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Planning Division, County of Marin 3501 Civic Center Drive Suite 308 San Rafael, CA 94903

Attn: Kathleen Kilgariff, Planner

RE: New Residence for John Beug and Cidney Vinall 70 Fox Drive Inverness, CA 94956 Assessor's Parcel 166-020-37 Project ID P2772

Dear Kathleen Kilgariff,

In accordance with the request of the Owners and their Architect, Paul Discoe, we are writing to respond to the County request for a landscape plan for the proposed residence at 70 Fox Drive.

We have been contracted by the owners, John Beug and Cidney Vinall, to provide landscape architectural design services for the property. The owners hired us based on our extensive practice designing Bay Area gardens using California Native plants. They would like the landscape to "feel as natural as possible when the project is finished".

Once planning approval is given, this will be achieved by:

- Completing a detailed review of current plans and collaborating with the Owners and Architect on possible, subtle, fine tuning of the grading to achieve the Owner's desires and the Architect's vision, while simultaneously ensuring that a "natural" plant palette, which often requires excellent drainage, will be viable.
- Completing a careful review of the site and nearby areas to compile an accurate plant list specific to the local environment.
- Developing a planting plan maximizing the number of locally native plant species that will support naturalization of the planted areas, habitat for birds, pollinators, and other beneficial insects, and exemplify the beauty that comes from a healthy, locally native plant mix.
- Developing construction plans and notes for:
 - Fencing and other methods to protect existing trees and woodland areas from the construction process
 - Mulching and planting to provide termporary stabilization of graded areas during and after construction, plus promoting drought tolerance and horticultural success.
 - Stockpiling and protecting all topsoils available for re-use in finished planting beds.
 - Collecting duff and small amounts of topsoil from natural areas on site, where harmless and practical, to spread existing microrhizzea and help establish new planting, avoiding introduction of off-site amendments for soil improvement, if possible.



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- Specifying irrigation combining drip and spray: optimizing plant root establishment and drought tolerance in the first three-five years, and providing backup for potential drought in future years.
- Considering potential areas for the use of gray water irrigation and stormwater management where practical.
- Coordinating contractor to work with Cornflower Farms or other native plant growers, as time and budget allows, to contract grow trees and other plants from existing native plants on site; promoting success, and retaining the biodiversity of the local Flora.

Partial Potential plant list native to this zip code:

Pseudotruga menziesii (Douglas Fir) Quercus agrifolia (Coast Live Oak) Sequioa sempervirens (Coast Redwood) Heteromeles arbutifolia (Toyon) Rhododendron occidentale (Western Azalea) Elymus glaucus (Blue Wildrye) Garrya elliptica (Silktassel) Corylus cornuta (Hazlenut) Frangula californica (Coffeeberry) Ribes sanguineum (Flowering currant) Rubus parviflorus (Thimbleberry) Baccharis pilularis (Coyote Bush) Polystichum imbricans (imbricate sword fern) Polystichum munitum (Western sword fern) Pteridium acquilinium (Western bracken fern) Heracleum Ianatum (Cow parsnip) Heuchera macrantha (Crevice alumroot) Sisyrinchium bellum (Blue eyed grass) Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (Knick-Knick)

About Henning-Anderson

Our design philosophy is informed by 27 years of professional practice, as well as our environmental experience as Bay Area natives. We approach our projects from a contextual perspective, focusing attention on reconciling site, architecture, region and the intended program into a coherent, functional, beautiful, environmentally appropriate solution. Working interactively with the client, we strive to make each landscape unique. Our process allows design and construction to inform each other throughout the course of a project, facilitating innovation and flexibility, while remaining faithful to conceptual intent.