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**Land Use Committee
Special Meeting
March 23, 2015 – 4:00 PM
Casa Dorinda Auditorium
300 Hot Springs Road**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Dealy, Emmens, Nagel, Budgor, Hayman, Bollay, Thielscher, Kupiec, Abatemarco

Absent: None

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2015 – No action

III. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda - None

IV. Conference Agenda

A. Consider Comments to Planning & Development Regarding the Draft Negative Declaration for the Casa Dorinda Master Plan – Budgor introduced the item and invited Ron Schaefer, Executive Director Casa Dorinda, to address the committee. Schaefer introduced the project. He previously requested extension of the public comment period on the draft Negative Declaration to provide the opportunity for Casa to answer some of the questions that arose the last Land Use Committee meeting. He described the project purpose and introduced the consultants that prepared the various studies the County used for the environmental document. Brian Cearnal, project architect described the project. Mark de la Garza rebutted comments on the biological resources evaluation.

Dale Zurawski, Wyant Road neighbor, identified concerns including lack of consultation with responsible agencies; the need for a spring inventory of rare and endangered plants, cultural resource survey and infrastructure mapping; reconsideration of the open space management plan; and misclassification of impacts to oak woodland habitat. She asked the Montecito Association to request preparation of an EIR. Additional neighbors commented on the lack of analysis of impacts to the historical gardens from the new well, presence of larger native mammals on site, impacts of the new well on the groundwater basin, impacts to the existing open space area from the trash collection, recycling area and memory care building, lighting impacts, visual impacts from the 30' building, importance of existing trails to the community, construction parking impacts and the need for story poles.

Several Casa Dorinda residents spoke. Brian McDermott requested Association support of the project. Ted Stern noted the cost and delay that would result if an EIR is prepared. Art Henzell stated that relocating the lawn bowling area from the center of the site to the great lawn area needed to be addressed in an EIR for the project.

Kellam DeForest noted the applicable Montecito Community Plan policies that protect historic resources and noted the importance of the bridge, Casa and lawn bowling area. Doris Medved expressed concern regarding trash collection areas and compliance with conditions. Brooks Firestone spoke about the importance of protection oak trees and against preparation of an EIR. Paula McDonald spoke about fear of change.

Following questions and discussion among the committee, Bollay moved and Abatemarco seconded a motion to recommend sending the comment letter as drafted with deletion of the request for preparation of an EIR, MSC, 9-2-0 (Dealy and Thielscher voting no).

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Next meeting April 7, 2015