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PROJECT TITLE

Major Modification Case No. PL17-0012 to Conditional Use Permit No. 3697 and Discretionary Tree Permit Case No. PL23-0040

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Krishnamurti Foundation of America	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL ed@kfa.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 646-2726
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS Post Office Box 1560	CITY Ojai	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93024

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
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CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	2968.75
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
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COUNTY of VENTURA

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: **County Clerk**
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1260
Ventura, CA 93009

FROM: **County of Ventura**
Resource Management Agency
(RMA), Planning Division
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1740
Ventura, CA 93009

Office of Planning and Research
1440 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Filing of a Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

PROJECT TITLE AND CASE NO.: Major Modification Case No. PL17-0012 to Conditional Use Permit No. 3697 and Discretionary Tree Permit Case No. PL23-0040

APPLICANT: Mr. Jacob Sluijter, Executive Director, Krishnamurti Foundation of America

APPLICANT ADDRESS: Post Office Box 1560, Ojai, California 93024-1560

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2022050013

CONTACT PERSON: Kristina Boero, Senior Planner

TELEPHONE NO.: (805) 654-2467

PROJECT LOCATION: 1098 McAndrew Road in the community of Ojai on Assessor Parcel Numbers 029-0-033-240, 029-0-033-250, 029-0-033-260, 029-0-033-270, and 029-0-033-280

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests a Major Modification to CUP No. 3697 and a Discretionary Tree Permit as described below .

Change of Use and CUP Permit Boundary: A change of use from an adult educational center and religious retreat to a camp for adult education and religious retreat purposes.

The CUP boundary includes 11.12 acres on APNs 029-0-033-240, 029-0-033-250 and 029-0-033-260, 029-0-033-270 and 029-0-033-280.

New Structures and Improvements (approximately 10,931 sq. ft.)

Table 2 includes an inventory of the proposed structures.

Table 2 – Proposed Structures	
Structure	Size (in sq. ft.)
Reception/Canteen Building (with Kitchen and Dining Area)	2,193
Ground mounted solar array structure (17 feet in height)	3,168
Maintenance Shed	1,800
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessible Public Restroom	180
Shade Structure	400
Storage Building and Water Cooler	120
Two Cottage Structures (1,535 sq. ft each)	3,070
Three Underground Rainwater Capture Tanks	75,000 gallons total
Total Approximately 10,931 sq. ft.	

The project will be developed in two phases. Phase 1 will include the construction of the three underground rainwater capture tanks, solar array, the conversion of the pine cottage and garage/storage building, flatwork, rough grading, installation of the seepage pits and underground utilities. Phase 2 will include construction of the reception/canteen building, maintenance shed, public restroom, shade structure, storage building and water cooler, and two cottages.

Changes to Existing Structures:

Pine Cottage Annex is proposed to be converted from a residence to a library and study hall/meeting room. The 780 sq. ft. garage/storage building will be converted into a visitor serving exhibit/display building.

Staff and Work Hours

There will be a total of 12 employees. Of these, five staff will continue to live and work on site. Two commuter staff will work Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the archives building. Five commuter staff members will work Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Staff who live onsite stay in the Arya Vihara and Pine Cottage Annex.

Overnight Guests

A maximum of six guests are permitted overnight. Guests stay in the Arya Vihara building and in the separate Lawrence Cottage building.

Guests will be required to book overnight stays through a specific website (www.krishnamurtiretreat.org) that requires the guest to acknowledge that booking a room indicates that they are doing so with an understanding of the retreat's intent as a place to study the work/teachings of Krishnamurti.

Daytime Visitors

The applicant is open to visitors to study the history and teachings of J. Krishnamurti seven days per week. On the weekdays, an estimated 8 visitors are expected onsite each day, and, on the weekends, an estimated 45 visitors are expected onsite each day. This count does not include visitors attending for specific programming, which are described below. Weekday and weekend visiting hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The buildings available to the public will be locked before 10:00 a.m. and after 2:30 p.m. Notification of the “open to the public” hours will be posted on the facility’s website, including the requirement that the public must leave the site at or before 2:30 p.m. The facility will be closed to the public outside of these hours. Reservations are required to visit the site and made through the applicant’s website.

Krishnamurti Archives Resident Scholars

Scholars of the Krishnamurti Archives come to study the teachings of J. Krishnamurti. This includes handwritten manuscripts, letters, photographs, original audio and video recordings, and related materials. The applicant will sponsor 18 resident scholars as part of the Resident Scholars Educational Program. The Scholars will be temporary residents for a 30-day period annually. Nine resident scholars will be onsite for forty-four weeks each year and eighteen scholars will be onsite for an 8-week period each year. Resident scholars arrive and depart the property by shuttle during non-peak hours on the weekdays or on the weekends. The Resident Scholars live in the Pine Cottage Annex building.

Programs and Activities

The applicant hosts programs and events related to the teachings of J. Krishnamurti. The midweek programs and evening dialogues include small groups of 12 to 15 people gathering on site in the following areas: at the northwest parking area, in the grassy areas between the northwest parking area and the Arya Vhara structure, in the grassy area east of the Arya Vhara structure, in the grove west of the restroom and Pine Cottage, in the vegetable and flower garden, and in the open area north of the proposed shade structure (Exhibit 3). No amplified music or use of a portable public address system is permitted. Table 4 below includes information on the applicant’s programs and events that are in addition to the daytime visitors noted above.

Table 4 - Krishnamurti Programs and Events					
	Monday through Friday	Time	Saturday and Sunday	Time	Frequency
Midweek Programs	10 attendees	2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*			10 events annually
Tuesday Evening Dialogue	20 attendees	7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.			52 events annually
Saturday Evening Dialogue ¹			20 attendees	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	52 events annually
Evening Talks ²			40 attendees	7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	6 events annually
TOTAL	30		60		

¹ When the conference occurs, the Saturday Evening Dialogues will be cancelled.

² During the 8-week Resident Scholar Educational Program, there are no Evening Talks

*Note: * Midweek Programs begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Midweek Programs are by invite only and are held in the Pine Cottage. This building will be open to the public; however, at 2:30 p.m. the public will be asked to leave.*

One annual conference is held inside Pine Cottage. The conference occurs over a three-day period (Friday through Sunday). Each day's program begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. A maximum of 64 individuals per day are proposed to attend the conference, which includes the resident scholars and the six overnight guests. During the annual conference, the applicant's Weekend Programs and Events will not occur, and the campus will be closed to daytime visitors.

Site Development, Services and Access

There are 72 protected trees on the project site that will be encroached upon as a result of the proposed construction. Four protected heritage sized coast live oak trees (tree nos. 19, 21, 63, and 64) will be removed to accommodate the proposed construction; 75 trees will be planted to offset the loss of the four protected oak trees (Exhibit 4, Attachment 4). An existing orchard (approximately 6.6 acres) will be removed to repurpose irrigation water to other parts of the property. In addition, approximately 196 drought-tolerant olive trees will be planted in the existing onsite orchard.

The existing Ayra Vihara, Pine Tree Cottage Guest House, Administration Building, and Pine Cottage Library/Study Center are served by existing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) (3,000-gallons). The new Reception/Canteen building, and the two new cottages will be served by two new 3,000-gallon septic tanks for a combined capacity of 6,000 gallons. The tanks will be connected to four 30-foot-deep by 4-foot diameter seepage pits, each with 5 feet of cover. One of the septic tanks is dedicated to the commercial kitchen and includes a grease interceptor located in the Reception/Canteen building. All OWTS are under the permitting authority of the State Regional Water Quality Control Board (SRWQCB).

Water service is provided by the Senior Canyon Mutual Water District (SCMWD). Three plumbed rainwater capture tanks will supply up to 75,000 gallons of water for irrigation of the existing orchard and will offset the increase in water demand caused by the addition of the resident scholars.

Access to the site is available by two existing driveways adjacent to McAndrew Road. A total of 50 uncovered parking spaces are provided on site to accommodate staff and visitors.

This is to advise that on February 25, 2025, the County of Ventura, as the Lead Agency, approved the above-described project and has made the following determination regarding the project:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

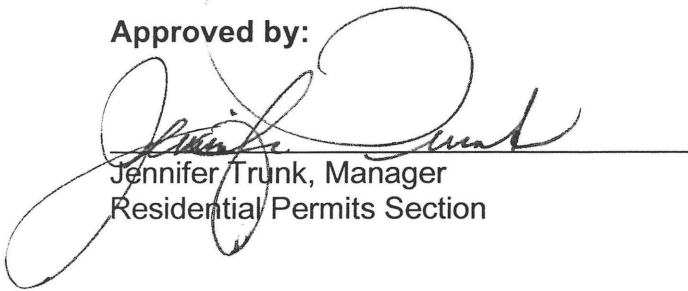
3. Mitigation Measures were made conditions of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan/Program was adopted.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the County of Ventura, RMA, Planning Division, 800 South Victoria Avenue, L#1740, Ventura, CA 93009.

DATE FILED: February 26, 2025

Prepared by: Kristina Boero, Senior Planner

Approved by:



Jennifer Trunk, Manager
Residential Permits Section



Ventura County

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