COUNTY OF NAPA PLANNING, BUILDING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT 1195 THIRD ST., SUITE 210 NAPA, CA 94559 (707) 253-4416

Initial Study Checklist (form updated September 2010)

- 1. **Project Title:** Erickson Residence; Use Permit #P13-00348.
- Property Owner: S. Osborn Erickson 3211 St. Helena Highway North, St. Helena, CA 94574.
- 3. **Project sponsor's name and address:** S. Osborn Erickson 3211 St. Helena Highway North, St. Helena, CA 94574; (415)337-0082
- 4. **Representative:** Joel Dickerson; 1104 Adams Street, St. Helena, CA 94574; 707-963-8528; jdisckerson@deltacivil.com
- 5. County Contact Person, Phone Number and email: Shaveta Sharma; (707) 299-1358; shaveta.sharma@countyofnapa.org
- 6. **Project Location and APN:** The project is located on a 20 acre parcel within the Agriculture Watershed (AW) zoning district and accessed via a private driveway located off St. Helena Highway; 3211 St. Helena Highway North, St. Helena, CA 94574; APN: 022-070-046.
- 7. **General Plan description:** Agriculture, Watershed & Open Space (AWOS).
- 8 **Zoning:** Agricultural Watershed (AW) District.
- 9. **Project Description:** Approval of a Use Permit Exception to the Conservation Regulations to allow construction of a tennis court 24 feet to 58 feet into the required 105 feet to 125 feet stream setback. The project also includes the removal of 36 trees total, including eight Live Oaks, and six Black Oak trees of varying size. A temporary construction access road is also proposed. The road will be removed and landscaped after construction of the tennis court is complete. The slope gradient of the construction pas averages 29.9%. The following components have been specifically included under this request:
 - (a) An exception request to encroach 24 feet to 58 feet respectively within the required stream setback of 105 feet to 125 feet;
 - (b) Construction of a tennis court approximately 7,200 square feet in size;
 - (c) A temporary ten foot wide construction access road;
 - (d) Fencing along the perimeter of the court up to 10 feet in height; and
 - (e) No other improvements are proposed or included in this request.
- 10. **Background/Historical approvals:** The existing single-family residence on site was built in 1998, which replaced an earlier residence that was demolished. The site at that time also had a second dwelling unit. A pool and spa were constructed in 2008. None of the existing structures were subject to viewshed as the site is nestled in the hillside with no clear sight lines from any viewshed road.
- 11. Environmental setting and surrounding land uses:

The project site is located approximately one mile west of the intersection of the private driveway and St. Helena Highway. The property is comprised of 20 acres of land which is accessed via the private driveway. The proposed project consists of grading work and construction for a tennis court. Topography at the property is generally comprised of a moderate to steep slope. The soils on site are comprised of Aiken Loan 30%-50% and Boomer Gravelly Loam 30%-50%.

The proposed development area is approximately 11,590 square feet in area located about 120 feet east of the existing single family residence on the property and approximately 800 feet from the nearest neighbor. The proposed construction area is undeveloped and covered in perennial grasses, bushes, Black Oak, Live Oak, Madrone, Bay, and Douglas Fir trees. Slope gradients at the proposed building pad averages 29.9% percent. The surrounding land use consist of wineries, open space and single family residences on large lots.

12.	Other agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing a	pproval, or participation agreement).
	The project would also require various ministerial approvals by the Co and waste disposal permits.	unty, including but not limited to building permits, grading permits
	Responsible (R) and Trustee (T) Agencies None Required.	Other Agencies Contacted None Required.
ENVIR	RONMENTAL IMPACTS AND BASIS OF CONCLUSIONS:	
	The conclusions and recommendations contained herein are profess professional practice. They are based on a review of the Napa County listed in the file, and the comments received, conversations with knowled and, where necessary, a visit to the site. For further information, see the file on this project.	r Environmental Resource Maps, the other sources of information Igeable individuals; the preparer's personal knowledge of the area
On the	e basis of this initial evaluation:	
\boxtimes	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect	on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be
	prepared. I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect or because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the be prepared.	
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	ta Sharma, Planner III Date County Planning, Building, and Environmental Services	

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I.	AES	THETICS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				
	b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?			\boxtimes	
	c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			\boxtimes	
	d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?			\boxtimes	

a-c. The project site is located approximately one mile west of the intersection of the intersection of the private driveway with St. Helena Highway in the northeastern region of Napa County. The property is comprised of 20 acres of land which is accessed via a private driveway. The proposed project consists of grading work and construction of a tennis court within a stream setback. Topography at the property is hilly with slopes exceeding 30% on the majority of the parcel. The project location is the only location, due to relatively large knoll, where a tennis court can be accommodated. Despite, the project's location atop a knoll, the project is not subject to Napa County's Viewshed Ordinance, as the property is nestled into the hillsides with no clear line of sight to the project location.

The Scenic Highways Element includes a policy that new development projects located within view of a scenic corridor should be subject to site and design review to ensure that such development does not destroy the scenic quality of the corridor. In conformance with this policy, the County's Viewshed Protection Program provides for review of projects in locations such as the project site, and establishes standards that must be met prior to project approval. The structures are required to be located and/or screened from view such that visual impacts are reduced. Use of existing natural vegetation, new landscaping, topographical siting, architectural design, and colortone are mentioned in the Viewshed Protection Program as viable ways to reduce the visual impact, and either these techniques must be applied to effectively "screen the predominant portion" (defined as 51% or more of viewable areas as it relates to views or screening of structures and benches and shelves from designated roads) of the proposed structures, or the applicant must seek an exception pursuant to Code Section 18.106.070. Whether or not an exception is needed, the proposed project cannot be approved unless the County finds it to be in conformance with the Viewshed Protection Program, which is expressly designed to protect the scenic quality of the County and to promote architecture and designs that are compatible with hillside terrain and minimize visual impacts (See Code Section 18.106.010).

For this reason, the project that is ultimately approved for this site must be one which has addressed potentially significant visual impacts. And by definition, such a project -- while noticeable from surrounding areas --- would not substantially degrade scenic views or visual quality pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In addition, prior to the issuance of a building permit, the property owner shall be required to execute and record in the County recorder's office a use restriction, in a form approved by county counsel, requiring existing and proposed covering vegetation, as well as any equivalent level of replacement vegetation, to be maintained by the owner or the owner's successors so as to "prevent the project from being viewed from any designated public road" in perpetuity pursuant to County Code, Chapter 18.106.050.(8).

The proposed building pad for the tennis court and temporary access road is undeveloped and covered in perennial grasses, bushes, and native trees. The earthwork includes 355 cubic yards (CY) of cut and 820 CY of fill, resulting in a net import of 465 CY of fill. The grading also includes removal of a total of 36 trees, all with a diameter range of 6-20" at dbh. Of the 36 trees removed, eight are Live Oaks, six are Black Oaks, seven are Madrones, 10 are Bay trees, and five are Douglas Fir. The applicant is proposing to replace all trees removed as part of the project at a 2:1 ratio. As a result, 72 trees will be planted on the project site. To remain in compliance with the Napa County Code Section 18.108.100(c), trees not designated for removal shall be protected through the use of barricades or other appropriate methods during the construction phase.

Given the above mentioned proposed development, site improvements, and landscape treatments, any potential impacts on the scenic vista, scenic resources, and the visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings will be reduced to a level of less than significant. Visual resources are those physical features that make up the environment, including landforms, geological features, water, trees and other plants, and elements of the human cultural landscape. A scenic vista, then, would be a publicly accessible vantage point such as a road, park, trail, or scenic overlook from which distant or landscape-scale views of a beautiful or otherwise important assembly of visual resources can be taken-in. As generally described in the **Environmental Setting and Surrounding Land Uses** section, above, this area is defined by a mix of open space and residential uses. The project would not result in substantial damage to scenic resources or substantially degrade the visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. The project site is currently developed with a residence, guest house, garage, pool, septic system, well, and fire water storage tanks. The site contains no structures beyond those enumerated above and as a result there is no potential to damage historic buildings. The proposal includes construction of a new tennis court and temporary construction vehicles access road. This structure proposes to be set back over 3,000 feet from St. Helena Highway. There are no rock outcroppings visible from the road or other designated scenic resources on the property.

d. The construction of the tennis court may result in the installation of additional lighting that may have the potential to impact nighttime views. Although the project site is in an area that has a certain amount of existing nighttime lighting, the installation of new sources of nighttime lights may affect nighttime views. To ensure that any potential impacts resulting from new sources of outside lighting are less than significant, the following standard condition of approval which will require that all proposed lighting is shielded and directed downward so that surrounding properties are not affected will be applied to this project.

"All exterior lighting, including landscape lighting, shall be shielded and directed downward, shall be located as low to the ground as possible, and shall be the minimum necessary for security, safety, or operations and shall incorporate the use of motion detection sensors to the greatest extent practical. No flood-lighting or sodium lighting of the building is permitted, including architectural highlighting and spotting. Low-level lighting shall be utilized in parking areas as opposed to elevated high-intensity light standards. Prior to issuance of any building permit for construction, two (2) copies of a detailed lighting plan showing the location and specifications for all lighting fixtures to be installed on the property shall be submitted for Planning Division review and approval. All lighting shall comply the California Building Code."

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II.	AG	RICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES. ¹ Would the project:				
	a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Important (Farmland) as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
	b) c)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g), timberland as defined in Public				
		Resources Code Section 4526, or timberland zoned Timberland Production as defined in Government Code Section 51104(g)?				
	d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use in a manner that will significantly affect timber, aesthetics, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, or other public benefits?				

[&]quot;Forest land" is defined by the State as "land that can support 10-percent native tree cover of any species, including hardwoods, under natural conditions, and that allows for management of one or more forest resources, including timber, aesthetics, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, and other public benefits." (Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)) The Napa County General Plan anticipates and does not preclude conversion of some "forest land" to agricultural use, and the program-level EIR for the 2008 General Plan Update analyzed the impacts of up to 12,500 acres of vineyard development between 2005 and 2030, with the assumption that some of this development would occur on "forest land." In that analysis specifically, and in the County's view generally, the conversion of forest land to agricultural use would constitute a potentially significant impact only if there were resulting significant impacts to sensitive species, biodiversity, wildlife movement, sensitive biotic communities listed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, water quality, or other environmental resources addressed in this checklist.

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	e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?		·		\boxtimes
Discussi	on:		_	_	_	_
a/b/e.	Nap Pro not	e project would not result in the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farm County Important Farmland Map 2002 prepared by the California Detection, pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the conflict with existing zoning for agricultural uses. There is no Williamsor nges included in this proposal that would result in the conversion of Farmland.	partment of Conserv e California Resourd n Act contract assoc	vation District, Div ces Agency. The iated with the pare	ision of Land proposed projocel. There are	Resource ect would
c/d.	acc - S are of 3 be	e project site is zoned Agricultural Watershed (AW), which allows a single essory structures, including tennis courts. According to the Napa County ensitive Biotic Oak Woodlands, Riparian Woodland Forest and Coniferonas. However, as discussed in the AESTHETICS section above, the prop to trees removed, eight are Live Oaks, six are Black Oaks, seven are Magremoved will be replaced at a ratio of 2:1 on the project site. Therefore, the se rezoning of forest land, timberland, or timberland zoned Timberland Pr	r Environmental reso us Forest) the project osal and associated drones, 10 are Bay to ne proposed project	urce maps (based at site does contain earthwork include rees, and five are	d on the followi in woodland or es the removal Douglas Fir. A	ng layers forested of a total Il trees to
<u>Mitigati</u>	on M	easures: None required.				
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III.		QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicate n to make the following determinations. Would the project:	ole air quality manager			nay be relie
	a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	П	П	\boxtimes	
	b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			\boxtimes	
	c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			\bowtie	
	d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			\boxtimes	
	e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes	
Discussi	on:					
a-e.	ass leve	June 2, 2010, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Board of ist in the review of projects under the California Environmental Quality and at which the District believed air pollution emissions would cause signification in District's website and included in the Air District's May 2011 updated Communication.	Act (CEQA). The the cant environmental in	nresholds were de	esigned to esta	ablish the
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On March 5, 2012 the Alameda County Superior Court issued a judgment finding that the Air District had failed to comply with CEQA when it adopted the thresholds. On August 12, 2013, the Court of Appeal reinstated the District's thresholds of significance provided in Table 3-1 (Criteria Air Pollutants & Precursors Screening Levels Sizes) and they are applicable for evaluating projects in Napa County.

Over the long term, emission sources for the proposed project will consist primarily of mobile sources including vehicles visiting the site. The Air District's threshold of significance provided in Table 3-1 has determined that similar projects such as a quality restaurant that do not exceed a threshold of 47 ksf will not significantly impact air quality and do not require further study (BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines, May 2011 Pages 3-2 & 3-3.). Given the scope of the project's operations compared to the BAAQMD's screening criterion of 47ksf NOX (high quality restaurant) and 541ksf (general light industry), the project would contribute an insignificant amount of air pollution and would not result in a conflict or obstruction of an air quality plan.

The proposed project would not conflict with or obstruct the implementation of any applicable air quality plan. Tennis courts for a single-family residence are not producers of air pollution in volumes substantial enough to result in an air quality plan conflict. The project site lies within the Napa Valley, which forms one of the climatologically distinct sub-regions (Napa County Sub region) within the San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin. The topographical and meteorological features of the Valley create a relatively high potential for air pollution. Grading and construction activities may cause a temporary degradation of air quality from dust and heavy equipment during the construction phase of the proposed project. As part of the Conditions of Approval the applicant is required to comply with all BAAQMD guidelines for construction activities. The proposed construction and earthwork associated with the project would not result in significant adverse impacts to air quality. Over the long term, emissions would not increase from present levels, as all use of the tennis court will be from existing residents on site and occasional guests. The proposed project would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard.

While the Air District defines public exposure to offensive odors as a potentially significant impact, wineries are not known operational producers of pollutants capable of causing substantial negative impacts to sensitive receptors. The project will not create pollutant concentrations or objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

IV.	BIO	LOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?			\boxtimes	
	b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?			\boxtimes	
	c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, Coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes
	d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	П	П	\boxtimes	П
	e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?			\boxtimes	
	f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes

Discussion:

- a/b. According to the Napa County Environmental Resource Maps (based on the following layers plants CNPS points & polygons, plant surveys, red legged frog core area and critical habitat, vernal pools & vernal pool species, Spotted Owl Habitat 1.5 mile buffer and known fish presence) no known candidate, sensitive, or special status species have been identified as occurring within the project boundaries. The project would not have a substantial adverse effect on any special status species, or species of particular concern. As discussed in the **AESTHETICS** section above, the proposal and associated earthwork includes the removal of a total of 36 trees, eight are Live Oaks, six are Black Oaks, seven are Madrones, 10 are Bay trees, and five are Douglas Fir. Furthermore, there were no species or site conditions which would be considered essential for the support of a species with limited distribution or be considered to be a sensitive natural plant community. The potential for this project to have a significant impact on special status species is less than significant.
- c/d. There are no wetlands on the property or on neighboring properties that would be affected by this project. No sensitive natural communities have been identified on the property. Therefore, as proposed, the impact is less than significant.

e/f.	con	s project as conditioned would not interfere with any ordinances protectiflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plans, Naturional or state habitat conservation plans.				
Mitigation	on M	easures: None required.				
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V.	CUI	LTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
	a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?				\boxtimes
	b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines§15064.5?				\boxtimes
	c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?				\boxtimes
	d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				\boxtimes
Discussi	on:					
d.	hav req of a	veys, sites, sensitive areas, and flags) no historical, archaeological, or preceive been identified on the property. However, if other resources are foundaried to cease, and a qualified archaeologist will be retained to investigate approval: "In the event that archeological artifacts or human remains are disproject area, work shall cease in a 50-foot radius surrounding the Planning, Building, and Environmental Services Department for requirement for the permittee to hire a qualified professional to an additional measures are required. If human remains are encounted must be, by law, halted, and the Napa County Coroner informed so of the cause of death is required, and if the remains are of Nata American origin, the nearest tribal relatives as determined by the Scontacted by the permitee to obtain recommendations for treating with appropriate dignity, as required under Public Resources Code information has been encountered that would indicate that this project very size of the cause of the countered that would indicate that this project very size of the cause of the ca	d during grading of the site in accordance the site in accordance area of discovery. If further guidance, alyze the artifacts of that the Coroner of the American originate Native American or removal of such in Section 5097.98."	the project, constance with the followance with the followance with the followance with the permittee shawhich will likely encountered and to elopment, all work an determine if arm. If the remains in Heritage Commitermains, including	truction of the wing standard truction in the all contact the include the odetermine if in the vicinity in investigation are of Native ssion shall be grave goods,	project is condition
	foui inve	nd during grading of the project, construction of the project is required estigate the site in accordance with standard condition of approval as noted	to cease, and a q			
Mitigation	on M	<u>easures</u> : None required.				
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VI.	GE	DLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:		·	·	
	a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
		i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			\boxtimes	

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	ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				Ш
	iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?			\boxtimes	
	iv) Landslides?			\boxtimes	
b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			\boxtimes	
c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			\boxtimes	
d)	Be located on expansive soil, defined as soil having an expansive index greater than 20, as determined in accordance with American Society of Testing and Materials, creating substantial risks to life or property?			\boxtimes	
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				\boxtimes

a.

- i.) There are no known faults on the project site as shown on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map. As such, the proposed project would result in a less than significant impact with regards to rupturing a known fault.
- ii.) All areas of the Bay Area are subject to strong seismic ground shaking. Construction of the project will be required to comply with all the latest building standards and codes, including the California Building Code that would reduce any potential impacts to a less than significant level.
- iii.) No subsurface conditions have been identified on the project site that indicated a susceptibility to seismic-related ground failure or liquefaction. Compliance with the latest editions of the California Building Code for seismic stability would result in less than significant impacts.
- iv.) According to the Napa County Environmental Resource Maps (Landslides line, polygon, and geology layers) there is a small landslide deposit northeast of the proposed development area on a portion of the site with slopes that range from 30 to 50 percent. The deposit will not impact the proposed development areas.
- b. Based upon the Soil Survey of Napa County, prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the soils on site are comprised of the Aiken Loam 30 to 50 percent slopes and Boomer Gravelly Loam 30 to 50 percent slopes. The project will require incorporation of best management practices and will be subject to the Napa County Stormwater Ordinance which addresses sediment and erosion control measures and dust control, as applicable.
- c/d. According to preliminary geologic mapping of the project site performed by the California Geologic Survey (CGS-2004), the property is underlain by the Aiken Loam 30 to 50 percent slopes and Boomer Gravelly Loam 30 to 50 percent slopes. Based on the Napa County Environmental Sensitivity Maps (liquefaction layer) the project site has a very low susceptibility for liquefaction. Development will be required to comply with all the latest building standards and codes, including the California Building Code that would reduce any potential impacts to the maximum extent possible. The Geotechnical Investigation prepared by *Langen, Treadwell, Rolllo dated August 29, 2014* for the project addressed the soil stability, potential for liquefaction and identified design specific foundation systems and grading methods to be used during construction activities.
- e. The project would have no impact on the existing septic system on site as the tennis court would not have any impact on wastewater discharge. There does not appear to be any limitation on this parcel's ability to support an on-site septic system which will be able to support the proposed project.

VII.	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Generate a net increase in greenhouse gas emissions in excess of applicable thresholds adopted by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District or the California Air Resources Board which may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b)	Conflict with a county-adopted climate action plan or another applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?			\boxtimes	

Overall increases in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in Napa County were assessed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Napa County General Plan Update and certified in June 2008. GHG emissions were found to be significant and unavoidable in that document, despite the adoption of mitigation measures incorporating specific policies and action items into the General Plan.

Consistent with these General Plan action items, Napa County participated in the development of a community-wide GHG emissions inventory and "emission reduction framework" for all local jurisdictions in the County in 2008-2009. This planning effort was completed by the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency in December 2009, and served as the basis for development of a refined inventory and emission reduction plan for unincorporated Napa County.

In 2011, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) released California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Project Screening Criteria and Significance of Thresholds [1,100 metric tons per year (MT) of carbon dioxide and carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e)]. These thresholds of significance are now appropriate for evaluating projects in Napa County, due to BAAQMD's compliance with CEQA as discussed under Section III, Air Quality.

During our ongoing planning effort, the County requires project applicants to consider methods to reduce GHG emissions consistent with Napa County General Plan Policy CON-65(e). (Note: Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, because this initial study assesses a project that is consistent with an adopted General Plan for which an environmental impact report (EIR) was prepared, it appropriately focuses on impacts which are "peculiar to the project," rather than the cumulative impacts previously assessed.)

The increase in emissions expected as a result of the project will be relatively modest and the project is in compliance with the County's efforts to reduce emissions as described above. For these reasons, project impacts related to GHG emissions are considered less than significant.

VIII.	НА	ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			\boxtimes	
	b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonable foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			\boxtimes	
	c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				\boxtimes

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	d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?			П	\boxtimes
	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has		Ш		
		not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
	g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\boxtimes
	h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wild-land fires, including where wild-lands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wild-lands?	П	П	\boxtimes	
Discuss	ion:			_	_	_
a.	The stru leve	e proposed project will not involve the transport of hazardous materials actures. A Business Plan will be filed with the Environmental Health Divels.	other than those sn vision should the an	nall amounts norn nount of these ma	nally used in r terials reach r	esidential eportable
b.	The	e project would not result in the release of hazardous materials into the env	vironment.			
C.	The	ere are no schools located within one-quarter mile from the proposed proje	ct site.			
d.	The	e proposed site is not on any known list of hazardous materials sites.				
e.	The	e project site is not located within two miles of any public airport.				
f.	The	e project site is not located within the vicinity of any private airports.				
g.	plar app	e proposed project will not impair the implementation of or physically internal. The Napa County Fire Marshall has reviewed this application and reproval which requires a minimum of 10 feet of defensible space along ear conditions ensuring access to the subject parcel at all times.	ecommends approv	al of the project:	subject to con	ditions of
h.	No	structures are proposed as part of this project. Therefore, the potential for	impact is considere	d less-than-signific	cant.	
Mitigati	on M	easures: None required.				
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IX.	HYE	DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:		·	·	
	a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				\boxtimes
	b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	П	П	П	\bowtie

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c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?			\boxtimes	
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			\boxtimes	
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			\boxtimes	
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?			\boxtimes	
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?			\boxtimes	
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				\boxtimes
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				\boxtimes
Discussion:					

- The project is not expected to violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements nor substantially deplete local a/b. groundwater supplies. The project site has an existing residential septic system and leach field to treat and dispose of the sewage waste, there will be no additional impacts to sewage treatment as a result of this project.
- c/d. The project proposes to construct a tennis court within the required stream setback. The Hirsch Creek stream is located downward and to the north of the project location. Any drainage alterations would be included in the grading and improvement plans that are required for project construction. The applicant is required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) for a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan permit (SWPPP) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board for pre & post construction activities, as well as, a grading permit from the Engineering Services Division to ensure that no excessive run-off occurs during pre/post construction. Review and approval by the Division of Engineering of the grading and improvement plans will ensure that no there is no potential for significant on- or off-site erosion, impact to siltation, or flooding.
- There are no existing or planned stormwater systems that would be affected by this project. The area surrounding the tennis court is e. pervious ground with the capacity to absorb runoff.
- f. The project is required to adhere to County and Regional Water Quality Control Boards regulations pertaining to grading which will ensure there is no significant erosion that could potentially impact the nearby Hirsch Creek. There is nothing included in this proposal that would otherwise substantially degrade water quality. No information has been encountered that would indicate a substantial impact to water quality.
- The project site is not located within a flood hazard area, nor would it impede or redirect flood flows or expose structures or people to g-i. flooding. The project site is not located within a dam or levee failure inundation zone.
- The parcel is not located in an area that is subject to inundation by tsunamis, seiches, or mudflows.

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X.	LAN	ID USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:			,			
	a) b)	Physically divide an established community? Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?						
	,					\boxtimes		
	c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				\boxtimes		
Discuss	on:							
a-c.	com	project would not occur within an established community, nor would it reapplies with the Napa County Code and all other applicable regulations. In munity conservation plans applicable to the property.						
Mitigati	on Me	easures: None required.						
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XI.	MIN	ERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:						
	a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\boxtimes		
	b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				\boxtimes		
Discuss	on:							
a/b.	a/b. Historically, the two most valuable mineral commodities in Napa County in economic terms have been mercury and mineral water. More recently, building stone and aggregate have become economically valuable. Mines and Mineral Deposits mapping included in the Napa County Baseline Data Report (<i>Mines and Mineral Deposits</i> , BDR Figure 2-2) indicates that there are no known mineral resources nor any locally important mineral resource recovery sites located on or near the project site.							
<u>Mitigati</u>	Mitigation Measures: None required.							
VII	NOI	CC Would the project result in	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
XII.	NOI	SE. Would the project result in:						
	a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			\boxtimes			
	b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?						
	c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			\boxtimes			
	d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?			\boxtimes			

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	e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to		oo.po.ao.	П	\boxtimes
	Ð	excessive noise levels?	Ш	Ш	Ш	
	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes
Discussi	on:					
a/b.	to d not clos sign hou	e project will result in a temporary increase in noise levels during the constaylight hours using properly muffled vehicles. Noise generated during this result in potentially significant temporary construction noise impacts or opticest of which is approximately 800 feet away, there is a relatively low poth inficant impact. Furthermore, construction activities would generally occur rs of human activity. All construction activities will be conducted in complete Chapter 8.16). The proposed project will not result in long-term signification.	s time is not anticipal erational impacts. (ential for impacts re during the period o iance with the Napa	ated to be significa Given the proximity lated to construction f 7am-7pm on wea County Noise Orc	nt. The project to the neighbon noise to resekdays, during	ct would ors, the sult in a normal
c/d.	com app muf be p	estantial amounts of noise may be generated during project construction pletion of construction would be minimal and typical of residential use roval as described under Section A and B above would require constructified, and backup alarms adjusted to the lowest allowable levels. Enforce provided the Napa County Sheriff address noise related issues including, mechanical equipment would be required to be kept indoors or inside according to the second seco	s within a sparsely tion activities to be ment of Napa Count but not limited to, p	populated rural s limited to daylight y's Exterior Noise	etting. Condi hours, vehicle Ordinance is	tions of es to be and will
e/f.	The	project site is not located within an airport land use plan or within two mile	es of a public airport	or within the vicin	ity of a private	airstrip.
<u>Mitigatio</u>	n Me	easures: None required.				
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XIII.	POF	PULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:				
	a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				\boxtimes
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
Discussi	on:					
a/b/c.		project would not result in the inducement of substantial population growledged as a result of the project.	h, either directly or i	ndirectly. No hous	sing or people	will be
Mitigatio	n Me	easures: None required.				
XIV.	PUE	BLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact

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	a)	Substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:		Incorporation	Impact	
		Fire protection?				\boxtimes
		Police protection?				\boxtimes
		Schools?				\boxtimes
		Parks?				\boxtimes
		Other public facilities?				\boxtimes
Discussi	on:					
a.	incr Fire app Sch sub prop	olic services are currently provided to the project area and the proposi- ease demand placed on existing services. Fire protection measures are re- the Marshall conditions and there will be no foreseeable impact to emerge proval. The Fire Department and Engineering Services Division have review and impact mitigation fees, which assist local school districts with capacity mittal. The proposed project will have little to no impact on public parks, poerty tax increases will help meet the costs of providing public services difficant impact on public services.	equired as part of the ncy response times wed the application by building measures County revenue re	ne development pu with the adoption and recommend a , will be levied purs sulting from any b	ursuant to Nap n of these con pproval as cor suant to buildi uilding permit	a County ditions of nditioned. ng permit fees and
Mitigation	on M	easures: None required.				
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XV.	REC	CREATION. Would the project:		·	·	
	a)	Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				\boxtimes
	b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?			\boxtimes	
Discussi	on:					
a/b.		project could potentially decrease the use of recreational facilities. The properties and engineered to ensure that it would not have a significant a			nowever the pr	oject has
Mitigation	on M	easures: None required.				
XVI.	TRA	NSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system and/or conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-16, which seeks to maintain an adequate Level of Service (LOS) at signalized and unsignalized intersections, or reduce the effectiveness of existing transit services or pedestrian/bicycle facilities?				\boxtimes

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	b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency for designated roads or highways?					
	c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?	П	П		\boxtimes	
	d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature, (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?		_			
	e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?	Ш	Ш		\boxtimes	
	f)	Conflict with General Plan Policy CIR-23, which requires new uses to meet				\boxtimes	
		their anticipated parking demand, but to avoid providing excess parking which could stimulate unnecessary vehicle trips or activity exceeding the site's capacity?					
	g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				\boxtimes	
Discussion	on:						
a/b.	Construction of tennis court will not increase traffic volumes or change the level of service or traffic volumes within the vicinity, since the tennis court will be used exclusively by the existing residents and/or their guests. The construction period would result in additional trips to the site in the short term, but would not rise to a level of significance.						
C.	This project would not result in any change to air traffic patterns.						
d.	Access to the site is by way of a private community driveway off of St. Helena Highway. The tennis court location has not been designed for would not be accessible by vehicle.						
e.	The existing private community drive, and existing driveway has been designed to provide emergency vehicle parking and access for required fire apparatus pursuant to Napa County Fire Department requirements.						
f.	Adequate parking exists at the site as the existing residence has a garage and adequate paved areas for guests.						
g.	There is no aspect of this project that would conflict with any adopted policies, plans or programs supporting alternative transportation.						
Mitigatio	on Me	easures: None required.					
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XVI.	UTII	LITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:					
	a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				\boxtimes	
	b)	Require or result in the construction of a new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes	
	c)	Require or result in the construction of a new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes	
Erickson	d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? idence: Use Permit Exception P13-00348			☐ Page 15 oi	× 17	
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e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				\bowtie
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the			Ш	
,	project's solid waste disposal needs?			\boxtimes	
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				

- a. The project will not increase demand for wastewater treatment and will not result in an impact on wastewater treatment.
- b. The project will not require construction of any new water treatment facilities that will result in a significant impact to the environment.
- c. The project will not require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, which will cause a significant impact to the environment.
- d. The project creates no demand on water supplies. No new or expanded entitlements are needed, no further analysis is required.
- e. Wastewater for the existing residence is treated on-site and will not require a wastewater treatment provider.
- f. The project site is served by a landfill with sufficient capacity to meet the project's construction waste demands. No significant impact will occur from the disposal of solid waste generated by the project.
- g. The project will comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

XVII.	MA	NDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				\boxtimes
	b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				\boxtimes
	c)	Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				\boxtimes

Discussion:

a. The project as proposed will not degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

- b. There are no impacts from this project that would be individually limited, but cumulatively considerable. Potential air quality, green house gas emissions, and utilities and services impacts are discussed in the respective sections above. The project would also not increase the demands for public services. The project would not result in any cumulative impacts as the proposed tennis court would not have impacts.
- c. This project would not have any environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings. All environmental effects from this project have been mitigated to a level of insignificance. No other environmental effects have been identified that would cause, either directly or indirectly, adverse effects on human beings.

Mitigation Measures: None Required.

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