

MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Klein – City of Calabasas
From: Noah Stamm, Calabasas Contract Arborist
Subject: Peer-Review of the Updated Oak Tree Report for **24226 Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road, Calabasas, California**
Date: September 1, 2020

1 Introduction

This memorandum provides the results of a third-party peer review of the submitted revised Oak Tree Report (with an updated date of August 14, 2020) and associated Oak Tree Map prepared by ISA Board Certified Master Arborist Kay Greeley. The updated Oak Tree Report was prepared at the request of Mr. Mr. Zalman Nemtzov on behalf of Mr. Steven Fernandez, who proposed to construct a single-family residence on the vacant parcel at 24226 Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road. The construction of the single-family residence will require grading to create a pad for the proposed residence, driveway access, swimming pool, and associated leach fields. Dudek's arborist conducted a second site evaluation on May 26, 2020 with City of Calabasas City Planner Michael Klein; the applicant was not present at the time of the inspection. An original site evaluation was conducted on September 19, 2018. The purpose of the updated Oak Tree Report and the site inspection is to address the encroachment of the construction activities associated with the proposed single-family residence on 10 native oak tree species (*Quercus spp.*), including eight (8) coast live oak trees (*Quercus agrifolia*) and two (2) scrub oak trees (*Quercus berberidifolia*) within the immediate vicinity of the proposed work. An area of a large scrub oak habitat mass was also noted within the updated Oak Tree Report and identified on the Oak Tree Location Map. Three non-protected native oak tree species (smaller than 2-inches in diameter) were identified within the updated Oak Tree Report and on the Oak Tree Location Map for informational purposes (labeled as Trees "A", "B", and "C". Tree numbers 1 (new tag #3388), 3, 4, 7 (new tag #3387), 8, 10, 3389, 3390, are coast live oak trees, while tree numbers 2 and 9 are scrub oak trees. Tree numbers 2, 3387, 3388, 3389, and 3390 are growing onsite, just inside a fence along the eastern property boundary. Tree numbers 3, 4, and 8 are growing offsite, just east of the eastern property boundary. And Tree numbers 9 and 10 are growing offsite along the western and eastern sides of the access easement.

The proposed grading to construct a single-family residence, a driveway entrance, a swimming pool, and associated leach fields will encroach into the "protection zones" of Tree numbers 3, 4, 8, and 10; protected tree numbers 2, 3387, 3388, 3389, and 3390 will likely be removed due to the potentially significant impact to the trees caused by the excavation of the leach field along the eastern property boundary. Tree number 9 and the scrub oak mass will not be encroached upon during the construction activities.

The purpose of this arborist peer review is to insure applicant compliance with the City of Calabasas Oak Tree Ordinance (Chapter 17.32.010 of the City's Municipal Code) and the City of Calabasas Oak Tree Preservation and Protection Guidelines (April, 1993).

2 Discussion

The revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Location Map was found to be complete with the condition that requires the applicant to submit a full mitigation and monitoring plan for both the encroached upon trees and trees proposed for removal. After review of the revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Location Map, Dudek's arborist is in agreement with the validity of the findings and information included in the revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Location Map, except for the following condition of approval:

1. A separate Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for both the encroached upon trees and the trees proposed to be removed, in accordance with the City of Calabasas Oak Tree Preservation and Protection Guidelines, 'Section VIII, Standards of Performance and Permitted Work, Part 3. Monitoring. As part of the plan, a monitoring schedule shall be created and include: 1) during all grading and construction activities, monitoring shall be conducted at least every quarter for the first 3 years, and 2) following all grading and construction activities, monitoring shall be conducted on at least a bi-annual basis for the next 5 years.

3 Conclusion

Based on the information provided in the submitted revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Location Map prepared by Kay Greeley, the revised Oak Tree Report was prepared in accordance with the City of Calabasas Oak Tree Ordinance (Chapter 17.32.010 of the City's Municipal Code) and the City of Calabasas Oak Tree Preservation and Protection Guidelines. However, a condition of the approval requires the applicant to submit a full mitigation and monitoring plan for both the encroached upon trees and trees proposed for removal. Therefore, the request is warranted to grant approval of the revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Location Map.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me at 760.642.8379

Sincerely,



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