

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement has reviewed the proposed project described below to determine whether it could have a significant effect on the environment as a result of project completion. "Significant effect on the environment" means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

NAME OF PROJECT: Alco Iron and Metals Co.

PROJECT FILE NUMBER: SP08-051

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Use Permit to convert an existing warehouse to a metals recycling facility on a 1.8 gross acre site

PROJECT LOCATION & ASSESSORS PARCEL NO.: Northeast side of Rogers Ave. 370 feet southeast of E. Brokaw Rd. (1788 Rogers Avenue) APN 237-09-133

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION: Michael Bercovich, 1091 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577

FINDING

The Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement finds the project described above will not have a significant effect on the environment in that the attached initial study identifies one or more potentially significant effects on the environment for which the project applicant, before public release of this draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, has made or agrees to make project revisions that clearly mitigate the effects to a less than significant level.

MITIGATION MEASURES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT TO REDUCE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL

- I. **AESTHETICS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- II. **AGRICULTURE RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- III. **AIR QUALITY** – The following construction practices shall be implemented during all phases of construction for the proposed project to prevent visible dust emissions from leaving the site.

- Water all active construction areas at least twice daily and more often during windy periods to prevent visible dust from leaving the site; active areas adjacent to windy periods; active areas adjacent to existing land uses shall be kept damp at all times, or shall be treated with non-toxic stabilizers or dust palliatives.
- Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials or require all trucks to maintain at least 2 feet of freeboard;
- Pave, apply water at least three times daily, or apply (non-toxic) soil stabilizers on all unpaved access roads, parking areas and staging areas at construction sites.
- Sweep daily (or more often if necessary) to prevent visible dust from leaving the site (preferably with water sweepers) all paved access roads, parking areas, and staging areas at construction sites; water sweepers shall vacuum up excess water to avoid runoff-related impacts to water quality; and
- Sweep streets daily, or more often if necessary (preferably with water sweepers) if visible soil material is carried onto adjacent public streets.
- Hydroseed or apply (non-toxic) soil stabilizers to inactive construction areas (previously graded areas inactive for ten days or more);
- Enclose, cover, water at least twice daily, or apply not-toxic soil binders to exposed stockpiles (dirt, sand, etc.) to prevent visible dust from leaving the site;
- Limit traffic speed on unpaved roads to 15 mph;
- Install sandbags or other erosion control measures to prevent silt runoff to public roadways; and
- Replant vegetation in disturbed areas as quickly as possible.

Measures to reduce diesel particulate matter exhaust from construction equipment:

1. Opacity is an indicator of exhaust particulate emissions from off-road diesel powered equipment. The project shall ensure that emissions from all construction diesel powered equipment used on the project site do not exceed 40 percent opacity for more than three minutes in any one hour. Any equipment found to exceed 40 percent opacity (or Ringelmann 2.0) shall be repaired immediately.
2. The contractor shall install temporary electrical service whenever possible to avoid the need for independently powered equipment (e.g. compressors).
3. Diesel equipment standing idle for more than two minutes shall be turned off. This would include trucks waiting to deliver or receive soil, aggregate, or other bulk materials. Rotating drum concrete trucks could keep their engines running continuously as long as they were onsite.
4. Properly tune and maintain equipment for low emissions.

IV. **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

V. **CULTURAL RESOURCES** – There shall be monitoring of site excavation activities to the extent determined by a qualified professional archaeologist to be necessary to insure accurate evaluation of potential impacts to prehistoric resources.

- 1) If no resources are discovered, the archaeologist shall submit a report to the City's Environmental Principal Planner verifying that the required monitoring occurred and that no further mitigation is necessary.
- 2) If evidence of any archaeological, cultural, and/or historical deposits are found, hand excavation and/or mechanical excavation will proceed to evaluate the deposits for determination of significance as defined by CEQA guidelines. The archaeologist shall submit reports, to the satisfaction of the City's Environmental Principal Planner, describing the testing program and subsequent results. These reports shall identify any program mitigation that the Developer shall complete in order to mitigate

archaeological impacts (including resource recovery and/or avoidance testing and analysis, removal, reburial, and curation of archaeological resources.)

- 3) In the event that human remains and/or cultural materials are found, all project-related construction shall cease within a 50-foot radius in order to proceed with the testing and mitigation measures required. Pursuant to Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code and Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code of the State of California:
 - a) In the event of the discovery of human remains during construction, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains. The Santa Clara County Coroner shall be notified and shall make a determination as to whether the remains are Native American. If the Coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his authority, he shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission who shall attempt to identify descendants of the deceased Native American. If no satisfactory agreement can be reached as to the disposition of the remains pursuant to this State law, then the land owner shall re-enter the human remains and items associated with Native American burials on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance.
 - b) A final report shall be submitted to the City's Environmental Principal Planner prior to release of a Certificate of Occupancy. This report shall contain a description of the mitigation programs and its results including a description of the monitoring and testing program, a list of the resources found, a summary of the resources analysis methodology and conclusions, and a description of the disposition/curation of the resources. The report shall verify completion of the mitigation program to the satisfaction of the City's Environmental Principal Planner.

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS– The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

XII. NOISE – The project applicant shall require that site operators place debris and containers on the ground without dropping them, in order to reduce potential groundborne vibration.

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.

- XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XV. RECREATION** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XVI. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS** – The project will not have a significant impact on this resource, therefore no mitigation is required.
- XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE** – The project will not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, be cumulatively considerable, or have a substantial adverse effect on human beings, therefore no mitigation is required.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

Before 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2010, any person may:

Submit written comments regarding the information, analysis, and mitigation measures in the Draft MND. Before the MND is adopted, Planning staff will prepare written responses to any comments, and revise the Draft MND, if necessary, to reflect any concerns raised during the public review period. All written comments will be included as part of the Final MND.

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