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Re: Oak Trees and ESHA (APN 4453-025-025)

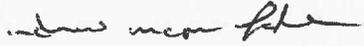
Mr. Haynie,

On September 3, 2010, I visited the property identified as APN 4453-025-025 to map and collect data on oak (*Quercus* sp.) trees. The property is located immediately adjacent the southwest quadrant of Loma Metisse Road and Rotunda Mesa Road (Exhibit A). There are no oak trees located on it. I made an attempt to locate all oak trees within 200 feet of the property. I observed at least five coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) trees at the northwest quadrant of Loma Metisse Road and Rotunda Mesa Road on private property (Exhibit B). The canopies of these trees do not extend beyond the boundary of the private property and their roots are unlikely to extend across Rotunda Mesa Road. Construction of a single-family residence and its associated infrastructure on the subject property would not affect these trees.

According to the GIS-NET Public Web Mapping Application provided by Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) occurs on the western boundary of the property (Exhibit C). The area depicted as ESHA extends from the subject property across Rotunda Mesa Road incorporating a single-family residence on adjacent private property. The fuel modification zone of this single-family residence extends across the portion of the subject property mapped as ESHA (Exhibit D). According to the California Coastal Commission, with exception of streams and wetlands, areas within fuel modification zones of legally existing structures do not meet the ESHA definition. The mapped ESHA includes a small ravine dominated by chaparral and non-native grassland (Exhibit E). Although the ravine undoubtedly conveys flow during rainstorms, it has no definable bed or banks. Flow from this ravine is conveyed onto and due to its pitch, down Rotunda Mesa Road. Due to the fact that the ravine lacks a definable bed, banks, and oak trees, and given the irregular shape of the polygon that delineates the mapped ESHA, I considered the possibility that a special-status plant species had been observed somewhere within the polygon. I searched the California Department of Fish and Games California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) and the California Native Plant Society's

Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants using the USGS 7.5-Minute Malibu Beach Quadrangle to identify special-status plant species occurring on the property and within the mapped ESHA. Special-status plant species have not been recorded on the property or within the mapped ESHA.

Sincerely,



Andrew McGinn Forde





Exhibit C - Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning ESHA Map