

14 April 2025

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North County Development Services Section

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR PROJECT PRJ2024-000982-(5), OAK TREE  
PERMIT NO. RPPL2024003171**

Oak Tree Permit No. RPPL2024003171 is scheduled for public hearing on 15 April 2025. After reviewing the hearing package for the item, I have the following questions. Please be prepared to answer these questions at the hearing. I ask that you forward this memo to the applicant/owner and ensure this memo is posted on the public website for the item. It is possible that information presented at the hearing may prompt additional questions.

1. The Staff Report, under Item 11, CEQA Determination, second paragraph, states: "...the proposed development would not result in a significant impact given that the Project will not require the removal or changing the understory." The Oak Tree Report states that 30 percent of Oak Tree No. 1's protected zone will be encroached, plus 25 percent of its canopy removed, and impacts to Oak Tree No. 1 "will be significant." Proposed Site Plan, Sheet A1.0, shows development within the understory of all three ordinance-protected oak trees. As each tree's protected zone includes its understory, please explain the statement in Item 11 of the Staff Report concerning the understory.
2. In the draft findings, Hearing Officer's Conclusion A states: "The conditions of approval will ensure all the impacted trees are minimized." Please explain this statement.

Sincerely,



Gina Natoli, MURP, AICP  
Hearing Officer

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