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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.

- 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.
- There are several protected oak trees (one inch diameter at 12 inches above grade) that are not reflected on the site plan or referenced in the Oak Tree Report. These trees should be properly assessed and included. This includes the following:
 - Two scrub oaks (*Quercus berberidifolia*) were observed between tree 53 and 55.
 - One scrub oak is located to the south of tree 9.
 - Two scrub oaks were observed west of tree #15.
 - Approximately 20 scrub oaks were observed within the immediate vicinity of trees 26 and 39.
 - Two coast live oaks were observed immediately east of tree #59.
 - One coast live oak was observed south of tree 59.
 - Four coast live oaks were observed immediately surrounding tree 10.
 - One coast live oak was observed south of tree 13.
 - One coast live oak was observed northeast of tree 35.
 - One coast live oak was observed east of tree 37
 - One coast live oak was observed 25 feet south of tree 47.
 - Two coast live oaks were observed east of tree 47.
 - Numerous coast live oaks were observed within the western canopy of tree 49.
 - Numerous oak trees were observed along the eastern boundary of the property, intermixed with tagged and inventoried trees. It is unclear why some were tagged and inventoried; while others were omitted from the report and site plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date July 21, 2016

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On September 23, 2015, a memorandum containing comments on an 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) was submitted by Greg Ainsworth. This memorandum confirms that the comments have been addressed by the applicant's arborist (Kay Greeley). I have no further comments. Below is a summary of the comments made to the Oak Tree Report and responses by the applicant's arborist.

- Comment: Include North Arrow on site plan.

Response: A north arrow has been added to the Tree Location Map

- Comment: 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.

Response: 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.

- Comment: 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.

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

- Comment: 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.

Response: 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.

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Response: This comment is to be ignored.

Respectfully submitted,



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