

**Planning & Zoning
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To: **Miroo Brewer**

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re: **PLN2003-00113:** Coastal Development Permit to install 220' of 6" sewer line along Alameda Ave. southeast of Cortez to service a previously approved (PLN2000-00030) single-family residence at 345 Alameda Ave. in Miramar. APN 048-033-280.

cc: Granada Sanitary District
Ray Fisher
Matthew Clark

Miroo:

The MidCoast Community Council Planning and Zoning Committee considered the above referenced application at our regular meeting of 04/16/03. We had the following comments:

As referred to us, the proposed sewer line would connect to an existing Granada Sanitary District (GSD) line at Cortez, and run down Alameda 220' along an existing semi-improved (gravel) street to the project site at #345. The project is in residentially designated area, and does not involve extension of utility services beyond designated limits. Plans have been reviewed by GSD, and erosion and sediment control plan has been submitted and approved by SMCo Public Works.

We did receive comment on Monday, April 14, 2003 from Matthew Clark, a Registered Professional Archaeologist in El Granada (forwarded to you via email on 4/14/03) who has done work & research in the project area and has substantive reason to believe there may be archaeological sites within the project area. In light of this, we would recommend approval of the application only with the following conditions:

1) That the recommendation of Mr. Clark be followed: "*... that minor subsurface testing for archaeological materials be conducted along the proposed sewer line route prior to trenching, to see if any such materials will be impacted. If so, perhaps the line could be moved westward to minimize impacts, the size reduced to a minimum, or another route found. At the very least, the project permit should require that a qualified archaeologist be onsite to monitor excavation of the sewer line and any connection points. The project sponsor(s) and construction company should be informed of the possibility of encountering archaeological materials and/or human remains, with a consequent possibility of project delays and additional costs. If human remains turn up, a process required under State law will come into play and could hold up excavations for a day to several days and mitigative data and/or human remains recovery may be required.*"

We feel this method would be the most efficient and cost effective approach, and avoid the need for a separate, cross-lateral trenched study. The applicant has already offered to retain a consultant on-site during the excavation – we agree to this method if that is found to meet the requirements after review by a qualified archaeological consultant.

2) We recommend that the County and the Granada Sanitary District encourage and/or require (if possible) that any other structures on the street that will be connecting to the new line do so at the time of excavation and installation to minimize the cost and impacts of excavation and archaeological supervision.

3) Considering that the project is in the public right-of-way, that the County do whatever it can to help define the extent and boundaries of archaeological resources in this area, including but not limited to more extensive excavation and research along the Alameda Ave right-of-way.

Thank you for your help, and please keep us informed of any further developments, redesigns, hearings, approvals or appeals concerning this application.



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