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Subject: Response to Oak Tree Report Comments – 23600 Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road (APN 2072-001-018)

Dear Mr. Figueroa,

This letter is written in response to the attached comments dated September 23, 2015 made by Greg Ainsworth, Arborist, related to his review of the July 16, 2015 Oak Tree Report prepared by this office

Our responses are as follows:

1. Include North Arrow on site plan

A north arrow has been added to the Tree Location Map (attached).

2. It appears that the protected zone of tree 32 may be encroached by a daylight cut occurring for the placement of the Fire Department Turn-A-Round area. Please explain why this tree is not considered an encroachment.

Although adjacent to tree #32, the daylight line for the fire department turn-around area is just outside the protected zone of this tree. The line-type scale on the Tree Location Map was altered slightly to better indicate the relationship.

Protective fencing placed at the edge of the protected zone prior to the start of construction will prevent any encroachment during grading activities. Since the grading is a daylight cut, equipment can be used to simply pull away the soil to create the proposed grade. Should any compaction be necessary, it can be performed with small equipment, outside of the protected zone.

3. Tree 36 as shown on the site plan was not located during the site assessment. The location of the tree should be verified and an identification tag should be affixed to the tree.

Tree #36 is located properly on the Tree Location Map. The missing tag was replaced on May 27, 2016.

4. Tree 50 appears to be mapped on the site plan twice. The correct location of the tree should be verified and mapped in one location.

We corrected the drafting error showing a second tree labeled as tree #50. The correct location of this tree is approximately 15 feet north of tree #48 as indicated on the attached Tree Location Map.

Kay Greeley

From: Greg Ainsworth <GAinsworth@esassoc.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 1:43 AM
To: kaygreeley@earthlink.net
Cc: Isidro Figueroa
Subject: RE: Dry Canyon Cold Creek
Attachments: 2015-09-23 - City Comments.pdf - Adobe Acrobat.pdf

Hi Kay,

I thought we had connected on this? I guess not. Please ignore the reference to oak trees that are one inch in diameter. I had someone assisting me at the time and it looks like the wrong condition was referenced.

Greg Ainsworth
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From: Kay Greeley [<mailto:kaygreeley@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 4:50 PM
To: Greg Ainsworth
Subject: FW: Dry Canyon Cold Creek

Hi Greg,
I'm just checking in again on this one. It's been over two months since I sent this to you. Please let me know your thoughts.
Kay

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From: Kay Greeley [<mailto:kaygreeley@earthlink.net>]
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Subject: Dry Canyon Cold Creek

Hi Greg,
Thanks again for your time today. The attached memo has the comments about the 1-inch diameter trees. I put a red box around it. I just need clarification on that part.
K.

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Date September 23, 2015
To Isidro Figueroa, City Planner
From Greg Ainsworth, Arborist
Regarding Oak Tree Report - REVIEW
23600 Dry Cold Creek Road (APN 2072-001-018)
Calabasas, Los Angeles County, California

On September 21, 2015, a site assessment was conducted to verify the oak trees identified in the Oak Tree Report prepared by Kay J. Greeley (July 16, 2015) for the property located at 23600 Dry Cold Creek Road (APN 2072-001-018). The focus of the assessment was to verify that all oak trees and associated impacts were accurately described and depicted in the tree report.

Background

The subject property is located at 23600 Dry Cold Creek Road and immediately south of Mullholland Hwy. Surrounding development includes Viewpoint School immediately to the east and north, with rural residential development and the Santa Monica Mountain to the south and west. The proposed project includes the construction of a new single-family residence on a vacant parcel. A total of 60 oak trees, including 11 Heritage oaks (H), are located within the immediate vicinity of proposed construction activities. It has been determined that portions of the proposed residence, driveway, and retaining walls may impact protected trees. As indicated in the Oak Tree Report, tree #38 will be removed as a result of the proposed driveway construction, and trees 1(H), 31(H), 33, 35, 37, 39, 40(H), 41, 42(H) and 58 will be encroached as a result of various other activities.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Following the field inspection and review of the report, the following inconsistencies were observed. These inconsistencies should be addressed and a revised report should be re-submitted for review:

- Include North Arrow on site plan.
- It appears that the protected zone of tree 32 may be encroached by a daylight cut occurring for the placement of the Fire Department Turn-A-Round Area. Please explain why this tree is not considered an encroachment.
- Tree 36 as shown on the site plan was not located during the site assessment. The location of the tree should be verified and an identification tag should be affixed to the tree.

