

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Environmental Health Services

Date:
Hearing Date:

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Brian J. Zamora, Director, Public Health and Environmental Protection Division
SUBJECT: **Certification of the Negative Declaration for San Mateo County Tower Road Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing, close the hearing and then adopt a resolution certifying the project's Negative Declaration by finding that:

1. The Negative Declaration is complete, correct and adequate and prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and applicable State and County guidelines.
2. The Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of San Mateo County.
3. On the basis of the Initial Study, comments received hereto, and testimony presented and considered at the public hearing, there is no substantial evidence that the project, if subject to the mitigation measures contained in the Negative Declaration, will have a significant effect on the environment.
4. The mitigation measures identified in the Negative Declaration, agreed to by the applicant, placed as conditions on the project, and identified as part of this public hearing, have been incorporated into the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan in conformance with California Public Resources Code Section 21081.6.

Background

San Mateo County Environmental Health Services Division has been operating the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program for over ten years. The Division is the only HHW collection provider for the residents in San Mateo County. The program's mission is to reduce the amount of HHW disposed at solid waste landfills and reduce illegal dumping of hazardous waste from households and small businesses. Additionally, San Mateo County strives to provide the greatest service to the maximum number of residents as often as possible. In working with various cities, the County agreed to jointly develop a variety of HHW collection programs and facilities. One of the HHW objectives was to decentralize collection sites to provide more locally accessible HHW facilities.

Nine cities were selected in which to establish nine permanent collection sites. Currently, the program operates four permanent and five temporary satellite sites. The fifth permanent collection facility is planned for the unincorporated Highlands area in the City of San Mateo.

Discussion

The project consists of the certification of the environmental document (Mitigated Negative Declaration) for the partial conversion of the existing Paint Shop at the Tower Road County Government Facility to be used as the San Mateo County Tower Road HHW Collection Facility. The existing Paint Shop will continue to occupy a portion of the building. The partial conversion for the HHW Collection Facility will be open with regular operating hours to better serve the residents. The facility operating design, layout and capacity will also be expanded to resolve current issues inherent in the program's current structure. These issues include size, ventilation, and various health and safety standards. Current collection facilities (for example, the BFI Transfer Station in the City of San Carlos) are burdened by public demand and not able to adequately collect large waste volumes. The Tower Road HHW Collection Facility will also relieve the demands on current facilities.

Environmental impacts discussed within the document include geology, vegetation, grading, erosion and surface water controls, noise, hazardous/toxic materials, air quality and aesthetics. The County identified grading, air quality, hazardous/toxic materials, and aesthetics as potential environmental impacts for this project. All significant environmental impacts identified will be mitigated during and after construction as required by the mitigation measures indicated in the Negative Declaration. These include such measures as: compliance with earthquake resistance standards; noise levels; compliance with collection and storage requirements; color-matching the proposed canopy to the existing building Performance Measures.

The Planning Division of Environmental Services Agency posted this Negative Declaration with the County Recorder's Office for a period of 20 days in accordance with State and Local CEQA Guidelines. A notice of availability of this document was also advertised in the San Mateo Times. The Negative Declaration had a review period of June 28, 2001 through July 17, 2001. No comments were received.

HHW staff contacted the Presidents of the Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association and the Highland Community Association. A Special Notice with project description and a copy of the Negative Declaration were forwarded to the Associations for review. This project was also discussed at the City of Belmont Study Session on August 14, 2001.

The Household Hazardous Waste collection facility sited at Tower Road is intended to be temporary. A complete site study will be conducted of the County's Tower Road facilities in the future.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the preparation and certification of this environmental document. In addition, there will be no net county cost associated with conversion of the building and operation of the facility. Environmental Health will be receiving funding from the State and Public Works to pay for the conversion of the building and any necessary equipment. An ATR recognizing these revenues will be brought to your Board at a future date. The County Planning Division prepared the environmental document for the County Environmental Health Services Division.

RECOMMENDED

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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CERTIFICATION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE SAN MATEO COUNTY TOWER ROAD
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, the County is proposing to partially convert the existing County of San Mateo Paint Shop to be used as the San Mateo County Tower Road Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility; and

WHEREAS, the project has been designed to minimize the disturbance to the surrounding environment; and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration to review possible environmental impacts of the proposed project has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, this Board has taken public testimony on the Negative Declaration and has reviewed and considered said Negative Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Negative Declaration is certified as follows:

1. The Negative Declaration is complete, correct and adequate and prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and applicable State and County guidelines;
2. The Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of San Mateo County;
3. On the basis of the Initial Study, comments received hereto, and testimony presented and considered at the public hearing, that there is no substantial evidence that the project, if subject to the mitigation measures contained in the Negative Declaration, will have a significant effect on the environment;
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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, PLANNING DIVISION

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A notice, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code 21,000 et seq.), that the following project: Tower Road Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, when implemented, will not have a significant impact on the environment.

FILE NO.: PLN 2001-00434

OWNER: County of San Mateo

APPLICANT: County of San Mateo Environmental Health Services Division

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: 041-322-020

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The project involves the partial conversion of the existing County of San Mateo Paint Shop at the Tower Road Facilities into a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (PHHWCF) and the addition of a drive-through canopy. The existing Paint Shop currently houses latex and oil-based paints, aerosols, and solvents. Current operations at the Paint Shop include bulking, mixing, tinting, and thinning of paints as well as bulking of any paint-related waste generated by various paint jobs and activities. The partial conversion to a PHHWCF will provide for the collection and accumulation of similar paint products as well as other household hazardous wastes generated by County residences and conditionally exempt small businesses. Latex and oil-based paints, aerosols, and solvents will be collected primarily for re-use or recycling. The PHHWCF will also collect and accumulate non-paint products considered hazardous waste such as household-sized containers of garden chemicals, pool and spa chemicals, cleaners, batteries, fluorescent tubes, and broken thermometers. Any item that cannot be recycled will be properly stored on-site until proper shipping can be arranged. The maximum accumulation time for any given waste is one year. All waste accumulated will ultimately be lab-packed or bulked for shipping and disposal at an off-site disposal facility.

FINDINGS AND BASIS FOR A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Planning Division has reviewed the initial study for the above project and, based upon substantial evidence in the record, finds that:

1. The project will not adversely affect water or air quality or increase noise levels substantially.
2. The project will not have adverse impacts on the flora or fauna of the area.
3. The project will not degrade the aesthetic quality of the area.
4. The project will not have adverse impacts on traffic or land use.

5. In addition, the project will not:
 - a. Create impacts which have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment.
 - b. Create impacts which achieve short-term to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
 - c. Create impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable.
 - d. Create environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

The County of San Mateo has, therefore, determined that the environmental impact of the project is less than significant.

MITIGATION MEASURES included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects:

Mitigation Measure 1: All proposed improvements shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the latest earthquake resistance standards of the Uniform Building Code (UBC) released by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO).

Mitigation Measure 2: Construction hours shall be Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and no construction will be allowed on Sundays or national holidays. Noise levels produced by the proposed construction activity shall not exceed the 80-dBA level at any one moment.

Mitigation Measure 3: The collection and storage of all products are required to meet all requirements of the County of San Mateo Environmental Health Division, Fire Department, and the Department of Toxic Substance Control.

Mitigation Measure 4: The exterior materials and colors of the proposed canopy shall match that of the existing building.

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY CONSULTATION

State Department of Public Health
State Department of Toxic Substance Control

INITIAL STUDY

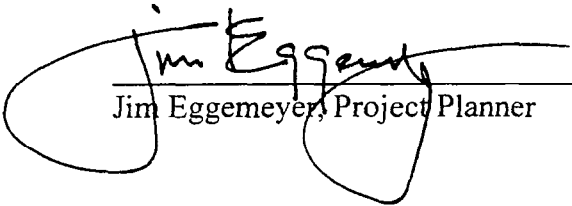
The San Mateo County Planning Division has reviewed the Environmental Evaluation of this project and has found that the probable environmental impacts are insignificant. A copy of the initial study is attached.

REVIEW PERIOD: June 28, 2001 to July 17, 2001

All comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of this Negative Declaration must be received by the County Planning Division, 455 County Center, Second Floor, Redwood City, no later than 5:00 p.m., July 17, 2001.

CONTACT PERSON:

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County of San Mateo
Planning and Building Division

INITIAL STUDY
ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST
(To Be Completed By Planning Division)

I. BACKGROUND

Project Title: Tower Road Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

File No.: PLN 2001-00434

Project Location: 30 Tower Road, San Mateo

Assessor's Parcel No.: 041-322-020

Applicant/Owner: County of San Mateo Environmental Health Services Division/County of San Mateo

Date Environmental Information Form Submitted: N/A

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II. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Any controversial answers or answers needing clarification are explained on an attached sheet. For source, refer to pages 10 and 11.

	IMPACT					SOURCE
	NO	YES				
		Not Significant	Significant Unless Mitigated	Significant	Cumulative	
1. <u>LAND SUITABILITY AND GEOLOGY</u>						
Will (or could) this project:						
a. Involve a unique landform or biological area, such as beaches, sand dunes, marshes, tidelands, or San Francisco Bay?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>B,F,O</u>
b. Involve construction on slope of 15% or greater?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>E,I</u>
c. Be located in area of soil instability (subsidence, landslide or severe erosion)?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>Bc,D</u>
d. Be located on, or adjacent to a known earthquake fault?	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	<u>Bc,D</u>
e. Involve Class I or Class II Agriculture Soils and Class III Soils rated good or very good for artichokes or Brussels sprouts?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>M</u>
f. Cause erosion or siltation?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>M,I</u>
g. Result in damage to soil capability or loss of agricultural land?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>A,M</u>
h. Be located within a flood hazard area?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>G</u>
i. Be located in an area where a high water table may adversely affect land use?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>D</u>
j. Affect a natural drainage channel or streambed, or watercourse?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>E</u>
2. <u>VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE</u>						
Will (or could) this project:						
a. Affect federal or state listed rare or endangered species of plant life in the project area?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>F</u>

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b. Involve cutting of heritage or significant trees as defined in the County Heritage Tree and Significant Tree Ordinance?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I,A </u>
c. Be adjacent to or include a habitat food source, water source, nesting place or breeding place for a federal or state listed rare or endangered wildlife species?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> F </u>
d. Significantly affect fish, wildlife, reptiles, or plant life?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
e. Be located inside or within 200 feet of a marine or wildlife reserve?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> E,F,O </u>
f. Infringe on any sensitive habitats?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> F </u>
g. Involve clearing land that is 5,000 sq. ft. or greater (1,000 sq. ft. within a County Scenic Corridor), that has slopes greater than 20% or that is in a sensitive habitat or buffer zone?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I,F,Bb </u>
3. <u>PHYSICAL RESOURCES</u>						
Will (or could) this project:						
a. Result in the removal of a natural resource for commercial purposes (including rock, sand, gravel, oil, trees, minerals or top soil)?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
b. Involve grading in excess of 150 cubic yards?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
c. Involve lands currently protected under the Williamson Act (agricultural preserve) or an Open Space Easement?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
d. Affect any existing or potential agricultural uses?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> A,K,M </u>

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4. AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY, SONIC						
Will (or could) this project:						
a. Generate pollutants (hydrocarbon, thermal odor, dust or smoke particulates, radiation, etc.) that will violate existing standards of air quality on site or in the surrounding area?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I,N,R </u>
b. Involve the burning of any material, including brush, trees and construction materials?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
c. Be expected to result in the generation of noise levels in excess of those currently existing in the area, after construction?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> Ba,I </u>
d. Involve the application, use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, including pesticides, herbicides, other toxic substances, or radioactive material?	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
e. Be subject to noise levels in excess of levels determined appropriate according to the County Noise Ordinance or other standard?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> A,Ba,Bc </u>
f. Generate noise levels in excess of levels determined appropriate according to the County Noise Ordinance standard?	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
g. Generate polluted or increased surface water runoff or affect groundwater resources?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
h. Require installation of a septic tank/leachfield sewage disposal system or require hookup to an existing collection system which is at or over capacity?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> S </u>

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5. <u>TRANSPORTATION</u>						
Will (or could) this project:						
a. Affect access to commercial establishments, schools, parks, etc.?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> A,I </u>
b. Cause noticeable increase in pedestrian traffic or a change in pedestrian patterns?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> A,I </u>
c. Result in noticeable changes in vehicular traffic patterns or volumes (including bicycles)?	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
d. Involve the use of off-road vehicles of any kind (such as trail bikes)?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
e. Result in or increase traffic hazards?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> S </u>
f. Provide for alternative transportation amenities such as bike racks?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
g. Generate traffic which will adversely affect the traffic carrying capacity of any roadway?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> S </u>
6. <u>LAND USE AND GENERAL PLANS</u>						
Will (or could) this project:						
a. Result in the congregating of more than 50 people on a regular basis?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
b. Result in the introduction of activities not currently found within the community?	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>
c. Employ equipment which could interfere with existing communication and/or defense systems?	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> I </u>

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d. Result in any changes in land use, either on or off the project site?	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	<u> I </u>
e. Serve to encourage off-site development of presently undeveloped areas or increase development intensity of already developed areas (examples include the introduction of new or expanded public utilities, new industry, commercial facilities or recreation activities)?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> I,Q,S </u>
f. Adversely affect the capacity of any public facilities (streets, highways, freeways, public transit, schools, parks, police, fire, hospitals), public utilities (electrical, water and gas supply lines, sewage and storm drain discharge lines, sanitary landfills) or public works serving the site?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> I,S </u>
g. Generate any demands that will cause a public facility or utility to reach or exceed its capacity?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> I,S </u>
h. Be adjacent to or within 500 feet of an existing or planned public facility?	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	<u> A </u>
i. Create significant amounts of solid waste or litter?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> I </u>
j. Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, coal, etc.)?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> I </u>
k. Require an amendment to or exception from adopted general plans, specific plans, or community policies or goals?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> B </u>
l. Involve a change of zoning?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> C </u>
m. Require the relocation of people or businesses?	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	<u> I </u>
n. Reduce the supply of low-income housing?	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u> I </u>

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o. Result in possible interference with an emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>S</u>
p. Result in creation of or exposure to a potential health hazard?	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	<u>S</u>
7. AESTHETIC, CULTURAL AND HISTORIC						
Will (or could) this project:						
a. Be adjacent to a designated Scenic Highway or within a State or County Scenic Corridor?	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	<u>A,Bb</u>
b. Obstruct scenic views from existing residential areas, public lands, public water body, or roads?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>A,I</u>
c. Involve the construction of buildings or structures in excess of three stories or 36 feet in height?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>I</u>
d. Directly or indirectly affect historical or archaeological resources on or near the site?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>H</u>
e. Visually intrude into an area having natural scenic qualities?	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	<u>A,I</u>

III. **RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES.** Check what agency has permit authority or other approval for the project.

AGENCY	YES	NO	TYPE OF APPROVAL
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CE)		X	
State Water Resources Control Board		X	
Regional Water Quality Control Board		X	
State Department of Public Health	X		Permit by rule.
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)		X	

AGENCY	YES	NO	TYPE OF APPROVAL
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)		X	
County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)		X	
CalTrans		X	
Bay Area Air Quality Management District		X	
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service		X	
Coastal Commission		X	
City		X	
Sewer/Water District:		X	
Other: State Department of Toxic Substance Control	X		Permit by rule.

IV. MITIGATION MEASURES

Mitigation measures have been proposed in project application.

Yes _____ No X

Other mitigation measures are needed.

X _____

The following measures are included in the project plans or proposals pursuant to Section 15070(b)(1) of the State CEQA Guidelines:

Mitigation Measure 1: All proposed improvements shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the latest earthquake resistance standards of the Uniform Building Code (UBC) released by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO).

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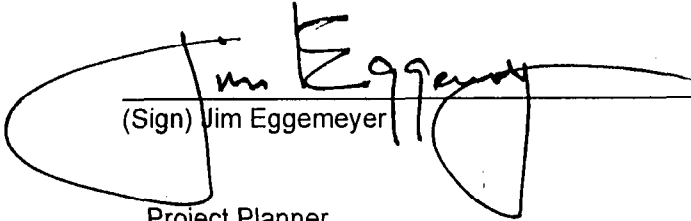
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V. **MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

	Yes	No
1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	_____	<u> X </u>
2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?	_____	<u> X </u>
3. Does the project have possible environmental effects which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?	_____	<u> X </u>
4. Would the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	_____	<u> X </u>

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- _____ I find the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared by the Planning Division.
- X I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there **WILL NOT** be a significant effect in this case because of the mitigation measures in the discussion have been included as part of the proposed project. A **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.
- _____ I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.



 (Sign) Jim Eggemeyer

 Project Planner
 (Title)

 June 28, 2001

 Date

VI. SOURCE LIST

- A. Field Inspection
- B. County General Plan 1986
 - a. General Plan Chapters 1-16
 - b. Local Coastal Program (LCP) (Area Plan)
 - c. Skyline Area General Plan Amendment
 - d. Montara-Moss Beach-El Granada Community Plan
 - e. Emerald Lake Hills Community Plan
- C. County Ordinance Code
- D. Geotechnical Maps
 - 1. USGS Basic Data Contributions
 - a. #43 Landslide Susceptibility
 - b. #44 Active Faults
 - c. #45 High Water Table
 - 2. Geotechnical Hazards Synthesis Maps
- E. USGS Quadrangle Maps, San Mateo County 1970 Series (See F. and H.)
- F. San Mateo County Rare and Endangered Species Maps, or Sensitive Habitats Maps
- G. Flood Insurance Rate Map - National Flood Insurance Program
- H. County Archaeologic Resource Inventory (Prepared by S. Dietz, A.C.R.S.) Procedures for Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties--36 CFR 800 (See R.)
- I. Project Plans or EIF
- J. Airport Land Use Committee Plans, San Mateo County Airports Plan
- K. Aerial Photography or Real Estate Atlas – REDI
 - 1. Aerial Photographs, 1941, 1953, 1956, 1960, 1963, 1970
 - 2. Aerial Photographs, 1981
 - 3. Coast Aerial Photos/Slides, San Francisco County Line to Ano Nuevo Point, 1971
 - 4. Historic Photos, 1928-1937
- L. Williamson Act Maps

M. Soil Survey, San Mateo Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture, May 1961

N. Air Pollution Isoleth Maps - Bay Area Air Pollution Control District

O. California Natural Areas Coordinating Council Maps (See F. and H.)

P. Forest Resources Study (1971)

Q. Experience with Other Projects of this Size and Nature

R. Environmental Regulations and Standards:

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| Federal | - Review Procedures for CDBG Programs | 24 CFR Part 58 |
| | - NEPA 24 CFR 1500-1508 | |
| | - Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties | 36 CFR Part 800 |
| | - National Register of Historic Places | |
| | - Floodplain Management | Executive Order 11988 |
| | - Protection of Wetlands | Executive Order 11990 |
| | - Endangered and Threatened Species | |
| | - Noise Abatement and Control | 24 CFR Part 51B |
| | - Explosive and Flammable Operations | 24 CFR 51C |
| | - Toxic Chemicals/Radioactive Materials | HUD 79-33 |
| | - Airport Clear Zones and APZ | 24 CFR 51D |
| State | - Ambient Air Quality Standards | Article 4, Section 1092 |
| | - Noise Insulation Standards | |

S. Consultation with Departments and Agencies:

- a. County Health Department
- b. City Fire Department
- c. California Department of Forestry
- d. Department of Public Works
- e. Disaster Preparedness Office
- f. Other

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Environmental Services Agency
Planning and Building Division

Initial Study Pursuant to CEQA
Project Narrative and Answers to Questions for the Negative Declaration
Tower Road Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
File No.: PLN 2001-00434

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves the partial conversion of the existing County of San Mateo Paint Shop at the Tower Road Facilities into a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (PHHWCF) and the addition of a drive-through canopy. The existing Paint Shop currently houses latex and oil-based paints, aerosols, and solvents. Current operations at the Paint Shop include bulking, mixing, tinting, and thinning of paints as well as bulking of any paint-related waste generated by various paint jobs and activities. The partial conversion to a PHHWCF will provide for the collection and accumulation of similar paint products as well as other household hazardous wastes generated by County residences and conditionally exempt small businesses. Latex and oil-based paints, aerosols, and solvents will be collected primarily for re-use or recycling. The PHHWCF will also collect and accumulate non-paint products considered hazardous waste such as household-sized containers of garden chemicals, pool and spa chemicals, cleaners, batteries, fluorescent tubes, and broken thermometers. Any item that cannot be recycled will be properly stored on-site until proper shipping can be arranged. The maximum accumulation time for any given waste is one year. All waste accumulated will ultimately be lab-packed or bulked for shipping and disposal at an off-site disposal facility.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. LAND SUITABILITY AND GEOLOGY

- d. Will (or could) this project be located on, or adjacent to a known earthquake fault?**

The project site is located adjacent to the San Andreas Fault Zone according to the San Mateo County General Plan Hazards Maps.

Mitigation Measure 1: All proposed improvements shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the latest earthquake resistance standards of the Uniform Building Code (UBC) released by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO).

4. AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY, SONIC

- d. Will (or could) this project involve the application, use, or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, including pesticides, herbicides, other toxic substances, or radioactive material?**

The new Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will involve the collection and storage of latex and oil-based paints, aerosols, solvents, household-sized containers of garden chemicals, pool and spa chemicals, cleaners, batteries, fluorescent tubes, and broken thermometers. All products will be handled and stored to the satisfaction of the County of San Mateo Environmental Health Division, Fire Department, and the Department of Toxic Substance Control.

No Mitigation Required.

- f. **Will (or could) this project generate noise levels in excess of levels determined appropriate according to the County Noise Ordinance standard?**

During construction, the noise levels may exceed the County Noise standard. The noise created by this project will be minimal and will only take place during the initial construction of the remodel.

Mitigation Measure 2: Construction hours shall be Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and no construction will be allowed on Sundays or national holidays. Noise levels produced by the proposed construction activity shall not exceed the 80-dBA level at any one moment.

5. **TRANSPORTATION**

- c. **Will (or could) this project result in noticeable changes in vehicular traffic patterns or volumes (including bicycles)?**

The new facility will include a minor increase in vehicular traffic from the current Paint Shop operation. The new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will be open from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will schedule appointments for residents of San Mateo County to drop off household hazardous waste. The increase in traffic will not cause the level of service on the existing roadways to be reduced due to the minor increase in vehicular traffic.

No Mitigation Required.

6. **LAND USE AND GENERAL PLANS**

- b. **Will (or could) this project result in the introduction of activities not currently found within the community?**

The collection of household hazardous waste is currently collected in multiple locations on various days each month. The partial conversion of the existing County of San Mateo Paint Shop at the Tower Road Facilities into a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will provide County residents with a centralized location for the disposal of their household wastes.

No Mitigation Required.

- d. **Will (or could) this project result in any changes in land use, either on or off the project site?**

The existing use of the building is a Paint Shop, which is proposed to be partially converted to a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

No Mitigation Required.

- h. **Will (or could) this project be adjacent to or within 500 feet of an existing or planned public facility?**

The proposed Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is adjacent to existing San Mateo County Government Facilities which include the San Mateo County Elections Division Office, Crystal Springs Rehabilitation Center, El Portal Del Sol School, Hillcrest Juvenile Correction Facility, San Mateo County Library Headquarters, Public Works Crafts and Maintenance Facility, CDF Fire Station, and the proposed Coroner's Office and Sheriff's Forensic Laboratory.

No Mitigation Required.

- m. **Will (or could) this project require the relocation of people or businesses?**

The current employees of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility program have offices located in the Redwood City County Government Center and would be relocated to the Tower Road Facility.

No Mitigation Required.

- p. **Will (or could) this project result in the creation of or exposure to a potential health hazard?**

The proposed Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility will result in the accumulation and storage of potentially hazardous materials such as latex and oil-based paints, aerosols, and solvents, household-sized containers of garden chemicals, pool and spa chemicals, cleaners, batteries, fluorescent tubes, and broken thermometers.

Mitigation Measure 3: The collection and storage of all products are required to meet all requirements of the County of San Mateo Environmental Health Division, Fire Department, and the Department of Toxic Substance Control.

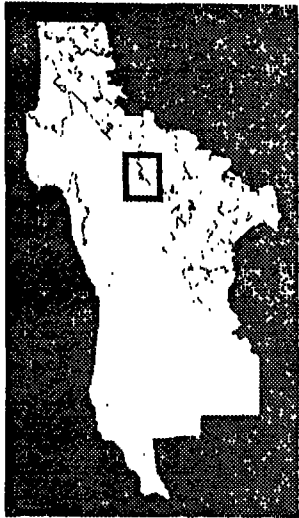
7. **AESTHETIC, CULTURAL, AND HISTORIC**

- a. **Will (or could) this project be adjacent to a designated Scenic Highway or within a State or County Scenic Corridor?**

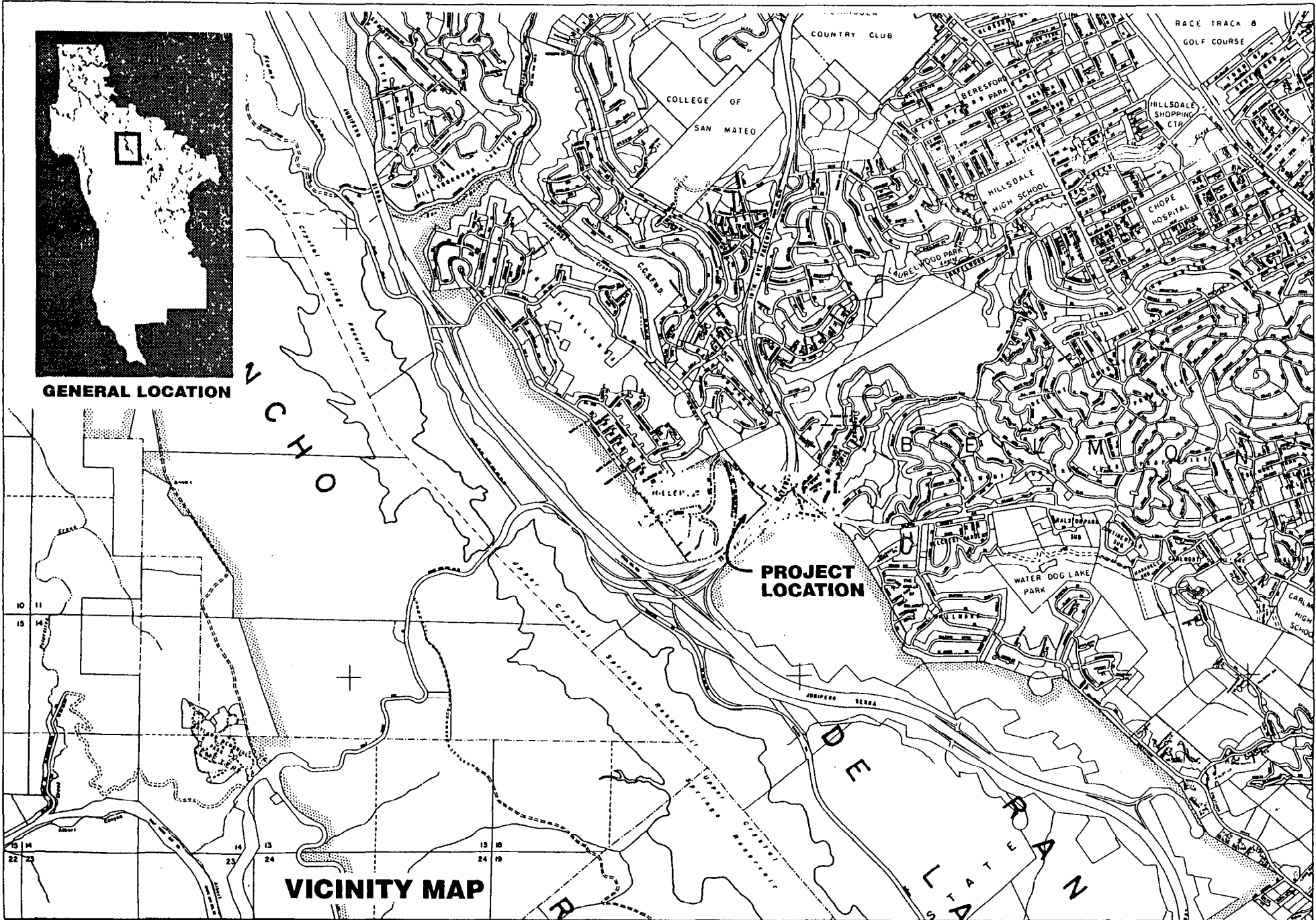
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Mitigation Measure 4: The exterior materials and colors of the proposed canopy shall match that of the existing building.

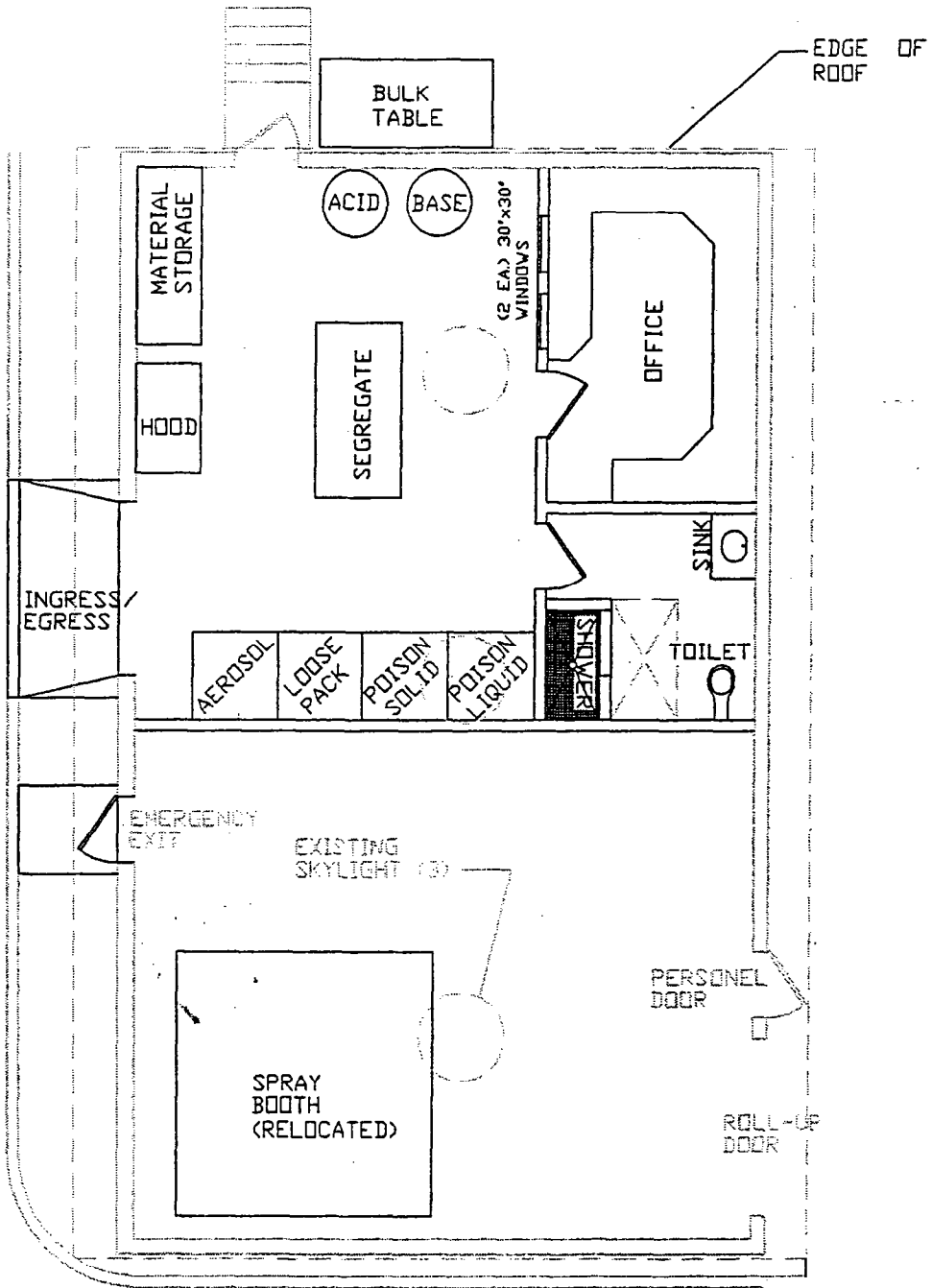
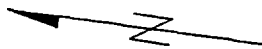
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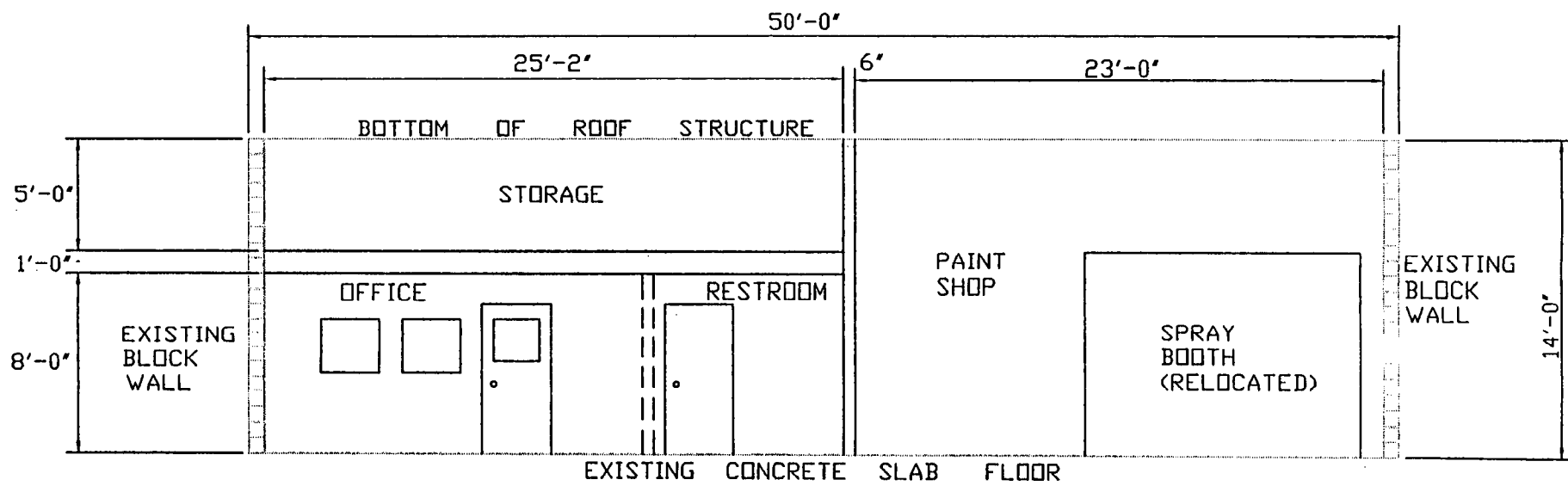
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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY
TOWER ROAD LOCATION
BUILDING PLAN

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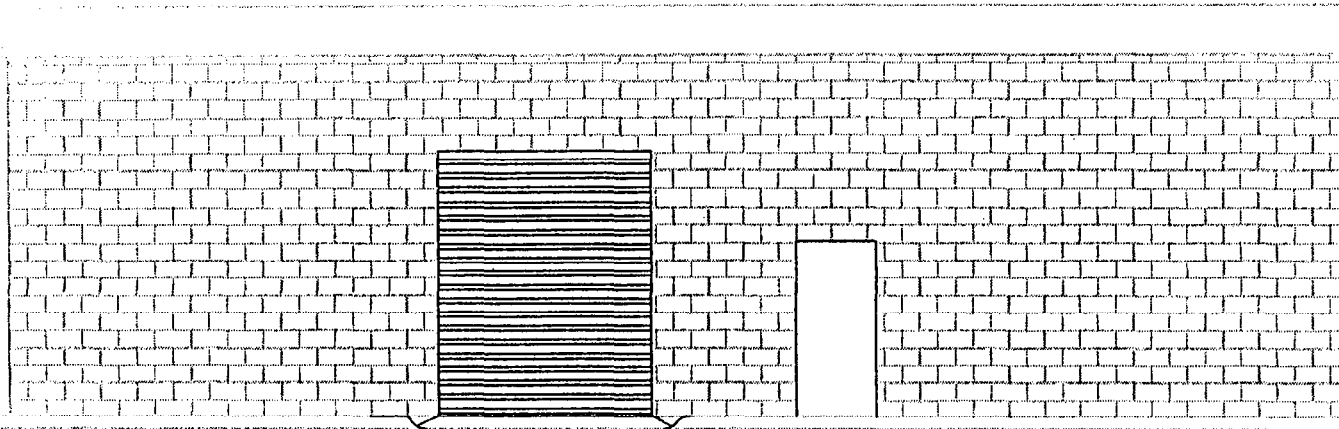
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 TOWER ROAD LOCATION
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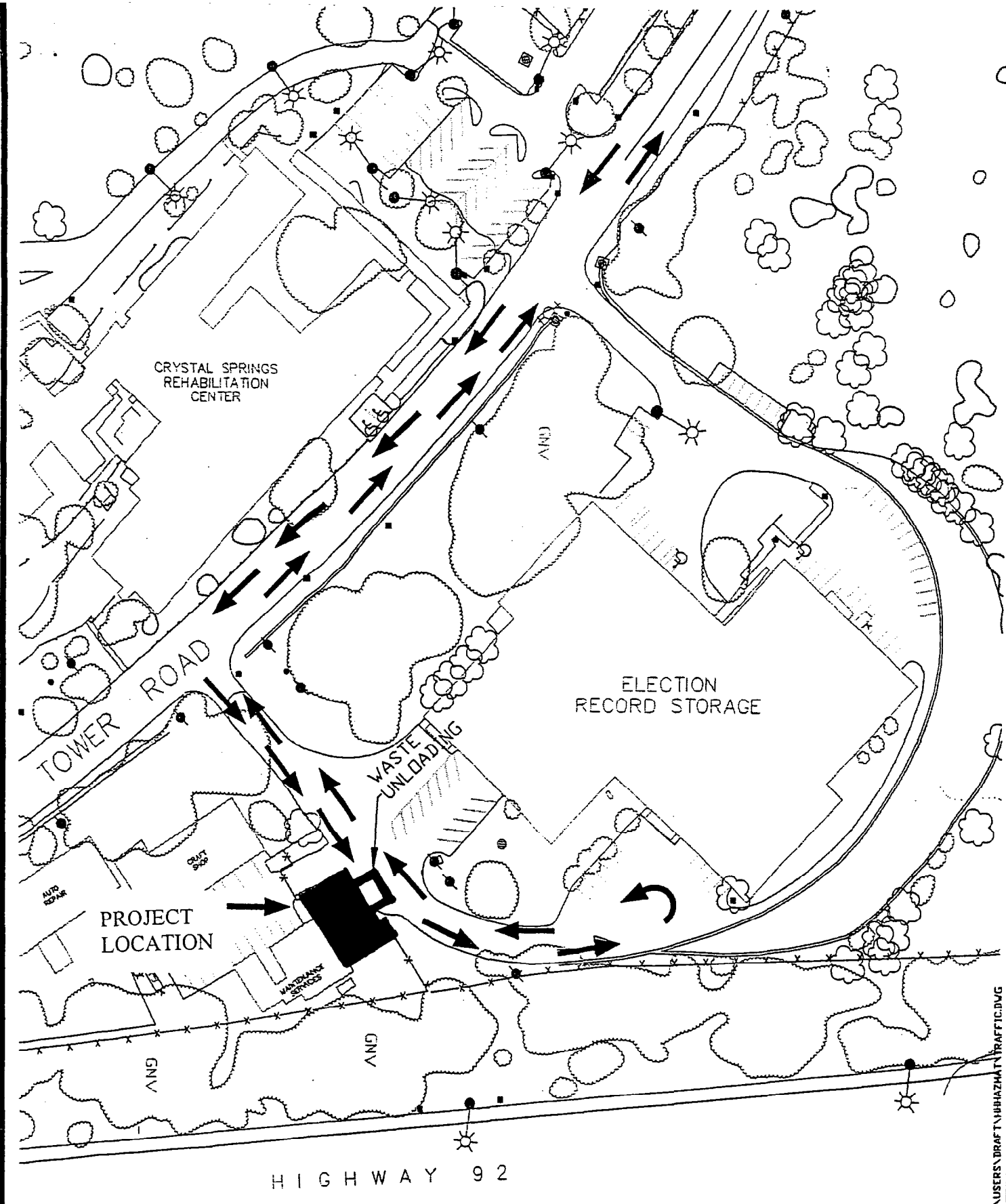
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 TOWER ROAD LOCATION
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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY
 TOWER ROAD LOCATION
TRAFFIC FLOW DIAGRAM

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SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider Certification of the Negative Declaration for the San Mateo County Tower Road Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

The application file number is PLN 2001-00434. The applicant is San Mateo County. The project is located on Tower Road. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 041-322-020.

The hearing will be held as follows:

DATE:

TIME:

PLACE: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Hall of Justice and Records
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA

The meeting will be open to the public and anyone interested may appear and be heard on this matter. All inquiries should be directed to Dermot Casey, Environmental Health Services, 650-363-4957.

Dated: _____

John Maltbie, County Manager/Clerk of the Board
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063
650-363-4123