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Paul Korhummel
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Dear Sir

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your client this morning, to discuss the Arborist report that the county planners have asked that you produce.

Objectives.

To determine if the proposed new homes building envelope will affect any of the existing trees on the site.

Findings.

Once on site and having had the site plan you provided me, for the proposed envelope it was easy to determine that the site encompasses approximately 1 acre plus or minus and that it is a mix of native trees and understory. The main tree on site is the Bay Laurel. There are no trees that would need to be removed or that are within the drip line of any existing trees.

According to the site plan, there are three trees that will need to be removed for the proposed leach field. All three of these trees are California Bay Laurel. All are showing signs of ganna derma, a shelf fungus that indicates interior decay within the tree. One of the three trees is completely covered in ivy, the other is covered partially 80% by Ivy and the third is partially covered. All three trees are growing at an acute angle as most Bays do.

The trees for removal are all roughly 20 inches in diameter at 4 feet which classifies them as protected trees but not heritage. Photo number one depicts the three trees in question that are slated for removal, each tree has a pink flag in front of it. I have also plotted their location on the plot plan you provided me. I did not plot any other trees on the property, as this would've been extremely time-consuming and not necessary.

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Photo number two is of the existing structure depicting that there are no trees that would be compromised in the area of the new building envelope.

In the email to you from the County, the planner sites the fact that the trees on that particular property are in the migration path of the Monarch Butterfly.

These butterflies do not stop on their way to their destination to check out the Bay trees. They fly directly over them bypassing them altogether on their way to their destination, one of which is the Richmond field station for the University of California Seismic Activity Center. There, they have reached their destination of a grove of eucalyptus trees. Another destination is the eucalyptus trees in Golden Gate Park and Pacific Grove Park in San Francisco. These butterflies want nothing to do with a dirty Bay tree.

I saw no indication during my visit that any of the three trees slated for removal are currently a habitat for birds, squirrels, or raccoons indicating that these trees are not currently habitat for some of the indigenous animals.

Orange construction fencing will need to be placed starting at the top of the property, down along both sides of the road ending at the swale on the downhill side, and the end of the rock wall on the uphill side of the driveway on the periphery of the trees that I've marked on the plot plan. No material shall be stored nor shall anyone enter these areas once the fencing is up. This is to protect the existing trees from mishap. There shall be no heavy equipment in this area inside the fencing. If any trenching is done within the drip line of these trees, the top 18 inches should be dug by hand to locate any tree roots less than 2 inches in diameter. These can be severed; after that a backhoe can finish the work.

Conclusions.

It is clear that the proposed construction on this property will not affect any of the existing trees other than the three trees that will need to be removed for the leach field.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me

Sincerely yours,

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