

Attention Camille.
Re -PLN 2019 – 00362

The following input has been generated by neighbors who volunteer with Caltrans to maintain the heavily treed Caltrans property located East [per plan marking] of the proposed development.

Below are some questions/comments that require your attention /feedback.

- It appears as though there are trees marked for removal both inside and outside the property lines - **how is the removal process being addressed and will there be replacement trees planted?**
- The habitat surrounding the property in question has many trees and foliage, and a large and varying wildlife population living and utilizing the area for food and travel. **The surrounding habitat is not to be disturbed or altered in any way. The development must be contained within the building envelope and easement area. The plans should specially lay out details as to how the developer intends to protect the area.**
- On the submitted plans it is noted Plan Page SE 1 note; built w/ urban wild life construction requirements - **Clarification and noted plan details are required.**
- The Caltrans driveway entrance on Cedar Street East of the development is marked no trespassing – by ROW from Caltrans the drive entrance and gravel road was built and is maintained by private property. **[State - no trespassing sign at entrance], use of the area is strictly prohibited, use is by only by Caltrans preapproval .**
- Located on Cedar Street there is an existing culvert and dirt driveway to enter the property - not accurately depicted on plan page SE1. **The existing entrance does not reflect what is indicated on the plans SE1 [the existing differs from that shown on the plans]. Please clarify.**

Re Safety - Attention is required as follows;

- The proposed build area is considered to be a high-risk forest fire zone as the area is filled with forest fuels which have not yet been cleared. Therefore all appropriate fire safety measures should be considered during as well as after development. **NOTE** - Updated Fire code states that any new home development must be built within a specific number of feet to a specifically pressurized fire hydrant, otherwise the developer is responsible for installing a new pressurized hydrant for the area. **Specific attention must be invested to ensure fire safety, not only for the new development but also for the surrounding critical Habitat area. An undertaking must be made to engage both MWSD as well as Fire on the fire safety issue - neighbors and the general area must be protected from fires of any sort. What fire safety measures will be taken? Is a new/closer fire hydrant required?**

- PG&E services are indicated on the plans SE1 to require 3 new utility poles with overhead service wires spanning approximately 200 feet from across Cedar Street through a heavily treed/wooded area to connect to the home. Though the utilities meters placement or home attachment are not indicated on the plans. It should be pointed out that through PG&E's Forest fire prevention mandate to prevent fallen wires from causing fires, they are currently spending millions of dollars clearing away trees/branches and wood fuel from overhead wires. **The build location of this home requires special attention being paid to the prevention fires, specifically forest fires. Everything which is allowed and can be done to reduce the risk of forest fires must be done in this instance. Instead of the use of overhead wires, underground services should be used to limit the further risk of forest fires. Also, it is crucial for all utility connections to be a safe distance away from neighboring properties and the connections are protected from falling debris such as branches/trees.**
- MWSD service connections to the actual home are not indicated on the plans, though there is mention on the plans of fire sprinkler feed and sewer feed available from the Cedar Street. - **All service utilities should be clearly marked on the plans - the plans require updating to reflect how and where MWSD services are to be connected from the street to the home.**
- Reducing carbon emissions through development is a goal in California and Globally – **what measures has the developer taken to reduce the carbon footprint? Solar roofing should be considered.**