

APPENDIX B

Biological Resources

Technical Memorandum

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Andrew Metzger
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RE: 752 Chestnut Street Redevelopment Project - Biological Resources Survey Report Update
(HTH #3328-22)

Dear Mr. Metzger:

Per your request, H. T. Harvey & Associates has conducted an assessment of existing biological resources on, and potential impacts that may result from proposed development of, the property located at 752 Chestnut Street (APN 054-063-180) in Redwood City, California. In 2014, the County proposed the redevelopment of two sites: 551 Winslow Street and 752 Chestnut Street in Redwood City. In support of those projects, H. T. Harvey & Associates previously evaluated potential biological constraints at both sites on November 11, 2014¹. During that evaluation, we conducted a reconnaissance-level survey of each site to: 1) assess existing biotic habitats on the project sites, 2) assess the project sites for their potential to support special-status species and their habitats, and 3) determine whether jurisdictional habitats such as waters of the U.S./State and riparian habitat were present on the project sites. We understand that the project description has changed for the 752 Chestnut Street site. The 752 Chestnut Street project originally involved the demolition of a survey shed located along the southern border of the site and construction of a larger building in its place. That plan has changed and the County now proposes to demolish an approximately 2,700 square foot (sf), one-story building located on the southwestern corner of the 752 Chestnut Street site, and construct a 13,000 sf radio service facility in its place. The radio service facility would be constructed over the footprint of the existing weights and measures building and a portion of the surrounding paved lot. This assessment was conducted to re-evaluate the 752 Chestnut Street site to determine if there have been any changes to the existing biological resources conditions on the site for the purpose

¹ H. T. Harvey & Associates. 2014. Biological Resources Technical Memorandum. November 11. Los Gatos, California. Memo prepared by H. T. Harvey & Associates for the San Mateo County Emergency Management Center (EMC) Construction and Motor Pool Relocation, San Mateo County.

of evaluating potential impacts of the proposed redevelopment on those resources. This follow-up assessment only evaluates the 752 Chestnut Street site.

On November 4, 2020, I conducted a follow-up field survey of the project site. During the survey, I walked the entirety of site and examined conditions throughout the site, with a particular emphasis on the area where the new proposed development would occur. Based on this survey, I confirmed that conditions have not changed since the 2014 survey. As described in our 2014 memorandum, the project site is entirely developed and contains large amounts of paved surfaces and associated ruderal or landscaped habitats. The site therefore does not support any special-status plants or animals, sensitive or jurisdictional habitats, or other biological resources that would be significantly impacted under the California Environmental Quality Act, and/or for which regulatory agency approvals or mitigation measures may be required.

However, as described in our 2014 memorandum, proposed activities have some potential to impact non-special-status nesting birds, which may nest in shrubs or trees, or on buildings. Nearly all native migratory birds, including common species, are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code, which prohibit take of individuals, including eggs and young. Thus, as proposed in our 2014 memorandum, we recommend implementing avoidance and minimization measures, including avoiding initiation of construction during the bird nesting season, or conducting pre-construction/pre-disturbance surveys within 7 days of project activities if work cannot commence outside the nesting bird season. The nesting bird season in San Mateo County extends from January 1 through August 31 for most raptors and February 1 through August 31 for most non-raptors. Additionally, if project activities will not be initiated until after the start of the nesting season, potential nesting substrate (e.g., bushes, trees, grasses, and other vegetation) that is scheduled to be removed by the project should be removed prior to the start of the nesting season (e.g., prior to 1 January) to reduce the potential for initiation of nests.

Please feel free to contact me at kbriones@harveyecology.com or 408-458-3263 if you have any questions about the survey results. Thank you for contacting H. T. Harvey & Associates regarding this project.

Sincerely,



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