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**MEMORANDUM**

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To: Jaclyn Rackerby – Associate Planner for the City of Calabasas  
From: Noah Stamm – City of Calabasas Contract Arborist

**Subject:** *Peer-Review Memo Letter of the Revised Oak Tree Report and Oak Tree Map for Proposed Single-Family residence remodel – 3821 Eddingham Avenue, Calabasas, California*

## 1 Introduction

This memorandum provides the results of a third-party peer review of the submitted revised Oak Tree Report (dated June 14, 2022) and associated Oak Tree Map completed by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Consulting Arborist with L.A. Johnny for the Silverstein's Single-family residential home remodel Project located at 3821 Eddingham Avenue, Calabasas. Dudek arborist conducted a second site evaluation on September 30, 2022; neither the applicant nor a City of Calabasas Planner were present during the second site visit. An original site evaluation was conducted on March 14, 2022; neither a City of Calabasas Planner nor the applicant were present at the time of the original site visit evaluation. The purpose of the revised Oak Tree Report and the site inspection is to address the focused tree survey of 8 protected coast oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) trees located on the 3821 Eddingham Avenue property; specifically, coast live oak tree nos. 1 through 4 are located within the proposed area of construction and their tree protection zones (TPZs) will likely be encroached. Tree nos. 5 through 8 are located in the rear yard of the property and will not be encroached on during the proposed construction related activities. During the original evaluation, coast live oak tree no. 1 was identified on the Oak Tree Map in the wrong location and there were multiple sections not included within the original Oak Tree Report that are required to be included in an Oak Tree Report.

A Dudek completed the second site visit evaluation to verify the recommendations asked for in the original Peer-Review Memo Letter Report, as well to verify the validity of the recommendations regarding the oak trees that are within and adjacent to the project site boundaries and therefore, will be impacted or encroached on by the construction activities associated with the proposed construction activities. It is anticipated that the proposed construction activities will cause minimal impacts/encroachment upon the tree protection zone of the coast live oak tree nos. 1 through 4. Specifically, it's anticipated that encroachment will affect approximately 10 percent of the southern TPZ of tree nos. 1 and 2 (mainly the root zones). Coast live oak tree nos. 3 and 4 are young sapling trees that will not be encroached on. The encroachment within the TPZs of tree nos. 1 and 2 is likely to not cause any long-term damage to the trees.

The purpose of this arborist peer review is to ensure 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

Dudek's arborists found the submitted revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Map were found to be complete. In order to grant approval of this Project, a condition of approval was requested, which required the Project's arborist to place tree tags on each of the 8 protected oak trees. In November 2022, the Project's arborist placed tree tags on each of the eight (8) coast live oak trees, thus, 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.

## 3 Conclusion

Based on the information provided in the submitted revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Location Map prepared by the Project's Registered Consulting Arborist, 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. Therefore, the request is warranted to grant approval of the revised Oak Tree Report and associated Oak Tree Location Map.

As mentioned earlier, Dudek's arborist only performed a Level 2 visual inspection of the two protected coast live oak trees; we did not perform a Level 3 assessment of the trees to determine the structural stability of the trees and/or location of each of the tree roots. This report provides conclusions and recommendations based on an examination of the trees and surrounding site by an ISA Certified Arborist. Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training, and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees.

Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways not fully understood. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. There are no guarantees that a tree's condition will not change over a short or long period due to weather or cultural or environmental conditions. Trees can be managed but not controlled. To live near trees is to accept some degree of risk

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

Sincerely,



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