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EXHIBIT A – FINDINGS

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Environmental Determination

- A. The proposed project is consistent with the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Management Plan certified by the CCSD on November 16, 2009.

Minor Use Permit

- B. The proposed project is consistent with the San Luis Obispo County General Plan because the proposed fuel reduction and forest restoration plan is a permitted activity, and the project as conditioned is consistent with all applicable General Plan policies, including policies for Environmentally Sensitive Habitats, Public Works, Coastal Watersheds, Hazards, and Visual and Scenic Resources.
- C. As conditioned, the proposed project or use satisfies all applicable provisions of Title 23 of the County Code.
- D. The establishment and subsequent operation or conduct of the use will not, because of the circumstances and conditions applied in the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the general public or persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the use, or be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity of the use because the proposed fuel reduction and forest restoration project will not generate activity that presents a potential threat to the surrounding property and buildings.
- E. The proposed project or use will not be inconsistent with the character of the immediate neighborhood or contrary to its orderly development because, as conditioned, the project will not conflict with surrounding uses.
- F. The proposed project or use will not generate a volume of traffic beyond the safe capacity of all roads providing access to the project, either existing or to be improved with the project because the project is accessed from Windsor Boulevard, Trenton Street, Tipton Street, and Warren Road, all of which are constructed to a level able to handle any additional traffic associated with the project.

Coastal Access

- G. The proposed use is in conformity with the public access and recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act, because the project would not interfere with established beach access in the surrounding community.

Archaeology

- H. The project design and development incorporates adequate measures to ensure protection of significant archaeological resources because the proposed fuel reduction and forest restoration activities will avoid known archaeological sites.

Sensitive Resource Area

- I. The project or use will not create significant adverse effects on the natural features of the site or vicinity that were the basis for the Sensitive Resource Area designation, and will preserve and protect such features through the site design, because the proposed project is a plan, developed by expert foresters and arborists, to restore and ensure the

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biological continuance of the Monterey pine forest. Also the project is conditioned to avoid sensitive plants and wildlife species.

- J. As designed, natural features and topography have been considered in the design of the proposed project.
- K. The proposed clearing of topsoil and trees is the minimum necessary to implement the proposed fuel reduction and forest restoration plan, and will not create significant adverse effects on the identified sensitive resource.
- L. The soil and subsoil conditions are suitable for the proposed fuel reduction and forest restoration activities.

Environmentally Sensitive Habitat

- M. There will be no significant negative impact on the identified sensitive habitat, and the proposed use will be consistent with the biological continuance of the habitat because the proposed project is a plan, developed by expert foresters and arborists, to restore and ensure the biological continuance of the Monterey pine forest.
- N. The proposed use will not significantly disrupt the habitat because the proposed project is a plan, developed by expert foresters and arborists, to restore and ensure the biological continuance of the Monterey pine forest.