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RE: Finding of No Significant Effect
North Monterey County Recreation & Parks District
District Recreation Center Improvements
Crane Street Playground Rehabilitation

Dear Ms. Lauchner:

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.11, the County of Monterey is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer on a project within the County. Based on the project description, the County is making a finding of no significant impact.

The properties in question are in the unincorporated community of Castroville:

1. North County Recreation & Park District – District Recreation Center
11261 Crane Street, Castroville, Monterey County, CA 95012
Assessor's Parcel Number – 030-112-005-000
USGS 7.5 Minute Series Topographical Map – Moss Landing, CA
Block bounded by Pomber St. (SW), Preston St. (NW), Geil St. (NE), and Crane St. (SE)
2. Crane St. Park
11771 Crane Street, Castroville, Monterey County, CA 95012
Assessor's Parcel Number – 030-331-059-000
USGS 7.5 Minute Series Topographical Map – Moss Landing, CA
Roughly at the northeast terminus of Crane St. at Rico St.

Project Description:

The North County Recreation and Parks District is proposing to use CDBG funding to complete the third phase of upgrades and improvements to two District facilities located in Castroville, CA. This phase consists of two parts: 1) replacement of a non-operational heating system within the Recreation Center; and, 2) replacement of a play structure and existing sprinkler system and installation of solar powered lighting at the Crane Street Park.

Analysis

North County Recreation and Park District Recreation Center

The District Recreation Center was built in 1968 under the supervision of the Salinas based architectural firm of Holewinski and Belvins. At the time of construction, the heating system consisted of a boiler with Honeywell controls feeding hot air through two ducts located near the ceiling at either end of the

Recreation Center. The boiler and controls are accessed through an outside door located at the southwest corner of the Recreation Center. The heating system stopped operating in 2018.

County staff has performed Google searches for the Holewinski and Blevins Architecture firm and has not found any significant projects associated with the firm. A Google search for the Castroville Recreation Center did not turn up any significant events or persons associated with the building. NCRPD staff were also consulted and they did not recall any events of regional importance associated with the building.

While the County staff preparing this letter is not a historian, based on the available information, they have determined that while the Recreation Center's age makes it a potential candidate for historical recognition, there are likely no distinguishing characteristics that would result in listing. Additionally, fact that all work is internal to the building and will not affect the appearance or use of the Recreation Center, allow staff to make the Finding of Significant Effect.

Crane Street Park Rehabilitation

The Crane Street Playground is located on a 17,590 square foot parcel and was constructed in 1998. The existing irrigation system covers less than half of the parcel along the southeast side of the parcel, including the existing playground. The developed playground area covers approximately 3,000 square feet at the south end of the parcel. The previously disturbed area consists of a 4' paved walkway and perimeter wall surrounding a play area. The play area surface is currently mulched tree bark. The existing irrigation system is approximately 12" outside the perimeter walkway and extends north into the parcel but ending before the parcel line.

This portion of the project calls for replacing the existing play structure and irrigation system. These will be replaced with like equipment and in the same location. The one new element will be the installation of solar powered lights. The District will install one light on a 20" pole that will require excavation of a hole approximately 4' in depth. This work will occur within and adjacent to areas previously excavated and leveled when the park was constructed in 1998.

The County will include a condition of approval in the Subrecipient award to the North County Recreation and Park District that all work will immediately stop, and a qualified archaeologist consulted if any artifacts are uncovered during any soil disturbance activities.

The County finds that based on the historic soil disturbance of the project site and limited potential for new areas of soil disturbance, that by implementing the above recommendation, this project will have no significant effect on archaeological or cultural resources.

I look forward to your comments on our determination pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(d). Please call me at (831) 755-5391 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Darby Marshall
Housing & Redevelopment Analyst

Enclosures:

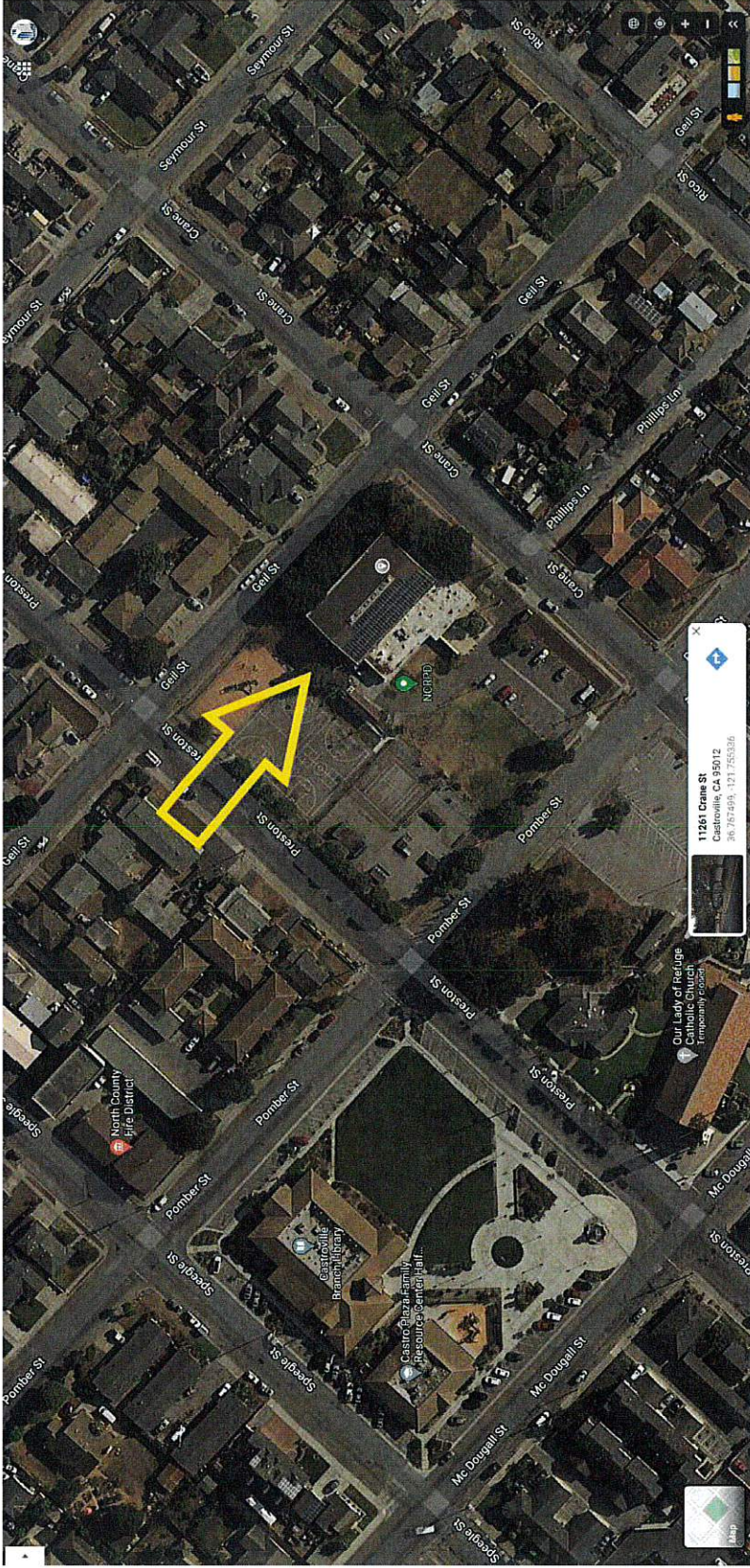
- North County Recreation & Park District Project Descriptions and Locations
- Photo Attachment for NCRPD Recreation Center Heating System Replacement
- Photo Attachment for Crane Street Park Rehabilitation

North County Recreation & Park District Project Descriptions & Locations

The North Monterey County Recreation and Park District will use CDBG funds to replace a non-operational heating system at the District Recreation Center (11261 Crane St., Castroville, CA 95012); and, remove and replace the existing irrigation system and play structure and install solar powered lights to a District playground (11771 Crane St., Castroville, CA 95012).



North County Recreation & Park District
Project Descriptions & Locations



North Monterey County Recreation and Park District, District Recreation Center located at 11261 Crane St., Castroville, C.A Monterey County.

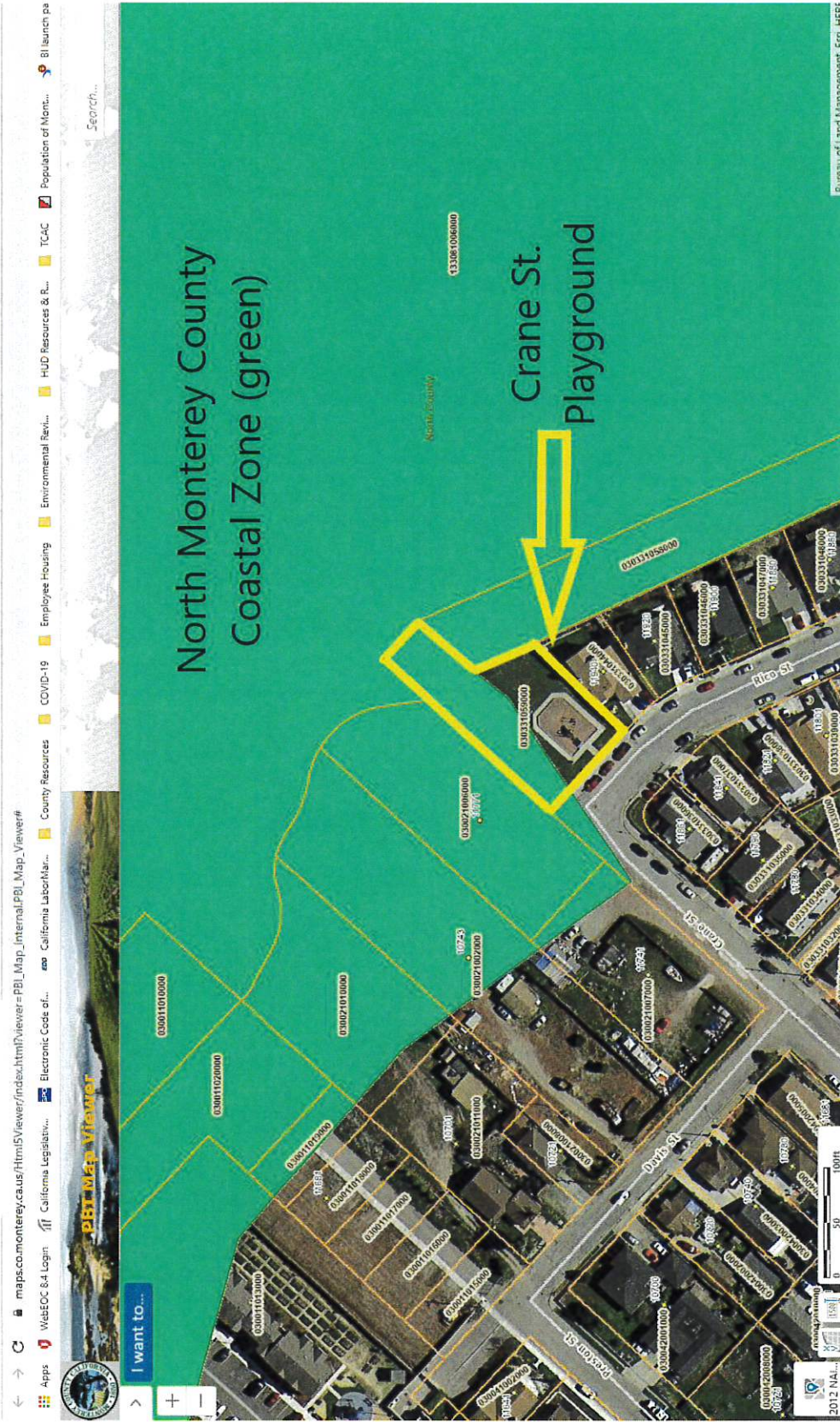
Project will involve removing the existing heating system and replacing it with a new one. The size, use, and occupancy limits of the building will be unchanged.

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Crane St. Playground, Castroville, Monterey County, CA 95012. Surrounding neighborhood to the south and west is developed with residential uses. The area to the north and east is used for row crops and an agricultural drainage ditch.

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Crane St. Playground in relation to the North Monterey County Coastal Zone. Note that the existing play structure does not appear to be in the Coastal Zone. The irrigation system that will be replaced runs around the perimeter of the play structure. The proximity of the project to the Coastal Zone could trigger a Coastal Development Permit, if not for Section 30610.d. of the California Coastal Act, which exempts this type of project from obtaining a Coastal Development Permit. Specifically, this section reads:

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Repair or maintenance activities that do not result in an addition to, or enlargement or expansion of, the object of those repair or maintenance activities; provided, however, that if the commission determines that certain extraordinary methods of repair and maintenance involve a risk of substantial adverse environmental impact, it shall, by regulation, require that a permit be obtained pursuant to this chapter.

Since the proposed project is proposed as an in-kind replacement the project would not require a Coastal Development Permit even if a portion of the irrigation system is within the Coastal Zone.

Photo Attachment for North County Recreation & Park District
Recreation Center Heating System Replacement



Two views of the heater and mechanical room located at the southwest corner of the Recreation Center building.

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Recreation Center Heating System Replacement



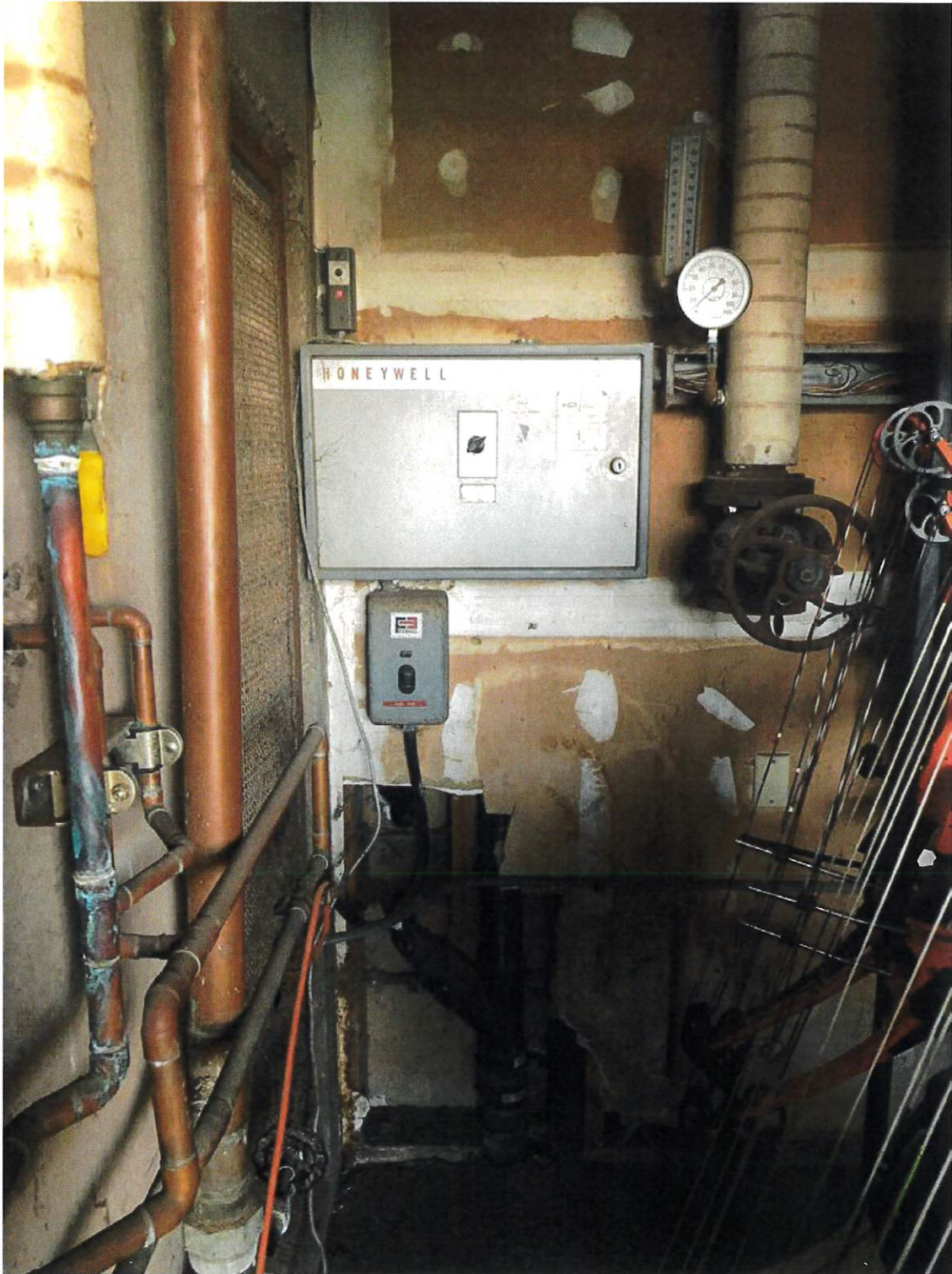
Entrance to Boiler Room from exterior of Recreation Center. The boiler is original to the building and was installed in 1968. There does not appear to be anything unique or particularly noteworthy on the sheet metal.

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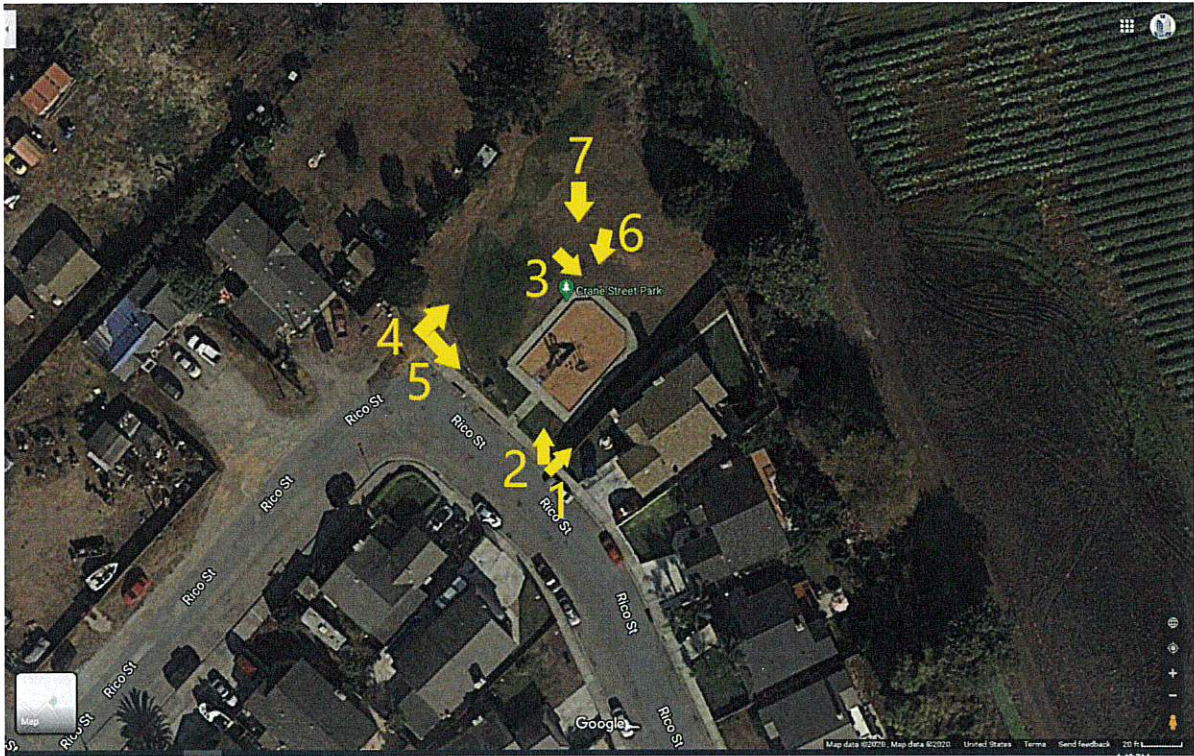
The hot air registers located inside the gymnasium at the Recreation Center.

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The locked control panel for the heating system.

Photo Attachment
Crane Street Park Rehabilitation



Google Earth view of Crane Street Playground and approximate locations where the following pictures were taken from.

Photo Attachment
Crane Street Park Rehabilitation

#1



View along southeast side of parcel looking northeast.
Note position of sprinkler control box approximately 12" from walkway.

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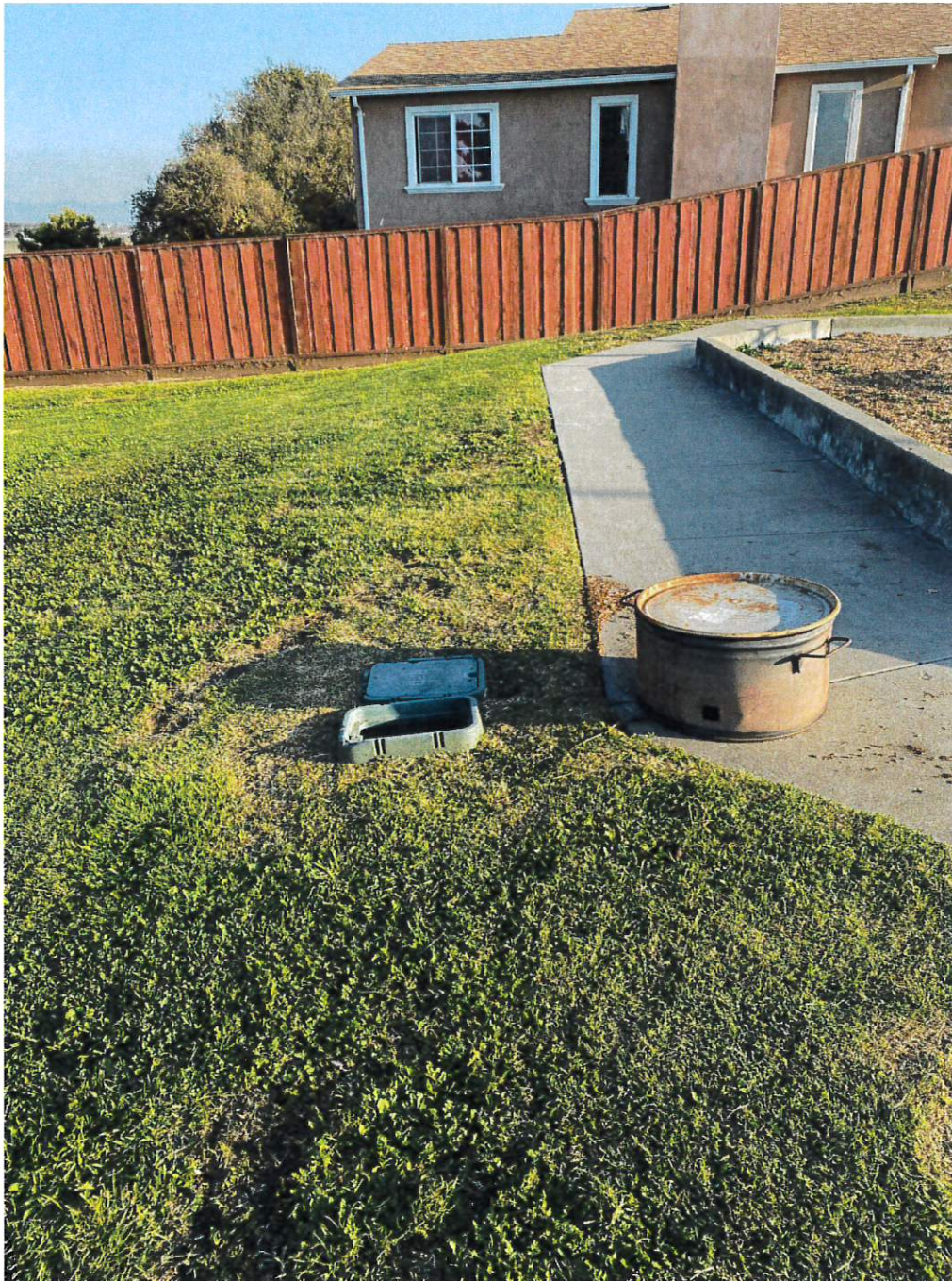
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View of play structure from southeast corner of parcel looking north.

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#3



View of walkway at northeast side of play structure with irrigation box approximately 12" outside of walkway.

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Crane Street Park Rehabilitation

#4



View of Crane St. Playground parcel looking northeast.

Photo Attachment
Crane Street Park Rehabilitation

#5



Irrigation control boxes, street light pole, and utility box along southwest edge of parcel between the play structure and sidewalk.

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#6



View of playground looking south from approximate location where parcel becomes subject to Coastal Zone regulations.

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Crane St. Playground parcel looking south from Coastal Zone.



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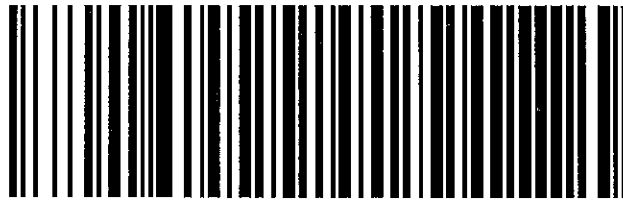
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