



City of Santa Barbara California

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 026-07
601 NORMAN FIRESTONE ROAD
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
JUNE 7, 2007

**APPLICATION OF OWEN THOMAS, AGENT FOR THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, 601
NORMAN FIRESTONE ROAD, 073-045-003, A-A-O, A-F, S-D-3, AIRCRAFT APPROACH
AND OPERATIONS, AIRPORT FACILITIES, AND COASTAL OVERLAY ZONES,
GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: MAJOR PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL
(MST 2007-00158, CDP2007-00005)**

The proposed project involves the continued maintenance and grading of approximately 123 acres of infield safety area, and the maintenance and grading of approximately 30 acres of new infield safety area created as part of the Airfield Safety Projects in 2006 and 2007 at the Santa Barbara Airport. The discretionary application required for this project is a Coastal Development Permit to maintain and regrade existing Runway and Taxiway Safety Areas as necessary in the Appealable Jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone (SBMC § 28.45.009).

The Environmental Analyst has completed an addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Existing Runway and Taxiway Safety Area Grading Project. The addendum concluded that no significant impacts to the environment are anticipated to result from the proposed maintenance project.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held the required public hearing on the above application, and the Applicant was present.

WHEREAS, No one appeared to speak in favor of the application, and no one appeared to speak in opposition thereto, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, May 31, 2007
2. Site Plans

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Planning Commission:

I. Approved the subject application making the following findings and determinations:

A. Findings for the Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum (CEQA Guidelines 15164)

1. In the Planning Commission's independent judgment there is no substantial evidence that this project will have a significant effect on the environment; and,
2. Minor technical changes and additions are necessary to complete environmental review however a Supplemental Negative Declaration is not required because the proposed project remains largely unchanged from the existing project described in the Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV97-0005.
3. No substantial changes are proposed in the project and no substantial changes

have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which would require major revisions of the Negative Declaration. No new information of substantial importance shows a new or more severe impact. Additionally, no new information of substantial importance shows that a previously considered infeasible mitigation or alternative and no new mitigation or alternative that would substantially reduce the impact of the maintenance project are known to exist (CEQA Guidelines §15162(a)).

4. Pursuant to Section §15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the Planning Commission adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration ENV97-0005 and Addendum dated May 21, 2007.

B. Findings for the Coastal Development Permit:

The project is consistent with the policies with all applicable policies of the California Coastal Act, the City's Local Coastal plan, all applicable implementing guidelines, and all applicable provisions of the Code because:

1. Allowing wetland plants to reestablish constitutes the least environmentally damaging, feasible project that satisfies federal requirements for a compact and clear Safety Area (Airport Local Coastal Plan Policy C-9, Coastal Act Policy 30233(a)(4)).
2. The project would neither introduce nor mitigate existing risks to life and property in an area of high geologic, flood, or fire hazard. The project would be consistent with requirements imposed by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District as standard dust control mitigation measures will be applied (Coastal Act Policy 30253).
3. The project is designed to protect water quality and minimize impacts to coastal waters by incorporating measures designed to ensure that areas that provide important water quality benefits are protected (Airport Local Coastal Plan Policy C-12).
4. The project is consistent with the visual character of the surrounding area and the Santa Barbara Airport as the project will maintain existing grade and the project area will be restored with appropriate landscaping and will not obstruct important public views (SBMC Chapter 29.87, and Airport Local Coastal Plan Policy E-1).
5. The project is consistent with the uses in the Aircraft Approach and Operations (A-A-O) and Airport Facilities (A-F) zones (SBMC Chapters 29.12 and 29.15).

II. Said approval is subject to the following conditions:

- A. **Permit Permanence:** This Coastal Development Permit (CDP) shall be in effect from the date upon which the Planning Commission issues a Coastal Permit for this project unless maintenance activity does not commence within two (2) years of said date. This permit is not to expire. Airport staff shall be required to submit for a CDP for any work in the Safety Areas beyond that allowed in this permit not eligible for a Coastal Exclusion. Airport staff shall maintain a record of all maintenance work in the Safety Areas which shall be submitted with the request for any future CDP along with information regarding the existence of any new endangered, threatened or candidate species for such designation.
- B. **Condition Consistency.** All conditions imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Commission and the Regional Water Quality Control Board are hereby incorporated by reference into these conditions. Where there are differences in conditions between this document and conditions imposed by other agencies, those most protective of the environment shall prevail.
- C. **Uninterrupted Water Flow.** The Airport shall provide for the uninterrupted flow of water through the Real Property including, but not limited to, swales, natural water courses, conduits and any access road, as appropriate. The Airport is responsible for the adequacy of any project-related drainage facilities and for the continued maintenance thereof in a manner that will preclude any hazard to life, health or damage to the Real Property or any adjoining property.
- D. **Maintenance of Drainage System.** The Airport shall be responsible for maintaining the drainage system in a functioning state. Should any of the project's surface or subsurface drainage structures fail or result in increased erosion, the Airport shall be responsible for any necessary repairs to the system and restoration of the eroded area. Should repairs or restoration become necessary, prior to the commencement of such repair or restoration work, the applicant shall submit a repair and restoration plan to the Community Development Director to determine if an amendment or a new Coastal Development Permit is required to authorize such work.
- E. **BMP Training.** Employee training shall be provided on the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in order to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to storm water from buildings and ground maintenance. The training shall include using good housekeeping practices, preventive maintenance and spill prevention and control at outdoor loading/ unloading areas in order to keep debris from entering the storm water collection system.
- F. **Storm Water Pollution Control Systems Maintenance.** The Airport shall maintain the drainage system, storm drain water interceptor and other storm water pollution control devices in accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Procedure Plan approved by the Building Official and/or the Public Works Director.
- G. **California Department of Fish and Game Fees Required.** Pursuant to Section 21089(b) of the California Public Resources Code and Section 711.4 et. seq. of the

California Fish and Game Code, the approval of this permit/project shall not be considered final unless the specified Department of Fish and Game fees are paid and filed with the California Department of Fish and Game within five days of the project approval. The fees required are \$850 for projects with Environmental Impact Reports and \$1,250 for projects with Negative Declarations. Without the appropriate fee, the Notice of Determination (which the City is required to file within five days of project approval) cannot be filed and the project approval is not operative, vested or final. The fee shall be delivered to the Planning Division immediately upon project approval in the form of a check payable to the California Department of Fish and Game.

- H. Community Development Requirements Prior to Building or Public Works Permit Application/Issuance.** The following shall be finalized prior to, and/or submitted with, the application for any Building or Public Works permit:
1. **Contractor and Subcontractor Notification.** The Airport shall notify in writing all contractors and subcontractors of the site rules, restrictions and Conditions of Approval. Submit a copy of the notice to the Planning Division.
 2. **Final Planning Commission Resolution Submittal.** The final Planning Commission Resolution shall be submitted, indicating how each condition is met with drawing sheet and/or note references to verify condition compliance. If the condition relates to a document submittal, describe the status of the submittal (e.g., Final Map submitted to Public Works Department for review), and attach documents as appropriate.
- I. Building Permit Plan Requirements.** The following requirements/notes shall be incorporated into the plans submitted to any Building and Safety Division for Building permits.
1. **Pre-Construction Conference.** Prior to commencement of maintenance grading work, a conference to review site conditions, maintenance schedule, conditions, and environmental monitoring requirements, shall be held by the General Contractor. The conference shall include representatives from the Public Works Department Engineering and Transportation Divisions, Building Division, Planning Division, the Airport, Project Engineer, Contractor and each Subcontractor.
 2. **Post-Construction Erosion Control and Water Quality Plan.** Provide an engineered drainage plan that addresses the existing drainage patterns and leads towards improvement of the quality and/or rate of water run-off conditions from the site. The Airport shall install bioswales, catch basins, storm drainage interceptors or clarifiers on the Real Property, or other measures specified in the Erosion Control Plan, to intercept all sediment from the parking lot areas and other improved, hard-surfaced areas prior to discharge into the public storm drain system, including any creeks. All proposed interceptors or clarifiers shall be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Department and the Building and Safety Division. Maintenance of these facilities shall be provided by the Airport, as outlined in Condition D, above, which shall include the regular

sweeping and/or vacuuming of parking areas where interceptors and clarifiers are located and a catch basin cleaning program.

3. **Conditions on Plans/Signatures.** The final Planning Commission Resolution shall be provided on a full size drawing sheet as part of the drawing sets. Each condition shall have a sheet and/or note reference to verify condition compliance. If the condition relates to a document submittal, indicate the status of the submittal (e.g., Final Map submitted to Public Works Department for review). A statement shall also be placed on the above sheet as follows: The undersigned have read and understand the above conditions, and agree to abide by any and all conditions which is their usual and customary responsibility to perform, and which are within their authority to perform.

Signed:

Property Owner		Date
Contractor	Date	License No.
Architect	Date	License No.
Engineer	Date	License No.

J. Implementation Requirements. All of these requirements shall be carried out in the field for the duration of the project.

1. **Construction-Related Truck Trips.** Construction-related truck trips shall not be scheduled during peak hours (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). The purpose of this condition is to help reduce truck traffic on adjacent streets and roadways.
2. **Water Sprinkling During Grading.** During site grading and transportation of fill materials, regular water sprinkling shall occur using reclaimed water whenever the Public Works Director determines that it is reasonably available. During clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation, sufficient quantities of water, through use of either water trucks or sprinkler systems, shall be applied to prevent dust from leaving the site. Each day, after construction activities cease, the entire area of disturbed soil shall be sufficiently moistened to create a crust.

Throughout grading, water trucks or sprinkler systems shall also be used to keep all areas of vehicle movement damp enough to prevent dust raised from leaving the site. At a minimum, this will include wetting down such areas in the late morning and after work is completed for the day. Increased watering frequency will be required whenever the wind speed exceeds 15 mph.
3. **Street Sweeping.** The property frontage and adjacent property frontages, and parking and staging areas at the construction site shall be swept daily to decrease sediment transport to the public storm drain system and dust.

4. **Best Management Practices (BMPs).** Construction activities shall address water quality through the use of BMPs, as approved by the Building and Safety Division.
5. **Equipment Maintenance.** All equipment, including trucks, shall be professionally maintained and fitted with standard manufacturers' muffler and silencing devices.
6. **Unanticipated Archaeological Resources Contractor Notification.** Prior to the start of any vegetation or paving removal, demolition, trenching or grading below a depth of 10 centimeters (approximately 4 inches), contractors and maintenance personnel shall be alerted to the possibility of uncovering unanticipated subsurface archaeological features or artifacts associated with past human occupation of the parcel. If such archaeological resources are encountered or suspected, work shall be halted immediately, the City Environmental Analyst shall be notified and an archaeologist from the most current City Qualified Archaeologists List shall be retained by the applicant. The latter shall be employed to assess the nature, extent and significance of any discoveries and to develop appropriate management recommendations for archaeological resource treatment, which may include, but are not limited to, redirection of grading and/or excavation activities, consultation and/or monitoring with a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List, etc.

If the discovery consists of possible human remains, the Santa Barbara County Coroner shall be contacted immediately. If the Coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the Coroner shall contact the California Native American Heritage Commission. A Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Environmental Analyst grants authorization.

If the discovery consists of possible prehistoric or Native American artifacts or materials, a Barbareño Chumash representative from the most current City Qualified Barbareño Chumash Site Monitors List shall be retained to monitor all further subsurface disturbance in the area of the find. Work in the area may only proceed after the Environmental Analyst grants authorization.

NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TIME LIMITS:

The Planning Commission's action approving the Coastal Development Permit shall expire two (2) years from the date of approval, per Santa Barbara Municipal Code §28.45.009.q, unless:

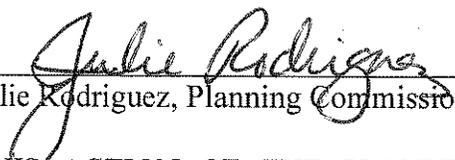
1. Otherwise explicitly modified by conditions of approval of the development permit, or unless maintenance of the development has commenced.
2. A Building permit for the work authorized by the coastal development permit is issued prior to the expiration date of the approval.

3. A one (1) year time extension may be granted by the Planning Commission if the construction authorized by the permit is being diligently pursued to completion and issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Not more than three (3) extensions may be granted.

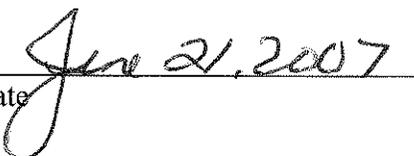
This motion was passed and adopted on the 7th day of June, 2007 by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Myers)

I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission at its meeting of the above date.



Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary



Date

THIS ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CAN BE APPEALED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.