

DEH Comments RE: Schneider CDP (PLN-2022-17762)

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Greetings Cliff,

The Department of Health and Human Services Division of Environmental Health (DEH) has recently been made aware of the subject Coastal Development Permit Modification. Following review of the project site plan, our office is concerned by potential impacts made by the creation of the temporary road installed without permits to the designated primary and reserve onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS, i.e.: septic) dispersal field areas located on APNs 402-171-029 and 402-171-030, previously established during the Mid-City Ranch Phase III subdivision. Grading and excavation activities can compact the proximal soil structure, causing significant reductions in soil porosity, permeability, and ultimately the soil's ability to treat domestic wastewater. As a result, DEH recommends confirmation that the previously approved primary and reserve dispersal field locations remain undisturbed and suitable for OWTS development.

It was also determined that the associated Building Permit (BLD-43185-NA) was issued prior to DEH approval of an affiliated OWTS permit. Humboldt County Code requires an approved sewage treatment system for construction of any occupied building in the County. Since 2019, DEH has been awaiting revisions to the proposed OWTS design and submittal of the required OWTS permit application associated with the residence located on APN 402-171-030.

To resolve these concerns, DEH recommends the following Conditions of Approval for your consideration to be applied to this CDP Modification:

- Applicant shall demonstrate that proposed onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) primary and reserve dispersal field locations on APN 402-171-030 remain undisturbed and suitable for OWTS development
- Prior to lifting the Stop Work Order set forth under BLD-43185-NA, Applicant must obtain an OWTS Permit approved by Division of Environmental Health in support of the proposed development.

Thank you,

Patrick Owen

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