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### STAFF REPORT: CONSENT CALENDAR

APPLICATION NO.:	4-02-121
APPLICANT:	Raymond and Melissa Klostermann
AGENTS:	Jose lujvidin
PROJECT LOCATION:	21531 Deerpath Lane, City of Malibu
APN NO.:	4451-016-023

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Construction of a new two story, 28 ft. high, 6,010 sq. ft. single family residence with 230 sq. ft. covered porches and an attached 1,131 sq. ft. garage, swimming pool with deck, driveway, septic system, 400 cu. yds. excavation and 150 cu. yds. removal/recompaction.

Lot area	2.28 acres
Building coverage	4,457 sq. ft.
Pavement coverage	7,540 sq. ft.
Landscape coverage	6,300 sq. ft.
Height Above Finished Grade	28 ft.
Parking spaces	2

**LOCAL APPROVALS RECEIVED:** City of Malibu Planning Department, Approval in Concept, May 17, 2002; City of Malibu Geology Review, Approval in Concept, October 23, 2001; City of Malibu Environmental Health, Approval in Concept, January 28, 2002; County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Preliminary Fuel Modification Plan Approval, October 10, 2001; County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Fire Prevention Engineering Approval, August 20, 2002.

**SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS:** Certified Malibu Local Coastal Program; "Soils and Engineering- Geologic Investigation," GeoSystems, June 27, 2001.

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#### Summary of Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends *APPROVAL* of the proposed project with *FIVE (5) SPECIAL CONDITIONS* regarding (1) geologic recommendations, (2) erosion control, drainage and polluted runoff control, (3) landscaping plans, (4) wildfire waiver, and (5) onsite wastewater treatment system requirements.

#### I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

MOTION: I move that the Commission approve Coastal Development Permit No. 4-02-121 pursuant to the staff recommendation.

#### Staff Recommendation of Approval:

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in approval of the permit as conditioned and adoption of the following resolution and findings. The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

#### **Resolution to Approve the Permit:**

The Commission hereby approves a coastal development permit for the proposed development and adopts the findings set forth below on grounds that the development as conditioned will be in conformity with the Malibu Local Coastal Program. Approval of the permit complies with the California Environmental Quality Act because either 1) feasible mitigation measures and/or alternatives have been incorporated to substantially lessen any significant adverse effects of the development on the environment, or 2) there are no further feasible mitigation measures or alternatives that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impacts of the development on the environment.

#### II. STANDARD CONDITIONS

- 1. Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment. The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
- 2. Expiration. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date on which the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
- **3.** Interpretation. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any term or condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.

- 4. Assignment. The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. Terms and Conditions Run with the Land. These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

#### III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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#### 1. Plans Conforming to Geologic Recommendations

All recommendations contained in the Soils and Engineering- Geologic Investigation dated June 27, 2001 prepared by GeoSystems shall be incorporated into all final design and construction including *foundations*, *grading*, *sewage disposal* and *drainage*. Final plans must be reviewed and approved by the project's consulting geotechnical engineer and geologist. Prior to issuance of the coastal development permit, the applicant shall submit, for review and approval by the Executive Director, two sets of plans with evidence of the consultant's review and approval of all project plans.

The final plans approved by the consultants shall be in substantial conformance with the plans approved by the Commission relative to construction, grading, sewage disposal and drainage. Any substantial changes in the proposed development approved by the Commission which may be required by the consultants shall require an amendment to the permit or a new coastal permit.

#### 2. Drainage and Polluted Runoff Control Plans

Prior to the Issuance of the Coastal Development Permit, the applicant shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Director; a) a Local Storm Water Pollution Prevention (SWPPP) Plan to control erosion and contain polluted runoff during the construction phase of the project; and b) a Water Quality Mitigation Plan (WQMP) for the management and treatment of post-construction storm water and polluted runoff. The plans shall be certified by a California Registered Civil Engineer or Licensed Architect and approved by the City's Department of Public Works, and include the information and measures outlined below.

- a) Local Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, for the construction phase of the project shall include at a minimum the following:
- Property limits, prior-to-grading contours, and details of terrain and area drainage
- Locations of any buildings or structures on the property where the work is to be performed and the location of any building or structures of adjacent owners that are within 15 ft of the property or that may be affected by the proposed grading operations
- Locations and cross sections of all proposed temporary and permanent cut-and-fill slopes, retaining structures, buttresses, etc., that will result in an alteration to existing site topography (identify benches, surface/subsurface drainage, etc.)
- Area (square feet) and volume (cubic yards) of all grading (identify cut, fill, import, export volumes separately), and the locations where sediment will be stockpiled or disposed

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- Elevation of finished contours to be achieved by the grading, proposed drainage channels, and related construction
- Details pertaining to the protection of existing vegetation from damage from construction equipment, for example: (a) grading areas should be minimized to protect vegetation; (b) areas with sensitive or endangered species should be demarcated and fenced off; and (c) native trees that are located close to the construction site should be protected by wrapping trunks with protective materials, avoiding placing fill of any type against the base of trunks, and avoiding an increase in soil depth at the feeding zone or drip line of the retained trees
- Information on potential flow paths where erosion may occur during construction
- Proposed erosion and sediment prevention and control BMPs, both structural and nonstructural, for implementation during construction, such as:
  - o Stabilize disturbed areas with vegetation, mulch, geotextiles, or similar method.
  - o Trap sediment on site using fiber rolls, silt fencing, sediment basin, or similar method.
  - Ensure vehicles on site are parked on areas free from mud; monitor site entrance for mud tracked off-site.
  - o Prevent blowing dust from exposed soils.
- Proposed BMPs to provide adequate sanitary and waste disposal facilities and prevent contamination of runoff by construction chemicals and materials, such as:
  - Control the storage, application and disposal of pesticides, petroleum and other construction and chemical materials.
  - Site washout areas more than fifty feet from a storm drain, open ditch or surface water and ensure that runoff flows from such activities do not enter receiving water bodies.
  - o Provide sanitary facilities for construction workers.
  - Provide adequate disposal facilities for solid waste produced during construction and recycle where possible.
- b) *Water Quality Management Plan*, for the management and treatment of post construction storm water and polluted runoff shall at a minimum include the following:
- Site design, source control and treatment control BMPs that will be implemented to minimize or prevent post-construction polluted runoff (see 17.5.1 of the Malibu LIP)
- Pre-development peak runoff rate and average volume
- Drainage improvements (e.g., locations of diversions/conveyances for upstream runoff)
- Potential flow paths where erosion may occur after construction
- Expected post-development peak runoff rate and average volume from the site with all proposed non-structural and structural BMPs
- Methods to accommodate onsite percolation, revegetation of disturbed portions of the site, address onsite and/or offsite impacts and construction of any necessary improvements
- Measures to treat, infiltrate, or filter runoff from impervious surfaces (e.g., roads, driveways, parking structures, building pads, roofs, patios, etc.) on the subject parcel(s) and to discharge the runoff in a manner that avoids erosion, gullying on or downslope of the subject parcel, ponding on building pads, discharge of pollutants (e.g., oil, heavy metals, toxics) to coastal waters, or other potentially adverse impacts. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, the use of structures (alone or in combination) such as on-site desilting basins, detention ponds, dry wells, biofilters, etc.

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- A long-term plan and schedule for the monitoring and maintenance of all drainagecontrol devices. All structural BMPs shall be inspected, cleaned, and repaired when necessary prior to September 30th of each year. Owners of these devices will be responsible for insuring that they continue to function properly and additional inspections should occur after storms as needed throughout the rainy season. Repairs, modifications, or installation of additional BMPs, as needed, should be carried out prior to the next rainy season
- Post-construction Treatment Control BMPs (or suites of BMPs) shall be designed to treat, infiltrate, or filter the amount of stormwater runoff produced by all storms up to and including the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, 24-hour storm event for volume-based BMPs and/or the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, 1-hour storm event (with an appropriate safety factor, i.e. 2 or greater) for flow-based BMPs

#### 3. Landscaping and Erosion Control Plans

*Prior to issuance of a coastal development permit*, the applicants shall submit two sets of landscaping, prepared by a licensed landscape architect or a qualified resource specialist, for review and approval by the Executive Director. The landscaping shall be reviewed and approved by the geotechnical engineering and geologic consultant to ensure that the plans are in conformance with the consultant's recommendations. Cut and fill slopes and other areas disturbed by construction activities (including areas disturbed by fuel modification or brush clearance) shall be landscaped or revegetated. The plans shall incorporate the following criteria:

#### A. Plant Species

- Plantings shall be native, drought-tolerant plant species, and shall blend with the existing natural vegetation and natural habitats on the site, except as noted in (A)(3) below. The native plant species shall be chosen from those listed by the California Native Plant Society, Santa Monica Mountains Chapter, in their document entitled <u>Recommended List of Plants for Landscaping in the Santa Monica Mountains</u>, dated February 5, 1996.
- Invasive plant species, as identified by the California Native Plant Society, Santa Monica Mountains Chapter, in their document entitled <u>Recommended List of Plants for</u> <u>Landscaping in the Santa Monica Mountains</u>, dated February 5, 1996 and identified in the City of Malibu's <u>Invasive Exotic Plant Species of the Santa Monica Mountains</u>, dated March 17, 1998, that tend to supplant native species and natural habitats shall be prohibited.
- 3. Non-invasive ornamental plants and lawn may be permitted in combination with native, drought-tolerant species within the irrigated zone (Zone A) required for fuel modification nearest approved residential structures. Irrigated lawn, turf and ground cover shall be selected from the most drought tolerant species or subspecies, or varieties suited to the Mediterranean climate of the Santa Monica Mountains.

#### B. Timing of Landscaping

1. All cut and fill slopes shall be stabilized with landscaping at the completion of final grading.

2. The building pad and all other graded or disturbed areas on the subject site shall be planted within sixty (60) days of receipt of the certificate of occupancy for the residence.

#### C. Landscaping Coverage Standards.

Landscaping or revegetation shall provide 90 percent coverage within five years, or that percentage of ground cover demonstrated locally appropriate for a healthy stand of the particular native vegetation type chosen for restoration. Landscaping or revegetation that is located within any required fuel modification thinning zone (Zone C, if required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department) shall provide 60 percent coverage within five years.

#### 4. Wildfire Waiver of Liability

Prior to the issuance of a coastal development permit, the applicant shall submit a signed document which shall indemnify and hold harmless the California Coastal Commission, its officers, agents, and employees against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, and expenses of liability arising out of the acquisition, design, construction, operation, maintenance, existence, or failure of the permitted project in an area where an extraordinary potential for damage or destruction from wildfire exists as an inherent risk to life and property.

#### 5. Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Requirements

*Prior to the Issuance of the Coastal Development Permit*, the applicant shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Director a report and plans verifying that the proposed OSTS complies with the policies and provisions in the Malibu LCP pertaining to the siting, design, installation, operation and maintenance requirements for OSTSs. The report and plans shall be prepared by a qualified professional and approved by the City's Environmental Health Department, and comply with sections 18.4, 18.7 and 18.9 of the Malibu LIP.

The applicant shall also submit for the review and approval of the Executive Director verification that they have obtained a valid Standard Operating Permit from the City for the proposed OSTS. This permit shall comply with all of the operation, maintenance and monitoring provisions applicable to OSTSs contained in policies 18.4 and 18.9 of the Malibu LIP.

#### **IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS**

The Commission hereby finds and declares:

#### A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing to construct a new two story, 28 ft. high, 6,010 sq. ft. single family residence with 230 sq. ft. covered porches and an attached 1,131 sq. ft. garage, swimming pool with deck, driveway, septic system, 400 cu. yds. excavation and 150 cu. yds. removal/recompaction onsite of a previous residence destroyed by wildfire (Exhibit 3-9).

The project site is a two and a quarter-acre hillside parcel on Deerpath Lane north of Pacific Coast Highway in a densely populated area in the City of Malibu (Exhibit 1). The parcel is bounded on the south by Deerpath Lane north of Rambla Pacifico and is surrounded by

residential development (Exhibit 2). As mentioned above, the subject parcel is the site of a previous residence that was destroyed by wildfire. The proposed building pad area is relatively flat and contains remnants of the original structural foundations, thus the proposed area for development is previously disturbed and construction of the proposed project will not result in any native vegetation removal or landform alteration. The property slopes down from the building pad area toward the northeast end of the property. A small portion of the property near the bottom of this slope is mapped as environmentally sensitive habitat area (ESHA), however, upon Staff's inspection of the site, it was determined that no ESHA exists onsite. Due to the distance from PCH and the natural topography, the subject site is not visible from Pacific Coast Highway and the proposed project would not impact any scenic views.

It was determined by staff that the proposed project is not exempt from coastal development permit requirements as a disaster rebuild. The original development on site included a single story residence with a total of approximately 4,000 sq. ft., whereas, the proposed project includes structures with a total of over 7,000 sq. ft. Due to the significant increase in floor area and addition of a second story from the original structure, the replacement structures exceed the 10% criterion in §30610 for disaster rebuild exemptions. Thus, the proposed project does not qualify as an exemption.

On September 13, 2002, the Commission adopted the Malibu Local Coastal Program (LCP). The subject permit application was filed prior to the date the LCP was adopted and therefore remains under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Prior to the adoption of the LCP the standard of review for permit applications in Malibu were the chapter three policies Coastal Act. After the adoption of the LCP the standard of review for permit applications is the LCP.

#### B. HAZARDS

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The proposed development is located on a vacant lot in Malibu, an area generally considered to be subject to an unusually high amount of natural hazards. Geologic hazards common to the Malibu include landslides, erosion, and flooding. In addition, fire is an inherent threat to the indigenous chaparral community of the coastal mountains. Wild fires often denude hillsides in the Santa Monica Mountains of all existing vegetation, thereby contributing to an increased potential for erosion and landslides on property.

The Malibu Local Coastal Program (LCP) contains the following development policies related to hazards and new development that are applicable to the proposed development:

Section 30253 of the Coastal Act, which is incorporated as part of the Malibu LCP, states in pertinent part that new development shall:

- (1) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard.
- (2) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs.

In addition, the following LCP policies are applicable in this case: .

- 3.119 New development that requires a grading permit or Local SWPPP shall include landscaping and re-vegetation of graded or disturbed areas, consistent with Policy 3.50. Any landscaping that is required to control erosion shall use native or droughttolerant non-invasive plants to minimize the need for fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, and excessive irrigation. Where irrigation is necessary, efficient irrigation practices shall be required.
- 4.2 All new development shall be sized, designed and sited to minimize risks to life and property from geologic, flood, and fire hazard.
- 4.5 Applications for new development, where applicable, shall include a geologic/soils/geotechnical study that identifies any geologic hazards affecting the proposed project site, any necessary mitigation measures, and contains a statement that the project site is suitable for the proposed development and that the development will be safe from geologic hazard. Such reports shall be signed by a licensed Certified Engineering Geologist (CEG) or Geotechnical Engineer (GE) and subject to review and approval by the City Geologist.
- 4.10 New development shall provide adequate drainage and erosion control facilities that convey site drainage in a non-erosive manner in order to minimize hazards resulting from increased runoff, erosion and other hydrologic impacts to streams.
- 4.45 New development shall minimize risks to life and property from fire hazard through:
  - Assessing site-specific characteristics such as topography, slope, vegetation type, wind patterns etc.;
  - Siting and designing development to avoid hazardous locations;
  - Incorporation of fuel modification and brush clearance techniques in accordance with applicable fire safety requirements and carried out in a manner which reduces impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat to the maximum feasible extent;
  - Use of appropriate building materials and design features to insure the minimum amount of required fuel modification;
  - Use of fire-retardant, native plant species in landscaping.
- 4.49 Applications for new development, which require fuel modification, shall include a fuel modification plan for the project, prepared by a landscape architect or resource specialist that incorporates measures to minimize removal of native vegetation and to minimize impacts to ESHA, while providing for fire safety, consistent with the requirements of the applicable fire safety regulations. Such plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Forestry Division.
- 6.29 Cut and fill slopes and other areas disturbed by construction activities shall be landscaped or revegetated at the completion of grading. Landscape plans shall provide that:
  - Plantings shall be of native, drought-tolerant plant species, and blend with the existing natural vegetation and natural habitats on the site, except as noted below.
  - Invasive plant species that tend to supplant native species and natural habitats shall be prohibited.
  - Non-invasive ornamental plants and lawn may be permitted in combination with native, drought-tolerant species within the irrigated zone(s) required for fuel modification nearest approved residential structures.
  - Lawn shall not be located on any geologically sensitive area such as coastal blufftop.

• Landscaping or revegetation shall provide 90 percent coverage within five years. Landscaping or revegetation that is located within any required fuel modification thinning zone (Zone C, if required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department) shall provide 60 percent coverage within five years.

The project site is a vacant parcel with a relatively level building pad area. The Malibu LCP requires that new development be sited and designed to minimize risks to life and property from geologic, flood, and fire hazard. In addition, the LCP requires a geologic/soils/geotechnical study that identifies any geologic hazards affecting the proposed project site, any necessary mitigation measures, and contains a statement that the project site is suitable for the proposed development and that the development will be safe from geologic hazard. The Soils and Engineering- Geologic Investigation dated June 27, 2001 prepared by GeoSystems states:

It is the finding of this firm that the proposed structures will be safe and that the building sites will not be affected by any hazard from landslide, settlement or slippage and the completed work will not adversely affect adjacent property in compliance with the City of Malibu code provided our recommendations are followed.

As such, the Commission notes that the proposed project will serve to ensure general geologic and structural integrity on site. However, the Commission also notes that the submitted Soils and Engineering- Geologic Investigation dated June 27, 2001 prepared by GeoSystems includes a number of recommendations to ensure the geologic stability and geotechnical safety of the site. To ensure that the recommendations of the geologic and geotechnical engineering consultants are incorporated into all new development, **Special Condition No. One (1)** requires the applicant to submit project plans certified by the consulting geologist and geotechnical engineer to ensure structural and site stability. The final plans approved by the consultants shall be in substantial conformance with the plans approved by the Commission relative to construction, foundations, grading, sewage disposal and drainage. Any substantial changes to the proposed development approved by the Commission which may be recommended by the consultants shall require an amendment to the permit or a new coastal permit.

In addition, the proposed project is located in the Malibu/Santa Monica Mountains area, an area subject to an extraordinary potential for damage or destruction from wild fire. Typical vegetation in the Santa Monica Mountains consists mostly of coastal sage scrub and chaparral. Many plant species common to these communities produce and store terpenes, which are highly flammable substances (Mooney in Barbour, *Terrestrial Vegetation of California*, 1988). Chaparral and sage scrub communities have evolved in concert with, and continue to produce the potential for, frequent wild fires. The typical warm, dry summer conditions of the Mediterranean climate combine with the natural characteristics of the native vegetation to pose a risk of wild fire damage to development that cannot be completely avoided or mitigated.

Due to the fact that the proposed project is located in an area subject to an extraordinary potential for damage or destruction from wild fire, the Commission can only approve the project if the applicant assumes the liability from these associated risks. Through **Special Condition No. Four (4)**, the wildfire waiver of liability, the applicant acknowledges the nature of the fire hazard which exists on the site and which may affect the safety of the proposed development. Moreover, through acceptance of Special Condition No. Four, the applicant also agrees to indemnify the Commission, its officers, agents and employees against any and all expenses or

liability arising out of the acquisition, design, construction, operation, maintenance, existence, or failure of the permitted project.

The Commission also finds that the minimization of site erosion will add to the stability of the site. In addition, the Malibu LCP requires that graded and disturbed areas be revegetated to minimize erosion. Erosion can best be minimized by requiring the applicant to landscape all disturbed and graded areas of the site with native plants compatible with the surrounding environment. In past permit actions, the Commission has found that invasive and non-native plant species are typically characterized as having a shallow root structure in comparison with their high surface/foliage weight and/or require a greater amount of irrigation and maintenance than native vegetation. The Commission notes that non-native and invasive plant species with high surface/foliage weight and shallow root structures do not serve to stabilize slopes and that such vegetation results in potential adverse effects to the geologic stability of the project site. In comparison, the Commission finds that native plant species are typically characterized not only by a well developed and extensive root structure in comparison to their surface/foliage weight but also by their low irrigation and maintenance requirements. Within the Zone A, as designated on the fuel modification plan, non-invasive ornamental plants are acceptable. Typically, Zone A is a 20-30 foot irrigated zone immediately surrounding the structure. Therefore, in order to ensure the stability and geotechnical safety of the site, Special Condition No. Three (3) requires that all proposed disturbed and graded areas on subject site are stabilized with native and limited non-invasive ornamental vegetation.

The project will increase the amount of impervious coverage onsite which may increase both the quantity and velocity of stormwater runoff. If not controlled and conveyed offsite in a nonerosive manner, this runoff may result in increased erosion, affect site stability, and impact downslope water quality. The applicant's geologic/geotechnical consultant has recommended that site drainage be collected and distributed in a non-erosive manner. In addition, the Malibu LCP policy 4.10 requires that "new development shall provide adequate drainage and erosion control facilities that convey site drainage in a non-erosive manner in order to minimize hazards resulting from increased runoff, erosion and other hydrologic impacts to streams". Therefore, to ensure that drainage is conveyed offsite in a non-erosive manner, the Commission finds that it is necessary to require the applicant, as required by Special Condition No. Two (2), to submit drainage and polluted runoff management plans for the construction and post-construction phases of development that are prepared by the consulting engineer. To ensure that the project's drainage structures will not contribute to further destabilization of the project site or surrounding area and that the project's drainage structures shall be repaired should the structures fail in the future, Special Condition No. Two (2) also requires that the applicant agree to be responsible for any repairs or restoration of eroded areas should the drainage structures fail or result in erosion.

Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, the Commission finds that the proposed project, as conditioned, is consistent with the applicable policies of the Malibu LCP.

#### C. WATER QUALITY

The Malibu LCP provides for the protection of water quality. The policies require that new development protects, and where feasible, enhances and restores wetlands, streams, and groundwater recharge areas. The policies promote the elimination of pollutant discharge, including non-point source pollution, into the City's waters through new construction and development regulation, including site planning, environmental review and mitigation, and

project and permit conditions of approval. Additionally, the policies require the implementation of Best Management Practices to limit water quality impacts from existing development, including septic system maintenance and City services.

Section 30251 of the Coastal Act, which is incorporated as a policy of the Malibu LCP, states that:

The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained and, where feasible, restored through, among other means, minimizing adverse effects of waste water discharges and entrainment, controlling runoff, preventing depletion of ground water supplies and substantial interference with surface water flow, encouraging waste water reclamation, maintaining natural vegetation buffer areas that protect riparian habitats, minimizing alteration of natural streams.

In addition, the following water quality LCP policies are applicable in this case:

- 3.120 New development shall be sited and designed to protect water quality and minimize impacts to coastal waters by incorporating measures designed to ensure the following:
  - Protecting areas that provide important water quality benefits, areas necessary to maintain riparian and aquatic biota and/or that are susceptible to erosion and sediment loss.
  - Limiting increases of impervious surfaces.
  - Limiting land disturbance activities such as clearing and grading, and cut-and-fill to reduce erosion and sediment loss.
  - Limiting disturbance of natural drainage features and vegetation.
- 3.121 New development shall not result in the degradation of the water quality of groundwater basins or coastal surface waters including the ocean, coastal streams, or wetlands. Urban runoff pollutants shall not be discharged or deposited such that they adversely impact groundwater, the ocean, coastal streams, or wetlands, consistent with the requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Quality Control Board's municipal stormwater permit and the California Ocean Plan.
- 3.122 Development must be designed to minimize, to the maximum extent feasible, the introduction of pollutants of concern<sup>1</sup> that may result in significant impacts from site runoff from impervious areas. To meet the requirement to minimize "pollutants of concern," new development shall incorporate a Best Management Practice (BMP) or a combination of BMPs best suited to reduce pollutant loading to the maximum extent feasible.
- 3.99 Post-development peak stormwater runoff discharge rates shall not exceed the estimated pre-development rate. Dry weather runoff from new development must not exceed the pre-development baseline flow rate to receiving water bodies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pollutants of concern are defined in the Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan For Los Angeles County And Cities In Los Angeles County as consisting " of any pollutants that exhibit one or more of the following characteristics: current loadings or historic deposits of the pollutant are impacting the beneficial uses of a receiving water , elevated levels of the pollutant are found in sediments of a receiving water and/or have the potential to bioaccumulate in organisms therein, or the detectable inputs of the pollutant are at a concentrations or loads considered potentially toxic to humans and/or flora or fauna".

- 3.100 New development shall be sited and designed to minimize impacts to water quality from increased runoff volumes and nonpoint source pollution. All new development shall meet the requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in its the Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan For Los Angeles County And Cities In Los Angeles County (March 2000) (LA SUSMP) or subsequent versions of this plan.
- 3.102 Post-construction structural BMPs (or suites of BMPs) should be designed to treat, infiltrate, or filter the amount of stormwater runoff produced by all storms up to and including the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, 24-hour storm event for volume-based BMPs and/or the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, 1-hour storm event (with an appropriate safety factor, i.e. 2 or greater) for flow-based BMPs. This standard shall be consistent with the most recent Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board municipal stormwater permit for the Malibu region or the most recent California Coastal Commission Plan for Controlling Polluted Runoff, whichever is more stringent.
- 3.110 New development shall include construction phase erosion control and polluted runoff control plans. These plans shall specify BMPs that will be implemented to minimize erosion and sedimentation, provide adequate sanitary and waste disposal facilities and prevent contamination of runoff by construction chemicals and materials.
- 3.111 New development shall include post-development phase drainage and polluted runoff control plans. These plans shall specify site design, source control and treatment control BMPs that will be implemented to minimize post-construction polluted runoff, and shall include the monitoring and maintenance plans for these BMPs.
- 3.115 Permits for new development shall be conditioned to require ongoing maintenance where maintenance is necessary for effective operation of required BMPS. Verification of maintenance shall include the permittee's signed statement accepting responsibility for all structural and treatment control BMP maintenance until such time as the property is transferred and another party takes responsibility.
- 3.116 The City, property owners, or homeowners associations, as applicable, shall be required to maintain any drainage device to insure it functions as designed and intended. All structural BMPs shall be inspected, cleaned, and repaired when necessary prior to September 30th of each year. Owners of these devices will be responsible for insuring that they continue to function properly and additional inspections should occur after storms as needed throughout the rainy season. Repairs, modifications, or installation of additional BMPs, as needed, should be carried out prior to the next rainy season.
- 3.118 Some BMPs for reducing the impacts of non-point source pollution may not be appropriate for development on steep slopes, on sites with low permeability soil conditions, or areas where saturated soils can lead to geologic instability. New development in these areas should incorporate BMPs that do not increase the degree of geologic instability.
- 3.119 New development that requires a grading permit or Local SWPPP shall include landscaping and re-vegetation of graded or disturbed areas, consistent with Policy 3.50. Any landscaping that is required to control erosion shall use native or droughttolerant non-invasive plants to minimize the need for fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, and excessive irrigation. Where irrigation is necessary, efficient irrigation practices shall be required.

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- 3.120 New development shall protect the absorption, purifying, and retentive functions of natural systems that exist on the site. Where feasible, drainage plans shall be designed to complement and utilize existing drainage patterns and systems, conveying drainage from the developed area of the site in a non-erosive manner. Disturbed or degraded natural drainage systems shall be restored, where feasible, except where there are geologic or public safety concerns.
- 3.125 Development involving onsite wastewater discharges shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the L.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, including Waste Discharge Requirements, revised waivers and other regulations that apply.
- 3.126 Wastewater discharges shall minimize adverse impacts to the biological productivity and quality of coastal streams, wetlands, estuaries, and the ocean. On-site treatment systems (OSTSs) shall be sited, designed, installed, operated, and maintained to avoid contributing nutrients and pathogens to groundwater and/or surface waters.
- 3.127 OSTSs shall be sited away from areas that have poorly or excessively drained soils, shallow water tables or high seasonal water tables that are within floodplains or where effluent cannot be adequately treated before it reaches streams or the ocean.
- 3.128 New development shall be sited and designed to provide an area for a backup soil absorption field in the event of failure of the first field.
- 3.129 Soils should not be compacted in the soil absorption field areas during construction. No vehicles should be parked over the soil absorption field or driven over the inlet and outlet pipes to the septic tank.
- 3.130 Subsurface sewage effluent dispersal fields shall be designed, sited, installed, operated, and maintained in soils having acceptable absorption characteristics determined either by percolation testing, or by soils analysis, or by both. No subsurface sewage effluent disposal fields shall be allowed beneath nonporous paving or surface covering.
- 3.131 New development shall include the installation of low-flow plumbing fixtures, including but not limited to flow-restricted showers and ultra-low flush toilets, and should avoid the use of garbage disposals to minimize hydraulic and/or organic overloading of the OSTS.
- 3.132 New development may include a separate greywater dispersal system where approved by the Building Safety Department.
- 3.133 New development shall include protective setbacks from surface waters, wetlands and floodplains for conventional or alternative OSTSs, as well as separation distances between OSTS system components, building components, property lines, and groundwater. Under no conditions shall the bottom of the effluent dispersal system be within five feet of groundwater.
- 3.134 The construction of private sewage treatment systems shall be permitted only in full compliance with the building and plumbing codes and the requirements of the LA RWQCB. A coastal development permit shall not be approved unless the private sewage treatment system for the project is sized and designed to serve the proposed development and will not result in adverse individual or cumulative impacts to water quality for the life of the project.

- 3.138 Applications for new development relying on an OSTS shall include a soils analysis and or percolation test report. Soils analysis shall be conducted by a California Registered Geotechnical Engineer or a California Registered Civil Engineer in the environmental/geotechnical field and the results expressed in United States Department of Agriculture classification terminology. Percolation tests shall be conducted by a California Registered Geologist, a California registered Geotechnical Engineer, a California Registered Civil Engineer, or a California Registered Environmental Health Specialist. The OSTS shall be designed, sited, installed, operated, and maintained in full compliance with the building and plumbing codes and the requirements of the LA RWQCB.
- 3.141 Applications for a coastal development permit for OSTS installation and expansion, where groundwater, nearby surface drainages and slope stability are likely to be adversely impacted as a result of the projected effluent input to the subsurface, shall include a study prepared by a California Certified Engineering Geologist or Registered Geotechnical Engineer that analyzes the cumulative impact of the proposed OSTS on groundwater level, quality of nearby surface drainages, and slope stability. Where it is shown that the OSTS will negatively impact groundwater, nearby surface waters, or slope stability, the OSTS shall not be allowed.

The proposed project will result in an increase of impervious surface on site, which in turn decreases the infiltrative function and capacity of existing permeable land on project sites. The Commission notes that this reduction in permeable surface leads to an increase in the volume and velocity of stormwater runoff that can be expected to leave the site. The cumulative effect of increased impervious surface is that the peak stream discharge is increased and the peak occurs much sooner after precipitation events. Changes in the stream flow result in modification to stream morphology. Additionally, grading, excavations and disturbance of the site from construction activities and runoff from impervious surfaces can result in increased erosion of disturbed soils and in sedimentation of nearby coastal stream and waters.

In addition, pollutants commonly found in runoff associated with new development include petroleum hydrocarbons including oil and grease from vehicles; heavy metals; synthetic organic chemicals including paint and household cleaners; soap and dirt from washing vehicles; dirt and vegetation from yard maintenance; litter and organic matter; fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides from household gardening or more intensive agricultural land use; nutrients from wastewater discharge, animal waste and crop residue; and bacteria and pathogens from wastewater discharge and animal waste.. The discharge of these pollutants to coastal waters can cause cumulative impacts such as: eutrophication and anoxic conditions resulting in fish kills and diseases and the alteration of aquatic habitat including adverse changes to species composition and size; excess nutrients causing algae blooms and sedimentation increasing turbidity, which both reduce the penetration of sunlight needed by aquatic vegetation which provides food and cover for aquatic species; disruptions to the reproductive cycle of aquatic species; acute and sublethal toxicity in marine organisms leading to adverse changes in reproduction and feeding behavior; and human diseases such as hepatitis and dysentery. These impacts reduce the biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries, and lakes and reduce optimum populations of marine organisms and have adverse impacts on human health.

The LCP water quality policies cited above are designed to protect water quality and prevent pollution of surface, ground, and ocean waters. The Malibu LCP requires the preparation of a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) for all projects that require a coastal development permit or a Water Quality Mitigation Plan (WQMP) for new residential developments that involve

one acre or more of disturbance or redevelopment projects that result in the creation or addition or replacement of 5,000 sq. ft. or more of impervious surface. A SWMP illustrates how the project will use appropriate site design and source control best management practices (BMPs) to minimize or prevent adverse effects of the project on water quality. A WQMP requires treatment control (or structural) BMPs, in addition to site design and source control BMPs that are required for a SWMP, to minimize or prevent the discharge of polluted runoff from a project site. In this case, pursuant to the requirements of the Malibu LCP, and to ensure the proposed project will not adversely impact water quality or coastal resources, the Commission finds it necessary to require the preparation of a WQMP for the subject site, as specified in **Special Condition No. Two (2).** 

Furthermore, erosion control and storm water pollution prevention measures implemented during construction will serve to minimize the potential for adverse impacts to water quality resulting from runoff during construction. The Malibu LCP requires that a Local Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) be prepared for all development that requires a Coastal Development Permit and a grading or building permit, and it shall apply to the construction phase of the project. The SWPPP includes measures and BMPs to prevent erosion, sedimentation and pollution of surface and ocean waters from construction that requires grading and/or building permits. Therefore, pursuant to the Malibu LCP and to ensure the proposed development does not adversely impact water quality or coastal resources during the construction phase of the project, the Commission finds it necessary to require the applicant to submit a Local SWPPP for the subject site, consistent with the requirements specified in **Special Condition No. Two (2).** 

Finally, the proposed development includes the installation of an onsite wastewater treatment system (OSTS) to serve the residence. The Malibu LCP includes a number of policies and standards relative to the design, siting, installation, operation and maintenance of OSTSs to ensure these systems do not adversely impact coastal waters. The proposed upgrades to the existing OSTS were previously reviewed and approved in concept by the City of Malibu Environmental Health Department, determining that the system meets the requirements of the plumbing code. However, with the recent adoption of the Malibu LUP, new more stringent standards regarding the siting, design, installation, operation and maintenance of OSTSs have been established. Therefore, the Commission finds that it is necessary to require the applicant to submit a report and plans prepared by a qualified professional, that have been reviewed and approved by the City of Malibu Environmental Health Department, verifying the proposed septic system complies with the siting, design, installation, operation and maintenance requirements specified in **Special Condition No. Five (5)**.

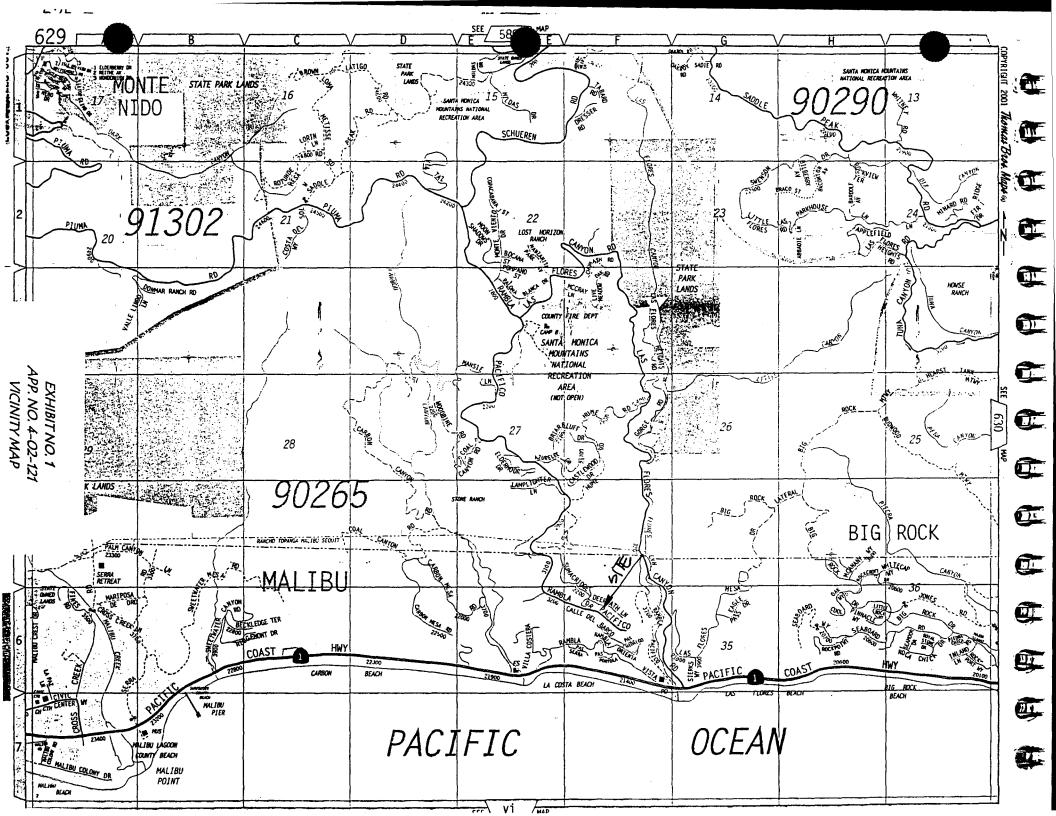
In addition, in order to ensure the OSTS is maintained and monitored in the future to prevent system failures or inadequate system performance, the Malibu LCP includes policies and standards requiring the regular maintenance and monitoring of the OSTS. Therefore, the Commission finds that it is necessary to require the applicant to submit verification that they have obtained a monitoring, operation and maintenance permit from the City, as outlined in **Special Condition No. Five (5)**.

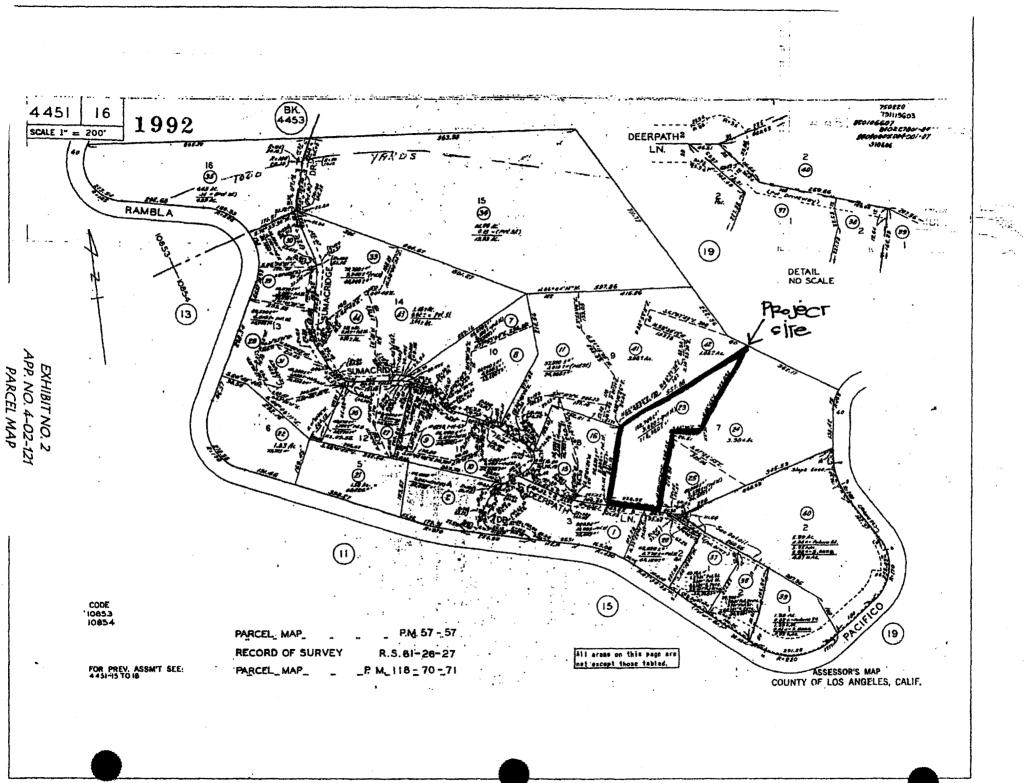
The Commission finds that based on the above findings the proposed project, as conditioned, will not result in adverse impacts to water quality and is consistent with the Malibu LCP.

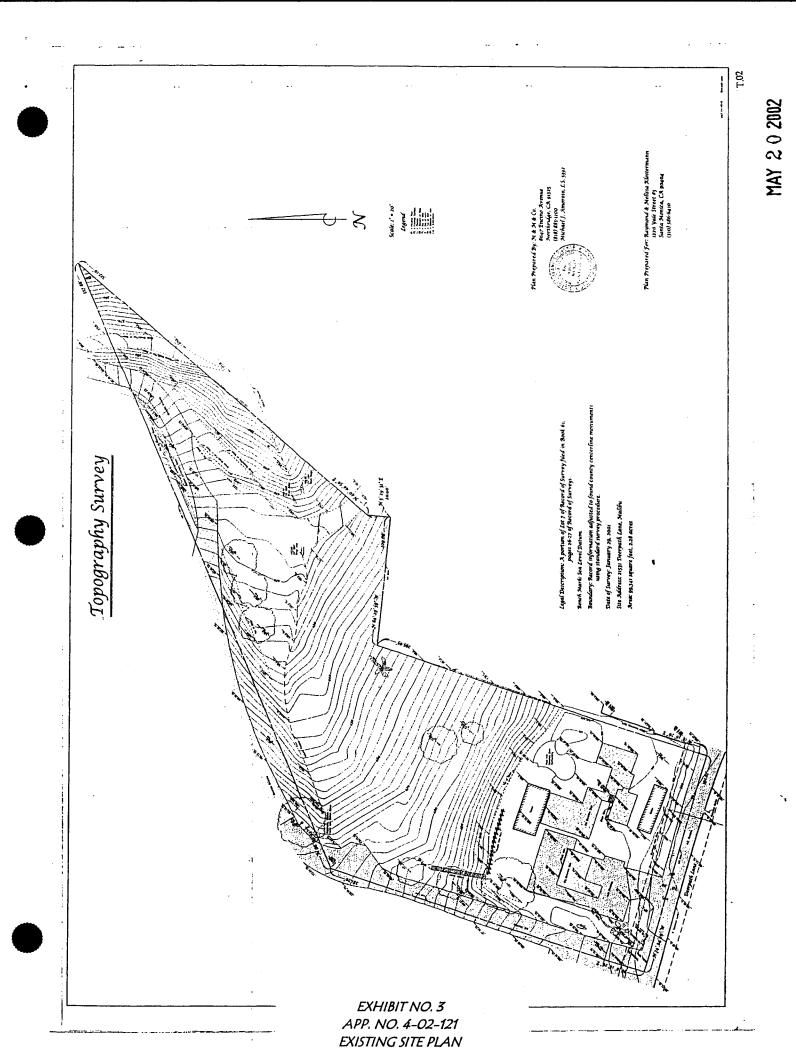
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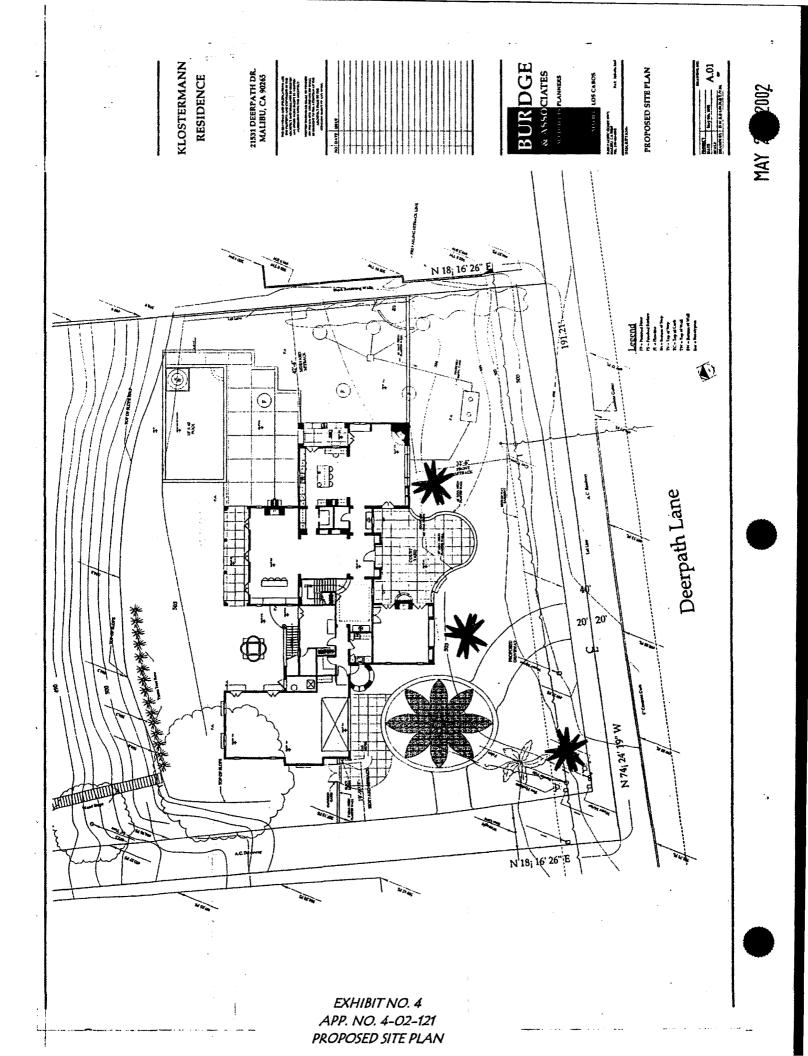
Section 13096(a) of the Commission's administrative regulations requires Commission approval of a Coastal Development Permit application to be supported by a finding showing the application, as conditioned by any conditions of approval, to be consistent with any applicable requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A) of CEQA prohibits a proposed development from being approved if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect that the activity may have on the environment.

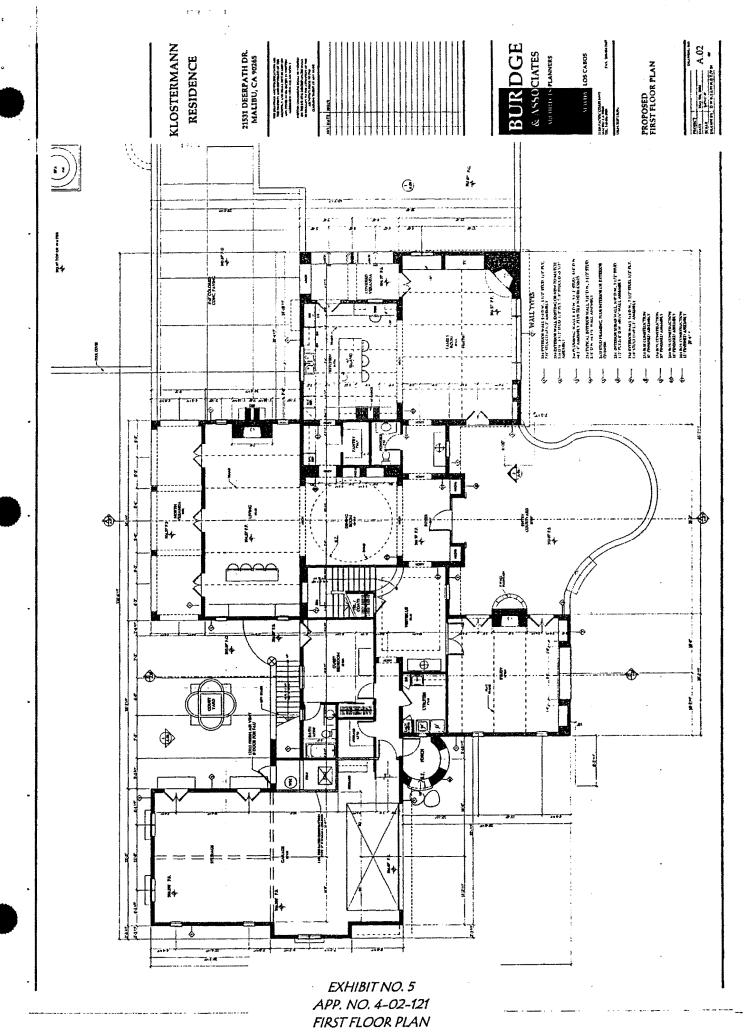
The Commission finds that, the proposed project, as conditioned, will not have any significant adverse effects on the environment, within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970. Therefore, the proposed project, as conditioned, has been adequately mitigated and is determined to be consistent with CEQA and the policies of the Coastal Act.

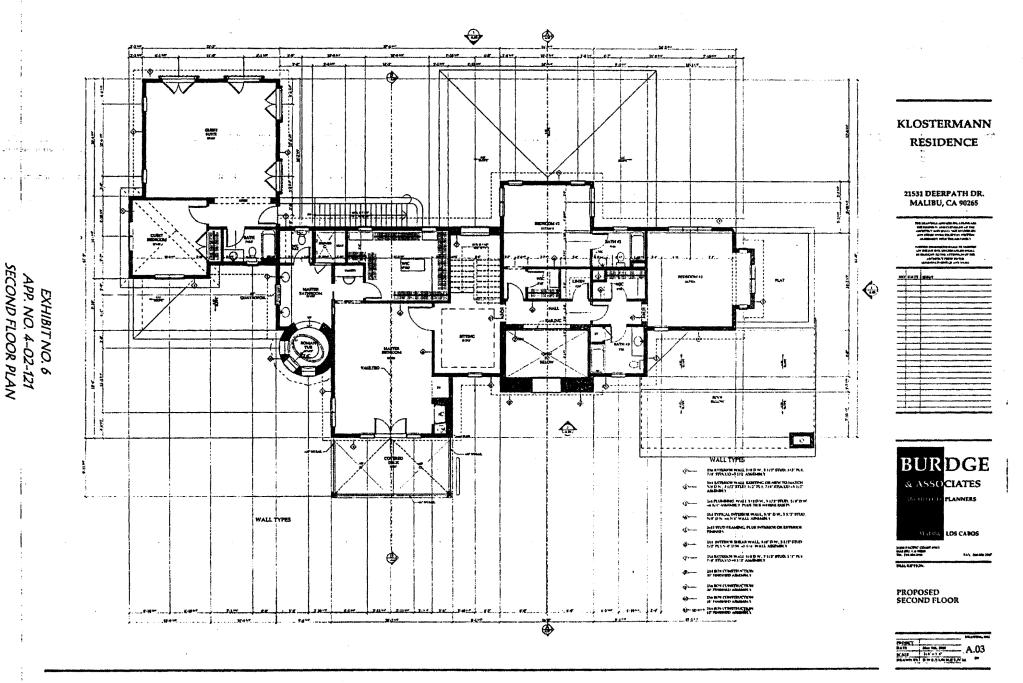








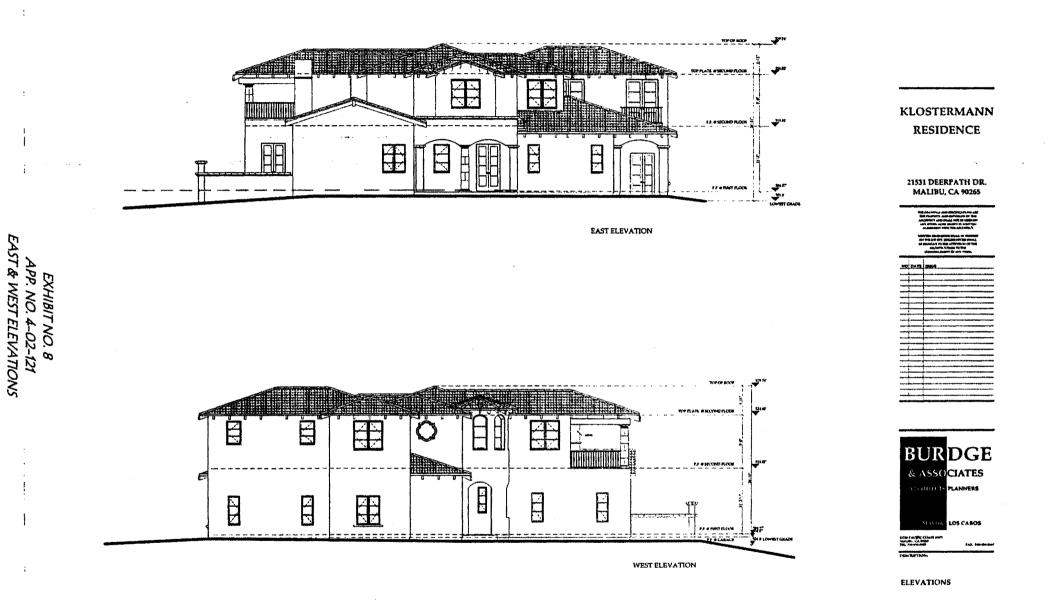


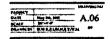


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