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To: Laurie Shiels

RE: 5a. PLN2003-00690: Owner: Sara Bassler, **Location:** 801 June Hollow Road in Montara.
Project: Tree Removal Permit to remove 27 diseased Monterey Pine trees surrounding 801 June Hollow Road in Montara. These trees have Pitch Pine Canker as diagnosed by an ISA certified arborist.
APN 037-044-010.

The above item was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Committee of the MidCoast Community Council on March 17, 2004.

I visited the site prior to the meeting to evaluate the full impact of such a large removal plan. This project has very unusual and specific circumstances that should not be used in all cases, however, given the list below the committee supports removal of all the trees proposed, at one time:

The location of these trees is on top of a knoll, partial removal could leave parts of the remaining stand in jeopardy of falling or causing additional damage. There is a tremendous amount of wind in this area, which could cause a hazard to any portions of the stand not removed in a timely fashion.

We support the proposal for replacement presented by the applicant, however, we suggest and they agreed to plant the trees in a random pattern rather than in a straight line.

The applicant has proposed significantly larger cypress trees for replacement.

The current tree's are not visible from HWY 1, does not increase their view, nor will the house be more visible to existing neighbors.

Sincerely,

Karen Wilson
Vice Chair, MCC Planning and Zoning Committee