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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 11:39 AM
To: 'Sam Naifeh'; Deke & Corrin Brown; Chris Misner; Dave Michaels; Pam Merkadeau; Christopher Karic; Liesje Nicolas
Cc: John Nibbelin; Steve Monowitz; Dave Pine
Subject: RE: Highland's Neighbors requests about Chamberlain project
Attachments: 07082018 review response fm GoR.pdf

Hi All,

Please see attached letter from Cornerstone Earth Group (Chamberlain Project Geotechnical Consultant) received on July 10, 2018. It is currently being reviewed by our Department.

Thank you

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Subject: Re: Highland's Neighbors requests about Chamberlain project

Dear Steve

Thank you for sending this summary of the Cotton, Shires & Associates review of the project engineer's report.

Please send a copy of the Cotton, Shires & Associates review of the BKF report and any related project grading, earthwork, drainage, and other plans, which you note in your email.

We also greatly appreciate your sending the project engineer's response once you receive it.

Regards,
Sam Naifeh

From: Steve Monowitz <smonowitz@smcgov.org>
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Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 9:10 AM
Subject: RE: Highland's Neighbors requests about Chamberlain project

Dear All,
County staff, with the assistance of Cotton Shires, has completed our initial review of the report submitted by the project engineer regarding the grading and earthwork activities required to complete the project. Yesterday, we submitted the following comments, which identify the need for clarifications and supplemental information. The response we receive from the project engineer will be made available for review once we receive it. Please feel free to contact me or Camille if you have questions in the meantime.

Sincerely,
Steve Monowitz
Community Development Director
San Mateo County Planning and Building Department
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Subject: County Comments on BKF Memo

Hi Roland,

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In the event you have not already received it directly from the Planning Department, I have attached to this email a "*Technical Memorandum for Highland Estates Lots 5 -11 Grading Earthwork*" prepared by BKF dated May 14, 2018. BKF is the developer's civil engineer.

The BKF report is now being reviewed by Sherry Liu (a geotechnical engineer with the SMC Planning Department) and Steve Monowitz. As you have requested, and at my urging, the report will also be reviewed by Cotton Shires.

Based on my conversations with Steve Monowitz, it is my understanding that the developer would like to construct the homes on lots 9-11 and lots 5-8 at the same time. As you know, the homes on lots 9-11 have been on the cusp of receiving a building permit since the winter grading moratorium expired on April 15th. However, issuing a construction permit for the homes on lots 5-8 is contingent on whether the proposed changes to the grading plan for lots 5-8 are permissible under the permit approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 27, 2010.

By way of this email, I am asking Steve Monowitz to update all of us on the status of the review of the BKF report.

Best,

Dave

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown,

I wanted to add to Supervisor Pine's email and respond to the remaining issues that you raised in your email of March 26th.

The grading exception request for lots 9-11 referenced in your message was not approved. While the winter grading moratorium expires on April 15th, eliminating the requirement for an exception to the winter grading moratorium, we will continue to ensure that future grading activities are conducted in compliance with the conditions of approval and applicable regulations.

With regard to changes on lots 5-11, there have been no changes to lots 9-11 other than those described in the minor modification document provided to you by Supervisor Pine. We are currently working with the permittee to understand the scope of the changes to the grading plan for lots 5-8, and will provide more details about this matter once it is more fully understood. Any changes that are proposed will be carefully reviewed by both Cotton Shires and our Department's Geotechnical Engineer.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Monowitz
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Deke & Corin,

Thank you for your email that I received on Sunday.

Steve Monowitz, the Director of the Planning and Building Department, was not in the office on Monday. I will try to connect with him on Tuesday so we can review your inquiry and get back to you later this week.

In the meantime, attached are the documents that I have immediate access to:

- a) Proposed minor modifications to Lot 9 and Lot 11.
- b) Letter from Daniel Cucchi opposing the minor modifications.
- c) Letter from Chief Deputy County Counsel John Nibbelin responding to Mr. Cucchi's letter.
- d) Contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants dated January 12, 2018.

I believe documents a) through c) above respond to request 3) in your email.

The contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants was put in place as required by Condition of Approval A.4. That condition states:

"The applicant shall enter into a contract with the San Mateo County Planning and Building Department for all mitigation monitoring for this project prior to the issuance of any grading permit "hard card" for the project...Planning staff may, at their discretion, contract these services to an independent contractor at cost, plus an additional 10 percent for contract administration."

The construction monitoring services to be provided by SWCA are described in Exhibit A to the contract beginning on page 11. I do not believe SWCA has been involved in reviewing changes in the grading plans, and I will check with Mr. Monowitz as to how that is being handled.

Once again, a more complete response to your inquiry will follow later this week.

[Best,](#)

Dave

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Dear Supervisor Pine,

Regarding the Chamberlain development in the Highlands -

We have been unable to locate documentation for the following items.

- 1) There has been discussion about a decision on an 'Exception to the Grading Moratorium' for Mr. Chamberlain. Please provide the issues or other consideration for that decision, any related documents detailing that exception to grading, and its current status.
- 2) Please provide updates or changes on documents and maps for grading Lots 5-11. Especially the clarification for the grading.
- 3) You informed us that Mr. Daniel Cucchi sent a letter to the County regarding Minor Modification. Please send a copy of Mr. Cucchi's letter and the response from county counsel, which you mentioned to us.

When we met with Mr. Monowitz and later with you, we requested that Cotton Shires review current grading plans and any subsequent changes and to perform the construction monitoring on all lots. Please let us know the status of that request.

As you can imagine our entire neighborhood is watching all of this rain and contacting us regularly regarding this project.

This has become a major issue with your constituents in the Highlands and surrounding Communities. Our community made significant contributions to resolving and preventing problems with this project before you took office. Neighbors are concerned that the community's voices are being heard and responded to. Please let us know if we can be of any help.

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Hi Roland,

Just writing to check in regarding the status of the County's 6/18/18 request for grading plans for slope repair, calculation of additional grading volumes (and associated truck trips), and other items as listed in my email of 6/18/18 (below). We have received the Cornerstone letter of 7/8/18 and we will be providing a response, but the letter does not appear to address the items requested in that email.

Thanks

From: Camille Leung
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Cc: Sherry Liu; Ted Sayre; John Nibbelin; Steve Monowitz; Jack Chamberlain (jtuttlec@aol.com); Pete Bentley
Subject: RE: Drainage on Fill Slope to Easement

Thank You Camille,

Roland and I are working to address the issues that were discussed with Sherry today regarding the comments and concerns that She and Ted had on the current outfall design. I will review your email with Roland also. I committed to having some preliminary sketch's prepared early next week so she and Ted can review before we spend a lot of time revising the plans. We want to be sure we are heading in a direction that will result positive review before sending in a completed package for formal review. Please copy Jack Chamberlain on any future correspondence, I need to keep him in the loop throughout the process. I have copied him and Pete Bentley on this email response. Have a good night.

Scott

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