

February 10, 2022 Job No. 21-278

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File Number: PLN21-089

Subject: Grading Grading Abatement application for grading violation number

VIO20-0083 caused by over 5' high near vertical cut slopes and unpermitted fill grading. Returning the site to pre-construction

conditions with Grading mitigations and erosion control are proposed.

Site Location: 18525 VINA DR, LOS GATOS CA, Los Gatos, CA 95033

(APNs 544- 05-032)

Dear Mr. Connolly,

In response to the various agency comments, we have made the following revisions as stated:

PLANNING OFFICE

Contact Mark J. Connolly at (408) 299-5786 or mark.connolly@pln.sccgov.org regarding the following comments:

1. Pending the final scope of the abatement, staff will consider a Categorical Exemption from CEQA. If a Categorical Exemption cannot be approved, an Environmental Assessment will be performed following completeness of the Grading Abatement application.

We'd respectfully suggest that this is a Categorical Exemption under section 15304.(c) or (f), attached.

San Jose Water Company:

c/o Scott Hoffman.

2. Provide the name and license number for the land surveyor and Geotech of record on sheet 1.

Kristi Konmerer is the PLS.C2 EARTH is referenced in note 1.

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3. Show on the plans, permanent lot corners set with surveyors tag or permanent lot corners found along the common lot line between the SJW property and the Riazi property to an extent of 50' beyond the limits of grading. County ordinance C12-465 (h)

These corners are not yet set by Cross Land Surveying.

4. Show the limits of the SJW parcel. If the sheet is not large enough to show said limits, add another sheet.

Attached to this letter are an aerial photo and recorded map of the SJWC parcel.

5. Provide the deed document recording number and the record map reference on the plans for the Riazi parcel.

Ok.

6. Add the location of the private water line running through the SJW property. Add a note stating whom the water line serves. Add a note regarding the size of pipe and material for the private water line. Add a note and arrow to water line with big letters "CAUTION: PRIVATE WATER LINE"

The waterline is on the septic plan and will be added to C-3.

7. Add topography within 50' of limit of disturbance.

The limits of topo. are adequate to control the repair.

8. Label tree types size and species for all trees within 25' of area of disturbance. NOTE: County of Santa Clara Tree protection measures shall be included and shown on the plans. www.sccplanning.org

All trees are labeled.

9. Add the easement recording information for the private road easement.

Easement added.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Contact Darrin Lee at (408) 918-3435 or darrin.lee@cep.sccgov.org regarding the following comments:

10. Plans should be reflective of one another. Ensure that Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) plans are revised to include grading abatement overlay, with topography and unpermitted fill location and depth that will be removed as part of the grading permit.

Plans now coordinated

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11. Include notations on plans stating that all fill must be removed prior to installation of OWTS. Notation shall also include that removal of fill shall not compromise the native soil intended for OWTS installation and must be done in a manner that preserves the OWTS area. Once fill has been removed from the OWTS area, the OWTS area shall be fenced off for protection until all fill has been removed from the rest of the property. (Note: Approval to begin installation of OWTS will only be granted by Department of Environmental Health (DEH) once the fill removal has been verified, as completed through the grading permit.)

Notes added.

FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

Contact Alex Goff at (408) 299-5763 or alex.goff@sccfd.org regarding the following comments: 12. The plans shall show CFMO-A1 minimal requirements to be maintained at all times. *Ok.*

LAND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

Contact Darrel Wong at (408) 299-5735, or Darrell.wong@pln.sccgov.org regarding the following:

13. Per the previous comments, submit a letter of authorization for the abatement work proposed on the neighboring parcel.

San Jose Water Company has agreed to allow the work via Scott Hoffman.

14. Please provide the finished floor elevation of the garage addition and show its relationship to the proposed gravel driveway and the garage entrance.

777.3 noted on C-3.

15. Identify the location of the underground utilities on the western side of the home near the exterior stairway at the western property line.

The propane tank will be relocated, there is an overhead electric service, but no underground utilities.

16. Please revise the driveway plan and section to conform to County Standard Detail SD5. The driveway should have a 12' drivable surface supported by a gravel shoulder.

The driveway detail and plan view are shown on C-3. There is no room for a shoulder and a curb is proposed to protect and separate the leachfield to the east.

17. Show the full extent of the width of Vina Drive on the plans. The plans indicate a 20' ROW, but only show a 10' easement.

The private road easement is 20' wide.

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18. Please specify that the retaining wall at the western side of the structure is existing and not proposed.

Clarified on sheet C-1.

19. The grading to abate the violation in the northwest are of the property and on the neighboring property appear to propose a 2:1 slope to abate the violation. Please provide a justification as to how that ultimate condition is the minimum grading necessary for the development when compared with the original condition. The ultimate condition must meet the findings of the grading ordinance. Please consider a full restoration to the original contours in this location in order to meet the grading findings.

Sections C-C and D-D on C-4 show that the 2:1 slope is virtually the same as full restoration.

20. Provide justification as to how the cut area at the northern side of the home will meet the grading findings. Is there nothing at all that can be done to minimally restore the slope at least to some degree to a slope that is at least perhaps 2:1? While a full restoration to the original slope may not be feasible, is there no abatement at all feasible in this location?

The C2 Earth soils report addresses the slope stability issues and a mitigation design for a long-term repair.

Thank you for your comments.

Best regards,

TS/CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC.

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Terence J. Szewczyk, P.E. C35527

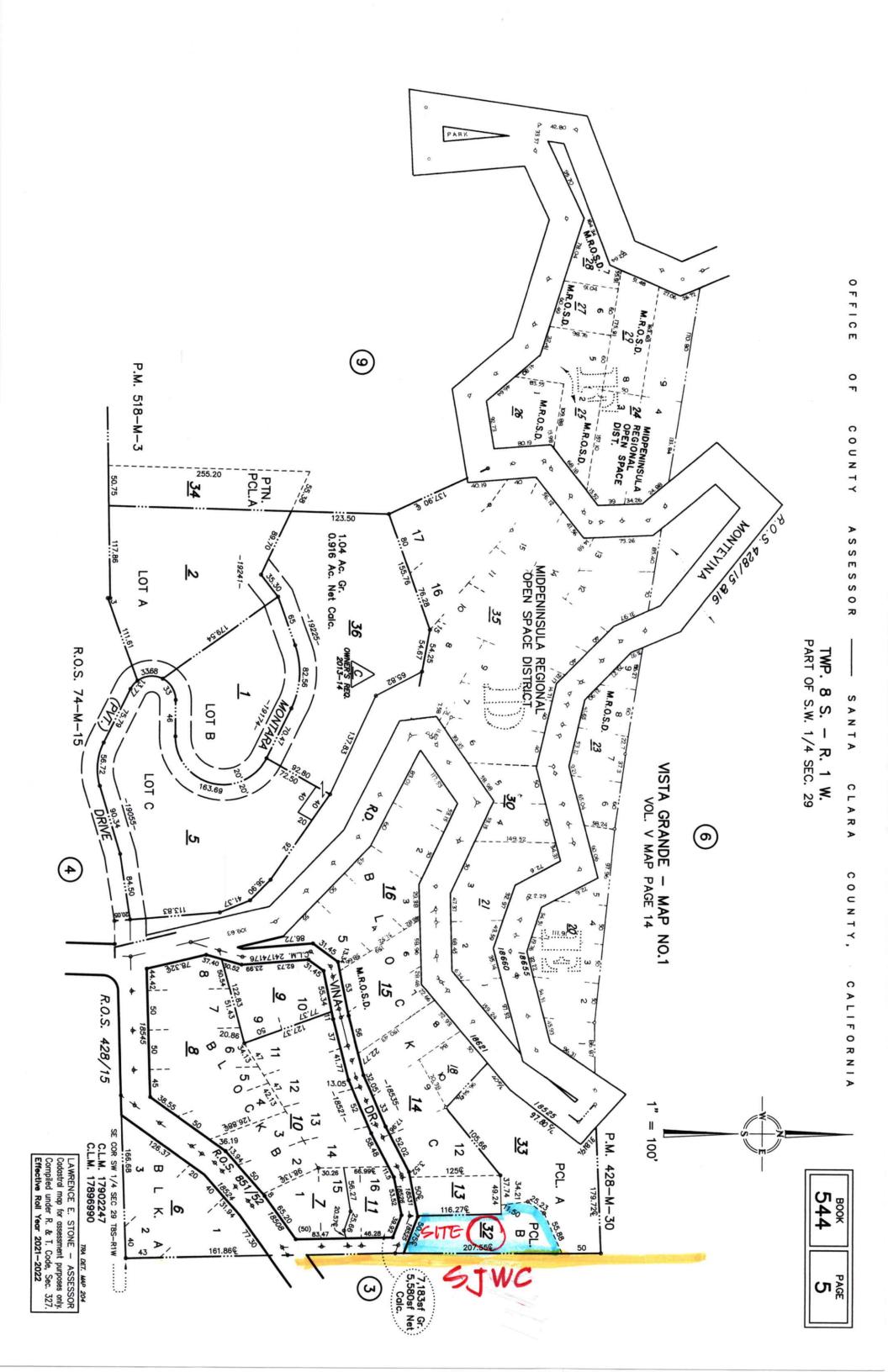
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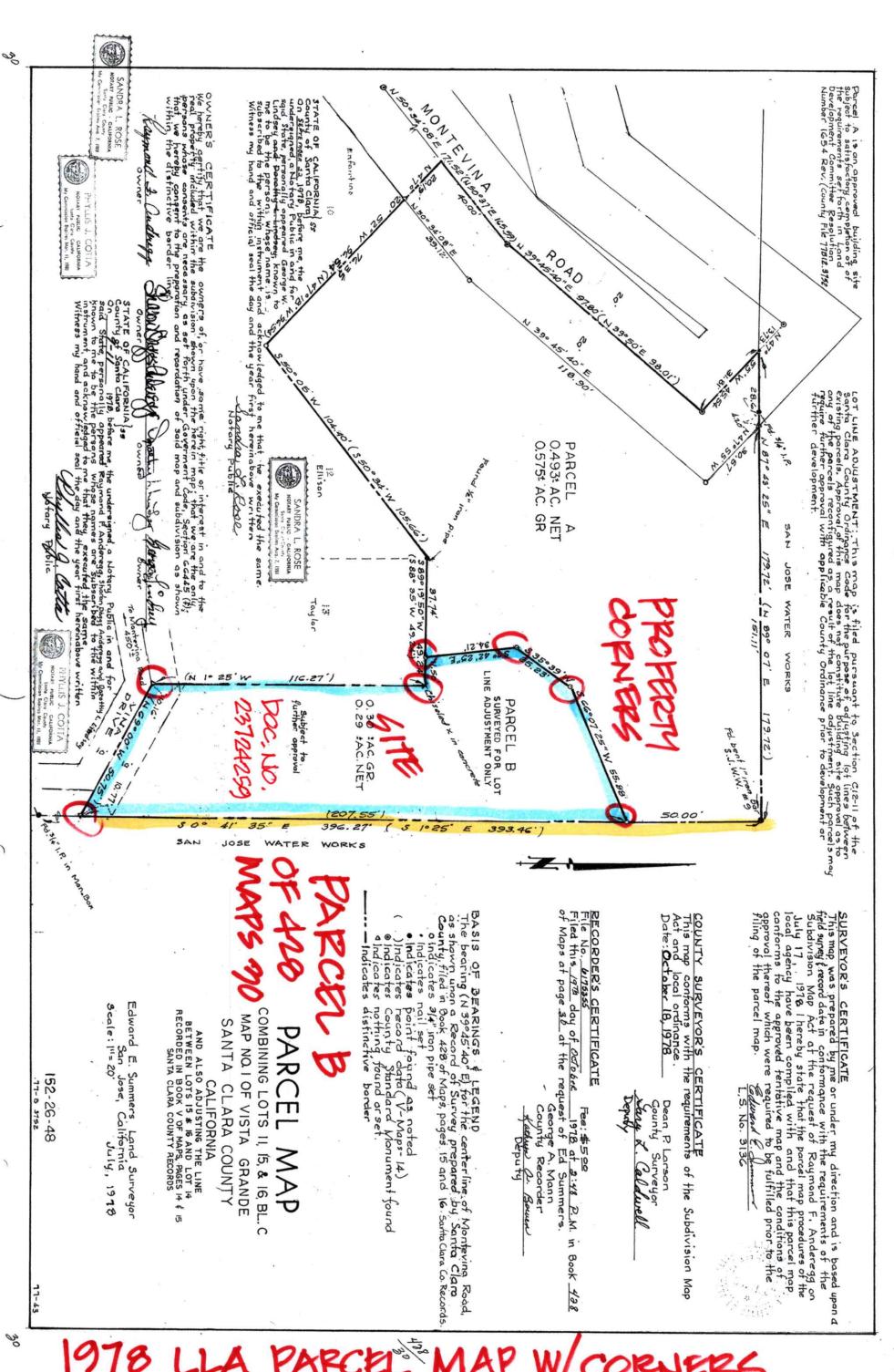
15304. MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND

Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, except that grading shall not be exempt in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard such as an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone, as delineated by the State Geologist.
- (b) New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping.
- (c) Filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site;
- (d) Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas or fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production;
- (e) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment including carnivals, sales of Christmas trees, etc.
- Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored;
- (g) Maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies;
- (h) The creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.
- vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.







SITE IN CONTEXT W/35.39 AC SJWC

