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To:

From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Date: May 10, 2016

Subject: APPROVE the Escobar Street House Demolition – 1127 Escobar Street and 1139 Escobar Street Project and related actions under CEQA

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE the Escobar Street House Demolition Project - 1127 and 1139 Escobar Street and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to advertise the Project, Martinez area [Project No. 4110-WLG878, DCD-CP# 15-37 (District V)], and

FIND the project is a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1(c) Categorical Exemption, pursuant to Section 15301 1(l)1 of the CEQA Guidelines; and

DIRECT the Director of Conservation and Development to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk, and

AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director to arrange for payment of a \$25 fee to Department of Conservation and Development for processing, and a \$50 fee to the County Clerk for filing the Notice of Exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% General Fund

☐ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/10/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 10, 2016

, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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cc:

BACKGROUND:

The project consists of demolishing two single family residences at 1127 and 1139 Escobar Street. These residences were previously used by Friends Outside, a nonprofit community organization assisting incarcerated individuals and their families and storage for the Sheriff-Coroner's Department. Since 2011, the residences have been vacant and have become a health and safety issue due to their deteriorating condition and occupation by vagrants. It has been determined that the structures are no longer necessary for County use.

JRP Historical Consulting LLC (JRP) evaluated the buildings in accordance with Section 15064.5 of the CEQA guidelines, using criteria outlined in Section 5024.1 of the California Public Resources Code and concluded that the structures were not a historical resource. JRP also conducted an archaeological survey and found no record of archaeological sites. However, if any archaeological resources are discovered during the demolition the work will halt immediately until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Delay in approving the project may result in a delay of design, construction, and may jeopardize funding.

ATTACHMENTS

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