

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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Public Agency: Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District
Address: 1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040
Contact: Mike Mathiesen, Associate Superintendent
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2011092005

Project Title: Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration For Los Altos High School Expansion Project

Project Applicant: Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District

Project Location (include county): 201 Almond Avenue in the City of Los Altos in Santa Clara County

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This is to advise that the Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District has approved the above (X) Lead Agency or () Responsible Agency

described project on June 4, 2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

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Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District, 1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Associate Superintendent

Date: 6/4/19 Date Received for filing at OPR: June 7, 2019

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<input type="checkbox"/> 3. APPLICATION FEE WATER DIVERSION (STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ONLY)	\$ 850.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
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Addendum
to the
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the
**Los Altos High School
Expansion Project**
(SCH# 2011092005)

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Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District

May 20, 2019

SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE & CONCLUSION

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) recognizes that between the date an environmental document is completed and the date the project is fully implemented, one or more of the following changes may occur: 1) the project may change; 2) the environmental setting in which the project is located may change; 3) laws, regulations, or policies may change in ways that impact the environment; and/or 4) previously unknown information can arise. Before proceeding with a project, CEQA requires the Lead Agency to evaluate these changes to determine whether or not they affect the conclusion in the environmental document.

On January 7, 2019, the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Los Altos High School Facilities Expansion Project (SCH# 2011092005) and approved the project.

The purpose of this Addendum is to evaluate the environmental impacts of the following change to the approved project:

Compared to the approved project, which would not result in the removal of any existing onsite trees on the Los Altos High School campus, the revised project would remove six trees.

The CEQA Guidelines §15162 state that when an EIR has been certified or Negative Declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the Lead Agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or Negative Declaration;
 - b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
 - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

CEQA Guideline §15164 states that the Lead Agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an Addendum to a previously adopted negative declaration if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions described in §15162 (see above) calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred.

Analysis

The six trees not previously identified to be removed include four Pittosporum trees measuring nine inches in diameter and one cherry and one chestnut tree measuring up to 13 inches in diameter (See Appendix A-Arborist Report). As outlined in the City of Los Altos Tree Protection Ordinance (LAMC Chapter 11.08), all trees, regardless of species, that are 48-inches or larger in circumference (approx. 15-inches in diameter) are protected and require a Tree Removal Permit before they can be removed. None of the trees are protected and require a tree removal permit. The Arborist report recommends removal of these trees and shrubs due to their proximity to the underground construction/demolition that will be taking place well within the critical root zone. New landscaping will be provided as part of the proposed project, consisting of five trees, including ornamental trees (Chinese pistache) and a variety of decorative shrubs.

Based on information contained in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration that was adopted for the project and knowledge of the project area, the District has concluded that the proposed change to the project (i.e., a net increase of six trees to be removed), would not result in new significant environmental effects or substantially increase the severity of previously identified significant effects. The conclusions in the Initial Study and adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration would not change. For these reasons, a supplemental or subsequent Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration is not required and this Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted for the Los Altos High School Expansion Project (SCH# 2011092005) has been prepared.

This Addendum will not be circulated for public review but will be attached to the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted for the Los Altos High School Expansion Project, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15164(c).

Appendix A - Arborist Report

Tree Removal Recommendations
For
Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District

Los Altos High School
201 Almond Ave
Los Altos, CA 94022

May 16, 2019

Report Prepared By:

Larry Van Groningen
I.S.A. Certified Arborist #WE-9151A
Qualified Applicator License #117443

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BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2019, I, Larry Van Groningen, Certified Arborist No. WE-9151A was called out to inspect multiple trees and shrubs located at 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022. I was to inspect them and provide recommendations.

ASSIGNMENT

- Inspect one Chestnut, one Cherry, and four Pittosporum trees with shrubs beneath them with concern to a planned construction project near them.
- Provide report outlining findings and recommendations

LIMITS OF THE ASSIGNMENT

No aerial inspection, trenching or resistance drilling was performed.

No Biological tests were performed.

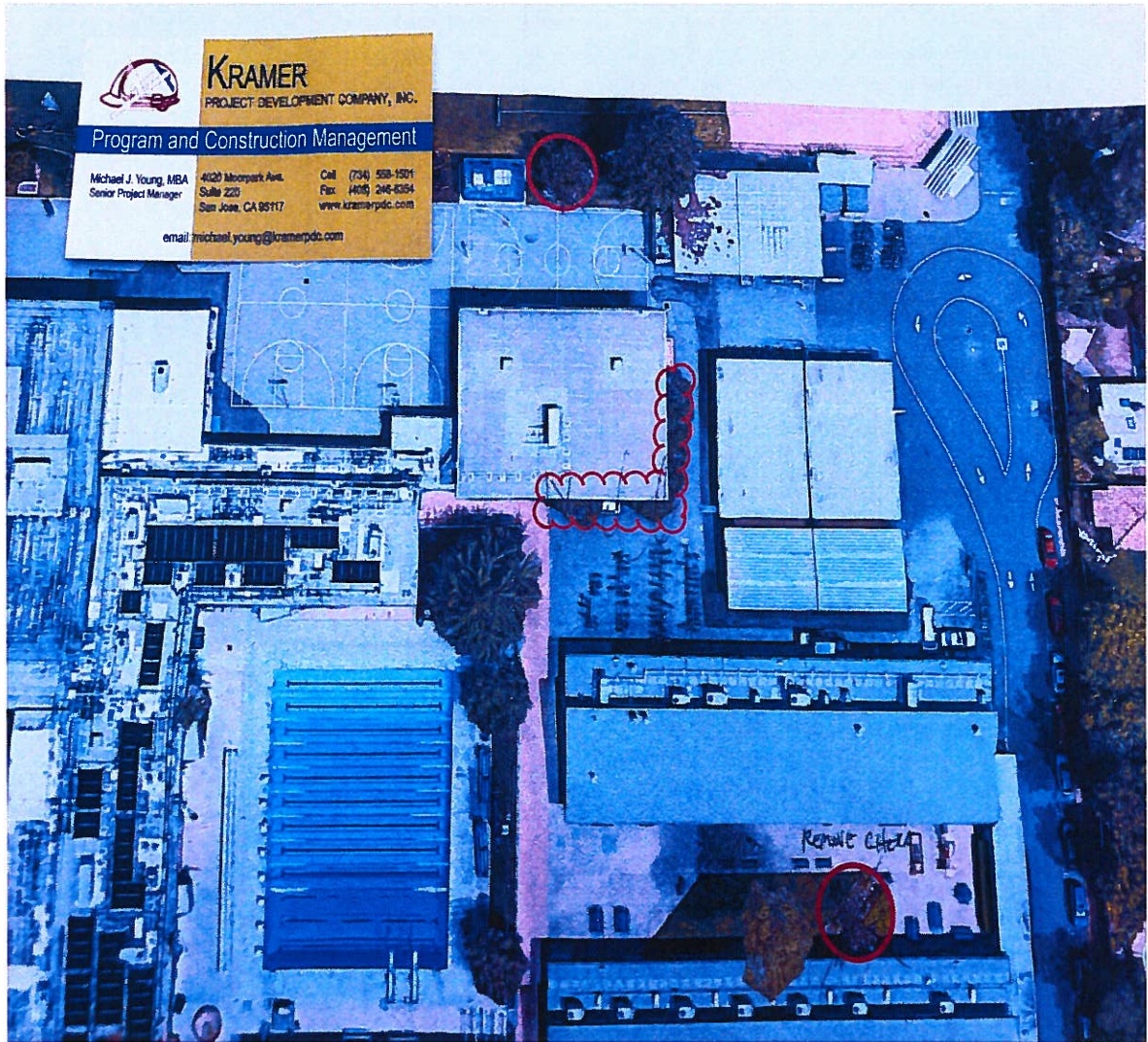
Only a visual inspection from the ground was performed.

PURPOSE AND USE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide recommendations regarding these trees to protect them from being damaged by construction activities.



APPENDIX A: SITE OVERVIEW



Red circles indicate locations of six trees and multiple shrubs to be removed.



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APPENDIX B: TREE PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo of 11 inch diameter, measured at 4.5 feet above grade Cherry tree that will have new underground utilities installed at its present location and be within the building footprint.

The tree is health and in good condition.



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Two pictures of four Pittosporum trees all having a diameter of 9 inches, measured at 4.5 feet above grade. Shrubs are also planted next to the foundation of a building that is going to be completely demolished, therefore being within the building footprint.

All trees and shrubs are healthy and in good condition.



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Photo of 13 inch diameter, measured at 4.5 feet above grade Chestnut tree that will have new underground utilities installed at its present location and be within the building footprint.

The tree is health and in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Remove these trees and shrubs due to their close proximity to the underground construction/demolition that will be taking place well within the critical root zone.



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QUALIFICATIONS, ASSUMPTIONS, AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

Any legal description provided to the arborist is assumed to be correct. Any titles or ownership of properties are assumed to be good and marketable. All property is appraised or evaluated as though free and clear, under responsible ownership and competent management.

All property is presumed to be in conformance with applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, or other regulations.

Care has been taken to obtain information from reliable sources. However, the arborist cannot be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.

The arborist shall not be required to give testimony or attend meetings, hearings, conferences, mediations, arbitrations, or trials by reason of this report unless subsequent contractual arraignments are made, including payment of an additional fee for such service.

This report and any appraisal value expressed herein represent the opinion of the arborist, and the arborist fee is not contingent upon the reporting of a specified appraised value, a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.

Sketches, drawings, and photographs in this report are intended for use as visual aids, are not necessarily to scale, and should not be construed as engineering or architectural reports or surveys. The reproduction of information generated by architects, engineers, or other consultants on any sketches, drawings, or photographs is only for coordination and ease of reference. Inclusion of said information with any drawings or other documents does not constitute a representation as to the sufficiency or accuracy of said information.

Unless otherwise expressed: a) this report covers only examined items and their condition at the time of inspection; and b) the inspection is limited to visual examination of accessible items without dissection, excavation, probing, or coring. There is no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, that structural problems or deficiencies of plants or property may not arise in the future.



CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE

I, Larry Van Groningen, Certify:

That I have personally inspected the tree(s) and/or the property referred to in this report, and have states my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation and/or appraisal is stated in the attached report and Terms of Assignment;

That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;

That the analysis, opinions and conclusions stated herein are my own;

That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted Arboricultural practices;

That no one provided significant professional assistance to the arborist, except as indicated in the report.

That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party, nor upon the results of the assessment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any other subsequent events;

I further certify that I am an I.S.A. Certified Arborist in good standing with The International Society of Arboriculture. I hold a valid Qualified Applicators License with California Department of Pesticide Regulation. I have been involved with the practice of Arboriculture and the care and study of trees since 1997.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,112.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
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