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San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc.

Environmental Review Committee

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To: Mr. Norm Pedersen, Associate Planner
Planning Division
City of San Marcos
1 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos, California 92069

Subject: Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration
Water Mill Homes Project
TSMM21-0004, ND22-007

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

I have reviewed the subject DMND on behalf of this committee of the San Diego County Archaeological Society.

Based on the DMND and its Appendix D posted on the City's website, we have the following comments:

1. Appendix D makes no mention of reviewing aerial photos (including the County DPW's 1928-29 series) of the project area.
2. The mitigation measures MM-CR-1 through MM-CR-4 are satisfactory except that they do not address treatment of non-Tribal cultural resources, in the unlikely case that any are encountered during the monitoring program.

SDCAS appreciates being included in the environmental review process for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Royle, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

James W. Royle, Jr., Chairperson
Environmental Review Committee

cc: ASM Affiliates
SDCAS President
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The following responses are provided to the San Diego County Archeological Society comment letter on the Draft MND for the Water Mill Homes project, dated February 10, 2025. The City received the letter after the close of public review.

Comment 1:

Appendix D makes no mention of reviewing aerial photos (including the County DPW's 1928-29 series) of the project area.

Response:

Historic aerial maps were reviewed as part of the project research. Page 12 of ASM's cultural resources study, which was included as Appendix D of the IS/MND, notes that historic aerial maps and archival information were reviewed within the context of the Cox houses.

Comment 2:

The mitigation measures MM-CR-1 through MM-CR-4 are satisfactory except that they do not address the treatment of non-Tribal cultural resources, in the unlikely case that they are encountered during the monitoring program.

Response:

The cultural resources mitigation measures address both archeological resources (non-Tribal cultural resources) as well as tribal cultural resources. As noted in MM-CR-3:

“... Moreover, if the Qualified Archaeologist does not collect the cultural resources that are unearthed during the ground disturbing activities, the TCA Native American monitor may, at their discretion, collect said resources for later reburial or storage at a local curation facility, as described in the Pre-Excavation Agreement.

In the event that curation of archaeological resources or tribal cultural resources is required by a superseding regulatory agency, curation shall be conducted by an approved local facility within San Diego County and the curation shall be guided by California State Historical Resources Commission's Guidelines for the Curation of Archaeological Collections.”