

Environmental Checklist Form (Initial Study)
County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning



Project title: Tentative Tract Map 060358, RENV 200500125, RHSG 201300009

Lead agency name and address: Los Angeles County, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Project sponsor's name and address: Abell Helou Homes, 148 West Orange Street, Covina, CA 91723

Project location: 1236 and 1244 Galemont Avenue, Hacienda Heights

APNs: 8218-021-900; 8218-021-901; 8218-021-902; 8218-021-903; 8218-021-904

USGS Quad: Baldwin Park

Gross Area: 2.5 acres

General Plan designation: N/A

Community/Area wide Plan designation: Hacienda Heights Community Plan—H9 (Residential 9—0-9 dwelling units/acre)

Zoning: R-1 (Single Family Residence)

Description of project: The applicant requests a Tentative Tract Map to create 24 single-family lots and three private driveways/fire lanes on 2.5 gross (2.1 net) acres. The applicant also requests a discretionary housing permit to set aside four (4) single-family lots for low-income households to receive a density bonus of (6) additional single-family lots, a 33 percent increase over the base number allowed by the zoning (18). As part of the housing permit, the applicant also requests two development incentives, including reduced lot sizes and reduced lot widths. A total of 2,400 cubic yards of grading is proposed (900 cut, 1,500 fill).

Surrounding land uses and setting: The subject property is a vacant lot that was previously occupied by a plant nursery in a relatively developed area. It is surrounded by single-family residences to the north and west, the Pomona (60) Freeway to the south, and various retail, restaurant, hotel, and office commercial uses to the east, fronting on Hacienda Boulevard.

Other public agencies whose approval may be required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

Public Agency

Department of Public Works

Community Development

Commission

Approval Required

Building and grading permits, public street realignment

Approval of affordable housing covenants

Major projects in the area:

Project/Case No.

Description and Status

PM21131

Four single-family lots (Approved Oct. 10, 1989);
Location: 1223-1235 Galemont Avenue (immediately west)

CUP 01-269

62-unit motel (Approved Oct. 16, 2002)
Location: 1239 S. Hacienda Blvd. (immediately east)

RCUP 200600348

Operation of bar with live entertainment, dancing, arcade machines
Location: 1255 S. Hacienda Blvd. (immediately east)

Proposed:

PM061855

Three detached condominium units (Pending since 2004)
Location: 1226 Galemont Avenue (immediately north)

Reviewing Agencies:

Responsible Agencies

- None
- Regional Water Quality Control Board:
 - Los Angeles Region
 - Lahontan Region
- Coastal Commission
- Army Corps of Engineers

Trustee Agencies

- None
- State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- State Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- State Lands Commission
- University of California (Natural Land and Water Reserves System)

Special Reviewing Agencies

- None
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- National Parks
- National Forest
- Edwards Air Force Base
- Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica Mountains Area
- Other

County Reviewing Agencies

- DPW:
 - Land Development Division (Grading & Drainage)
 - Geotechnical & Materials Engineering Division
 - Watershed Management Division (NPDES)
 - Traffic and Lighting Division
 - Environmental Programs Division
 - Waterworks Division
 - Sewer Maintenance Division

Regional Significance

- None
- SCAG Criteria
- Air Quality
- Water Resources
- Santa Monica Mtns. Area
- Other

- Fire Department
 - Forestry, Environmental Division
 - Planning Division
 - Land Development Unit
 - Health Hazmat
- Sanitation District
- Public Health/Environmental Health Division: Land Use Program (OWTS), Drinking Water Program (Private Wells), Toxics Epidemiology Program (Noise)
- Sheriff's Department
- Parks and Recreation
- Subdivision Committee
- County Library

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project.

- Aesthetics Greenhouse Gas Emissions Population/Housing
- Agriculture/Forest Hazards/Hazardous Materials Public Services
- Air Quality Hydrology/Water Quality Recreation
- Biological Resources Land Use/Planning Transportation/Traffic
- Cultural Resources Mineral Resources Utilities/Services
- Energy Noise Mandatory Findings
of Significance
- Geology/Soils

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Department.)
On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature (Prepared by)

Date

Signature (Approved by)

Date

1. AESTHETICS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

- a) **Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?**

The project site is immediately north of the Pomona (60) Freeway, which is not an officially designated scenic highway (Source: Scenic Highway Element of the General Plan, Cal Trans Scenic Highway Mapping System). There are no significant ridgelines adjacent to the subject property. The proposed project is located within an established urbanized residential community and creation of 24 single family lots from a level single-family lot will not adversely affect a scenic vista.

- b) **Be visible from or obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail?**

There are no riding or hiking trails within a mile of the project site (Source: GIS-NET Trails Layer).

- c) **Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?**

Prior to the existing site being vacant, it was developed with a commercial plant nursery, which was demolished. The residential development would be compatible with the residentially developed neighborhood and does not impact scenic resources. There are no oak trees on site. Vegetation on the project site includes some sparse grasses. No historic buildings exist on the site. The proposed project would result in less than significant aesthetic impacts (Source: tentative map, aerial photos, site photos).

- d) **Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings because of height, bulk, pattern, scale, character, or other features?**

Single-family residential lots of a similar size and scale currently exist to the north and west. The approval ensures consistency with applicable County zoning and General Plan standards and requirements.

- e) **Create a new source of substantial shadows, light, or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?**

The proposed project would approve only the subdivision—not the building of any new structures. Any future residences on the site would be required to conform to the height limits of the Hacienda Heights Community Plan and Community Standards District (“CSD”).

2. AGRICULTURE / FOREST

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<p>Would the project:</p> <p>a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The project site has been zoned for commercial or residential since 1948 and is not comprised of any farmland. The construction of the residential building in an already established urbanized area will not result in the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland (Source: Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, California Department of Conservation).

<p>b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, with a designated Agricultural Opportunity Area, or with a Williamson Act contract?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The project site is currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residence). The project site is not currently used for agricultural purposes and it is not designated as an Agricultural Opportunity Area or under a Williamson Act contract.

<p>c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code § 12220 (g)), timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code § 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined in Government Code § 51104(g))?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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There is no forest land or timberland zoned Timberland Production within the vicinity of the project site.

<p>d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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There is no forest land within the vicinity of project site.

<p>e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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There is no forest land or farmland within the vicinity of the project site, and the project would not result in changes to the environment that would result in the loss of either type of land.

3. AIR QUALITY

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of applicable air quality plans of either the South Coast AQMD (SCAQMD) or the Antelope Valley AQMD (AVAQMD)?

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The proposed project entails subdividing an existing residential lot into 24 single-family residential lots. The project entails the creation of additional residential parcel in a R-1 (Single Family Residence) zone. The project site is located within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The proposed project complies with the density requirements of the Community Plan and General Plan Housing Element. Therefore, the project will not conflict or obstruct the implementation of the applicable SCAQMD air quality plan.

Based on the 2012 Area Designations for ten criteria pollutants, which is the most current available and represent air quality based on 2008 to 2010 monitoring data, the State Ambient Air Quality Standards for the Los Angeles County are as follows: “Nonattainment” for Ozone (O₃), Suspended Particulate Matter (PM₁₀), Fine Suspended Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Lead (Pb); “Attainment” for Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂), and Sulfates; and “Unclassified” for Hydrogen Sulfide and Visibility Reducing Particles. The proposed project would not significantly contribute to this nonattainment status.

b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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The proposed project entails subdividing an existing residential lot into 24 single-family residential lots. The project will not violate any applicable federal or state air quality standard or projected air quality violation.

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

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The project would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of non-attainment criteria pollutants. The subdivision of an existing residential lot into 24 residential lots, individually or cumulatively, will not exceed the SCAQMD Air Quality Significant Thresholds.

d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

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The project is not considered a sensitive land use, and no sensitive land uses are located within 600 feet of the project site. The proposed project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial amounts of pollutants. The proposed project is considered consistent with the existing land uses in the neighborhood and is not a contributor of substantial pollution concentration.

e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

The proposed project of subdividing an existing single-family residential lot into two single-family residential lots would not create objectionable odors that would be perceptible to a substantial number of people. The proposed project would not violate AQMD Rule 402, which states “A person shall not discharge from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public, or which endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of any such persons or the public, or which cause, or have a natural tendency to cause, injury or damage to business or property. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to odors emanating from agricultural operations necessary for the growing of crops or the raising of fowl or animals.”

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<p>Would the project:</p> <p>a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The project site is relatively flat with some short grasses, as it was previously developed with a plant nursery. The proposed residential subdivision is located in an urbanized and developed area, and is not located in or near an identified sensitive environmental area, and should have less than significant impact. Nesting birds occur all over the county and the project shall be compliant with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) codes related to Nesting Birds. The only species of concern in the area identified by the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) are the bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*) and San Bernardino aster (*Symphotrichum defoliatum*), although these sightings occurred in 1894 and 1930, respectively, and both species are now listed as extirpated from the vicinity.

<p>b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any sensitive natural communities (e.g., riparian habitat, coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, non-jurisdictional wetlands) identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by CDFW or USFWS?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The project site is not located within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer Area, or Sensitive Environmental Resource Area (SERA). There are no oak trees or oak woodlands located on the project site.

<p>c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally or state protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marshes, vernal pools, coastal wetlands, and drainages) or waters of the United States, as defined by § 404 of the federal Clean Water Act or California Fish & Game code § 1600, et seq. through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The project site does not contain either Federal or State-protected wetlands or waters.

d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

The project site is not located within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer Area, or Sensitive Environmental Resource Area (SERA). There are no oak trees or oak woodlands located on the project site. The residential subdivision is located in an urbanized and developed areas, and do not present a connectivity to wildlife and plant linkage areas or wildlife linkage corridors or rivers or significant ridgelines.

e) Convert oak woodlands (as defined by the state, oak woodlands are oak stands with greater than 10% canopy cover with oaks at least 5 inch in diameter measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade) or otherwise contain oak or other unique native trees (junipers, Joshuas, southern California black walnut, etc.)?

There are no oak trees, oak woodlands, Joshuas, or Junipers on the subject property.

f) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including Wildflower Reserve Areas (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.36), the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.56, Part 16), the Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, § 22.56.215), and Sensitive Environmental Resource Areas (SERAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.44, Part 6)?

There are no Wildflower Reserve Areas on the subject property. Since there are no oak trees or oak woodlands on the subject property, there is no conflict with the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance.

g) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted state, regional, or local habitat conservation plan?

The project does not conflict with any adopted State, regional, or local Habitat Conservation Plan.

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<p>Would the project:</p> <p>a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The project site does not contain historical resources as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 and there is no record of national or state-designated historical resources on the project site.

<p>b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The project site does not contain known archaeological resources as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 and would not result in any ground disturbance.

<p>c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature, or contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The project site does not contain paleontological resources or sites, unique geological features, or rock formations. However, the following condition of approval will be incorporated into the project as a control measure in the event that cultural remains are found:

“Customary caution is advised in developing within the project area; should unanticipated cultural resource remains be encountered during land modification activities, work must cease, and the Los Angeles County Director of Regional Planning contacted immediately to determine appropriate measures to mitigate adverse impact to the discovered resources; If human remains are discovered within the boundaries of the project area, then the procedures described in Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code shall be followed; These procedures require notification of the County Coroner. If the County Coroner determines that the discovered remains are those of Native American ancestry, then the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) must be notified by telephone within 24 hours; Sections 5097.94 and 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code describes the procedures to be followed after the notification of the NAHC.”

<p>d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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There is no record of human remains on the project site. If human remains are discovered as a result of site disturbance, a condition of approval will be incorporated to ensure that the subdivider shall suspend construction in the vicinity of a cultural resource or human remains encountered during ground-disturbing activities at the site, and leave the resource of human remains in place until a qualified archaeologist can examine and determine appropriate mitigation measures.

e) **Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource as defined in CEQA Public Resources Code § 21074?**

Due to the relatively small area of the site (2.5 acres), the fact that the site was previously developed, the absence of notable geographic features that would support human habitation, and the site's absence from any known list of Tribal Cultural Resources, the impact of the project on any tribal cultural resource would be less than significant. Due to the fact that the application for the above project was deemed complete prior to 2015, the project is not subject to the tribal consultation requirements of AB 52.

6. ENERGY

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Conflict with Los Angeles County Green Building Standards Code (L.A. County Code Title 31)?

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The project is subject to and shall be in compliance with the Los Angeles County Green Building standards code since a complete building permit application was not filed prior to 2010. The project is subject to all components of the Green Building Program: Green Building, Low-Impact Development, and Drought Tolerant Landscaping.

b) Involve the inefficient use of energy resources (see Appendix F of the CEQA Guidelines)?

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Appendix F, Section 1 of the CEQA Guidelines requires evaluation of energy efficiency only for Environmental Impact Reports. The environmental determination for this project is a negative declaration.

7. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

<p>i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known active fault trace? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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There is no fault trace within the project site. Therefore, people or structures on the project site will not be exposed to potential substantial adverse effects (Source: California Geological Survey, Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones Map).

<p>ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The project site is located 2.35 miles to the north of the nearest recorded fault trace. There is no fault trace within the project site. Therefore, people or structures on the project site will not be exposed to potential substantial adverse effects (Source: California Geological Survey, Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones Map).

<p>iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction and lateral spreading?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The project site is located within a designated soil liquefaction area, as is much of the southern San Gabriel Valley (Source: California Geological Survey). The proposed project will be subject to resultant construction standards imposed by the Department of Public Works. These standards should result in a less-than-significant impact during any liquefaction event.

<p>iv) Landslides?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The project site is not located within the landslide zone. The project site is located approximately one mile northwest of the nearest identified landslide zone (Source: California Geological Survey).

<p>b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The project site is located within an urbanized area. The proposed project entails a subdivision of the existing lot into 24 residential lots. Thus, the proposed project should not cause substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil.

Any development resulting from the subdivision would be subject to the County's adoption of the Green Building Ordinance, the duplex would have been subject to meet the County's Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance, which requires for the management of storm runoff to lessen the potential amounts of erosion activities resulting from storm water. In addition, the Regional Water Quality Control Board would require new development to obtain a Municipal Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit, which requires the incorporation of storm water mitigation measures. As such, the permit would reduce the quantity and improve the quality of rainfall runoff that leaves the site.

c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

The project site is located within a designated soil liquefaction area, as is much of the southern San Gabriel Valley (Source: California Department of Conservation). The proposed project will be subject to resultant construction standards imposed by the Department of Public Works. These standards should result in a less-than-significant impact during any liquefaction event. No other limitations of the underlying soil have been identified.

d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

The project site is not located on soil identified as expansive. The duplex would be required to comply with the Los Angeles County building codes, which includes construction and engineering standards, as well as any recommendations developed in tandem with a soils or geology report.

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of onsite wastewater treatment systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

The proposed project does not entail the installation of onsite wastewater treatment systems, since public sewers are available for the disposal of wastewater.

f) Conflict with the Hillside Management Area Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, § 22.56.215) or hillside design standards in the County General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element?

The project site does not contain slopes over 25 percent, and thus does not conflict with the Hillside Management Area Ordinance.

8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Generate greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

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The project entails a subdivision of an existing lot into 24 single-family residential lots on 2.5 acres. Considering its relatively small scale and requirements by the County’s Green Building Ordinance, it is not expected that the project will generate GhGs that may have a significant impact on the environment.

b) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

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The project entails a subdivision of an existing lot into 24 single-family residential lots on 2.5 acres. Considering its relatively small scale and requirements by the County’s Green Building Ordinance, it is not expected that the project will generate GhGs that may have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, the project will not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of GhGs.

9. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

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The residential subdivision project does not include the routine transportation, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, or the use of pressurized tanks. During the construction phase of the project, the project may have included minimal use of hazardous materials, such as solvents, paints, lubricants, and oils. Current local, state, and Federal laws relating to the use, storage, and disposal of these materials make it unlikely that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials or waste into the environment?

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c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of sensitive land uses?

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The subdivision of an existing lot into 24 residential lots will not generate hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances or waste. During the construction phase of the project, the project may have included minimal use of hazardous materials, such as solvents, paints, lubricants, and oils. Current local, state, and Federal laws relating to the use, storage, and disposal of these materials make it unlikely that the project would have a significant effect on the residences located within 500 feet of the project site.

d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

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The project site is not included on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor databased of clean-up sites and hazardous waste permitted facilities

[\(http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/\)](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/).

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

The project site is not located within the vicinity of a private airstrip.

g) Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

The project will not impair implementation of, or physically interfere, with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving fires, because the project is located:

i) within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (Zone 4)?

The project site is not located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

ii) within a high fire hazard area with inadequate access?

The project site is not within a high fire hazard area with inadequate access. The project site is located in an urbanized area with easy access to existing major highways.

iii) within an area with inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards?

The Fire Department has determined that the additional water system requirements will be required when the land is further subdivided and/or during the building permit process.

iv) within proximity to land uses that have the potential for dangerous fire hazard?

The project site is not located in proximity to land uses with a potential for dangerous fire hazard. The project site is surrounded by other residential uses and commercial buildings. The proposed project would be required to comply with all of the requirements of the Los Angeles County Fire Code.

i) Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?

The proposed use does not constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard. The project site is not located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The proposed project of a 24-lot residential subdivision does not entail the regular use of large amounts any hazardous or highly flammable materials or substances.

10. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>			

Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

The project site is connected to an existing municipal wastewater system. In unincorporated Los Angeles County, the proposed project would be required to comply with the requirements of the Low-Impact Development Ordinance, as well as the requirements of the County’s MS4 Permit (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System), in order to control and minimize potentially polluted runoff. Because all projects are required to comply with these requirements in order to obtain construction permits and certificates of occupancy, the proposed project would not impact any nonpoint source requirements.

b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

The project site would be served by a public water system and would not make use of local groundwater.

c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

The project entails dividing the existing residential lot into 24 lots. The site is relatively level and does not contain any existing drainage courses. The construction of the duplex and the subdivision of the lot into 24 lots will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site in a manner which would result in flooding, erosion, or siltation on-site or off-site. Any future development of the residential lots will be required to submit an approved drainage plan and comply with all NPDES and MS4 requirements.

d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

The project entails dividing the existing residential lot into 24 lots. The site is relatively level and does not contain any existing drainage courses. The construction of the duplex and the subdivision of the lot into 24 lots will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site in a manner which would result in flooding, erosion, or siltation on-site or off-site. Any future development of the residential lots will be

required to submit an approved drainage plan and comply with all NPDES and MS4 requirements.

- e) **Add water features or create conditions in which standing water can accumulate that could increase habitat for mosquitoes and other vectors that transmit diseases such as the West Nile virus and result in increased pesticide use?**

The project does not propose any water features and would not create conditions that would increase areas of standing water.

- f) **Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?**

The subdivision of the project site into 24 residential lots will not create additional impervious surfaces. Any future construction of residences will be subject to the County's Low Impact Development to minimize or reduce runoff, and the developer will be required to submit an approved drainage plan and comply with all NPDES and MS4 requirements.

- g) **Generate construction or post-construction runoff that would violate applicable stormwater NPDES permits or otherwise significantly affect surface water or groundwater quality?**

The subdivision of the project site into 24 residential lots will not create additional impervious surfaces. Any future construction of residences will be subject to the County's Low Impact Development to minimize or reduce runoff, and the developer will be required to submit an approved drainage plan and comply with all NPDES and MS4 requirements.

- h) **Conflict with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.84?**

The project will be required to comply with the Los Angeles County Low-Impact Development Ordinance.

- i) **Result in point or nonpoint source pollutant discharges into State Water Resources Control Board-designated Areas of Special Biological Significance?**

The project site is located inland from the coastal portions of Los Angeles County and connects to the municipal storm drain system. Since the proposed is subject to the County's Low-Impact Development Ordinance, adherence to the requirements would prevent any substantial amount of nonpoint sources of pollutants.

The project site is not located in the vicinity of a State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB")-designated Area of Special Biological Significance identified on the SCRCB website, http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/docs/asbs/asbs_areas/asbs_swqpa_publication03.pdf.

j) Use onsite wastewater treatment systems in areas with known geological limitations (e.g. high groundwater) or in close proximity to surface water (including, but not limited to, streams, lakes, and drainage course)?

The proposed project does not entail the use of onsite wastewater treatment systems.

k) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

The proposed project of subdividing an existing residential lot into 24 lots will not otherwise substantially degrade water quality. The proposed project will be connected to the existing public water and sewer systems.

l) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map, or within a floodway or floodplain?

The project site is not within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Flood Insurance Rate Map (“FIRM”).

m) Place structures, which would impede or redirect flood flows, within a 100-year flood hazard area, floodway, or floodplain?

The project site is not within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Flood Insurance Rate Map (“FIRM”).

n) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

The project site is not within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Flood Insurance Rate Map (“FIRM”). The project site is not located within any dam inundation area, as identified by the Los Angeles County CEO/ITS Emergency Management Systems.

o) Place structures in areas subject to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

The project site is not located within a flood zone, dam inundation area, landslide zone, or tsunami inundation zone.

11. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The proposed project entails subdividing an existing residential lot into two lots and would not result in a physical division of an established community. The project does not require the construction of new freeways or rail lines or flood control channels, and the project will conform to the existing street grid.

b) Be inconsistent with the applicable County plans for the subject property including, but not limited to, the General Plan, specific plans, local coastal plans, area plans, and community/neighborhood plans?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The proposed project entails subdividing an existing residential lot into two lots. The property has a land use category of H9 (Residential 9—0-9 dwelling units/acre) within the Hacienda Heights Community Plan. The land use designation indicates the project site is suitable for residential developments. The proposed project of 24 residential lots on 2.5 is consistent with this category, as the General Plan Housing Element allows density bonuses for projects that provide affordable housing, which the project proposes to do. Thus, the proposed project is consistent with the countywide General Plan in keeping with the established residential community character.

c) Be inconsistent with the County zoning ordinance as applicable to the subject property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residence). The proposed development of 24 single-family residences would be consistent with this zoning classification. The applicant is requesting to deviate from some of the R-1 zone’s development standards, the Zoning Ordinance permits for certain projects providing affordable housing, as the project proposes to do.

d) Conflict with Hillside Management criteria, Significant Ecological Areas conformance criteria, or other applicable land use criteria?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The project site does not contain any area exceeding 25 percent in slope and is not subject to the requirements of the Hillside Management Ordinance, and the project site is not located in an SEA.

12. MINERAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

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The project will not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource, as the project site is not identified as a mineral resource area on the Los Angeles County Natural Resource Areas map.

b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

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The project would not result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site, as the project site is not identified as a mineral resource area on the Los Angeles County Natural Resource Areas map.

13. NOISE

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project result in:

a) Exposure of persons to, or generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the County General Plan or noise ordinance (Los Angeles County Code, Title 12, Chapter 12.08), or applicable standards of other agencies?

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The project would not result in exposure of persons to, or generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established in the County Noise Ordinance or the General Plan Noise Element. The project site is not near a noise-generating site (e.g., airport, industrial site). The Pomona Freeway (State Highway 60) is immediately south of the project site. The project will conform to the Title 12 Chapter 12.08 (“Noise Control Ordinance”) of the Los Angeles County Code, which provides a maximum exterior noise level of 45 decibels (dB) between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (nighttime) and 50 dB from 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. (daytime) in Noise Zone II (residential areas). The project will not be permitted to create noise in excess of these limits, either during construction or operation, nor will residents of the project be exposed to noise in excess of these limits. The Noise Control Ordinance regulates construction noise and the hours of operation of mobile construction equipment.

b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

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The project would not expose sensitive receptors or excessive noise levels. There are no schools, hospitals, or senior citizens facilities within 1,000 feet of the project site. The project will conform to the Title 12 Chapter 12.08 (“Noise Control Ordinance”) of the Los Angeles County Code, which provides a maximum exterior noise level of 45 decibels (dB) between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (nighttime) and 50 dB from 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. (daytime) in Noise Zone II (residential areas).

c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, including noise from parking areas?

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The project entails a subdivision of an existing residential lot into 24 lots. The project should not generate significant vehicle noise from traffic and parking. The project would not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, including noise from parking areas. Any noise generated by additional single-family residences would be similar to ambient noise levels in the area, which is developed with single-family residences at a similar density.

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, including noise from

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amplified sound systems?

The project entails a subdivision of an existing residential lot into 24 lots. The project should not generate significant vehicle noise from traffic and parking. The project would not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, including noise from parking areas. Any noise generated by additional single-family residences would be similar to ambient noise levels in the area, which is developed with single-family residences at a similar density. The subdivision should not create a substantial temporary or periodic new noise source, or result in any significant impacts related to a substantial increase in temporary noise.

e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

The project site is not in the vicinity of a private airstrip. Bob Hope Burbank Airport is located about seven miles and the El Monte Airport is approximately 14 miles from the project site.

14. POPULATION AND HOUSING

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

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The project would not induce substantial growth in the area. The project site is surrounded by residential development at suburban densities. The project proposes 24 single-family lots. This development is consistent with the type of development existing in this area and will not induce substantial growth in the area. The existing Hacienda Heights Community Plan land use category is H9 (Residential 9—0-9 dwelling units/acre).

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, especially affordable housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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The project would not displace existing housing, including affordable housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. The site is vacant and was previously developed with a plant nursery.

c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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The project would not displace any people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. The site is vacant and was previously developed with a plant nursery.

d) Cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?

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The project would not exceed official regional or local population projections. The proposed two single-family lots will not exceed this projection. The project is consistent with the density permitted by the Hacienda Heights Community Plan. The creation of 24 additional single-family lots should not alter the growth rate of the population beyond that projected in the County General Plan or result in a substantial increase in demand for additional housing or create a development that significantly reduces the ability of the county to meet housing objectives set forth in the General Plan's Housing Element.

15. PUBLIC SERVICES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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a) Would the project create capacity or service level problems, or result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?

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The Fire Department has not indicated any significant effects on fire response time, service level, or facilities. The nearest Los Angeles County Fire Station (#43) is approximately 0.7 mile to the northeast of the project site. No additional fire facilities are required for this project.

Sheriff protection?

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The project would not create capacity or service level problems or result in substantial adverse physical impacts. The project site is approximately 1.2 miles to the south of the Industry Sheriff's Station. The proposed project will add new permanent residents to the project site but not enough to substantially reduce service ratios.

Schools?

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The project site is located within the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District. Considering the scale of the project, the 24 single-family lots are not expected to create a capacity problem for the School District. The project will be required to pay school impact fees to address this increase in population, at a rate to be determined by the school district.

Parks?

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The project will be conditioned to pay Quimby Fees per Los Angeles County Code Section 21.28.140. No trails are required. The nearest existing park, William Steinmetz Park, is located approximately one mile by road to the southeast (0.32 miles as the crow flies).

Libraries?

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The project will be conditioned to pay the library fees per Los Angeles County Code Section 22.72. The

proposed project will generate 24 residential units, and thus increase the population. The population increase is not substantial to diminish the capacity of the Los Angeles County Public Library to serve the project site and the surrounding community. The project site is approximately equidistant between the La Puente and Hacienda Heights libraries, which are 1.7 miles to the north and south, respectively.

Other public facilities?

The project is not perceived to create capacity or service level problems or result in substantial adverse physical impacts for any other public facility.

16. RECREATION

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| a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Review of the project by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (“Parks and Recreation”) has not indicated that the project would increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated.

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| b) Does the project include neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of such facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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The project does not include recreational facilities. Since the project does not entail a dedication of park space, the subdivider will be required to pay in-lieu Quimby fees to satisfy the park obligation. No construction or expansion of recreational facilities is required.

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| c) Would the project interfere with regional open space connectivity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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There are no trails located in the vicinity or on the project site. There are no expected impacts to regional open space connectivity.

17. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

<p>a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The project would not conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing a measure of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system. The growth proposed by the project is accounted for in the Baseline Growth Forecast of the 2012-2035 Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan ("RTP"), which provided the basis for developing the land use assumptions at the regional and small-area levels that established the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan Alternative.

<p>b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program (CMP), including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the CMP for designated roads or highways?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The project entails a subdivision of an existing lot into 24 single-family lots. The traffic impacts of the project have been reviewed and cleared by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("DPW").

<p>c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The project site is not located near a public or private airstrip and will not encroach into air traffic patterns.

<p>d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The project entails subdivision of an existing residential lot into 24 lots. The project does not entail creating sharp curves or dangerous intersections or incompatible uses. Therefore, there will be no increased hazards due to design features.

e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

The proposed project of creating one additional residential parcel would not block or provide inadequate emergency access for the project itself or make existing emergency access to off-site properties inadequate. Emergency access has been reviewed and cleared by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

The project site is not located along a route identified on the Bikeway Plan or Pedestrian Plan, nor is it located within a Transit Oriented District. The proposed project would not interfere with any of these designated bikeways, pedestrian, or transit facilities.

18. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impa ct</i>
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Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of either the Los Angeles or Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Boards?

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The creation of one additional residential parcel is not expected to exceed treatment requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Boards. All public wastewater disposal (sewer) systems are required to obtain and operate under the terms of an NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit, which is issued by the local Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Because all municipal wastewater treatment facilities are required to obtain NPDES permits from the RWQCB, any project which would connect to such a system would be required to comply with the same standards imposed by the NPDES permit. As such, these connections would ensure the project's compliance.

b) Create water or wastewater system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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The creation of additional residential parcel should not create a water or wastewater system capacity problem nor result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities. The project site will be served by a public water system, which has issued a "will serve" letter for the proposed subdivision.

c) Create drainage system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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The Department of Public Works' review of the project indicates that the project would not create drainage system capacity problems, and no construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities is required. The County's Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance was created to deal with stormwater runoff from new projects. The completed duplex would have been subject to the County's LID ordinance.

d) Have sufficient reliable water supplies available to serve the project demands from existing entitlements and resources, considering existing and projected water demands from other land uses?

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The project will have sufficient reliable water supplies available to serve the project demands. The project site will be served by a public water system, which has issued a “will serve” letter for the proposed subdivision.

e) Create energy utility (electricity, natural gas, propane) system capacity problems, or result in the construction of new energy facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

The creation of 24 additional residential lots will not be intense enough to consume so much energy that it would significantly impact the availability of adequate energy supplies and should not create energy utility capacity problems or result in the construction of new energy facilities or expansion of existing facilities. In addition, any future construction will be subject to the Green Building Ordinance, which is required to provide energy saving measures to further reduce the amount of energy consumed by the proposed project.

f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project’s solid waste disposal needs?

The project will be served by the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, which will have sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project’s solid waste disposal needs. Due to the small scale of the proposed project, the proposal to subdivide the existing lot into 24 residential lots should not significantly impact solid waste disposal capacity.

g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

The project would be required to comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires the County of Los Angeles to attain specific waste diversion goals. In addition, the California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991 mandates that expanded or new development projects to incorporate storage areas for recycling bins into the existing design. The project will include sustainable elements to ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. It is anticipated that these project elements will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations to reduce the amount of solid waste. The project will not displace an existing or proposed waste disposal, recycling, or diversion site.

19. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

The project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. As analyzed in the Initial Study sections above, the proposed project will have no impact or less than significant impact in all these areas.

b) Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?

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The proposed project does not achieve short-term goals to the disadvantage of long-term goals. The proposed use and density complies with the long-term General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact.

c) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

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The proposed project does not have cumulative impacts. The proposed project will not be an inducement to future growths, as the project does not require additional infrastructure beyond that necessary to serve the project. There are no impacts that are cumulatively considerable. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact.

d) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human

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beings, either directly or indirectly?

The project entails a subdividing an existing residential lot into 24 lots in an R-1 (Single Family Residence) zone. The proposed project would not threaten the health, safety or welfare of human beings. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on human beings.