

MONTEREY COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

168 WEST ALISAL STREET, 2ND FLOOR

SALINAS, CA 93901

PHONE: (831) 755-5183

FAX: (831) 757-9516

REVISED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY RECIRCULATED PORTION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)

PROJECT TITLE: HERITAGE OAKS SUBDIVISION PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION: REA AVENUE, AROMAS, CALIFORNIA (APN267-123-031-000)

Notice is hereby given that the County of Monterey is seeking written comment on the Recirculated Portion of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Heritage Oaks Subdivision Project (PLN980503, SCH# 2006051020) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The revised Draft EIR chapters that are being recirculated are the Executive Summary, Hydrology and Water Quality, Public Services and Utilities and Other CEQA Required Considerations. The public review period will begin on December 29, 2008 and end on ~~February 11, 2009~~ February 13, 2009. This review period is established for the purpose of receiving written comments on the accuracy and adequacy of the Recirculated Portion of the DEIR together with other information relative to the environmental effect of the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Heritage Oaks Subdivision project site is located in the unincorporated community of Aromas in northeast Monterey County. The project site, an irregularly shaped 79.5-acre property, is located approximately 600 feet south of the San Juan Road and Aromas Road intersection, between the terminus of Rea Avenue and San Juan Road. The proposed project consists of an application to subdivide the project site into 32 lots and remove oak trees. The proposed lots would range in size from 1.00 to 15.91 acres with 31 lots being sold individually for construction of homes. The applicant would develop four affordable apartment units on the remaining lot and pay an in-lieu fee for remaining obligation of 1.25 units. As many as 418 oak trees between 6 and 23 inches in diameter would be removed and ultimately replaced at a 1:1 ratio. Approximately 16 acres of the project site containing oak forest and areas with slopes greater than 30 percent would be set aside in a scenic easement.

LEAD AGENCY: COUNTY OF MONTEREY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS WHERE COPY OF RECIRCULATED PORTION OF THE DRAFT EIR IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

County of Monterey RMA
RMA-Planning Department
168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Steinbeck Library
350 Lincoln Avenue
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 758-7311

Prunedale Library
17822 Moro Road
Prunedale, CA 93907
(831) 663-2292

Aromas Library
Blohm & Carpentaria
Aromas, CA
(831) 726-3240

Castroville Library
11160 Speegle Street
Castroville, CA
(831) 769-8724

Documents referenced in the Recirculated Portion of the DEIR are available at the Monterey County RMA – Planning Department at the address listed above.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: DECEMBER 29, 2008 THROUGH ~~FEBRUARY 11, 2009~~ FEBRUARY 13, 2009

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

The DEIR identifies impacts in the following resource areas that are either less than significant or are significant but can be mitigated to a less than significant level: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, water quality, land use, noise, public services, recreation, utilities and service systems.

Public hearings will be held, subsequent to the public review period, at a time and place to be specified by legal advertisement in a local newspaper of general circulation. If you would like to be notified of the hearings please contact Bob Schubert.

For additional information contact:
Bob Schubert
Monterey County Resource Management Agency
Planning Department
168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
Phone: (831) 755-5183
E-mail: schubertbj@co.monterey.ca.us

Written comments concerning the Recirculated Portion of the Draft EIR should be sent to Bob Schubert at the above address.

The Draft EIR and Recirculated Portion of the Draft EIR are available in hard copy or CD for purchase from the Monterey County RMA - Planning Department at the above address.

The documents are also available on the County website at <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/pbi/>

Cordially,

Bob Schubert, Senior Planner
Monterey County Planning Department