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Thank you for the quick response on this one, Katie. Much appreciated.

I intend on having conditions of approval which accomplish the following recommendations you propose for this project:

- All vegetation removal and grubbing shall occur outside of the nesting season (March 15 – August 15) to avoid impacts to native resident and migratory birds.
- The applicant shall maintain the cleared area by mowing and other means to prevent the regrowth of vegetation, discourage future avian nesting, and maintain the agricultural integrity of the property.
- The applicant shall manage invasive Scotch broom (*Cystisus scoparius*) and French broom (*Genista Manspessulana*) in accordance with the invasive species management recommendations within the 2022 TransTerra Botanical Assessment submitted on behalf of the project to prevent further degradation of native vegetation communities.

I will send a copy of the staff report once publicly available to verify their inclusion.

Thanks again for your feedback on this project,

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Hi Cade,

Thank you for recirculating this referral. I read through the attached documents and conducted a brief desk review of the project. There is a nearby occurrence of western lily (*Lilium occidentale*), as well as several records of coast checkerbloom (*Sidalcea malviflora* ssp. *patula*); however, it appears the applicant has done their due diligence with respect to special status plants and wetlands.

Given the dense shrub and tree cover, I would recommend including a condition of approval requiring that any vegetation clearing and grubbing occur outside of nesting season (generally March 15 – August 15) to avoid impacts to native resident and migratory birds. Once cleared, the area should be maintained (e.g., mowed) to prevent regrowth and thereby discourage future nesting prior to construction. If that's not feasible, a qualified biologist shall survey for active bird nests no more than seven days prior to tree removal or significant trimming. If an active nest is found, the permittee should consult with CDFW regarding appropriate site-specific avoidance measures and buffer distances. If there is a lapse in project-related activities of seven days or more, the biologist should re-survey the area before work resumes. This latter approach can be logistically challenging due to the high likelihood of finding a nest, which could lead to project delays or other constraints.

I would also recommend the applicant manage invasive Scotch broom (*Cystisus scoparius*) and French broom (*Genista monspessulana*), as discussed in the 2022 botanical assessment. Both species are extremely aggressive and will further degrade native vegetation communities if left unchecked.

Thanks,
Katie

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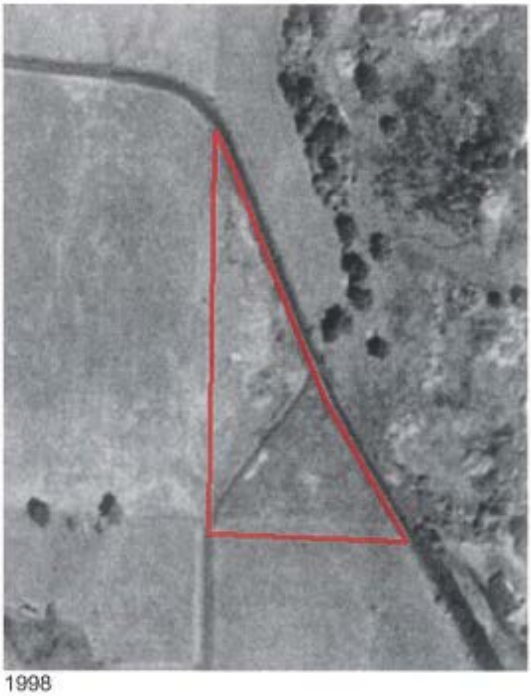
Hi Katie,

I am reaching out to follow up on a project which has been on hold for some time. We intend to bring forward a Coastal Development Permit for the construction of a 2024 SF two story home (ground footprint of 1012SF) to the Planning Commission on May 2, 2024, with a recommendation of approval.

Likely due to the age of this project, I do not have an official comment from CDFW on file for this project. I was reaching out hoping that I could receive some feedback on PLN-2022-17700. I have attached the site plan, some site photos from one of many visits to the project site, a Botanical Survey ’22, a Fauna Memo ’22, a Botanical Survey ’16, a Wetland Investigation ’16, and a Foresters Report ’22.

The summary of findings was a high abundance of invasive species with low probability of sensitive species and no sensitive habitat present. The findings of the investigation from 2016 and 2022 have the same conclusions for the Botanical Reports. I have also included aerial imagery over the past decades to see how the temporal nature of the parcel has changed due to inactivity over the years (snap shot below is from Foresters Report ‘22).



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Project Description:

A Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the construction of a new approximately 2,024 SF two-story residence, 456 SF uncovered deck, 40 SF entry deck, gravel driveway with paved apron, a detached two-car garage constructed on an existing 25x25-foot concrete slab, 48 SF pump house, and the retroactive permitting of an existing well. The CDP will also authorize 1.75 acres of brush clearing for the home site, and north of the residence for the planting of fruit trees, logan berries, and a residential garden area. The parcel is currently developed with a well and on-site wastewater treatment system. The existing OWTS will be replaced. The Humboldt County Planning Commission will consider an approval of the Coastal Development Permit per

§15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

As a note for the OWTS, only the tank will be replaced. The leech field functions properly and will remain where identified on the map.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Best wishes,

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