

Agenda Item No: 7.b

Meeting Date: July 19, 2021

# SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**Department: Community Development** 

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# TOPIC: REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL MODIFYING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN REVIEW (ED18-100), USE PERMIT (UP18-039) AND TENTATIVE MAP (TS18-006) FOR THE MERRYDALE TOWNHOMES LOCATED AT 350 MERRYDALE RD/3833 REDWOOD HWY TO ALLOW FULFILLMENT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 14890 (ZC19-002)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the resolution approving a request for modification of inclusionary housing requirements for the Merrydale Townhomes (350 Merrydale/3833 Redwood Highway).

#### BACKGROUND:

On March 1, 2021, the City Council enacted <u>Ordinance No. 1990</u> which amended San Rafael Municipal Code (SRMC) Section 14.16.030 altering the City's affordable housing requirements outlined in <u>Resolution No. 14890</u>. As part of these amendments, the City Council allowed projects having already received City approval, but not yet having started construction, the ability to apply for modification of their approval to be consistent with the new lowered affordable housing requirements.

As outlined in Ordinance No. 1990, the purpose of these changes to the affordable housing requirement is to incentivize the construction—not just approval—of housing units. These changes are projected to create more net new units overall by incentivizing developers to begin construction on projects quickly while also expanding the most effective funding stream for the City to create permanently affordable housing.

As described in the <u>February 16, 2021 Staff Report</u>, these changes also provide a lever for the City to offset the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic which has rapidly increased the cost of construction. These cost increases have increased the risk in development and made projects that were feasible when first approved, now infeasible and unlikely to be built.

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On April 1, 2021, Campus Properties, LLC submitted a request for modification of the affordable housing requirement for the Merrydale Townhomes (350 Merrydale/ 3833 Redwood Highway) (Attachment A). Merrydale Townhomes is a "for-sale" 45-unit townhome and stacked flat project approved on February 2020 by City Council with the adoption of <u>Resolution 14762</u>, <u>Resolution 14763</u>, and <u>Ordinance 1979</u>. Currently, nine of these units are designated below-market rate (BMR). Campus properties cites the following as reasons for the requested modification (see Attachment 2):

- Cost of producing below market rate units;
- Substantial increase in project costs;
- o Loss of expected revenues due to project modifications during project review;

# ANALYSIS:

Campus Properties, LLC has requested that their affordable housing requirement be modified to the following:

- Current Affordable Housing Requirement: Nine (9) Below Market Rate Townhomes.
- <u>Requested Modification:</u>
  - Primary Requirement- SRMC 14.16.030 requires that five percent (5%) of the base units must be maintained affordable for low-income households. Merrydale Townhomes has 45 base-units, creating a Primary Requirement of 2.25 units. As a result, 2 "for-sale" unit would be maintained as BMR affordable to low-income households, and an in-lieu fee equal to \$89,992.25 would be paid for the fractional 0.25 units at a rate of \$343,969 per unit.
  - Secondary Requirement- Campus Properties, LLC has elected to meet their secondary requirement through the payment of an in-lieu fee. The payment would be equal to \$773,930.25, equal to 2.25 units, or five percent (5%) of the total project units, at a rate of \$343,969 per unit.

If approved, the requested modification would result in a total affordable housing requirement equal to two below-market rate for-sale units and an in-lieu fee payment of \$863,922.50. Per SRMC section 14.16.030, BMR units must be provided at the same time as market rate units, and the in-lieu fee must be paid prior to the issuance of a building permit.

In-lieu funds are deposited into the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which is dedicated to expanding the supply of affordable housing for lower and moderate-income households through a variety of activities including new construction and the acquisition of existing housing. Trust Fund funded activities allow the City to operate to achieve three main goals:

- 1. Increase the supply of long-term affordable housing;
- 2. Preserve the physical and financial viability of the affordable housing;
- 3. Act quickly on affordable housing opportunities in the pipeline by leveraging in-lieu payments collected to create additional affordable housing.

Based upon recent <u>Trust Fund funded affordable housing projects</u>, the City could potential leverage the in-lieu fees paid by this project to fill the estimated "affordability gap" on up to 19 permanently affordable housing units.<sup>1</sup>

Staff has determined that this modification request is compliant with SRMC section 14.16.030 and recommends approval.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "Affordability Gap" represents the local funding needed on an affordable housing project to become feasible after all other funding sources have been accounted for. Staff estimates this gap to be approximately \$45,000 per unit on average for Marin County.

# FISCAL IMPACT:

The requested modification would allow the developer to pay an in-lieu fee of \$863,922.50. In-lieu funds would be deposited into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Fund #243). Payment of these in-lieu funds to the Fund #243 would increase the fund balance from \$3,602,309.38 to \$4,466,231.88.

# **OPTIONS:**

The City Council has the following options to consider on this matter:

- 1. Adopt the resolution approving the modification request.
- 2. Direct staff to return with more information.
- 3. Take no action.

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Adopt the resolution approving the request for modification of inclusionary housing requirements for the Merrydale Townhomes (350 Merrydale/3833 Redwood Highway).

# ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Request for Modification of Affordable Housing Requirement
- 3. Public Hearing Notice

#### **RESOLUTION NO.**

#### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL MODIFYING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN REVIEW (ED18-100), USE PERMIT (UP18-039) AND TENTATIVE MAP (TS18-006) FOR THE MERRYDALE TOWNHOMES LOCATED AT 350 MERRYDALE RD/3833 REDWOOD HWY TO ALLOW FULFILLMENT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 14890 (APN'S: 179-041-27 AND 179-041-28)

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2020, the San Rafael City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1979, Resolution No. 14762, and Resolution No. 14763 approving entitlements for development of a 45-unit condominium project at 350 Merrydale/3833 Redwood Highway, called the Merrydale Townhomes. The entitlements included approval of Tentative Map, Master Use Permit and Environmental and Design Review; and

**WHEREAS**, a condition of approval of the Tentative Map, Master Use Permit and Environmental and Design Review for the project required nine Below Market Rate Units in accordance with San Rafael Municipal Code Section 14.16.030 in effect at the time of the approvals; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1990 amending San Rafael Municipal Code (SRMC) section 14.16.030, and Resolution No. 14890, which together set forth the affordable housing requirements for housing developments within the City. Ordinance No. 1990 authorized the affordable housing requirement for housing developments of greater than 15 units to be split into a primary requirement (5% of units to be constructed onsite) and a secondary requirement (option of on-site or off-site development; dedication of land; or payment of in-lieu fees); and

**WHEREAS**, SRMC section14.16.30, as modified by Ordinance No. 1990, allows modifications of the affordable housing component of projects that were approved prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 1990 but which have not yet commenced construction; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2021, subsequent to adoption of Ordinance No. 1990, the City received an application requesting modification of the affordable housing obligation for the Merrydale Townhomes project; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is proposing to comply with Ordinance No. 1990 and Resolution No. 14890 by providing two (2) onsite below market rate units and by paying in-lieu fees equal to 2.5 units; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modification is consistent with Resolution No. 14890; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments do not propose any changes to City policies or regulations that would result in a direct or indirect physical, environmental impact; therefore it has been determined that this ordinance amendment qualifies for exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15183(a) because it entails a project that can be found consistent with the General Plan policies and pursuant to 15061(b)(3), which states that as a 'general rule' CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential to cause a significant, physical environmental impact; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 19, 2021, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed project, accepting and considering all oral and written public testimony and the written report of the Department of Community Development; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of San Rafael does hereby approve modifications to conditions of approval for Environmental and Design Review Permit (ED18-100), Tentative Map Subdivision (TS18-006), Use Permit (UP18-039) for the project located at 350 Merrydale/3833 Redwood Hwy.as shown on Exhibit A of this Resolution.

I, Lindsay Lara, Clerk of the City of San Rafael, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the San Rafael City Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

# EXHIBIT A MODIFIED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

PER RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN REVIEW (ED18-100), USE PERMIT (UP18-039) AND TENTATIVE MAP (TS18-006) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 350 MERRYDALE RD/3833 REDWOOD HWY (MERRYDALE TOWNHOMES) (APN'S: 179-041-27 AND 179-041-28)

# Environmental and Design Review Permit Conditions of Approval (ED18-100)

#### General Project Conditions

Community Development Department - Planning Division

- 1) The proposed 45-unit townhome development shall be installed and designed in substantial conformance with the proposed site plan and elevations and landscape plan as presented for approval on plans prepared by WHA Architects, date stamped *Approved, December 10, 2019,* and shall be the same as required for issuance of a building permit, subject to the listed conditions of approval. Minor modifications or revisions to the project shall be subject to review and approval of the Community Development Department, Planning Division. Modifications deemed not minor by the Community Development Director shall require review and approval by the original decision-making body.
- 2) Approved colors for the main body, trim and accent colors are as shown on the approved Color and Material Board: a) Sherman Williams Paint for Body Colors- High Reflective White (SW 7757), Gossamer Veil (SW 9165), Tin Lizzie (SW9163), Jute Brown (SW 6096); b) Trim Color -Thunder Gray (SW 7645); c) Accent Colors-Deep Sea Dive (SW 7618), Rookwood Terra Cotta (SW2803), and Raisin (SW7630); and d) Manufactured Stone (Timberwolf). Any future modification to colors shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Division. Modifications deemed not minor by the Community Development Director shall require review and approval by the Design Review Board.
- 3) Applicant shall remit payment of the State Fish and Game fees in order for staff to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk within 5 days of project approval. The current fee amounts are \$2,354.74 (current fee as of 2018) payable to the State Fish and Game and \$50.00 payable to the Marin County Clerk and are subject to increase on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 4) Applicant and property owner shall be responsible for implementing all mitigation measures presented in the Project's Mitigated Negative Declaration, on file with the Community Development Department, including any mitigation measures that may not have been incorporated into the Project conditions of approval. A deposit for Mitigation Monitoring shall be paid as required by ED18-100 project Conditions of Approval #31, herein.
- 5) The project shall comply with all mitigation measures as identified in the IS/MND Mitigation Measure Monitoring and Program, dated November 8, 2019. All required mitigation measures are identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as recommend for adopted by separate Resolution and included as conditions of approval. The IS/MND determined that the proposed project would result in potentially significant impacts in Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation and Tribal Resources. The IS/MND identifies Mitigation Measures that, when implemented, would reduce the impacts identified to a less-than-significant level. These mitigation measures are also identified as conditions of approval in the relevant

sections herein and detailed in the IS/MND Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Exhibit 2-Attachment A).

- 6) Property owner and applicant agree to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the City, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions from any claim, action or proceeding brought against any of the foregoing individuals or entities ("indemnities"), the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of this application or the certification of any environmental document which accompanies it. This indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorney fees or expert witness fees that may be asserted or incurred by any person or entity, including the applicant, third parties and the indemnities, arising out of or in connection with the approval of this application, whether or not there is concurrent, passive or active negligence on the part of the indemnities.
- 7) In the event that any claim, action or proceeding as described above is brought, the City shall promptly notify the Property owner and applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding, and the City will cooperate fully in the defense of such claim, action, or proceeding. In the event applicant/property owner is required to defend the City in connection with any said claim, action or proceeding, the City shall retain the right to: 1) approve the counsel to so defend the City; 2) approve all significant decisions concerning the manner in which the defense is conducted; and 3) approve any and all settlements, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Nothing herein shall prohibit the City from participating in the defense of any claim, action or proceeding, provided that if the City chooses to have counsel of its own to defend any claim, action or proceeding where Property owner and applicant already has retained counsel to defend the City in such matters, the fees and the expenses of the counsel selected by the City shall be paid by the City.
- 8) As a condition of this application, applicant/property owner agree to be responsible for the payment of all City Attorney expenses and costs, both for City staff attorneys and outside attorney consultants retained by the City, associated with the reviewing, process and implementing of the land use approval and related conditions of such approval. City Attorney expenses shall be based on the rates established from time to time by the City Finance Director to cover staff attorney salaries, benefits, and overhead, plus the actual fees and expenses of any attorney consultants retained by the City. Applicant shall reimburse City for City Attorney expenses and costs within 30 days following billing of same by the City.
- 9) All site improvements, including but not limited to, site lighting, fencing, landscape islands and paving striping shall be maintained in good, undamaged condition at all times. Any damaged improvements shall be replaced in a timely manner.
- 10) The Project site shall be kept free of litter and garbage. Any trash, junk or damaged materials that are accumulated on the site shall be removed and disposed of in a timely manner.
- 11) All new landscaping shall be irrigated with an automatic drip system and maintained in a healthy and thriving condition, free of weeds and debris, at all times. Any dying or dead landscaping shall be replaced in a timely fashion.
- 12) Final landscape and irrigation plans for the Project shall comply with the provisions of Marin Municipal Water District's (MMWD) most recent water conservation ordinance. Construction plans submitted for issuance of building/grading permit shall be pre-approved by MMWD and stamped as approved by MMWD or include a letter from MMWD approving the final landscape and irrigation plans. Modifications to the final landscape and irrigation plans, as required by MMWD, shall be subject to review and approval of the Community Development Department, Planning Division.

- 13) All public streets and sidewalks and on-site streets which are privately owned that are impacted by the grading and construction operation for the Project shall be kept clean and free of debris at all times. The general contractor shall sweep the nearest street and sidewalk adjacent to the site on a daily basis unless conditions require greater frequency of sweeping.
- 14) This Environmental and Design Review Permit shall run with the land and shall remain valid regardless of any change of ownership of the Project site, subject to these conditions, provided that a building/grading permit is issued, and construction commenced, or a time extension request is submitted to the City's Community Development Department, Planning Division, within three (3) years of the City Council approval, or on December 10, 2022. Failure to obtain a building permit and grading permit and construction or grading activities commenced, or failure to obtain a time extension within the three-year period will result in the expiration of this Environmental and Design Review Permit.
- 15) Phasing of the project is allowed, subject to the terms and conditions of approval of the Master Use Permit (UP18-039) below.
- 16) This Environmental and Design Review Permit (ED18-100) approving the Project shall run concurrently with the approved Master Use Permit (UP18-039). If either entitlement expires, this Environmental and Design Review Permit approving the Project, as depicted on Project plans, shall also expire and become invalid.

# Prior to the Issuance of a Demo/Building/Grading Permit

#### Community Development Department - Planning Division

- 17) A copy of the Conditions of Approval for ED18-100 shall be included as a plan sheet with the building permit plan submittal.
- 18) As offered by the applicant, the project shall:1) install pre-wiring for "Level 2" electric vehicle chargers in each garage; and 2) install pre-wiring for solar panels on all buildings/units. Compliance with this condition shall be demonstrated on the building permit plans and installed prior to occupancy.
- 19) The project proponent shall demonstrate and notate on the building permit plans that Air Quality measures III (a), III (b) and III(c) (AQ-1, AQ1a and AQ-2) to eliminate dust control and exhaust during construction, set standards for diesel equipment over 25 horsepower to meet U.S. particle emission standards, and requires that the project include high-efficiency particulate filtration systems in residential ventilation systems will be completed during construction.
- 20) **(GEO-1):** Prior to a grading or building permit submittal, the project sponsor shall prepare a design-level geotechnical investigation prepared by a qualified and licensed geotechnical engineer and submit the report to the City Engineer. Minimum mitigation includes design of new structures in accordance with the provisions of the current California Building Code or subsequent codes in effect when final design occurs. Recommended seismic design coefficients and spectral accelerations shall be consistent with the findings presented in Section 4 of the May 8, 2018 ENGEO report.
- 21) **(GEO-2):** Prior to a grading or building permit submittal, the project sponsor shall prepare a design-level geotechnical investigation prepared by a qualified and licensed geotechnical engineer and submit the report to the City Engineer for review and approval. In order to reduce the effects of the potentially expansive soils and/or liquefaction settlement, foundations should be designed to withstand minimum differential movements. Foundation design recommendations are presented in Section 4 of the May 8, 2018 ENGEO report.

- 22) (GEO-3): Prior to a grading or building permit submittal, the project sponsor shall prepare a site drainage system prepared by a qualified and licensed civil engineer and submit the report to the City Engineer. The site drainage system will demonstrate the ability to collect surface water and discharge into an established storm drainage system. The project Civil Engineer of Architect is responsible for designing the site drainage system and, an erosion control plan shall be developed prior to construction per the current guidelines of the City of San Rafael Public Works Department (DPW) Grading and Construction Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Permit Application Package and the Regional Water Quality Control Board standards.
- 23) **(GEO-4):** Soils shall be moisture conditioned to above the optimum moisture content during site grading and maintained at this moisture content until imported aggregate base and/or surface flatwork is completed.
- 24) **(TRANS-1):** demonstrate on building permit or improvement plans the design of the pedestrian sidewalk, subject to the availability of right-of-way and the feasibility of the drainage design, on the west side of Redwood Road directly adjacent to the project driveway connecting to the existing sidewalk.
- 25) **(HYDRO-1):** Prior to issuing a grading or building permit, the project applicant shall prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and/or Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) in accordance with the requirements of the statewide Construction General Permit and the City of San Rafael Department of Public Works. The SWPPP shall be prepared by a Qualified SWPPP Developer (QSD). The SWPPP shall include the minimum Best Management Practices (BMPs) required for the identified risk level. The SWPPP shall be designed to address the following objectives:
  - All pollutants and their sources, including sources of sediment associated with construction, construction site erosion, and all other activities associated with construction activity are controlled;
  - b) Where not otherwise required to be under a Regional Water Quality Control Board permit, all non-stormwater discharges are identified and either eliminated, controlled, or treated;
  - c) Site BMPs are effective and result in the reduction or elimination of pollutants in stormwater discharges and authorized non-stormwater discharges from construction activity. The erosion and sediment control plan shall include the rationale used for selecting BMPs including supporting soil loss calculations, as necessary;
  - d) Stabilization BMPs installed to reduce or eliminate pollutants after construction are completed.
  - e) BMP implementation shall be consistent with the BMP requirements in the most recent version of the California Stormwater Quality Association Stormwater Best Management Handbook-Construction or the Caltrans Stormwater Quality Handbook Construction Site BMPs Manual.
- 26) The applicant shall provide information on the building permit plans to show compliance with noise Mitigation Measures recommended on Page 74 of the Illingworth and Rodkin Noise Assessment regarding required forced-air ventilation and STC rated windows on all buildings. Minimum STC Ratings required to reduce noise levels are listed in Table 5 on Page 22 of the Nosie Report.
- 27) **(BIO-1)**: **Pre-construction nesting bird and bat survey.** The nesting season is defined here a as being from February 1 to August 31 and therefore work should commence between September 1 and January 31.

- i) If this is not possible, and project activities are initiated during the nesting season, then a nesting bird survey shall be conducted by a qualified wildlife biologist no more than 14 days prior to the start of project activities.
- ii) If nests are identified, a no-disturbance buffer should be implemented to avoid impacts to nesting birds and should remain in place until all young are fledged or the nest otherwise becomes inactive.
- iii) Buffers typically range from 25 feet to 500 feet depending on the species.
- iv) If work is to be initiated within the bat breeding/ winter roosting season, an assessment of existing buildings should be performed prior to construction activities to determine if a roost is present.
- v) If a roost is observed, construction activities should be postponed until a qualified biologist determines the bats are excluded from the roost location.
- 28) (HAZ-1): Prior to submittal for a demolition permit, the project sponsor shall use a qualified and licensed professional to prepare a hazardous building materials survey for all structures proposed for demolition or renovation as part of the project. All lead-based paint and asbestos-containing materials (ACM) shall be abated by a certified contractor in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements. All hazardous materials shall be removed from buildings prior to demolition in accordance with California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) and California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regulations. A completion of abatement activities report shall be prepared by a qualified professional and submitted to the City prior to permit approval.
- 29) (HAZ-2): Prior to submittal for a demolition permit, the project sponsor shall use a qualified and licensed professional to prepare a Soil Management Plan to develop protocols and procedures for handling potentially impacted soils or underground structure/equipment that may be encountered during grading operations and other construction activities as part of the project. If impacted soils or underground structure/equipment are encountered during construction activities, all construction shall stop, and a qualified and licensed professional shall be contacted to conduct a site visit to make observations and prepare recommendations for proper handling of soils and/or structures/equipment.
- 30) Bicycle parking shall be provided in compliance with San Rafael Municipal Code Section 14.18.090. This requires bicycle spaces provided on site at a minimum of 5% of total vehicle parking, including a minimum of one two bike capacity rack for short term bicycle parking. Final plans shall include a design detail for proposed bicycle parking spaces, proposed number and location subject to final review and approval by the Community Development Department and Traffic Engineer.
- 31) The proposed project will be required to provide bicycle improvements along Merrydale Rd. in keeping with the 2018 adopted update of the San Rafael Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, which identifies Merrydale Rd. for a Class III Bike Route. The applicant will be required to install the appropriate signage and striping along Merrydale Road (fronting the project site) to signify that the street is a Class III Bike Lane. Specifics of the bike lane striping are subject to final review and approval by the Community Development Department and Traffic Engineer.
- 32) Property Owner/applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with mitigation monitoring and shall remit an initial deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00 for mitigation monitoring and condition compliance. Staff shall bill time against this deposit amount during Project review and implementation of the Project and monitoring of Project conditions, to assure compliance with conditions and mitigation measures has been achieved.
- 33) All mechanical equipment (i.e., air conditioning units, meters and transformers) and appurtenances not entirely enclosed within the structure (on side of building or roof) shall be screened from public

view. The method used to accomplish the screening shall be indicated on the building plans and approved by the Planning Division.

- 34) Any outstanding Planning Division application processing fees shall be paid.
- 35) A construction logistics plan shall be submitted demonstrating how construction conditions shall be met. The plan must be approved by the Public Works Department and Community Development Director and shall include the conditions of approval and mitigation measures that are applicable to the construction of the Project.
- 36) The project shall be subject to the affordable housing requirements prescribed in Section 14.16.030 of the San Rafael Zoning Ordinance and is therefore required to provide nine (9) of the 45 for-sale units as affordable. Prior to the issuance of a building permit or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, a Below Market Rate (BMR) agreement for the nine (9) affordable unit shall be approved by the City Council and recorded on the property. Consistent with the affordable housing requirements, five (5) of the units shall be affordable to low-income household and four (4) of the units shall be affordable at the moderate-income level. The location of the BMR units shall be identified on the project plans and the final location shall be subject to review and approval of the City as part of the City's consideration of the BMR agreement. Please contact the Marin Housing Authority to commence the agreement process.

The project is required to provide a primary and secondary affordable housing requirement pursuant to San Rafael Municipal Code Section 14.16.030 and City Council Resolution 14890. The applicant shall comply with this requirement by providing 2 units on-site (5% of the total units) and by paying an in-lieu fee equal to the 2.5 units (2.25 + .25 (fractional unit from the onsite requirement)).

Prior to the issuance of a building permit or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, The applicant shall :

- a. Pay the affordable housing in-lieu fee equal to 2.5 units.
- b. Enter into a Below Market Rate (BMR) agreement. The BMR agreement for the two (2) affordable unit shall be approved by the Community Development Director and City Manager and recorded on the property. Consistent with the affordable housing requirements, the affordable housing units shall be affordable to low-income households. The location of the BMR units shall be identified on the project plans and the final location shall be subject to review and approval of the City as part of the City's consideration of the BMR agreement.
- 37) Protective barrier fencing shall be installed during construction to protect existing trees that are to remain on site, as per the approved landscape plan. Plans showing the fencing, signage and barrier details shall be included on Project plans. The fencing shall be a minimum four-foot orange mesh protected by hay bales and signage designed to avoid intrusion by construction workers and equipment.
- 38) The project shall be subject to the affordable housing requirements prescribed in Section 14.16.030 of the San Rafael Zoning Ordinance and is therefore required to provide nine (9) of the 45 for-sale units as affordable. Prior to the issuance of a building permit or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, a Below Market Rate (BMR) agreement for the nine (9) affordable unit shall be approved by the City Council and recorded on the property. Consistent with the affordable housing requirements, five (5) of the units shall be affordable to low-income household and four (4) of the units shall be affordable at the moderate-income level. The location of the BMR units shall be identified on the project plans and the final location shall be subject to review and approval of the City as part of the City's consideration of the BMR agreement. Please contact the Marin Housing Authority to commence the agreement process. Should the project not record a final map,

the BMR agreement will be modified to a rental agreement and comply with the affordable housing requirements for rental, which would be five (5) units affordable at <u>very-low</u> income level and (4) at <u>low-income</u> level.

Public Works Department - Land Development Division

<u>General</u>

- 39) The proposed private roads do not meet the requirements for Right-of-Way/Easement width or paving width per Municipal Code (MC) section 15.06.050. An exception request pursuant to Municipal Code 15.01.120 has been received and we have no objection to the proposed widths based on the necessary findings.
- 40) It is our understanding that the applicant has provided the minimum garbage facilities required. However, the location and potential for higher demand may necessitate additional storage for a condominium project of this size. We recommend the applicant provide a method to address this in the future if the project is approved as currently proposed.
- 41) Redwood Hwy and Merrydale Rd do not currently have a cul-de-sac or other vehicular turn around for the dead ends, this project proposes a public access easement over the privately maintained roadways to connect the two which will allow for through circulation. With through public access provided, turnarounds are not required at the end of the publicly maintained roadways.
- 42) The site is located in or near areas that may be susceptible to localized flooding, or the drainage of the site may be influenced by larger flooding events. We recommend that the applicant consider these concerns, as well as potential impacts due to sea level rise.
- 43) Third party peer review of geotechnical and engineering reports and inspection throughout construction shall be required, paid for by the project sponsor and contracted by the City. Provide a proposed project schedule for the duration of work, so that an estimate may be prepared for the required deposit amount.
- 44) Provide will serve letters from the various utilities for the proposed subdivision.
- 45) It is our understanding that there the sanitary sewer system is currently proposed as a gravity flow. However, LGSVD may require mitigation to alleviate flow in the downstream sewer, or that a pump station may be necessary. We recommend that as a condition of approval the applicant provide the will serve letter showing that all requirements from LGSVD shall be met prior to issuance of a permit.

#### <u>Access</u>

46) Provide the lighting analysis, include the frontage for Merrydale Rd and Redwood Hwy.

#### Grading

- 47) Show the estimate of proposed grading on the plan. This project is located along an open creek. Therefore, all mass grading shall be limited to April 15 through October 15, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Department of Public Works.
- 48) A grading permit shall be obtained for all grading and site improvement work. Trucking trips during peak hours may be limited.
- 49) A preliminary geotechnical report has been provided. This does not thoroughly analyze the geotechnical concerns but references that design-level explorations should be conducted prior to site development once more detailed plans have been prepared. The project is in application for

design. Therefore, the subsequent geotechnical report shall be a condition of approval. However, the findings of that report may affect the design of the project, which may require re-review of the project.

- 50) All plans, reports, monitoring, inspection and testing for the proposed project will be reviewed by an independent Geotechnical Engineer and/or Engineering Geologist retained by the City, at the expense of the project sponsor. This third-party consultant will review all plans, reports, monitoring, inspection and testing data prior to appropriate approvals and/or certifications. A letter report summarizing findings and recommendations shall be submitted by the geotechnical engineer to the City Engineer for review and approval, as well as incorporation into grading plans. Final grading and foundation techniques shall be developed by a certified geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist and reviewed and approved by the City.
- 51) A construction management plan shall be provided for review and approval by the City.
  - a) All materials and equipment shall be staged on-site.
  - b) The construction management plan shall include the traffic control plan to address on-site and off-site construction traffic.
  - c) A screened security fence approved by the City shall be placed and maintained around the perimeter of the project and removed immediately following construction work
  - d) Truck routes shall be reviewed and approved by the City. Hauling shall be limited to 1 truck in and 1 truck out per 15 minutes during the AM and PM peak, which may be revised at the time of grading permit issuance.
- 52) This project includes over one (1) acre of disturbance. A SWPPP shall be required.
- 53) Phasing of the project shall be configured to develop the area adjacent to the creek first along with the infrastructure. This area is required for access, maintenance and drainage. This would allow for early establishment of vegetation in this area to reduce potential impacts to the creek. Due to the size of the project and configuration, the infrastructure required on and off site shall be developed as part of phase one. Infrastructure items that are commonly delayed to later phases shall be reviewed by the Department of Public Works, such as final lift of asphalt.

#### **Drainage**

- 54) This site includes work in or immediately adjacent to a creek. The applicant shall comply with requirements of the various creek permitting agencies and obtain all necessary permits.
  - (a) Pet waste bags, signage and trash receptacles shall be provided in convenient locations to reduce the likelihood of litter near the creek path.
- 55) The final drainage plan shall be subject to review and approval by the City Engineer. The final drainage plan shall address the following:
  - a) The plans shall show the existing drainage facilities
  - b) Runoff shall not be increased, leaving the project boundary
  - c) Filtration shall be required for particles equal to or larger than 5mm, so they do not enter into the City's storm drainage system
  - d) Placards (medallions) shall be installed on all new drainage inlets to prohibit dumping of pollutants. These are available from the City or MCSTOPPP
  - e) A stormwater facilities maintenance agreement shall be required
  - f) How the project's drainage system shall be maintained, whether separate for each site or together along with the other development improvements.
  - g) The drainage plan shall be developed in consideration with the findings of the geotechnical report.

- 56) The site drainage system is located at elevations that may be subject to tidally influenced surcharge events. The drainage system shall include backflow prevention.
- 57) Frontage improvements shall include where necessary, street lighting, conduit for City facilities, accessible curb ramp pairs, drainage facilities, street trees, sidewalk, curb and gutter. This shall be reviewed at the time of permit issuance.
- 58) Due to the level of improvements we recommend that as a condition of approval the full width of Merrydale Rd be resurfaced with this project, additionally we suggest that this be extended to the intersection with Las Gallinas, as this is one of the only two sites that currently take access from this end of Merrydale Rd. The extents of resurfacing shall be reviewed based on existing conditions at the time of permit issuance.
- 59) An encroachment permit is required for any work within the Right-of-Way, from the Department of Public Works located at 111 Morphew Street. Restriping of public streets shall be of thermoplastic, as approved by the Department of Public Works.

#### <u>Traffic</u>

- 60) The Traffic Impact Study (TIS) has been updated, dated October 3, 2019 and previous comments have been addressed.
- 61) The proposed project results in additional trips generated at the site. Based on the draft traffic impact study and the additional proposed unit, this results in an estimated <u>17 AM and 19 PM</u> peak hour trips. Using the current traffic mitigation fee rate this results in an estimated fee of (36\*\$4,246) \$152,856 which shall be calculated and due at the time of building permit issuance.
- 62) A construction vehicle impact fee shall be required at the time of building permit issuance; which is calculated at 1% of the valuation, with the first \$10,000 of valuation exempt.

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- 63) The design and construction of all site alterations shall comply with the 2016 California Building Code (CBC), 2016 California Plumbing Code (CPC), 2016 California Electrical Code (CEC), 2016 California Mechanical Code CCMC), 2016 California Fire Code (CFC), 2016 California Energy Code, 2016 California Green Building Standards Code and City of San Rafael Ordinances and Amendments.
- 64) A building permit is required for the proposed work. Applications shall be accompanied by four (4) complete sets of construction drawings to include:
  - a) Architectural plans
  - b) Structural plans
  - c) Electrical plans
  - d) Plumbing plans
  - e) Mechanical plans
  - f) Site/civil plans (clearly identifying grade plane and height of the building)
  - g) Structural Calculations
  - h) Truss Calculations
  - i) Soils reports
  - j) Green Building documentation
  - k) Title-24 energy documentation
- 65) Building height and story must comply with CBC Section 504. On the plan justify the proposed building area and height.

- 66) Building areas are limited by CBC Table 506.2. On plan justify the proposed building area.
- 67) The maximum area of unprotected and protected openings permitted in the exterior wall in any story of a building shall not exceed the percentages specified in CBC Table 705.8 "Maximum Area of Exterior Wall Openings Based on Fire Separation Distance and Degree of Opening Protection." To calculate the maximum area of exterior wall openings you must provide the building setback distance from the property lines and then justify the percentage of proposed wall openings and include whether the opening is unprotected or protected.
- 68) Townhouses more than three stories above grade in height must comply with the CBC. CBC Table 705.8 allows:
  - a) 15% exterior wall openings (in any story) in sprinklered buildings where the openings are 3' to less than 5' from the property line or buildings on the same property.
  - b) 25% exterior wall openings (in any story) in sprinklered buildings where the openings are 5' to less than 10' from the property line or buildings on the same property.
  - c) 45% exterior wall openings (in any story) in sprinklered buildings where the openings are 10' to less than 15' from the property line or buildings on the same property.
- 69) Each building must have address identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. Numbers painted on the curb do not satisfy this requirement. In new construction and substantial remodels, the address must be internally or externally illuminated and remain illuminated at all hours of darkness. Numbers must be a minimum 4 inches in height with ½ inch stroke for residential occupancies and a minimum 6 inches in height with ½ inch stroke for commercial applications. The address must be contrasting in color to their background SMC 12.12.20.
- 70) Bollards must be placed in the garage to protect mechanical equipment, water heater, and washer dryer from vehicular damage when located in the path of a vehicle.
- 71) Any demolition of existing structures will require a permit. Submittal shall include three (3) copies of the site plan, asbestos certification and PG&E disconnect notices. Also, application must be made to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District prior to obtaining the permit and beginning work.
- 72) School fees will be required for the project. Calculations are done by the San Rafael City Schools, and those fees are paid directly to them prior to issuance of the building permit.
- 73) Based on the distance to the property line (and/or adjacent buildings on the same parcel), the building elements shall have a fire resistive rating not less than that specified in CBC Table 601 and exterior walls shall have a fire resistive rating not less than that specified in CBC Table 602.
- 74) Walls separating purposed tenant space from existing neighboring tenant spaces must be a minimum of 1-hour construction.
- 75) Multifamily dwelling and apartment accessible parking spaces shall be provided at a minimum rate of 2 percent of the covered multifamily dwelling units. At least one space of each type of parking facility shall be made accessible even if the total number exceeds 2 percent.
- 76) When parking is provided for multifamily dwellings and is not assigned to a resident or a group of residents, at least 5 percent of the parking spaces shall be accessible and provide access to grade-level entrances of multifamily dwellings and facilities (e.g. swimming pools, club houses, recreation areas and laundry rooms) that serve the dwellings. Accessible parking spaces shall be located on the shortest accessible route to an accessible building, or dwelling unit entrance.

77) Public accommodation disabled parking spaces must be provided according the following table and must be uniformly distributed throughout the site.

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided	Minimum Required Number of H/C Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 o 50	2
51 o 75	3
76 o 100	4
101 150	5
151 200	6
201 300	7
301 400	8
401 500	9
501 1,000	Two percent of total
1,001 and over	Twenty, plus one for each 100 or fraction thereof over 1,001

- 78) At least one disabled parking space must be van accessible; 9 feet wide parking space and 8 feet wide off- load area. Additionally, one in every eight required handicap spaces must be van accessible.
- 79) This project is subject to the City of San Rafael Green Building Ordinance. A sliding scale is applied based on the average unit square footage. New multi-family dwellings must comply with the "Green Building Rating System" by showing a minimum compliance threshold between 65 and 75 points. Additionally, the energy budget must also be below Title 24 Energy Efficiency Standards a minimum 15%.

# Fire Department – Fire Prevention Bureau

80) Prior to issuance of building permit, the following requirements shall be added to the building permit plans as Sheet SP-6:

- a) Fire Lane signage shall be installed at both entrances that meet City of San Rafael Parking Enforcement standards.
- b) KNOX box installation at Community Rec Room exterior wall.
- c) Fire Sprinkler system conforming to NFPA standards installed throughout.
- d) all hydrants to be Clow model 960 appliances.
- 81) Plan Sheet SP-6 (Fire Engine Truck Access Plan) shall be part of the building permit submittal packet and reviewed by the Fire Department as part of the building permit review.

#### Las Gallinas Valley Sanitation District

82) Las Gallinas Valley Sanitation District has determined that the proposed project is within the Sphere of Influence and District facilities boundary. The proposed project must apply for and receive an allocation of sewer capacity from this District before it can receive sewer services. The proposed project must make satisfactory arrangements with this District for the construction of any off-site or on-site sewers which may be required. The District has provided the following comments, as of October 15, 2019: The District will consider a gravity option with the following conditions:

- a) The initial report from Nute Engineering has indicated that a gravity option is not feasible without flow diversion within the District collection system and upgrades to Rafael Meadows Pump Station. This option is subject to final review by Nute Engineering. The District anticipates receiving the Nute's final recommendation and preliminary construction cost estimate by end of October 2019.
- b) The District has considered constructing flow diversion structures at its own expense to alleviate surcharging of sanitary sewers in the area. However, at the minimum, applicant may be required to cost share the electrical and pump upgrades to the Rafael Meadows Pump Station, pending District Board approval.
- c) If a gravity option is not feasible, the District will require a dedicated private pump station in addition to the Rafael Meadows Pump Station upgrades as described above. The private pump station option shall comply with the following conditions:
  - i) The pump station design shall meet the requirements set by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and other regulatory agencies.
  - ii) The pump station shall include backup generator and pumps with series of sensors and alarm systems to alert District staff of pump failure and potential sewage overflows.
  - iii) The pump station shall comply with city ordinance general noise limits (chapter 8.13), which at a minimum are 60dBA intermittent daytime and 50dBA intermittent nighttime.
- d) Applicant shall submit plans <u>electronically</u> to LGVSD for review and approval. A Will Serve Letter will be issued based on the following:
  - i) Approved plans designed with District standard details and specifications.
  - ii) Compliance with District requirements outlined in previous plan reviews.
  - iii) Other requirements based on future submittals.

#### Marin Municipal Water District

- 83) The applicant must enter into a pipeline extension agreement with the Marin Municipal Water District for the installation of the necessary facilities and said agreement must be approved by the District's Board of Directors. All costs associated with a pipeline extension are borne by the applicant.
- 84) Complete a High-pressure Water Service Application
- 85) Pay appropriate fees and charges
- 86) Complete the structure's foundation within 120 days of the date of application
- 87) Comply with the District's rules and regulations in effect at the time service is requested, including the installation of a separate water service for each residential structure.
- 88) Comply with all indoor and outdoor requirements of District Code Title 13 Water Conservation. This may include ventilation of specific indoor fixture efficiency compliance.
- 89) If you are pursuing a landscaping project subject to review by your local planning department and/or subject to a city permit, please contact the district water conservation department at 415-945-1497 or e-mail to <a href="mailto:plancheck@marinwater.org">plancheck@marinwater.org</a>. More information about district water conservation requirements can be found online at <a href="mailto:www.marinwater.org">www.marinwater.org</a>.
- 90) Comply with the backflow preventer requirements, if upon the District's review backflow protection is warranted, including installation, testing and maintenance. Questions regarding backflow requirements should be directed to the Backflow Prevention Program Coordinator at 415-945-1558.

- 91) Comply with Ordinance No.429 requiring the installation of gray water recycling systems when practicable for all projects required to install new water service and existing structures undergoing "substantial remodel" that necessitates an enlarged water service.
- 92) Comply with California water Code Division 1, Chapter 8, Article 5, Section 537; which requires individual metering of multiple living units within newly constructed structures.

# During Construction and Grading

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- 93) Construction hours and activity (including any and all deliveries) are limited to the applicable requirements set forth in Chapter 8.13 of the San Rafael Municipal Code.
- 94) <u>AIR QUALITY (AQ-1)</u>: Include basic measures to control dust and exhaust during construction. During any construction period ground disturbance, the applicant shall ensure that the project contractor implement measures to control dust and exhaust. Implementation of the measures recommended by BAAQMD and listed below would reduce the air quality impacts associated with grading and new construction to a less-than-significant level. The contractor shall implement the following best management practices that are required of all projects:
  - a) All exposed surfaces (e.g., parking areas, staging areas, soil piles, graded areas, and unpaved access roads) shall be watered two times per day.
  - b) All haul trucks transporting soil, sand, or other loose material off-site shall be covered.
  - c) All visible mud or dirt track-out onto adjacent public roads shall be removed using wet power vacuum street sweepers at least once per day. The use of dry power sweeping is prohibited.
  - d) All vehicle speeds on unpaved roads shall be limited to 15 miles per hour (mph).
  - e) All roadways, driveways, and sidewalks to be paved shall be completed as soon as possible. Building pads shall be laid as soon as possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used.
  - f) Idling times shall be minimized either by shutting equipment off when not in use or reducing the maximum idling time to 5 minutes (as required by the California airborne toxics control measure Title 13, Section 2485 of California Code of Regulations [CCR]). Clear signage shall be provided for construction workers at all access points.
  - g) All construction equipment shall be maintained and properly tuned in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. All equipment shall be checked by a certified mechanic and determined to be running in proper condition prior to operation.
  - h) Post a publicly visible sign with the telephone number and person to contact at the Lead Agency regarding dust complaints. This person shall respond and take corrective action within 48 hours. The Air District's phone number shall also be visible to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.
- 95) <u>AIR QUALITY (AQ-1a)</u>: All diesel-powered off-road equipment, larger than 25 horsepower, operating on the site for more than two days continuously shall, at a minimum, meet U.S. EPA particulate matter emissions standards for Tier 2 engines with CARB-certified Level 3 Diesel Particulate Filters or equivalent.
  - a) The use of equipment meeting U.S. EPA Tier 4 standards for particulate matter would also meet this requirement.
  - b) Use of equipment that includes alternatively fueled equipment (i.e., non-diesel) would meet this requirement.
  - *c)* Other measures may be the use of added exhaust devices, or a combination of measures, provided that these measures are approved by the City and demonstrated to reduce community risk impacts to less-than-significant.

- 96) <u>AIR QUALITY (AQ-2)</u>: Include high-efficiency particulate filtration systems in residential ventilation systems. The significant exposure for new project receptors is judged by two effects: (1) increased cancer risk, and (2) annual PM2.5 concentration. Exposure to cancer risk from U.S. Highway 101 are significant. Cancer risk is based on exposure to exhaust emissions while annual PM2.5 concentrations are based on the exposure to PM2.5 resulting from emissions attributable to truck and auto exhaust, the wearing of brakes and tires and re-entrainment of roadway dust from vehicles traveling over pavement. PM2.5 exposure drives the mitigation plan. Reducing PM2.5 exposures to less than significant would also reduce cancer risk to less than significant levels. The project shall include the following measures to minimize long-term annual PM2.5 exposure for new project occupants:
  - 1. Install air filtration in residential dwellings. Air filtration devices shall be rated MERV 13 or higher. To ensure adequate health protection to sensitive receptors (i.e., residents), this ventilation system, whether mechanical or passive, all fresh air circulated into the dwelling units shall be filtered, as described above.
  - 2. As part of implementing this measure, an ongoing maintenance plan for the buildings' heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) air filtration system shall be required.
  - 3. Ensure that the use agreement and other property documents: (1) require cleaning, maintenance, and monitoring of the affected buildings for air flow leaks, (2) include assurance that new owners or tenants are provided information on the ventilation system, and (3) include provisions that fees associated with owning or leasing a unit(s) in the building include funds for cleaning, maintenance, monitoring, and replacements of the filters, as needed.
- 97) <u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES (BIO-1)</u>: Pre-construction nesting bird and bat survey: The nesting season is defined here a as being from February 1 to August 31 and therefore work should commence between September 1 and January 31.
  - If this is not possible, and project activities are initiated during the nesting season, then a nesting bird survey shall be conducted by a qualified wildlife biologist no more than 14 days prior to the start of project activities.
  - ii) If nests are identified, a no-disturbance buffer should be implemented to avoid impacts to nesting birds and should remain in place until all young are fledged or the nest otherwise becomes inactive.
  - iii) Buffers typically range from 25 feet to 500 feet depending on the species.
  - iv) If work is to be initiated within the bat breeding/ winter roosting season, an assessment of existing buildings should be performed prior to construction activities to determine if a roost is present.
  - v) If a roost is observed, construction activities should be postponed until a qualified biologist determines the bats are excluded from the roost location.
- 98) **CULTURAL RESOURCES (CULT-1): Protect Archaeological Resources Identified during Construction**: The project sponsor shall ensure that construction crews stop all work within 100 feet of the discovery until a qualified archaeologist can assess the previously unrecorded discovery and provide recommendations. Resources could include subsurface historic features such as artifact-filled privies, wells, and refuse pits, and artifact deposits, along with concentrations of adobe, stone, or concrete walls or foundations, and concentrations of ceramic, glass, or metal materials. Native American archaeological materials could include obsidian and chert flaked stone tools (such as projectile and dart points), midden (culturally derived darkened soil containing heataffected rock, artifacts, animal bones, and/or shellfish remains), and/or groundstone implements (such as mortars and pestles).

- 99) **CULTURAL RESOURCES (CULT-2): Protect Human Remains Identified During Construction**: The Project proponent shall treat any human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects discovered during soil-disturbing activities according to applicable State laws. Such treatment includes work stoppage and immediate notification of the Marin County Coroner and qualified archaeologist, and in the event that the Coroner's determination that the human remains are Native American, notification of NAHC according to the requirements in PRC Section 5097.98. NAHC would appoint a Most Likely Descendant ("MLD"). A qualified archaeologist, Project proponent, County of Marin, and MLD shall make all reasonable efforts to develop an agreement for the treatment, with appropriate dignity, of any human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5[d]). The agreement would take into consideration the appropriate excavation, removal, recordation, analysis, custodianship, and final disposition of the human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects. The PRC allows 48 hours to reach agreement on these matters.
- 100) **GEOTEHCHNICAL (GEO-5):** Should paleontological resources be encountered during project subsurface construction activities located in previously undisturbed soil and bedrock, all ground-disturbing activities within 25 feet shall be halted and a qualified paleontologist contacted to assess the situation, consult with agencies as appropriate, and make recommendations for the treatment of the discovery. For purposes of this mitigation, a "qualified paleontologist" shall be an individual with the following qualifications: 1) a graduate degree in paleontology or geology and/or a person with a demonstrated publication record in peer-reviewed paleontological journals; 2) at least two years of professional experience related to paleontology; 3) proficiency in recognizing fossils in the field and determining their significance; 4) expertise in local geology, stratigraphy, and biostratigraphy; and 5) experience collecting vertebrate fossils in the field.
  - a) If the paleontological resources are found to be significant and project activities cannot avoid them, measures shall be implemented to ensure that the project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of the paleontological resource. Measures may include monitoring, recording the fossil locality, data recovery and analysis, a final report, and accessioning the fossil material and technical report to a paleontological repository. Upon completion of the assessment, a report documenting methods, findings, and recommendations shall be prepared and submitted to the City for review. If paleontological materials are recovered, this report also shall be submitted to a paleontological repository such as the University of California Museum of Paleontology, along with significant paleontological materials. Public educational outreach may also be appropriate.
  - b) The project applicants shall inform its contractor(s) of the sensitivity of the project site for paleontological resources and shall verify that the following directive has been included in the appropriate contract specification documents: "The subsurface of the construction site may contain fossils. If fossils are encountered during project subsurface construction, all ground-disturbing activities within 25 feet shall be halted and a qualified paleontologist contacted to assess the situation, consult with agencies as appropriate, and make recommendations for the treatment of the discovery. Project personnel shall not collect or move any paleontological materials. Fossils can include plants and animals, and such trace fossil evidence of past life as tracks or plant imprints. Marine sediments may contain invertebrate fossils such as snails, clam and oyster shells, sponges, and protozoa; and vertebrate fossils such as fish, whale, and sea lion bones. Vertebrate land mammals may include bones of mammoth, camel, saber tooth cat, horse, and bison. Contractor acknowledges and understands that excavation or removal of paleontological material is prohibited by law and constitutes a misdemeanor under California Public Resources Code, Section 5097.5."

- 101) **NOISE (NOISE-1)**: Implementation of the following measures would reduce construction noise levels emanating from the site, limit construction hours, and minimize disruption and annoyance.
  - a) Construction activities shall be limited to the hours specified in the City of San Rafael's Municipal Code (7 am to 6 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 6 pm on Saturdays). No construction activities are permitted on Sundays and holidays.
  - b) Limit use of the concrete saw to a distance of 50 feet or greater from residences, where feasible. Construct temporary noise barriers to screen stationary noise-generating equipment, such as the concrete saw, when located near adjoining sensitive land uses. Temporary noise barriers could reduce construction noise levels by 5 dBA.
  - c) Equip all internal combustion engine-driven equipment with intake and exhaust mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment.
  - d) Unnecessary idling or internal combustion engines should be strictly prohibited.
  - e) Locate stationary noise-generating equipment such as air compressors or portable power generators as far as possible from sensitive receptors.
  - f) Utilize "quiet" air compressors and other stationary noise sources where technology exists.
  - g) Control noise from construction workers' radios to a point where they are not audible at existing residences bordering the project site.
  - h) Notify all adjacent business, residences, and other noise-sensitive land uses of the construction schedule, in writing, and provide a written schedule of "noisy" construction activities to the adjacent land uses and nearby residences.
  - i) Designate a "disturbance coordinator" who would be responsible for responding to any complaints about construction noise. The disturbance coordinator will determine the cause of the noise complaint (e.g., bad muffler, etc.) and will require that reasonable measures be implemented to correct the problem. Conspicuously post a telephone number for the disturbance coordinator at the construction site and include in it the notice sent to neighbors regarding the construction schedule.
- 102) **TRIBAL-1:** Address the potential discovery of previously unknown resources within the project area. If significant tribal cultural resources are identified onsite, all work would stop immediately within 50 feet of the resource(s) and the project applicant would comply with all relevant State and City policies and procedures prescribed under PRC Section 21074.

# Prior to Final Occupancy

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- 103) A post-construction Acoustical Study shall be performed and submitted to the Planning Division to confirm that the project was constructed compliant with noise reducing materials and construction techniques as recommended in the Illingworth and Rodkin Acoustical Study.
- 104) <u>AESTHETICS (AES-1)</u>: Prior to the Building Permit final inspection, the project applicant shall submit to the satisfaction of the Community Development Department Director, a post-installation photometric lighting study showing that the lighting on site complies with the approved lighting levels per ED18-100 and the requirements of SRMC 14.16.227. The project applicant shall also demonstrate to the Building Department that outdoor lighting fixtures meet the requirements of the California Energy Code (known as Part 6, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations).
- 105) Install any improvements required by **TRANS-1** prior to final occupancy
- 106) <u>HYDROLOGY (HYDRO-2)</u>: Prior to a certificate of occupancy, the Project applicant shall verify that operational stormwater quality control measures that comply with the requirements of the current Phase II Small MS4 Permit have been implemented. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- a) Designing BMPs into Project features and operations to reduce potential impacts to surface water quality and to manage changes in the timing and quantity of runoff associated with operation of the project. These features shall be included in the design-level drainage plan and final development drawings.
- b) The proposed project shall incorporate site design measures and Low Impact Development design standards, including minimizing disturbed areas and impervious surfaces, infiltration, harvesting, evapotranspiration, and/or bio-treatment of stormwater runoff.
- c) The Project applicant shall establish an Operation and Maintenance Plan. This plan shall specify a regular inspection schedule of stormwater treatment facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Phase II Small MS4 Permit.
- d) Funding for long-term maintenance of all BMPs shall be specified.
- 107) The applicant shall contact the Planning Division to request a final inspection, prior to the issuance of the final building permit. The final inspection shall require a minimum of 48-hours advance notice. All landscaping and irrigation shall be installed prior to the occupancy of the building or the property owner shall post a bond in the amount of the estimated landscaping/ irrigation cost with the City of San Rafael. In the event that a bond is posted, all areas proposed for landscaping must be covered with bark or a substitute material approved by the Planning Division prior to occupancy. The landscape architect shall certify in writing and submit to the Planning Division, and call for inspection, that the landscaping has been installed in accordance with all aspects of the approved landscape plans, that the irrigation has been installed and been tested for timing and function, and all plants including street trees are healthy. Any dying or dead landscaping shall be replaced.
- 108) All exterior lighting shall be shielded down. Following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, all exterior lighting shall be subject to a 90-day lighting level review by the Police Department and Planning Division to ensure compatibility with the surrounding area.
- 109) All plan details shall be implemented as indicated plans approved for building permit, in compliance with all conditions of approval and applicable City zoning code requirements, to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director. Any outstanding fees including planning review fees, inspection fees, etc. shall be paid.

# Fire Department – Fire Prevention Bureau

- 110) Prior to Final occupancy, the following requirements shall be installed in addition to all Fire code Requirements on the site and shown on the Fire Engine Truck Access Plan Sheet SP-6:
  - a) Fire Lane signage shall be installed at both entrances that meet City of San Rafael Parking Enforcement standards.
  - b) KNOX box shall be installed at Community Rec Room exterior wall.
  - c) Fire Sprinkler system conforming to NFPA standards installed throughout.
  - d) All hydrants installed on site shall be Clow model 960 appliances.

# Tentative Subdivision Map Conditions of Approval (TS18-006)

#### Community Development Department - Planning Division

2. The Tentative Subdivision Map (TS18-006) shall be valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of City Council approval, or until December 10, 2022 and shall become null and void unless a Final Map has been recorded or a time extension is granted.

- 3. The proposed project is approved as a Three-Phase development, consisting of a Phase One "pre-phase" (on and off-site improvements) to complete building Phase One -construction of Buildings 1-4 and all landscaping north of Private street "A" (Fall 2021) and Phase Three- construction of Buildings 5-9, tree removal along the south property line and all remaining landscaping (Summer 2022). The Final Map may be recorded in phases or all at once.
- 4. The project shall be subject to the affordable housing requirements prescribed in Section 14.16.030 of the San Rafael Zoning Ordinance and is therefore required to provide nine (9) of the 45 for-sale units as affordable. Prior to the issuance of a building permit or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, a Below Market Rate (BMR) agreement for the nine (9) affordable unit shall be approved by the City Council and recorded on the property. Consistent with the affordable housing requirements, five (5) of the units shall be affordable to low-income household and four (4) of the units shall be affordable at the moderate-income level. The location of the BMR units shall be identified on the project plans and the final location shall be subject to review and approval of the City as part of the City's consideration of the BMR agreement. Please contact the Marin Housing Authority to commence the agreement process.

The project is required to provide a primary and secondary affordable housing requirement pursuant to San Rafael Municipal Code Section 14.16.030 and City Council Resolution 14890. The applicant shall comply with this requirement by providing 2 units on-site (5% of the total units) and by paying an in-lieu fee equal to the 2.5 units (2.25 + .25 (fractional unit from the onsite requirement)).

Prior to the issuance of a building permit or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, The applicant shall :

- a. Pay the affordable housing in-lieu fee equal to 2.5 units.
- b. Enter into a Below Market Rate (BMR) agreement. The BMR agreement for the two (2) affordable unit shall be approved by the Community Development Director and City Manager and recorded on the property. Consistent with the affordable housing requirements, the affordable housing units shall be affordable to low-income households. The location of the BMR units shall be identified on the project plans and the final location shall be subject to review and approval of the City as part of the City's consideration of the BMR agreement.
- 5. Prior to issuance of building permits or prior to the recordation of a Final Map, whichever occurs first, the developer shall pay to the City in lieu parkland dedication fees for 45 new units in accordance with the provisions of City Council Ordinance No. 1558, which would be 45 x 2.5 persons/dwelling unit x 3 acres per 1,000 persons x \$262,396.80 = \$88,558.92
- 6. Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's) shall be prepared and submitted with an application for a Final Parcel Map. The CC&R's shall include the following requirements and provisions:
  - a. The formation of a homeowner's association (HOA).
  - b. Project will be governed by a homeowner's association (HOA) which will manage, maintain and operate the Project in accordance with Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&Rs) to be recorded against each unit and the common areas, Articles of Incorporation (Articles) and Bylaws. The HOA will have the right to adopt rules, regulations and guidelines, including design guidelines and community space rules to implement the CC&Rs. HOA responsibilities for ongoing maintenance of the shared or common facilities, including but not limited to the common driveway, common landscaping and irrigation, fencing, subdivision infrastructure improvements (storm water and sanitary sewer facilities) and exterior building and lighting improvements. All common areas including the Creek Promenade and the Paseos will be owned, managed and controlled by the HOA. Initially the

builder will own all units within the project and will control the HOA until sufficient units have been sold for a HOA Board of Directors to be elected. The builder will pay HOA dues to the HOA for each unit until each unit is sold. Restrictions and regulations imposed on each lot owner. The CC&R's shall include provisions, which restrict the use of the parking spaces to vehicle parking.

- c. Requirements and provisions for professional management services or the services of a Certified Public Accountant to oversee the HOA responsibilities and budget.
- d. Include an article providing for rights of the City of San Rafael, as follows:

#### ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_. RIGHTS OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

1. **Use Restrictions.** In furtherance of the police power of the City of San Rafael, the following provisions will apply to the Property:

(a) no re-subdivision of any Lot shown on the Map will be done without the approval and consent of the City of San Rafael.

(b) the restrictions set out in this Declaration will burden the Property, for the benefit of the City of San Rafael, and the same are enforceable by and will inure to the benefit of the City of San Rafael.

2. Right to Remedy Failure to Maintain Common Area. In the event that there is a failure to maintain the Common Area so that owners, lessees, and their guests suffer, or will suffer, substantial diminution in the enjoyment, use, or property value of their Project, thereby impairing the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the Project, the City, by and through its duly authorized officers and employees, will have the right to enter upon the subject Property, and to commence and complete such work as is necessary to maintain said Common Area. The City will enter and repair only if, after giving the Association and Owners written notice of the failure to maintain the Common Area, they do not commence correction of such conditions in no more than thirty (30) days from the giving of the notice and proceed diligently to completion. All expenses incurred by the City shall be paid within thirty (30) days of written demand. Upon a failure to pay within said thirty (30) days, the City will have the right to impose a lien for the proportionate share of such costs against each Lot in the Project.

It is understood that by the provisions hereof, the City is not required to take any affirmative action, and any action undertaken by the City will be that which, in its sole discretion, it deems reasonable to protect the public health, safety and general welfare, and to enforce it and the regulations and ordinances and other laws.

It is understood that action or inaction by the City, under the provisions hereof, will not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of any of its rights to seek redress for the violation of any of the provisions of these restrictions or any of the rules, regulations and ordinances of the City, or of other laws by way of a suit in law or equity in a court of competent jurisdiction or by other action.

It is further understood that the remedies available to the City by the provision of this section or by reason of any other provisions of law will be cumulative and not exclusive of the maintenance of any other remedy. In this connection, it is understood and agreed that the failure to maintain the Common Area will be deemed to be a public nuisance and the City will have the right to abate said condition, assess the costs thereof, and cause the

collection of said assessments to be made on the tax roll in the manner provided by appropriate provisions of the San Rafael Municipal Code or any other applicable law.

The City Council of the City may, at any time, relinquish its rights and interest in the Project as herein set forth by appropriate resolution. Any such relinquishment by the City Council will be effective on the date that the resolution is adopted, and a copy thereof is placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Association. The Owner will execute and record a declaration reflecting such relinquishment within ten (10) days of receipt of a copy of the resolution.

3. **No Waiver.** No failure of the City of San Rafael to enforce any of the covenants or restrictions contained herein will in any event render them ineffective.

4. **Third-Party Beneficiary.** The rights of the City of San Rafael pursuant to this Article will be the rights of an intended third party beneficiary of a contract, as provided in Section 1559 of the California Civil Code, except that there will be no right of Declarant, the Association, or any Owner(s) to rescind the contract involved so as to defeat such rights of the City of San Rafael.

5. **Hold Harmless.** Declarant, Owners, and each successor in interest of Declarant and said Owners, hereby agree to save and hold the City of San Rafael harmless from any and all liability for inverse condemnation which may result from, or be based upon, City's approval of the Development of the subject Property.

6. **Amendments.** The City of San Rafael will be given reasonable advance notice in writing of any amendments to the Declaration affecting the rights of the City as provided herein, and no such amendment will be deemed effective without the written consent of the San Rafael City Council.

- 7. Prior to recordation of the final map, the CC&R's shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Community Development and the City Attorney's Office.
- 8. Approved CC&R's shall be recorded concurrently with the final map.

#### Department of Public Works - Land Development Division

- 9. A Final Map shall be required to be filed and approved by the Department of Public Works.
- 10. Should the applicant elect to record the final map prior to completion of the subdivision improvements, a subdivision improvement agreement shall be required. As part of this agreement bonds shall be required based on the engineer's estimate. The current fees for the subdivision:
  - > \$2,615.00 Improvement Plan Check
  - > \$3,285.00 minimum, (or actual cost if greater) for Final Map Plan Check.
  - > \$1,464.00 Subdivision Improvement Inspection Fees.

# Master Use Permit Conditions of Approval (UP18-039)

 Except as modified herein, the Master Use Permit (UP18-039) authorizes redevelopment of the existing 2.28-acre site for residential use as shown in the approved plans in a maximum of <u>three</u> (3) phases. Although phasing is not required, this Use Permit authorizes that the project may be phased as follows, subject to the conditions of approval

- a) Phase One (Pre-Phase) which entails site preparation, demolition, landscaping/tree removal (except no removal of existing trees along the southern property line).
- b) Phase Two <u>Shall include construction of buildings, construction of the 2 on-site below</u> <u>market rate units</u>, <u>Construction of Buildings 1- through Building 4 (a total of 25 units, including</u> five (5) <u>BMR units</u>), trash enclosure, and creek promenade enhancements including landscaping, hardscape and recreational amenities.
- c) Phase Three Construction of <u>any remaining units</u> Building 5 through Building 9 (a total of 20 units, including four (4) BMR units), removal of existing trees along southern property line and the remaining landscaping.
- 2. Should the project proceed in a phased development approach, the following requirements shall apply:
  - a) All site improvement, roadways, sidewalk, utilities shall be installed and completed no later than the completion of Phase Two.
  - b) Landscaping may be installed by each phase:
    - i. Prior to final occupancy of Phase Two, the approved landscaping along the Merrydale Rd border (along Building 1) and along the Highway 101 frontage (Building 3 and Building 4) along with all other on-site landscaping in that phase, shall be installed.
    - ii. Prior to final occupancy of Phase Three, the approved landscaping along the Merrydale Rd border (along Building 9) and along the Highway 101/Redwood Hwy frontage (Building 5 and Building 6), along with all other on-site landscaping in that phase, shall be installed.
  - c) This Master Use Permit (UP18-039) shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of City Council approval, or until December 10, 2022 and shall become null and void if: 1) a building permits(s) have not been obtained and construction diligently commenced and pursued for all 9 buildings (45 units); 2) construction has not commenced on both Phase Two and Phase Three; 3) the project has not substantially progressed in constructions of Phase Two and Three; or 4) a time extension request has not been received before December 10, 2022. The time extension application (including project plans) must be submitted to the Planning Department with all associated fees. The time extension is subject to a public hearing and review and approval by the Planning Commission.
  - d) Once the building permit(s) is/are issued and construction and framing are commenced within the three (3) year period, then the Use Permit shall become valid and run with the land and will not have an expiration date. On-going compliance with all conditions of approval shall be required to keep the Use Permit valid.
- 3. Prior to completion of Phase Two, an "Interim Site Plan" for the area of Phase Three shall be submitted, to address visual conditions, dust/erosion control, security and drainage and site maintenance. This plan shall be subject to review and approval of the Community Development Department and Department of Public Works.
- 4. Once the Interim Site Plan is approved, all specific conditions of the interim plan for the area of Phase Three shall be installed per the approved plan, <u>prior to final occupancy</u> of Buildings 1 through Building 4, as approved per Phase Two construction.

# PROPERTY GROUP

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April 1, 2021

Paul Jensen Alicia Giudice Department of Community Development City of San Rafael 1400 Fifth Street San Rafael, CA 94901

# Request for Modification of Affordable Housing Requirement 350 Merrydale Road/3833 Redwood Highway Pursuant to new SRMC section 14.16.030 / Ordinance No. 1990

Dear Paul and Alicia,

Thank you for updating the Affordable Housing Ordinance to include many helpful changes that will improve housing production for years to come. The reduction of the inclusionary requirement, with the opportunity to pay an in lieu fee for fractions, and the Secondary Requirement especially for approved un-built projects is particularly helpful and will have an immediate impact.

350 Merrydale/3833 Redwood Highway is a 45-unit townhome and stacked flat project approved by the City Council in February 2020 by Resolution No. 14762 and 14763, and Ordinance No. 1979, that has yet to start construction and is therefore a qualifying project.

The former 20% affordable housing inclusionary requirement from Condition of Approval No. 38 has been a substantial impediment to the development of the project that turned away many potential builders. By reducing the Below Market Rate (BMR) requirement to a feasible level this project can move forward in 2021.

While Covid – 19 produced much uncertainty, the challenges facing builders are much more deep rooted.

**BMR Requirement**: The 20% BMR requirement is the single biggest impediment to housing production. Even in high price locations like Marin County, each BMR unit is sold at a loss. Those losses must be absorbed by the remaining market rate units. The fewer the market rate units, the less opportunity the builder has to recover those losses and the greater the risk of not recovering them. 350 Merrydale with just 36 market rate units is a relatively small project by Bay Area standards for builders to assume that risk, especially right now given rising construction prices and uncertainty of demand given Covid. Typically builders prefer larger projects with lower BMR requirements and are able to find them elsewhere in the Bay Area.

**Substantially Increased Project Costs:** The project was initiated in 2017 when circumstances were vastly different. Labor and materials costs have increased significantly in the past four years. Among other things, for example, lumber prices alone have reportedly increased by 180% in the last year!

**Lost Revenue**. The project lost anticipated revenue due to the elimination of roof decks to address neighborhood concerns.

Prior to the first reading of Ordinance No. 1990, we approached multiple qualified builders, all to no avail. Each cited the BMR inclusionary requirement as being the biggest challenge. Since that time we have found a well-qualified builder ready to proceed with the project, subject to the project BMR requirement being modified consistent with Ordinance No. 1990 to reduce the number of inclusionary units and pay an in lieu fee on the fractional requirements and the Secondary requirement. They would also require the option to change some 2-bedroom units (Plan 1 and some Plan 2) to 3-bedrooms to make the homes more appealing to families. This change would not change the exterior appearance of the units or the location of the units. Nor would it affect required parking. The project approvals contemplated some Plan 2's, but not all Plan 2's being 3-bedroom units anyway.

The attached Exhibit A details our proposal to fully meet the requirements of the new City Ordinance, which would result in the provision of 4.5 units, 2 low income BMR units provided on site and payment to the City of an \$863,923 in lieu fee for an additional 2.5 units. Exhibit B provides suggested language that would modify Condition of Approval No. 38. Also attached is an update Sheet SP-2 showing the location of the selected Low Income units, and MHA's calculation of Low Income price using 2020 AMI's.

Please consider this letter as an application to modify the affordable housing inclusionary requirements for 350 Merrydale in accordance with Ordinance No. 1990. I trust this is a complete application but please advise me of any other submittal requirements. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Michael R. Hooper Campus Properties, LLC

c.c. David Jacobson Robert Upton

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#### Exhibit A

350 Merrydale was approved as 45 for-sale residential units including 9 units affordable to Low and Moderate-income persons.

The new Ordinance provides that with the approval of the City Council the affordable housing requirement may be reduced to the combination of a Primary Requirement and a Secondary Requirement as follows:

<u>Primary Requirement</u>: Provide 5% of base density as Low Income units, with the payment of an In Lieu fee on any fractional requirement, resulting in:

5% of 45 = 2.25, therefore provide 2 Low Income units and pay an In Lieu fee on 0.25 units at the current rate of \$343,969 = \$89,992.25

<u>Secondary Requirement (Option 2</u>): Payment of an In Lieu Fee on a further 5% of base density resulting in:

5% of 45 = 2.25 at the current rate of \$343.969 = \$773,930.25

350 Merrydale would therefore <u>provide 2 Low Income</u> units and pay a total <u>In Lieu</u> <u>fee of \$863,922.50.</u>

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#### Exhibit B

38) The project shall be subject to the affordable housing requirements prescribed in revised Section 14.16.030 of the San Rafael Zoning Ordinance and is therefore required to provide two (2) of the 45 for-sale units as affordable to low-income households and <u>in-lieu fee of \$863,922.50</u>. Prior to the issuance of a building permit or recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first, a Below Market Rate (BMR) agreement for the two (2) affordable unit shall be approved by the City Council and recorded on the property and payment of an <u>in-lieu fee of \$863,922.50 shall be</u> <u>made</u>. The location of the BMR units shall be identified on the project plans and the final location shall be subject to review and approval of the City as part of the City's consideration of the BMR agreement. Please contact the Marin Housing Authority to commence the agreement process. Should the project not record a final map, the BMR agreement will be modified to a rental agreement and comply with the affordable housing requirements for rental, which would be two (2) at low-income level.

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#### CITY OF SAN RAFAEL NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC HEARING

You are invited to attend an <u>online</u> City Council hearing on the following project:

DATE/TIME/PLACE:	Monday July 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. COVID-19 ADVISORY NOTICE: Consistent with Executive Orders No25-20 and No. N-29-20 from the Executive Department of the State of California and the Marin County March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the San Rafael City Council hearing WILL NOT be physically open to the public and the meeting will be streamed live to YouTube at: www.youtube.com/cityofsanrafael. Instructions on how to participate online, will be available on the YouTube channel.
PROJECT:	350 Merrydale/3833 Redwood Hwy. – Request for modifications to Tentative Map (TM18-006) conditions of approval to allow payment of in-lieu fees as a method of meeting the secondary affordable housing requirement in compliance with City Council Resolution 14890; APN: 179-041-27 and 179-041-28; PD1979 Planned Development District; CLAYTON FRANCINE M /TR/,RIDGEWOOD PROPERTIES owner; Michael Hooper, applicant; File Nos.: TM21-003.
	This project qualifies for exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines pursuant to Sections 15183(a) because it entails a project that can be found consistent with the General Plan policies and pursuant to 15061(b)(3), which states that as a 'general rule' the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to projects which have the potential to cause a significant, physical environmental effects
WHAT WILL HAPPEN:	You can comment on the project. City Staff will present the requested modifications to the project approval to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing and may take action to approve, deny, or continue a decision on the requested modifications.
IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND:	You can send written correspondence by email to <u>city.clerk@cityofsanrafael.org</u> , or by mail/hand delivery to the Office of the City Clerk, City of San Rafael, 1400 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901.
FOR MORE INFORMATION:	Contact <b>Ali Giudice</b> at <u>alicia.giudice@cityof</u> sanrafael.org. You may also view the staff report after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting at <u>http://www.cityofsanrafael.org/meetings</u> .

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL /s/ Lindsay Lara Lindsay Lara CITY CLERK

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