

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION: DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING

Project Title/Location: Hillside Re-zoning Study
City of Pasadena
Los Angeles County

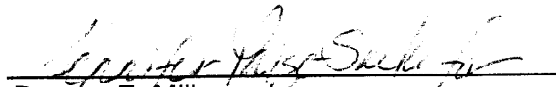
Project Applicant: City of Pasadena
Planning and Development Department
175 N. Garfield Avenue
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Project Description: The City of Pasadena is considering revisions to the existing Hillside Overlay District (PMC 17.29) and modifications to the zoning designations for single-family residential properties within designated study areas. Nine study areas within the Hillside Overlay District (HD) have been identified and evaluated (see maps in file and attached to Initial Environmental Study). Properties within the study areas that have little or no slope and do not exhibit traits of a hillside area may be removed from the HD and properties with hillside characteristics may be added to the HD. Areas added to the Hillside Overlay District will be subject to the additional development standards of the HD. Areas removed from the HD will no longer be subject to the HD standards. The proposed Zoning Code amendment is to allow a process to review modifications to the allowable floor area limits applicable to properties with an average slope of less than 15%.

Findings of Exemption: The project will not 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 (CDFG) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by CDFG or USFWS; 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; 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; conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, or; conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Lead Agency has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the Initial Study and public hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.


Denver E. Miller

Title: Environmental Administrator
Lead Agency: City of Pasadena
Planning and Development Department
Date: August 31, 2005