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STAFF REPORT: CONSENT CALENDAR

APPLICATION NUMBER:

5-03-083

APPLICANT:

James & Kelly Mazzo

AGENT:

John F. McNeely

PROJECT LOCATION:

2500 Monaco Drive, Laguna Beach, Orange County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Demolish existing single family residence and construct a new

4,742 square foot, two story, 20 foot high, single family residence with an attached three

car garage.

Lot Area:

12,081 square feet

Building Coverage:

4,354 square feet

Pavement Coverage: 2,800 square feet Landscape Coverage: 4,927 square feet

Parking Spaces:

3 spaces

Zoning:

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Ht above final grade: 20 feet

LOCAL APPROVALS RECEIVED: City of Laguna Beach Approval in Concept

SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS: City of Laguna Beach certified Land Use Plan

#### SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staft is recommending approval of the proposed project subject to one special condition which requires submittal of a drainage plan indicating that, to the maximum extent feasible, site drainage infiltrate on-site and an any drainage that must be directed offsite will be treated/filtered. Landscaping shall use plants native to coastal Orange County or non-native drought tolerant plants that are non-invasive.

This condition is necessary in order to protect water quality to promote the biological productivity of coastal waters as required by Coastal Act Sections 30230 and 30231.



# STAFF RECOMMENSATION:

The staff recommends that the Commission adopt the following resolution:

#### I. APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

The Commission hereby **GRANTS** a permit, subject to the conditions below, for the proposed development on the grounds that the development will be in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976, will not prejudice the ability of the local government having jurisdiction over the area to prepare a Local Coastal Program conforming to the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, and will not have any significant adverse effects on the environment within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### II. STANDARD CONDITIONS:

- 1. <u>Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment.</u> 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.
- Expiration. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the
  date this permit is reported to the Commission. 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. <u>Interpretation.</u> Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
- 4. <u>Inspections.</u> The Commission staff shall be allowed to inspect the site and the project during its development, subject to 24-hour advance notice.
- 5. <u>Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.</u> 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

# 1. Drainage and Run-Off Control Plan

A. PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the applicant shall submit, for review and approval of the Executive Director, a drainage and runoff control plan showing roof drainage and runoff from all impervious areas directed to dry wells or vegetated/landscaped areas. Vegetated landscaped areas shall only consist of plants native to coastal Orange County or non-native drought tolerant plants which are non-invasive.

B. The permittee shall undertake development in accordance with the approved final plan. Any proposed changes to the approved final plan shall be reported to the Executive Director. No changes to the approved final plan shall occur without a Commission amendment to this coastal development permit unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment is required.

#### IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS:

The Commission hereby finds and declares:

# A. <u>Project Description and Location</u>

The applicant proposes to demolish existing single family residence and construct a new 4,742 square foot, two story, 20 foot high, single family residence with an attached three car garage.

The subject site is located on an interior lot in Irvine Cove, a private locked gate community located between the sea and the first public road (North Coast Highway). The private community was established prior to the Coastal Act. It is situated between Emerald Bay and El Moro Cove mobile home park, at the north end of the City of Laguna Beach. The community's location between the sea and the first public road prevents public access to the cove beach at the base of the bluffs within the community. The nearest public access to the shore is at Crescent Bay approximately two miles downcoast and at Crystal Cove State Park approximately 2 miles upcoast. Although no public access currently exists through the community, the proposed project, the replacement of a single family residence on an existing subdivided lot, will not create new adverse impacts on the existing public access situation.

Irvine Cove is one of the areas of deferred certification within the otherwise certified City of Laguna Beach. Irvine Cove, along with three other private, locked gate communities between the sea and the first public road, were deferred certification due to the public access issue raised by their locked gate nature. Because of the deferral of certification, the City of Laguna Beach Local Coastal Program does not apply in this area, and the policies in Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 30200 et seq., constitute the standards by which the permissibility of the proposed development is to be determined.

The site drainage plan submitted with the application indicates that drainage will be collected and piped off site to the street. Site runoff is not proposed to be treated prior to discharge from the site. Drainage from the subject site is directed to the storm drain system, which then drains to the ocean. Thus as proposed, water quality will not be protected as required by Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act. The project's drainage plan could feasibly be revised to direct the site drainage to landscaped areas, and/or structural filtration devices such as trench drains and dry wells. Therefore, a special condition is imposed which requires that site drainage be retained on site to the maximum extent feasible, and any runoff that must leave the site be filtered prior to being discharged off site.

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# B. Water Quality

The proposed development has a potential for a discharge of polluted runoff from the project site into coastal waters. Furthermore, uncontrolled runoff from the project site and the percolation of water could also affect the structural stability of bluffs and hillsides. To address these concerns, the development, as proposed and as conditioned, incorporates design features to minimize the infiltration of water and the effect of construction and post-construction activities on the marine environment. These design features include, but are not limited to, the appropriate management of equipment and construction materials, the use of non-invasive drought tolerant vegetation, and for the use of post-construction best management practices to minimize the project's adverse impact on coastal waters. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed development, as conditioned, conforms with Sections 30230 and 30231 of the Coastal Act regarding the protection of water quality to promote the biological productivity of coastal waters and to protect human health.

# C. Public Access

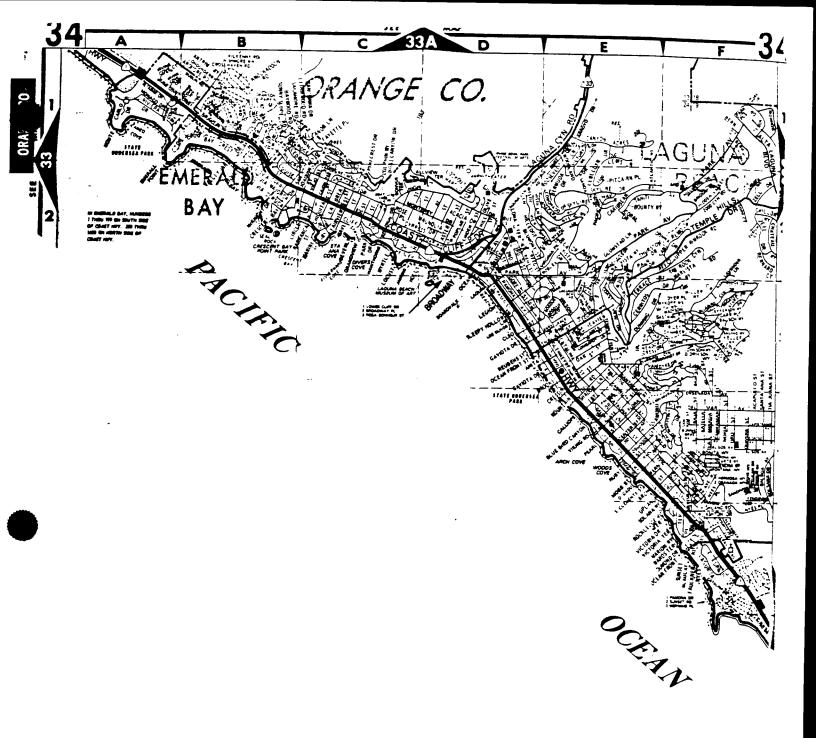
As conditioned, the proposed development will not have any new adverse impact on public access to the coast or to nearby recreational facilities. Thus, as conditioned, the proposed development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, and 30252 of the Coastal Act.

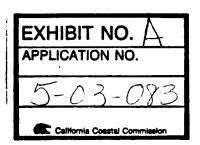
## D. Local Coastal Program

The LCP for City of Laguna Beach was effectively certified in February 1993. However, the proposed development is occurring within an area of deferred certification. Consequently, the standard of review is the Coastal Act and the City's LCP is used as guidance. As conditioned, the proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act and with the certified LCP for the area. Approval of the project, as conditioned, will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare a Local Coastal Program for this area that is in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3.

#### E. California Environmental Quality Act

As conditioned, there are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed project, as conditioned to mitigate the identified impacts, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and can be found consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.





VICINITY MAP

