

MEMORANDUM

PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION

County of Monterey

Date: November 6, 2001

To: Planners and LUTs

From: Dale Ellis

Subject: Kit Fox Habitat Studies

We have had some recent discussions relative to required biological reports for projects in the broad range of potential kit fox habitat in the County. As a general rule, a biological report is required for any development in the kit fox habitat area. However, there may be times where the physical circumstances are such that there is clearly no habitat present and requiring a biological report does not make sense. Examples of this might be an addition to an existing house in an area used as a patio or construction of garage on an existing driveway/parking area. In those particular cases, the applicant should be given the opportunity to provide photographs of the project site and demonstrate that kit fox habitat is clearly not an issue in the specific circumstance. The photographs should be retained as part of the file.

If, upon review it appears that the biological report is not necessary, the report may be waived, subject to a supervisor's approval. The report waiver should be noted in the project file.

We will try this new process and see how it works. If there are any questions, please feel free to see me.