

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director, Planning & Development (x 2085)

DATE:

February 12, 2016

RE:

Appeal Case No. 15APL-00000-00023

Casa Dorinda Appeal of the Montecito Planning Commission's Requirement for an EIR for Case No. 14RVP-00000-00005, the Casa Dorinda Master Plan CUP

Revision

Subsequent to the distribution of the Board Agenda Letter and all attachments for the above-referenced appeal, the County received two new documents related to historic resources, as follows:

1. Letter from the Pearl Chase Society dated February 8, 2016

The February 8, 2016 letter stated that after review of the project, the Post Hazeltine Peer Review Report, and the Post Hazeltine Comments to the Pearl-Chase letter to the Montecito Planning Commission dated December 2015, they find that they are in agreement with the Peer Review Report mitigation measures and the Post-Hazeltine comments to their letter.

2. Letter from Post-Hazeltine and Alex Cole dated February 1, 2016 and submitted to the County on February 8, 2016 as an attachment to the Applicant's letter

The February 1, 2016 letter, signed by the two professional historians who previously reviewed the project, states that they agree that the project has been fully and impartially analyzed; that mitigation measures are adequate to reduce impacts to historic resources to a less than significant level; and that there is no substantial disagreement among the undersigned experts on cultural resource issues related to the access bridge and related improvements, and that the reason for the decision to rebuild the south bridge has no bearing on the opinion of either historian on the effect of that decision on the property's historic resources.

After considering this new information, Planning & Development is still prepared to move forward with the Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Board of Supervisors hearing on this item.