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From: San Buenaventura Conservancy for Preservation <sbconservancy@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 8:05 PM
To: Iker-Johnson, Molly
Cc: Murray, Dillan
Subject: The Eucalyptus Trees Along US 101, also known as the Adolfo Camarillo Heritage Grove

Hi Molly,

San Buenaventura Conservancy for Preservation concurs that the loss of trees in the ACHG should be mitigated by the recommendations of the staff of the Cultural Heritage Board of Ventura County:

Recommendation #1: Tree Replacement. The lead agency should replace each removed tree with the installation of a minimum of two 15-gallon size trees of the same species.

- Recommendation #2: Ensure Health of Remaining Trees. It is recommended that the lead agency work with a certified arborist to develop further treatment recommendations for measures to maintain and improve the health of the remaining Adolfo Camarillo Heritage Grove to prevent further loss of integrity.
- Recommendation #3: Pursue Nomination for Listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Within 6 months of project completion, it is recommended that the lead agency pursue nomination of the Eucalyptus Trees Along US 101, also known as the Adolfo Camarillo Heritage Grove, for listing in the National Register. We believe sufficient integrity remains for the tree rows to have historic significance.

The San Buenaventura Conservancy for Preservation is concerned about projects Ventura County that effect historic resources, and their potential impact on historic properties. We understand that consultation has been initiated under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for projects in Camarillo. For the Adolfo Camarillo Heritage Grove project and ongoing and future projects in Camarillo, the Conservancy requests to participate actively in the review processes as a consulting party. The Conservancy can be a knowledgeable asset to future projects as a "consulting party" under Section 106 of the NHPA, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §§ 800.2(c)(5) and 800.3(f)(3).

Dillan,

Please add this concurrence with your findings/recommendations to the public record for your next CHB meeting.

Thank you,

Stephen Schafer
President

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