP] shall prepare and approve the easement documents and send them to [PDS, PCC] for pre-approval. The [PDS, PCC] shall pre-approve the language and estimated location of the easements before they are released to the applicant for signature and subsequent recordation. Upon Recordation of the easements [DGS, RP] shall forward a copy of the recorded documents to [PDS, PCC] [DPR, TC] for satisfaction of the condition.

2. **BIO#2-LBZ EASEMENT [PDS, FEE X 2]**

INTENT: In order to protect sensitive biological resources, pursuant to the [Biological Mitigation Ordinance \(BMO\)](#) and the County's Guidelines for Determining Significance for Biological Resources, a Limited Building Zone Easement shall be granted to limit the need to clear or modify vegetation for fire protection purposes within an adjacent biological resource area. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** Grant to the County of San Diego a Limited Building Zone Easement as shown on the Grading Plan. The purpose of this easement is to limit the need to clear or modify vegetation for fire protection purposes within the adjacent biological open space easement and prohibit the construction or placement of any structure designed or intended for occupancy by humans or animals. The only exceptions to this prohibition are:

1. Decking, fences, and similar facilities.
2. Sheds, gazebos, and detached garages, less than 250 square feet in total floor area, which are designed, constructed, and placed so that they do not require clearing or fuel modification within the biological open space easement, beyond the clearing/fuel modification required for the primary structures on the property.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall prepare the draft plats and legal descriptions of the easements, then submit them for preparation and recordation with the [DGS, RP], and pay all applicable fees associated with preparation of the documents. **TIMING:** Prior to approval of any plan or issuance of any permit, and prior to use of the premises in reliance of this permit, the easements shall be recorded. **MONITORING:** The [DGS, RP] shall prepare and approve the easement documents and send them to [PDS, PCC] for pre-approval. The [PDS, PCC] shall pre-approve the language and estimated location of the easements before they are released to the applicant for signature and subsequent recordation. Upon recordation of the easements [DGS, RP] shall forward a copy of the recorded documents to [PDS, PCC] for satisfaction of the condition.

3. **BIO#3–OFFSITE MITIGATION [PDS, FEE X2]**

INTENT: In order to mitigate for the impacts to 0.166 acre of maritime succulent scrub habitat, which is a sensitive biological resource pursuant to the [Biological Mitigation Ordinance \(BMO\)](#), offsite mitigation shall be acquired. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The applicant shall purchase habitat credit or provide for the conservation of habitat of 0.166 acres of maritime succulent scrub habitat located at the Furby North County Preserve, in accordance with Board of Supervisor’s Policy I-138. In the event the Furby North County Preserve is not available for mitigation, the applicant can pursue other offsite mitigation acceptable to the County or Wildlife Agencies. **DOCUMENTATION:** The applicant shall purchase the offsite mitigation credits and provide the evidence to the [PDS, PCC] for review and approval. If the offsite mitigation is proposed to be owned or managed by DPR, the applicant must provide evidence to the [PDS PCC] that [DPR, GPM] agrees to this proposal. It is recommended that the applicant submit the mitigation proposal to the [PDS, PCC], for a pre-approval. **TIMING:** Prior to approval of any plan or issuance of any permit, and prior to use of the premises in reliance of this permit, the mitigation shall occur. **MONITORING:** The [PDS, PCC] shall review the mitigation purchase for compliance with this condition. Upon request from the applicant [PDS, PCC] can pre-approve the location and type of mitigation only. The credits shall be purchased before the requirement can be completed.

GRADING PERMIT: (Prior to approval of any grading and or improvement plans and issuance of any Grading or Construction Permits).

4. **CULT#1 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TRIBAL MONITORING**

INTENT: In order to mitigate for potential impacts to undiscovered buried archaeological resources and human remains, an Archaeological and Tribal Monitoring Program and potential Data Recovery Program shall be implemented pursuant to the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance for Cultural Resources and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** A County Approved Principal Investigator (PI) known as the “Project Archaeologist,” shall be

contracted to perform archaeological monitoring and a potential data recovery program during all grading, clearing, grubbing, trenching, and construction activities. The archaeological monitoring program shall include the following:

- a. The Project Archaeologist shall perform the monitoring duties before, during and after construction pursuant to the most current version of the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Requirements for Cultural Resources. The Project Archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American monitor shall also evaluate fill soils to determine that they are clean of cultural resources. The contract or letter of acceptance provided to the County shall include an agreement that the archaeological monitoring will be completed, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Project Archaeologist and the County of San Diego shall be executed. The contract or letter of acceptance shall include a cost estimate for the monitoring work and reporting.
- b. The Project Archeologist shall provide evidence that a Kumeyaay Native American has been contracted to perform Native American Monitoring for the project.
- c. The cost of the monitoring shall be added to the grading bonds or bonded separately.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall provide a copy of the Archaeological Monitoring Contract or letter of acceptance, cost estimate, and MOU to [PDS, PPD]. Additionally, the cost amount of the monitoring work shall be added to the grading bond cost estimate. **TIMING:** Prior to approval of any grading and or improvement plans and issuance of any Grading or Construction Permits. **MONITORING:** [PDS, PPD] shall review the contract or letter of acceptance, MOU and cost estimate or separate bonds for compliance with this condition. The cost estimate should be forwarded to [PDS, PPD] for inclusion in the grading bond cost estimate, and grading bonds and the grading monitoring requirement shall be made a condition of the issuance of the grading or construction permit.

5. PALEO#1 - PALEONTOLOGICAL GRADING MONITORING

INTENT: In order to comply with the [County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance for Paleontological Resources](#), a monitoring program during grading, trenching or other excavation into undisturbed rock layers beneath the soil horizons and a fossil recovery program, if significant paleontological resources are encountered, shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** A Qualified Paleontologist shall be contracted to perform paleontological resource monitoring and a fossil recovery program if significant paleontological resources are encountered during all grading, trenching, or other excavation into undisturbed rock layers beneath the soil horizons. The monitoring program shall include the following:

- a. A Qualified Paleontologist ("Project Paleontologist") shall perform the monitoring duties pursuant to the most current version of the [County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance for Paleontological Resources](#), and this permit. The contract or letter of acceptance provided to the County shall include an agreement

that the grading/ trenching/excavation monitoring will be completed, and a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) between the Project Paleontologist and the County of San Diego shall be executed. The contract or letter of acceptance shall include a cost estimate for the monitoring work and reporting.

- b. The cost of the monitoring shall be added to the grading bonds or bonded separately.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall provide a copy of the Grading Monitoring Contract or letter of acceptance, cost estimate, and [MOU](#) to the [PDS, PPD]. Additionally, the cost amount of the monitoring work shall be added to the grading bond cost estimate. **TIMING:** Prior to approval of any grading and or improvement plans and issuance of any Grading or Construction Permits. **MONITORING:** The [PDS, PPD] shall review the contract or letter of acceptance, [MOU](#) and cost estimate or separate bonds for compliance with this condition. The cost estimate should be forwarded to [PDS, LDR], for inclusion in the grading bond cost estimate and grading bonds and the grading monitoring requirement shall be made a condition of the issuance of the grading or construction permit.

BUILDING PERMIT: (Prior to approval of any building plan and the issuance of any building permit).

6. WASTEWATER DISCHARGE MANAGEMENT#1–SEWER ANNEXATION

INTENT: In order to promote orderly development and to the County of San Diego Regulatory Code Section 68.312 the parcel shall be annexed into the SDCSD (San Diego County Sanitation District) Spring Valley District. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** Apply for and receive approval from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) an annexation into the SDCSD (San Diego County Sanitation District) Spring Valley District. **DOCUMENTATION:** The applicant shall provide the annexation approval documents to [DPW, PDS]. **TIMING:** Upon completion of all earth-disturbing activities, and prior to issuance of building permit, the applicant shall annex into the sewer district. **MONITORING:** Upon request of the applicant, [DPW, PDS] shall provide a recommendation to LAFCO for the annexation into the sewer district. The [DPW] shall review the annexation documents for compliance with this condition.

OCCUPANCY: (Prior to any occupancy, final grading release, or use of the premises in reliance of this permit).

7. BIO#4–OPEN SPACE FENCING [PDS, FEE]

INTENT: In order to protect the proposed open space easement from entry, or disturbance, permanent fencing shall be installed. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** Open space fencing shall be placed along the biological open space boundary as indicated on the Grading Plans. The fencing design shall consist of three strand non-barbed wire or split rail. **DOCUMENTATION:** The applicant shall install the fencing as indicated above and provide site photos and a statement from a California Registered Engineer, or licensed surveyor that the open space fencing has been installed at the open space easement boundary. **TIMING:** Prior to any occupancy, final grading release,

or use of the premises in reliance of this permit, the fencing shall be placed. **MONITORING:** The [PDS, PCC] shall review the photos and statement for compliance with this condition.

8. BIO#5–OPEN SPACE SIGNAGE [PDS, FEE]

INTENT: In order to protect the proposed open space easement from entry, informational signs shall be installed. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** Open space signs shall be placed along the biological open space boundary as indicated on the approved Grading Plan. The signs must be corrosion resistant, a minimum of 6” x 9” in size, on posts not less than three (3) feet in height from the ground surface, and must state the following:

**Sensitive Environmental Resources
Area Restricted by Easement**

Entry without express written permission from the County of San Diego is prohibited. To report a violation or for more information about easement restrictions and exceptions contact the County of San Diego,
Planning & Development Services
Reference: PDS2020-LDGRMJ-30273

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall install the signs as indicated above and provide site photos and a statement from a California Registered Engineer, or licensed surveyor, that the open space signs have been installed at the boundary of the open space easement. **TIMING:** Prior to approval of any plan or issuance of any permit, and prior to use of the premises in reliance of this permit, the open space signs shall be installed. **MONITORING:** The [PDS, PCC] shall review the photos and statement for compliance with this condition.

Draft Grading Plan Notes:

PRE-CONSTRUCTION GRADING AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS: (Prior to any clearing, grubbing, trenching, grading, or any land disturbances.)

CULT#GR-1 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TRIBAL MONITORING –PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING

INTENT: In order to comply with the County of San Diego Guidelines for Significance – Cultural Resources, an Archaeological Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The County approved Project Archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American Monitor shall attend the pre-construction meeting with the contractors to explain and coordinate the requirements of the archaeological monitoring program. The Project Archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American Monitor shall monitor the original cutting of previously undisturbed deposits in all areas identified for development including off-site improvements. The Project Archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American monitor shall also evaluate fill soils to determine that they are clean of cultural resources. The archaeological monitoring program shall comply with the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Cultural Resources. **DOCUMENTATION:** The

applicant shall have the contracted Project Archeologist and Kumeyaay Native American attend the preconstruction meeting to explain the monitoring requirements. **TIMING:** Prior to any clearing, grubbing, trenching, grading, or any land disturbances this condition shall be completed. **MONITORING:** The [DPW, PDCI] shall confirm the attendance of the approved Project Archaeologist.

PALEO-GR#1 - PALEONTOLOGICAL MONITORING

INTENT: In order to comply with the [County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Paleontological Resources](#), a Paleontological Resources Grading Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The Project Paleontologist shall attend the pre-construction meeting with the contractors to explain and coordinate the requirements of the grading monitoring program. The Project Paleontologist shall monitor during the original cutting of previously undisturbed deposits for the project, both on and off site, the Qualified Paleontological Resources Monitor shall be on-site to monitor as determined necessary by the Qualified Paleontologist. The grading monitoring program shall comply with the [County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Paleontological Resources](#). **DOCUMENTATION:** The applicant shall have the contracted Project Paleontologist attend the preconstruction meeting to explain the monitoring requirements. **TIMING:** Prior to Preconstruction Conference, and prior to any clearing, grubbing, trenching, grading, or any land disturbances this condition shall be completed. **MONITORING:** The [DPW, PDCI] shall attend the preconstruction conference and confirm the attendance of the approved Project Paleontologist.

BIO#6—TEMPORARY ORANGE FENCING [PDS, FEE]

INTENT: In order to prevent inadvertent disturbance to areas outside the limits of grading, temporary construction fencing shall be installed. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** Prior to the commencement of any grading and/or clearing in association with this grading plan, temporary orange construction fencing shall be placed to protect from inadvertent disturbance of all open space easements that do not allow grading, brushing, or clearing. Temporary fencing is also required in all locations of the project where proposed grading or clearing is within 100 feet of an open space easement boundary. The placement of such fencing shall be approved by the PDS, Permit Compliance Section. Upon approval, the fencing shall remain in place until the conclusion of grading activities after which the fencing shall be removed. **DOCUMENTATION:** The applicant shall provide evidence that the fencing has been installed and have a California licensed surveyor certify that the fencing is located on the boundary of the open space easement. The applicant shall submit photos of the fencing along with the certification letter to the [PDS, PCC] for approval. **TIMING:** Prior to Preconstruction Conference, and prior to any clearing, grubbing, trenching, grading, or any land disturbances the fencing shall be installed, and shall remain for the duration of the grading and clearing. **MONITORING:** The [PDS, PCC] shall either attend the preconstruction conference and approve the installation of the temporary fencing, or review the certification and pictures provided by the applicant.

BIO#7—RESOURCE AVOIDANCE [PDS, FEE X2]

INTENT: In order to avoid impacts to migratory birds and raptors, which are a sensitive biological resource pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), a Resource Avoidance Area (RAA), shall be implemented on all plans. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** There shall be no brushing, clearing and/or grading such that none will be allowed within 300 feet of migratory bird nesting habitat and 500 feet of raptor nesting habitat during the breeding season of migratory birds and raptors within RAA as indicated on these plans. The breeding season is defined as occurring between February 1 and August 31. The Director of PDS [PDS, PCC] may waive this condition, through written concurrence from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, provided that no migratory birds and raptors are present in the vicinity of the brushing, clearing, or grading as demonstrated by a survey completed no more than 72-hours prior to the start of brushing, clearing, or grading. **DOCUMENTATION:** The applicant shall provide a letter of agreement with this condition; alternatively, the applicant may submit a written request for waiver of this condition. Although, no grading shall occur within the RAA until concurrence is received from the County and the Wildlife Agencies. **TIMING:** Prior to preconstruction conference and prior to any clearing, grubbing, trenching, grading, or any land disturbances and throughout the duration of the grading and construction, compliance with this condition is mandatory unless the requirement is waived by the County upon receipt of concurrence from the Wildlife Agencies. **MONITORING:** The [DPW, PDC] shall not allow any grading in the RAA during the specified dates, unless a concurrence from the [PDS, PCC] is received. The [PDS, PCC] shall review the concurrence letter.

DURING CONSTRUCTION: *(The following actions shall occur throughout the duration of the grading construction).*

CULT#GR-2 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TRIBAL MONITORING – DURING CONSTRUCTION

INTENT: In order to comply with the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Cultural Resources, a Cultural Resource Grading Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The Project Archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American Monitor shall monitor the original cutting of previously undisturbed deposits in all areas identified for development including off-site improvements. The archaeological monitoring program shall comply with the following requirements during earth-disturbing activities:

- a. **Monitoring.** During the original cutting of previously undisturbed deposits, the Project Archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American Monitor shall be onsite as determined necessary by the Project Archaeologist. Inspections will vary based on the rate of excavation, the materials excavated, and the presence and abundance of artifacts and features. The frequency and location of inspections will be determined by the Project Archaeologist in consultation with the Kumeyaay Native American Monitor. Monitoring of the cutting of previously disturbed deposits will be determined by the Project Archaeologist in consultation with the Kumeyaay Native American Monitor.

b. **Inadvertent Discoveries.** In the event that previously unidentified potentially significant cultural resources are discovered:

1. The Project Archaeologist or the Kumeyaay Native American monitor shall have the authority to divert or temporarily halt ground disturbance operations in the area of discovery to allow evaluation of potentially significant cultural resources.
2. At the time of discovery, the Project Archaeologist shall contact the PDS Staff Archaeologist.
3. The Project Archaeologist, in consultation with the PDS Staff Archaeologist and the Kumeyaay Native American Monitor, shall determine the significance of the discovered resources.
4. Construction activities will be allowed to resume in the affected area only after the PDS Staff Archaeologist has concurred with the evaluation.
5. Isolates and clearly non-significant deposits shall be minimally documented in the field. Should the isolates and/or non-significant deposits not be collected by the Project Archaeologist, then the Kumeyaay Native American monitor may collect the cultural material for transfer to a Tribal Curation facility or repatriation program.
6. If cultural resources are determined to be significant, a Research Design and Data Recovery Program (Program) shall be prepared by the Project Archaeologist in consultation with the Kumeyaay Native American Monitor. The County Archaeologist shall review and approve the Program, which shall be carried out using professional archaeological methods. The Program shall include (1) reasonable efforts to preserve (avoidance) "unique" cultural resources or Sacred Sites; (2) the capping of identified Sacred Sites or unique cultural resources and placement of development over the cap, if avoidance is infeasible; and (3) data recovery for non-unique cultural resources. The preferred option is preservation (avoidance).

c. **Human Remains.** If any human remains are discovered:

1. The Property Owner or their representative shall contact the County Coroner and the PDS Staff Archaeologist.
2. Upon identification of human remains, no further disturbance shall occur in the area of the find until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin. If the human remains are to be taken offsite for evaluation, they shall be accompanied by the Kumeyaay Native American monitor.
3. If the remains are determined to be of Native American origin, the NAHC shall immediately contact the Most Likely Descendant (MLD).
4. The immediate vicinity where the Native American human remains are located is not to be damaged or disturbed by further development activity until consultation with the MLD regarding their recommendations as required by Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 has been conducted.
5. The MLD may with the permission of the landowner, or their authorized representative, inspect the site of the discovery of the Native American human remains and may recommend to the owner or the person responsible for the excavation work means for treatment or disposition, with appropriate dignity, of

- the human remains and any associated grave goods. The descendants shall complete their inspection and make recommendations or preferences for treatment within 48 hours of being granted access to the site.
6. Public Resources Code §5097.98, CEQA §15064.5 and Health & Safety Code §7050.5 shall be followed in the event that human remains are discovered.
- d. **Fill Soils.** The Project Archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American monitor shall evaluate fill soils to determine that they are clean of cultural resources.
 - e. **Monthly Reporting.** The Project Archaeologist shall submit monthly status reports to the Director of Planning and Development Services starting from the date of the Notice to Proceed to termination of implementation of the archaeological monitoring program. The report shall briefly summarize all activities during the period and the status of progress on overall plan implementation. Upon completion of the implementation phase, a final report shall be submitted describing the plan compliance procedures and site conditions before and after construction.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall implement the Archaeological Monitoring Program pursuant to this condition. **TIMING:** The following actions shall occur throughout the duration of the earth disturbing activities. **MONITORING:** The [DPW, PDCI] shall make sure that the Project Archeologist is on-site performing the monitoring duties of this condition. The [DPW, PDCI] shall contact the [PDS, PPD] if the Project Archeologist or applicant fails to comply with this condition.

PALEO-GR#2 - PALEONTOLOGICAL MONITORING

INTENT: In order to comply with the [County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Paleontological Resources](#), a Grading Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The Project Paleontologist shall monitor during the original cutting of previously undisturbed deposits for the project, both on and off site. The Qualified Paleontological Resources Monitor shall be on-site to monitor as determined necessary by the Qualified Paleontologist. The grading monitoring program shall comply with the following requirements during grading:

- a. If paleontological resources are encountered during grading/excavation, the following shall be completed:
 1. The Paleontological Resources Monitor shall have the authority to direct, divert, or halt any grading/excavation activity until such time that the sensitivity of the resource can be determined, and the appropriate salvage implemented.
 2. The Monitor shall immediately contact the Project Paleontologist.
 3. The Project Paleontologist shall contact the Planning & Development Services immediately.

4. The Project Paleontologist shall determine if the discovered resource is significant. If it is not significant, grading and/or excavation may resume.
- b. If the paleontological resource is significant or potentially significant, the Project Paleontologist or Paleontological Resources Monitor, under the supervision of the Project Paleontologist, shall complete the following tasks in the field:
 1. Salvage unearthed fossil remains, including simple excavation of exposed specimens or, if necessary, plaster-jacketing of large and/or fragile specimens or more elaborate quarry excavations of richly fossiliferous deposits.
 2. Record stratigraphic and geologic data to provide a context for the recovered fossil remains, typically including a detailed description of all paleontological localities within the project site, as well as the lithology of fossil-bearing strata within the measured stratigraphic section, if feasible, and photographic documentation of the geologic setting.
 3. Transport the collected specimens to a laboratory for processing (cleaning, curation, cataloging, etc.).

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall implement the grading monitoring program pursuant to this condition. **TIMING:** The following actions shall occur throughout the duration of the grading construction. **MONITORING:** The [DPW, PDCI] shall make sure that the Project Paleontologist is on-site performing the monitoring duties of this condition. The [DPW, PDCI] shall contact the [PDS, PPD] if the Project Paleontologist or applicant fails to comply with this condition.

ROUGH GRADING: *(Prior to rough grading approval and issuance of any building permit).*

CULT#GR-3 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TRIBAL MONITORING – ROUGH GRADING

INTENT: In order to comply with the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Cultural Resources, an Archaeological Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The Project Archaeologist shall prepare one of the following reports upon completion of the earth-disturbing activities that require monitoring:

- a. **No Archaeological Resources Encountered.** If no archaeological resources are encountered during earth-disturbing activities, then submit a final Negative Monitoring Report substantiating that earth-disturbing activities are completed and no cultural resources were encountered. Archaeological monitoring logs showing the date and time that the monitor was on site and any comments from the Native American Monitor must be included in the Negative Monitoring Report.
- b. **Archaeological Resources Encountered.** If archaeological resources were encountered during the earth disturbing activities, the Project Archaeologist shall provide an Archaeological Monitoring Report stating that the field monitoring activities have been completed, and that resources have been encountered. The

report shall detail all cultural artifacts and deposits discovered during monitoring and the anticipated time schedule for completion of the curation and/or repatriation phase of the monitoring.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall submit the Archaeological Monitoring Report to [PDS, PPD] for review and approval. Once approved, a final copy of the report shall be submitted to the South Coastal Information Center and any culturally-affiliated Tribe who requests a copy. **TIMING:** Upon completion of all earth-disturbing activities, and prior to Rough Grading Final Inspection (Grading Ordinance SEC 87.421.a.2), the report shall be completed. **MONITORING:** [PDS, PPD] shall review the report or field monitoring memo for compliance with the project MMRP, and inform [DPW, PDCI] that the requirement is completed.

PALEO-GR#3 - PALEONTOLOGICAL MONITORING

INTENT: In order to comply with the [County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Paleontological Resources](#), a Grading Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The Project Paleontologist shall prepare one of the following letters upon completion of the grading activities that require monitoring:

- a. If no paleontological resources were discovered, submit a “No Fossils Found” letter from the grading contractor to the [PDS, PPD] stating that the monitoring has been completed and that no fossils were discovered, and including the names and signatures from the fossil monitors. The letter shall be in the format of Attachment E of the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance for Paleontological Resources.
- b. If Paleontological Resources were encountered during grading, a letter shall be prepared stating that the field grading monitoring activities have been completed, and that resources have been encountered. The letter shall detail the anticipated time schedule for completion of the curation phase of the monitoring.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall submit the letter report to the [PDS, PPD] for review and approval. **TIMING:** Upon completion of all grading activities, and prior to Rough Grading Final Inspection ([Grading Ordinance SEC 87.421.a.2](#)), the letter report shall be completed. **MONITORING:** The [PDS, PPD] shall review the final negative letter report or field monitoring memo for compliance with the project MMRP, and inform [DPW, PDCI] that the requirement is completed.

FINAL GRADING RELEASE: *(Prior to any occupancy, final grading release, or use of the premises in reliance of this permit).*

CULT#GR-4 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND TRIBAL MONITORING – FINAL GRADING

INTENT: In order to comply with the County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Cultural Resources, an Archaeological Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The Project Archaeologist shall prepare a final report that documents

the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Archaeological Monitoring Program if cultural resources were encountered during earth-disturbing activities. The report shall include the following, if applicable:

- a. Department of Parks and Recreation Primary and Archaeological Site forms.
- b. Daily Monitoring Logs
- c. Evidence that all cultural materials have been conveyed as follows:

- (1) Evidence that all prehistoric materials collected during the archaeological monitoring program have been submitted to a San Diego curation facility or a culturally affiliated Native American Tribal curation facility that meets federal standards per 36 CFR Part 79, and, therefore, would be professionally curated and made available to other archaeologists/researchers for further study. The collections and associated records, including title, shall be transferred to the San Diego curation facility or culturally affiliated Native American Tribal curation facility and shall be accompanied by payment of the fees necessary for permanent curation. Evidence shall be in the form of a letter from the curation facility stating that the prehistoric archaeological materials have been received and that all fees have been paid.

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Evidence that all prehistoric materials collected during the grading monitoring program have been repatriated to a Native American group of appropriate tribal affinity and shall be accompanied by payment of the fees necessary, if required. Evidence shall be in the form of a letter from the Native American tribe to whom the cultural resources have been repatriated identifying that the archaeological materials have been received.

- (2) Historic materials shall be curated at a San Diego curation facility and shall not be curated at a Tribal curation facility or repatriated. The collections and associated records, including title, shall be transferred to the San Diego curation facility and shall be accompanied by payment of the fees necessary for permanent curation. Evidence shall be in the form of a letter from the curation facility stating that the historic materials have been received and that all fees have been paid.

- d. If no cultural resources are discovered, a Negative Monitoring Report must be submitted stating that the archaeological monitoring activities have been completed. Grading Monitoring Logs must be submitted with the negative monitoring report.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant's archaeologist shall prepare the final report and submit it to [PDS, PPD] for approval. Once approved, a final copy of the report shall be submitted to the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) and any culturally-affiliated Tribe who requests a copy. **TIMING:** Prior to any occupancy, final grading release, or

use of the premises in reliance of this permit, the final report shall be prepared. **MONITORING:** [PDS, PPD] shall review the final report for compliance with this condition and the report format guidelines. Upon acceptance of the report, [PDS, PPD] shall inform [PDS, LDR] and [DPW, PDCI], that the requirement is complete and the bond amount can be relinquished. If the monitoring was bonded separately, then [PDS, PPD] shall inform [PDS or DPW FISCAL] to release the bond back to the applicant.

PALEO-GR#4 - PALEONTOLOGICAL MONITORING

INTENT: In order to comply with the [County of San Diego Guidelines for Determining Significance and Report Format and Content Requirements for Paleontological Resources](#), a Grading Monitoring Program shall be implemented. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The Project Paleontologist shall prepare a final report that documents the results, analysis, and conclusions of all phases of the Paleontological Monitoring Program if resources were encountered during grading. The report shall include the following:

- a. If paleontological resources were discovered, the following tasks shall be completed by or under the supervision of the Project Paleontologist:
 1. Prepare collected fossil remains for curation, to include cleaning the fossils by removing the enclosing rock material, stabilizing fragile specimens using glues and other hardeners, if necessary, and repairing broken specimens.
 2. Curate, catalog and identify all fossil remains to the lowest taxon possible, inventory specimens, assigning catalog numbers, and enter the appropriate specimen and locality data into a collection database.
 3. Submit a detailed report prepared by the Project Paleontologist in the format provided in Appendix D of the County of San Diego's Guidelines for Determining Significance for Paleontological Resources. The report shall identify which accredited institution has agreed to accept the curated fossils. Submit two hard copies of the final Paleontological Resources Mitigation Report to the Director of PDS for final approval of the mitigation and submit an electronic copy of the complete report in Microsoft Word on an USB drive. In addition, submit one copy of the report to the San Diego Natural History Museum and one copy to the institution that received the fossils.
 4. Transfer the cataloged fossil remains and copies of relevant field notes, maps, stratigraphic sections, and photographs to an accredited institution (museum or university) in California that maintains paleontological collections for archival storage and/or display, and submit Proof of Transfer of Paleontological Resources, in the form of a letter, from the director of the paleontology department of the accredited institution to the Director of PDS verifying that the curated fossils from the project site have been received by the institution.

- b. If no resources were discovered, a brief letter to that effect and stating that the grading monitoring activities have been completed, shall be sent to the Director of Planning and Land Use by the Project Paleontologist.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall submit the letter report to the [*PDS, PPD*] for review and approval. **TIMING:** Prior to the occupancy of any structure or use of the premises, and prior to Final Grading Release ([Grading Ordinance Sec. 87.421.a.3](#)), the final report shall be completed. **MONITORING:** The [*PDS, PPD*] shall review the final report for compliance with the project MMRP, and inform [DPW, PDCI] that the requirement is completed.

BIO#8—PERMANENT OPEN SPACE SIGNAGE & FENCING [PDS, FEE]

INTENT: In order to protect the proposed open space easement from entry, the permanent fencing and signage shall be installed. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The permanent fences and open space signs shall be placed along the open space boundary as shown on the approved Grading Plans.

- a. Evidence shall be site photos and a statement from a California Registered Engineer, or licensed surveyor that the permanent walls or fences, and open space signs have been installed.
- b. The signs must be corrosion resistant, a minimum of 6" x 9" in size, on posts not less than three (3) feet in height from the ground surface, and must state the following:

**Sensitive Environmental Resources
Area Restricted by Easement**

Entry without express written permission from the County of San Diego is prohibited. To report a violation or for more information about easement restrictions and exceptions contact the County of San Diego,
Planning & Development Services
Reference: PDS2020-LDGRMJ-30273

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall install the permanent fencing and signage and provide the documentation photos and certification statement to the [*PDS, PCC*]. **TIMING:** Prior to the occupancy of any structure, final grading release or use of the premises in reliance of this permit, fencing and signage shall be installed. **MONITORING:** The [*PDS, PCC*] shall review the photos and statement for compliance with this condition.

BIO#9—EASEMENT AVOIDANCE [PDS, FEE]

INTENT: In order to protect sensitive resources, pursuant to [County Grading Ordinance Section 87.112](#) the open space easements shall be avoided. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT:** The easement indicated on this plan is for the protection of sensitive environmental resources and prohibits all of the following on any portion of the land subject to said easement: grading; excavation; placement of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or other material; clearing of vegetation; construction, erection, or placement of any building or structure; vehicular activities; trash dumping; or use for any purpose other than as open space. It is unlawful to grade or clear within an open space easement, any disturbance shall constitute a violation of the [County Grading Ordinance Section 87.112](#)

and will result in enforcement action and restoration. The only exception(s) to this prohibition are:

1. Selective clearing of vegetation by hand to the extent required by written order of the fire authorities for the express purpose of reducing an identified fire hazard. While clearing for fire management is not anticipated with the creation of this easement, such clearing may be deemed necessary in the future for the safety of lives and property. All fire clearing shall be pursuant to the applicable fire code of the Fire Authority Having Jurisdiction and the Memorandum of Understanding dated February 26, 1997, (<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/PDS/docs/MemoofUnder.pdf>) between the wildlife agencies and the fire districts and any subsequent amendments thereto. Activities conducted pursuant to a revegetation or habitat management plan approved by the Director of PDS, DPW or DPR.

DOCUMENTATION: The applicant shall provide a letter statement to the [PDS, PCC] stating that all Sensitive Resource Easements were avoided during the grading construction, and that no impacts or encroachment into the open space occurred. **TIMING:** Prior to Final Grading Release the letter verifying the easements were not disturbed shall be submitted. **MONITORING:** The [DPW, PDC] shall not allow any grading, clearing or encroachment into the open space easement.

ADOPTION STATEMENT: This Negative Declaration was adopted and above California Environmental Quality Act findings made by the:

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Gary Smith, Planning Manager
Land Development Division

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