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JOB ADDRESS _____

BOARD FILE # _____

DATE TO BE HEARD _____

AGENDA INFORMATION FORM

RECOMMENDATION APPEALED BY:

THE OWNER ☐

THE PETITIONER ☐

DATE OWNER/PETITIONER WAS NOTIFIED OF BBSC HEARING _____

(Check One)

☐ ① Action By The BBSC Is Not Appealable

☐ ② Action By The BBSC Is Appealable To The Director Of Planning Within 15 Days
Pursuant To Sec. 12.26 K

☐ ③ Action By The BBSC Is Appealable To The City Council Within 10 Days
Pursuant To Sec. 91.7006.7.4

IS NEIGHBOR OBJECTING TO RECOMMENDATION? YES ☐ NO ☐

OWNER/PETITIONER NOTIFIED OF OBJECTION ON _____ by _____
(Date) (Staff Member)

(Code below is by default unless otherwise checked by staff.)

FAL APPEAL STATEMENT

“10-CALENDAR DAYS” ☐ → ③

“SECTION 12.26 K” ☐ → ②

“ACTION NOT A PRECEDENT” ☐ → ②

FOOTNOTE STATEMENTS:

“18-MONTH TIME LIMIT” ☐

*(for Haul Routes and requests approved
by BBSC other than extensions of time)

Cc: Pr. Inspector _____
221 N. Figueroa St

Location: Floor 12, Room 1250
(213) 482-0397

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

July 19, 2023

BOARD FILE NO. 230011
C.D.: 4 (Councilmember N. Raman)

Board of Building and Safety Commissioners
Room 1030, 201 North Figueroa Street

APPLICATION TO EXPORT 2,530 CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH

PROJECT LOCATION: 3649 & 3651 NORTH WOODHILL CANYON ROAD

TRACT:	BLOCK:	LOT:
TR 10877	NONE	FR 2
Lankershim Ranch Land and Water Co.	NONE	FR 245 (Arb 1), FR 250 (Arb 1 & 2)

OWNER:

Stephen Victor Davis and Stacey Helene Davis, Trustees of the 4D Trust
311 North Robertson Boulevard, Suite 600
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

APPLICANT:

Ben Rocca
22287 Mulholland Highway, #287
Calabasas, CA 91302

The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) have reviewed the subject haul route application and have forwarded the following recommendations to be considered by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners (Board) in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Additions or modifications to the following conditions may be made on-site at the discretion of the Grading Inspector, if deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public along the haul route.

Failure to comply with any conditions specified in this report may void the Board's action. If the hauling operations are not in accordance with the Board's approval, The Department of Building and Safety (DBS) shall list the specific conditions in violation and shall notify the applicant that immediate compliance is required. If the violations are not corrected or if a second notice is issued by DBS for violations of any of the conditions upon which the approval was granted, said approval shall be void. Inasmuch as Board approval of the import-export operations is a condition precedent to issuing a grading permit in a "hillside" designated area, violation of this condition may result in the revocation of the grading permit issued in reliance of this approval.

Violation of haul route conditions shall be reported to the appropriate Department. The Department responsible for enforcement is indicated by an acronym at the end of each haul route condition. Refer to the table below for agency name and contact information.

Acronym	Agency Name	contact
BSS	Bureau of Street Services	myLA311 Website: www.myla311.lacity.org Phone: Dial 311 or (213) 473-3231
LAPD	Los Angeles Police Department Special Enforcement Unit	Email: Trafficgroup@lapd.online Phone: (877) 275-5273
DOT	Department of Transportation	Phone: (818) 374-4823
DBS	Department of Building and Safety	Principal Inspector Sergio Valenzuela (213) 482-0397

A. PERMITS AND BONDS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

PERMIT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY WILL ISSUE A GRADING PERMIT.

1. Under the provisions of Section 62.201 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the following permit fee shall be required:
 - a) A total of 2,530 cubic yards of material moved 1.55 miles within the hillside area at a rate of \$0.29 per cubic yard per mile results in a fee of \$1,377.23.
2. The required permit fee shall be paid at the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division office, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 350, Los Angeles, California, 90015, telephone (213) 847-6000.
3. Under the provisions of Section 62.202 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a cash bond or surety bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 shall be required from the property

owner to cover any road damage and any street cleaning costs resulting from the hauling activity.

4. Forms for the bond will be issued by Bond Control, Bureau of Engineering Valley District Office, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 251, Van Nuys, CA 91401; telephone (818) 374-5090.

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. The owner or contractor shall keep the construction area sufficiently dampened to control dust caused by grading and hauling, and at all times shall provide reasonable control of dust caused by wind, at the sole discretion of the grading inspector. (DBS)
2. Hauling and grading equipment shall be kept in good operating condition and muffled as required by law. (LAPD)
3. Loads shall be secured by trimming and watering or may be covered to prevent the spilling or blowing of the earth material. If the load, where it contacts the sides, front, and back of the truck cargo container area, remains six inches from the upper edge of the container area, and if the load does not extend, at its peak, above any part of the upper edge of the cargo container area, the load is not required to be covered, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 23114 (e) (4). (LAPD)
4. Trucks and loads are to be watered at the export site to prevent blowing dirt and are to be cleaned of loose earth at the export site to prevent spilling. (DBS)
5. Streets shall be cleaned of spilled materials during grading and hauling, and at the termination of each workday. (BSS)
6. The owner/contractor shall be in conformance with the State of California, Department of Transportation policy regarding movements of reducible loads. (DOT)
7. The owner/contractor shall comply with all regulations set forth by the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles pertaining to the hauling of earth. (LAPD)
8. A copy of the approval letter from the City, the approved haul route and the approved grading plans shall be available on the job site at all times. (DBS)
9. The owner/contractor shall notify the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division, (213) 847-6000 and LAPD traffic group, at least 72 hours prior to the beginning of hauling operations and shall also notify the Division immediately upon completion of hauling operations. Any change to the prescribed routes, staging and/or hours of operation must be approved by the concerned governmental agencies. Contact the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division prior to effecting any change. (BSS & LAPD)

10. No person shall perform any grading within areas designated "hillside" unless a copy of the permit is in the possession of a responsible person and available at the site for display upon request. (DBS)
11. A copy of this report, the approval letter from the Board and the approved grading plans shall be available on the job site at all times. A request to modify or change the approved routes must be approved by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners before the change takes place. (DBS)
12. The grading permit for the project shall be obtained within twelve months from the date of action of the Board. If the grading permit is not obtained within the specified time, re-application for a public hearing through the Commission Office will be required. (DBS)
13. Hauling must commence within eighteen months after Board action approval. Failure to haul within that time will result in additional fees and a bond reassessment by the Bureau of Engineering. (DBS)
14. A log noting the dates of hauling and the number of trips (i.e. trucks) per day shall be available on the job site at all times. (DBS)
15. Hauling vehicles shall not stage on any streets adjacent to the project, unless specifically approved as a special condition in this report. (DOT)
16. Hauling vehicles shall be spaced so as to discourage a convoy affect. (LAPD)
17. Grading and hauling activities shall be discontinued during periods of high winds and Red Flag days as determined by the Los Angeles Fire Department. (DBS)
18. This approval pertains only to the City of Los Angeles streets. Those segments of the haul route outside the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles may be subject to permit requirements and to the approval of other municipal or governmental agencies and appropriate clearances or permits is the responsibility of the contractor.
19. **A copy of the first page of this approval and all Conditions and/or any subsequent appeal of this approval and its resultant Conditions and/or letters of clarification shall be printed on the building plans submitted to the City's Development Services Center and the Department of Building and Safety for purposes of having a building permit issued.**
20. **INDEMNIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION COSTS.**

Owner shall do all of the following:

- (i) **Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including but not limited to, an action to**

attack, challenge, set aside, void, or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.

- (ii) Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.**
- (iii) Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the owner and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$25,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the owner from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (iii).**
- (iv) Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the owner from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).**
- (v) If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.**

The City shall notify the owner within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the owner of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the owner shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the owner of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the owner fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

“City” shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

“Action” shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Actions includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the owner otherwise created by this condition.

C. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

An authorized Public Officer may make additions to, or modifications of, the following conditions if necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

1. The hauling operations are restricted to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. No hauling is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or City holidays. Haul vehicles may not arrive at the site before the designated start time. (DBS)
2. Hauling of earth shall be completed within the maximum time limit of 22 hauling days. (DBS)
3. Staging is allowed on-site only. Staging shall not interfere with traffic nor access to neighboring driveways. (DOT)
4. The approved haul vehicles are 10-wheel dump trucks. (BSS)
5. Total amount of dirt to be hauled shall not exceed 2,530 cubic yards. (DBS)
6. "Truck Crossing" warning signs shall be placed 300 feet in advance of the exit in each direction. (BSS)
7. A minimum of two flag attendants, each with two-way radios, will be required during hauling hours to assist with staging and getting trucks in and out of the project area. One flag attendant will be placed at the following locations:
 - A. The entrance of the project site.
 - B. The intersection of Woodhill Canyon Road and Laurel Terrace Drive.

Additional flag attendants may be required by the LADBS Inspector, LADOT, or BSS to mitigate a hazardous situation (e.g. blind curves, uncontrolled intersections, narrow portions of roads or where obstacles are present). Flag attendants and

warning signs shall be in compliance with Part II of the latest Edition of "Work Area Traffic Control Handbook." (BSS)

8. The City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation, telephone (213) 485-2298, shall be notified 72 hours prior to beginning operations in order to have temporary "No Parking" signs posted along streets of the haul route, if necessary. (DOT)
9. Contractor shall contact LADOT at (213) 485-2298 at least four business days prior to hauling to post "Temporary Tow Away No Stopping" signs along Woodhill Canyon Road, adjacent to the project site if needed during hauling. (DOT)
10. The approved route by DOT and BSS is as follows:

LOADED TRUCKS:

From the project site, travel northbound on Woodhill Canyon Road, turn right (east) on Laurel Terrace Drive, left (north) on Laurel Canyon Boulevard, left to enter northbound US-101 Freeway and continue to the disposal site located outside the city limits.

EMPTY TRUCKS:

Reverse of "Loaded Trucks" route. (BSS)

11. Only one hauling truck, associated with this project address, shall be allowed on Woodhill Canyon Road at any time. (BSS)
12. Prior to hauling, the applicant shall provide the following information to Los Angeles Fire Department Station #78 located at 4041 Whitsett Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91604; telephone (818) 756-8678:
 - A. Contact information for the construction superintendent or contractor.
 - B. A copy of this approved staff report.
 - C. A map clearly illustrating the approved hauling route and involved street names.
 - D. The approved hauling hours.
 - E. The estimated completion date of hauling.
13. The applicant shall provide a staked sign at the site containing the contact information for the Senior Street Services Investigator (Department of Public Works), the Senior Grading Inspector (LADBS) and the hauling or general contractor. The letters shall be a minimum of 3 inches in height. (DBS)
14. A Registered Deputy Grading Inspector shall notify the LADBS district grading inspector at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of hauling operations, and whose sole responsibility shall be to continuously inspect and accurately log the dates and

hours of hauling, the number of daily truck trips, the material in each loaded truck (i.e. soil or demolition material), and the approved haul route. (DBS)

D. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The Department of City Planning has analyzed this project and determined that it qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to section 15332 (Class 32) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Case No. ENV-2022-6651-CE). If you concur with the Department of City Planning's exemption analysis, you can comply with your obligations under CEQA by determining that the project is exempt for the reasons outlined in the Notice of Exemption prepared by City Planning.

E. MANDATORY FINDINGS 15300.2 AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. DETERMINE that the project is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Section 15332 (Class 32) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Case No. ENV-2022-6651-CE), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

CODE:

SEC. 91.7006. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO ISSUING A GRADING PERMIT.

Section 91.7006.7. Limitation of Export and Import

5. At the public hearing, the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners shall consider the views of the applicant and all other affected persons. The board shall then grant or conditionally grant approval of export and import operations or, in the event it determines that the grading activity, including the hauling operation, will endanger the public health, safety and welfare, it shall deny the request. Where conditions of the permit are recommended by the Department of Public Works, including the condition that a bond be posted pursuant to Section 62.202 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, such conditions shall be made a part of any permit which may be issued. The decision of the board shall not be effective until 10 calendar days have elapsed from the date of the board's decision.
6. Any affected person, including the applicant, who is dissatisfied with the decision of the board, may appeal the board decision within 10 days to the City Council by filing an appeal with the city clerk on forms which the city clerk provides. The City Council shall hear and make its determination on the appeal not later than the 30th day after the appeal has been filed. The decision of the City Council on the matter shall be final. If the City Council fails

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Board File: 230011

to act on any appeal within the time limit specified in this section, the action of the board on the matter shall be final.

OSAMA YOUNAN, P.E.

General Manager

Superintendent of Building

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Muhs', written in a cursive style.

Karl Muhs

Management Assistant, Commission Office

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

4 – E. Valley #163842
3649 & 3651 N. Woodhill Canyon Rd

Date: July 12, 2023

To: Veronica Lopez, Board Secretary
Building and Safety Commission Office
201 North Figueroa Street, Room 1030, Stop 115
Fax: (213) 482-6753

From: *Letitia R. Simon* for
Steve Rostam, Transportation Engineer
Department of Transportation, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd

Subject: **IMPORT/EXPORT OF EARTH – HILLSIDE AREAS – 3649 & 3651 N. Woodhill Canyon Road
Board File # 230011**

The Department of Transportation has reviewed the requested haul route. Our recommendations are as follows:

1. RECOMMENDED HAUL ROUTE:

Loaded Truck: -

Exit jobsite onto Woodhill Canyon Road (Northbound); Right onto Laurel Terrace Drive (Eastbound); Left onto Laurel Canyon Boulevard (Northbound); Left onto Northbound Ventura Fwy On-ramp (CA-101); Continue on Ventura Fwy (CA-101) to Dumpsite outside of the City Limits.

Empty Truck: -

From outside of the City Limits head Southbound on Ventura Fwy (CA-101); Exit Laurel Canyon Boulevard (Exit 14) turn right (Southbound); Turn right onto Laurel Terrace Drive (westbound); Turn left onto Woodhill Canyon Road (Southbound) arriving at job site.

2. DAYS AND HOURS OF HAULING OPERATION

Hauling shall be limited to the hours of 9AM to 4PM weekdays, and 8AM to 4PM on Saturdays. **NO HAULING SHALL BE PERFORMED ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.**

3. STAGING AREA

All trucks shall be staged on jobsite. **NO INTERFERENCE TO TRAFFIC AND ACCESS TO DRIVEWAYS MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.**

4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND/OR REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall contact LADOT at (213) 485-2298 at least four business days prior to hauling to post "Temporary Tow Away No Stopping" signs along Woodhill Canyon Road, adjacent to jobsite if needed for hauling.

Flagger control should be provided during the hauling operations to assist with ingress/egress of truck traffic and pedestrian traffic.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: July 14, 2023

TO: Honorable Board of Building and Safety Commissioners
Attn: Veronica Lopez, Acting Board Secretary
201 N. Figueroa Street, Room 1080
Mail Stop #115

FROM: Keith Mozee
Executive Director and General Manager, Bureau of Street Services
By: David Rivera, Chief Street Services Investigator II
Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division

SUBJECT: **BOARD FILE NUMBER 230011**
ORDINANCE NOS. 148,167 AND 159,016 – IMPORT/EXPORT OF
EARTH MATERIAL (HILLSIDE AREAS) –3649 & 3651 NORTH
WOODHILL CANYON ROAD

I. FIELD MEETING/INSPECTION

- A. An inspection was made by Senior Street Services Investigator II, Charles Smith, of the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division, on 02/27/2023.
- B. The applicant's request was forwarded to the following Departmental representatives, and their recommendations have been received:
1. Rudy Guevara, Transportation Engineer, Department of Transportation
 2. Jenel Elizondo, Management Analyst, Bureau of Street Services
- C. The approved haul route is as follows:

Loaded:

- Exit jobsite onto Woodhill Canyon Road (Northbound)
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- Continue on Ventura Freeway CA-101 to Dumpsite outside of the City Limits

Unloaded:

- From outside of the City Limits head Southbound on Ventura Freeway CA-101
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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Staging: All trucks shall be staged on jobsite. **Flag control is required at the project site during the hauling operation.**

NOTE: NO INTERFERENCE TO TRAFFIC; ACCESS TO DRIVEWAYS MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.

II. REQUIRED PERMIT FEE AND BOND

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III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

An authorized Public Officer may make additions to, or modifications of, the following conditions if necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

- 1. The hauling operations are restricted to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:0 p.m. No hauling shall be performed on Sundays, and holidays.
- 2. The vehicles used for hauling shall be 10-Wheel Dump trucks.
- 3. All trucks are to be cleaned of loose earth at the export site to prevent spilling. The

contractor shall remove any material spilled onto the public street.

4. All trucks are to be watered at the export site to prevent excessive blowing of dirt.
5. The applicant shall comply with the State of California, Department of Transportation policy regarding movement of reducible loads.
6. Total amount of dirt to be hauled shall not exceed 2,530 cubic yards.
7. "Truck Crossing" warning signs shall be placed 300 feet in advance of the exit in each direction.
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13. The permittee shall notify the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division at (213) 847-6000 at least 72 hours prior to the beginning of hauling operations and shall notify the Division immediately upon completion of hauling operations.
14. The application shall expire eighteen months after the date of the Board of Building and Safety Commission and/or the Department of City Planning approval. The permit fee shall be paid to the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division prior to the commencement of hauling operations.

AK/GH/CS:MH

S:haul routes: 3649 & 3651 NORTH WOODHILL CANYON ROAD

cc: Bureau of Street Services
Jenel Elizondo, Management Analyst
Mail Stop #550

Bureau of Engineering
Mati Laan, District Engineer
Valley District Engineering Office
Mail Stop #498

Department of Transportation
Steve Rostam, Transportation Engineer
Valley District Office
Mail Stop #728

Edmond Yew, District Engineer
Land Development Group
Mail Stop #901

Bureau of Street Services
Charles Smith, Senior Street Services Investigator II
1149 South Broadway, Suite 350
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Owner: Stephen & Stacey Davis
22701 W. Martha St
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(310) 890-3007

Applicant: Ben Rocca
22287 Mulholland Hwy #287
Calabasas, CA 91302
(818) 288-8669

Contractor: Troy Company Inc
21541 Nordhoff St. Unit #D
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(310) 777-8811

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

ATTACHMENT 2

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

JOB ADDRESS: 3649 and 3651 North Woodhill Canyon Road

Briefly describe the complete project and include the proposed amount of Import/Export of soil for hauling and the number of residential units, if applicable:

demo existing SFD and construct new SFD with ADU and ALQ on hillside

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING OR PUBLIC WORKS USE ONLY:

☒ The Department of City Planning has analyzed this project, which includes the import/export of soil and hauling, and pursuant to State and City Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, has determined it qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (CE) per the attached Notice of Exemption. (Case No. ENV-2022-6651-CE)

The Notice of Exemption references the following amount of import/export of soil to be hauled: 3,200 cubic yards

☐ The Department of City Planning or Public Works has analyzed this project, which includes the import/export of soil and hauling, and pursuant to State and City Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, has prepared or has had another agency prepare the ATTACHED Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). (Case No. _____)

The circulation end date for the above mentioned MND is: _____

The MND references the following amount of import/export of soil to be hauled: _____ cubic yards

Mitigated measures for hauling are found on the following MND pages : _____

Check one of the following boxes:

☐ No Comments were received during the circulation period.

☐ Yes, Comments were received during the circulation period. These comments and written responses from the agency that prepared the MND are ATTACHED with the MND referenced above.

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The circulation end date for the above mentioned EIR: _____

The EIR references the following amount of import/export of soil to be hauled: _____ cubic yards

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Check one of the following boxes:

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JoJo Pewsawang



6/27/2023

213-978-1214

Print: Name of Planning/Public Works staff

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(PRC Section 21152; CEQA Guidelines Section 15062)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15062, the notice should be posted with the County Clerk by mailing the form and posting fee payment to the following address: Los Angeles County Clerk/Recorder, Environmental Notices, P.O. Box 1208, Norwalk, CA 90650. Pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21167 (d), the posting of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to reliance on an exemption for the project. Failure to file this notice as provided above, results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

PARENT CASE NUMBER(S) / REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

ENV-2022-6651-CE

LEAD CITY AGENCY

City of Los Angeles (Department of City Planning)

CASE NUMBER

ENV-2022-6651-CE

PROJECT TITLE

3649 3651 North Woodhill Canyon

COUNCIL DISTRICT

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PROJECT LOCATION (Street Address and Cross Streets and/or Attached Map)

3649 and 3651 North Woodhill Canyon☐ Map attached.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

☐ Additional page(s) attached.

Haul Route for a maximum export of 3,200 cubic yards of dirt for the construction of a new approximately 13,070 square-foot two-story single-family residence with 1,170 square-foot ADU and 600 square-foot detached ALQ

NAME OF APPLICANT / OWNER:

Ben Rocca

CONTACT PERSON (If different from Applicant/Owner above)

Ben Rocca

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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check all boxes, and include all exemptions, that apply and provide relevant citations.)

STATE CEQA STATUTE & GUIDELINES

☐ STATUTORY EXEMPTION(S)

Public Resources Code Section(s) _____

☒ CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION(S) (State CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301-15333 / Class 1-Class 33)CEQA Guideline Section(s) / Class(es) Section 15332 (Class 32)☐ ~~OTHER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION~~ (E.g., CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) or (b)(4) or Section 15378(b))

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:

☐ Additional page(s) attached

Class 1, consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or formal use.

Class 3 consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structures will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Class 32 consist of projects characterized as in-fill development.

☒ None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 to the categorical exemption(s) apply to the Project.

☐ The project is identified in one or more of the list of activities in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines as cited in the justification.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT.

If different from the applicant, the identity of the person undertaking the project.

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Haul Route

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION CASE NO. ENV-2022-6651-CE

3649 and 3651 North Woodhill Canyon Road, Studio City, CA 91604

Project Description

The Project is for the construction of a new approximately 13,070 square-foot two-story single-family residence with attached two-car garage, associated driveway, a detached two-story 1,170 square-foot accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and a 600 square-foot detached accessory living quarter. The project is proposed in conjunction with an application for a haul route for the maximum export of 3,200 cubic yards of earth. The project also proposes to remove 41 non-protected trees and replace them on a 1:1 basis. As a single-family dwelling developed on an infill site, this Project qualifies for the 15332 Categorical Exemption.

The Project Site consists of two lots located at 3651 North Woodhill Canyon Road. Additionally, the two lots are under the same ownership. Lot 1 contains an existing 2,910 square-foot two-story single-family dwelling with an attached two car garage. The project will demolish the existing dwelling and replace it with a new 13,070 square-foot residence with detached ADU and ALQ. The project does not propose the removal of any protected trees as stated in the tree report dated June 5, 2023, prepared by The Tree Resource.

CEQA Section 15300.2: Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions.

The City has considered whether the Proposed Project is subject to any of the six (6) exceptions that would prohibit the use of a categorical exemption as set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The six (6) exceptions to this Exemption are: (a) Location; (b) Cumulative Impacts; (c) Significant Effect; (d) Scenic Highways; (e) Hazardous Waste Sites; and (f) Historical Resources.

Location. *Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

The subject site is located 1.17 Kilometers from the Hollywood Fault, in a Hillside Area, is identified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, BOE Special Grading Area, Landslide area, Liquefaction area, and is subject to specific Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCMs) in the City of Los Angeles that regulate the grading and construction of projects in these particular types of “sensitive” locations. The RCMs will reduce any potential impacts to less than significant. Specifically the following RCMs would apply:

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-1 (Seismic):** The design and construction of the project shall conform to the California Building Code seismic standards as approved by the Department of Building and Safety.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-2 (Hillside Grading Area):** The grading plan shall conform with the City's Landform Grading Manual guidelines, subject to approval by the Advisory Agency and the Department of Building and Safety's Grading Division. Appropriate erosion control and drainage devices shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Building and Safety Department. These measures include interceptor terraces, berms, vee-channels, and inlet and outlet structures, as specified by Section 91.7013 of the Building Code, including planting fast-growing annual and perennial grasses in areas where construction is not immediately planned.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-3 (Landslide Area):** Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, to the Department of Building and Safety, for review and approval. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any landslide and soil displacement, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity, and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include, but are not limited to:
 - ground stabilization
 - selection of appropriate foundation type and depths
 - selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measuresThe project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-4 (Liquefaction Area):** The project shall comply with the Uniform Building Code Chapter 18. Division1 Section 1804.5 Liquefaction Potential and Soil Strength Loss. Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, to the Department of Building and Safety, for review and approval. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any liquefaction and soil strength loss, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity, and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include, but are not limited to:
 - ground stabilization
 - selection of appropriate foundation type and depths
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The project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-5 (Subsidence Area):** Prior to the issuance of building or grading permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist to the written satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any subsidence and soil strength loss, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity, and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include, but are not limited to: ground stabilization, selection of appropriate foundation type and depths, selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measures. The project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-GEO-6 (Expansive Soils Area):** Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, to the Department of Building and Safety, for review and approval. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any soil expansion and soil strength loss, estimation of settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity, and discuss mitigation measures that may include building design consideration. Building design considerations shall include, but are not limited to: ground stabilization, selection of appropriate foundation type and depths, selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements or any combination of these measures. The project shall comply with the conditions contained within the Department of Building and Safety's Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the proposed project, and as it may be subsequently amended or modified.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-AE-1 (Hillside): Compliance with Baseline Hillside Ordinance.** To ensure consistency with the Baseline Hillside Ordinance, the project shall comply with the City's Hillside Development Guidelines, including but not limited to setback requirements, residential floor area maximums, height limits, lot coverage and grading restrictions
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-AQ-1 (Demolition, Grading and Construction Activities): Compliance with provisions of the SCAQMD District Rule 403.** The project shall comply with all applicable standards of the Southern California Air Quality Management District, including the following provisions of District Rule 403:
 - All unpaved demolition and construction areas shall be wetted at least twice daily during excavation and construction, and temporary dust covers shall be used to reduce dust emissions and meet SCAQMD District Rule 403. Wetting could reduce fugitive dust by as much as 50 percent.
 - The construction area shall be kept sufficiently dampened to control dust caused by grading and hauling, and at all times provide reasonable control of dust caused by wind.

- All clearing, earth moving, or excavation activities shall be discontinued during periods of high winds (i.e., greater than 15 mph), so as to prevent excessive amounts of dust.
- All dirt/soil loads shall be secured by trimming, watering or other appropriate means to prevent spillage and dust.
- All dirt/soil materials transported off-site shall be either sufficiently watered or securely covered to prevent excessive amounts of dust.
- General contractors shall maintain and operate construction equipment so as to minimize exhaust emissions.
- Trucks having no current hauling activity shall not idle but be turned off.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-NOI-1 (Noise Ordinance):** The project shall conform with the City's noise regulations that have taken effect pursuant to Ordinance 144,331 et sequentia. These measures include but are not limited to LAMC Section 41.40 for Construction Noise, LAMC Section 113.01 for Rubbish and Garbage Collection, LAMC Section 114.0 for Vehicle loading or unloading (Deliveries), LAMC Section 112.01(c) for Noise Emitting from Nightclubs.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-1: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit.** Prior to issuance of a grading permit, the Applicant shall obtain coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System No. CAS000002) (Construction General Permit) for Phase 1 of the proposed Modified Project. The Applicant shall provide the Waste Discharge Identification Number to the City of Los Angeles to demonstrate proof of coverage under the Construction General Permit. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan shall be prepared and implemented for the proposed Modified Project in compliance with the requirements of the Construction General Permit. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan shall identify construction Best Management Practices to be implemented to ensure that the potential for soil erosion and sedimentation is minimized and to control the discharge of pollutants in stormwater runoff as a result of construction activities.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-2: Dewatering.** If required, any dewatering activities during construction shall comply with the requirements of the Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (Order No. R4-2008-0032, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System No. CAG994004) or subsequent permit. This will include submission of a Notice of Intent for coverage under the permit to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board at least 45 days prior to the start of dewatering and compliance with all applicable provisions in the permit, including water sampling, analysis, and reporting of dewatering-related discharges.
- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-3: Low Impact Development Plan.** Prior to issuance of grading permits, the Applicant shall submit a Low Impact Development Plan and/or Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan to the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Watershed Protection Division for review and approval. The Low Impact Development Plan and/or Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan shall be prepared consistent with the requirements of the Development Best Management Practices Handbook.

- **Regulatory Compliance Measure RC-WQ-4: Development Best Management Practices.** The Best Management Practices shall be designed to retain or treat the runoff from a storm event producing 0.75 inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period, in accordance with the Development Best Management Practices Handbook Part B Planning Activities. A signed certificate from a licensed civil engineer or licensed architect confirming that the proposed Best Management Practices meet this numerical threshold standard shall be provided.

These RCMs have been historically proven to work to the satisfaction of the City Engineer to reduce any impacts from the specific environment in which the Project is located. In addition, all haul routes applications require the submittal of a Geology and Soils Report to the Department of Building and Safety (DBS). A Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter for the subject properties, which details conditions of approval that must be followed, has been issued by DBS on March 24, 2022 (attached). In addition, roof and site drainage as well as sewer availability must comply with Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Sanitation standards; and hydrants, Fire Department Access, and Fire Safety must be reviewed and approved by the Los Angeles Fire Department before permits can be issued. Furthermore, the project must comply with the Baseline Hill Ordinance No. 181, 624 adopted after May 9, 2011 per both Project's filling date September 15, 2022, Single-Family Zones and Single-Family Zone Hillside Area Regulations ZI-2462 effective March 17, 2017. Thus, in conjunction with the above RCMs and compliance with other applicable regulations, the location of the Project's will not result in a significant impact based on its location.

Cumulative Impacts. *All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

According to Navigate LA and the Department of Building and Safety Haul Route Requests Status Table, there are zero (0) other haul route approvals, and no other haul route applications being processed in within 500 feet of the Subject Site.

The approved haul routes are for the following properties and during the following timeframes:

None

The pending haul routes are for the following properties: None

For Council Districts 4, In light of the increase in construction activity in the Studio City area and the increase in associated truck traffic related to the import and export of soil, a haul route monitoring program is being implemented by the Department of Building and Safety for Council Districts 4 and 5 for added enforcement to ensure safety and to protect the quality of life of area residents. As part of this program, a haul route monitor is assigned to a geographic area to monitor haul routes and keep track of daily activities in order to minimize impacts to neighboring residents. Haul routes are tracked via a Map for each district to identify the locations of construction sites for which a haul route was required.

In addition, the haul route approval will be subject to recommended conditions prepared by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to be considered by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners that will reduce the impacts of construction related hauling activity, monitor the traffic effects of hauling, and reduce haul trips in response to congestion. Furthermore, DBS staggers the haul route schedules so as to ensure that all of the haul routes do not occur

simultaneously. Therefore, in conjunction with citywide RCMs and compliance with other applicable regulations, no foreseeable cumulative impacts are expected.

Significant Effect. *A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

The Project proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and associated accessory dwelling units in an area zoned and designated for such development. All adjacent lots are developed with single-family dwellings, and the Subject Site is of a similar size and slope to nearby properties. The slope band analysis identifies a maximum RFA of 30,084 square feet. The project proposes a maximum RFA of 14,460 square feet. The project proposes a lot coverage of 7 percent, representing a total footprint of 8,079 square feet within an overall lot area of 113,350 square feet. This type of project is not unusual for the vicinity of the Subject Site, and is similar in scope to other existing residential uses in the area. Thus, there are no unusual circumstances which may lead to a significant effect on the environment, and this exception does not apply.

The Projects are in conjunction with an application for a haul route for the export of approximately 2,093 cubic yards of earth (accumulatively) in an area zoned and designated for such development. All adjacent lots are developed with single-family dwellings, and the subject sites are of a similar size and slope to nearby properties.

The Project is for the construction of a new approximately 13,070 square-foot two-story single-family residence with attached two-car garage, associated driveway, a detached two-story 1,170 square-foot accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and a 600 square-foot detached accessory living quarter.

Scenic Highways. *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.*

The only State Scenic Highway within the City of Los Angeles is the Topanga Canyon State Scenic Highway, State Route 27, which travels through a portion of Topanga State Park. The project is approximately 12 miles east of State Route 27. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to any scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway, and this exception does not apply.

Hazardous Waste. *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

According to Envirostor, the State of California's database of Hazardous Waste Sites, neither the subject site, nor any site in the vicinity, is identified as a hazardous waste site. Furthermore, the building permit history for the Project Site does not indicate the Site may be hazardous or otherwise contaminated and this exception does not apply.

Historic Resources. *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

The Project Site has not been identified as a historic resource by local or state agencies, and the project site has not been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, the Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments Register, and/or any local register; and was not found to be a potential historic resource based on the City's HistoricPlacesLA website or SurveyLA, the citywide survey of Los Angeles. Finally, the City does not choose to treat the Site as a historic resource. Based on this, the project will not result in a substantial adverse change to the significance of a historic resource and this exception does not apply.

CEQA Determination – Class 32 Categorical Exemption Applies

A project qualifies for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption if it is developed on an infill site and meets the conditions as follows: (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with the applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) The project site has no value as a habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

- (a) *The project is consistent with applicable general plan designation, applicable policies, and applicable zoning designations.*

The site is located 3651 N. Woodhill Canyon Road and is currently improved with a single-family dwelling with an attached garage. The site located at 3651 N. Woodhill Canyon Road is improved with a basketball court located towards the rear of lot 2 (FR 2). Both sites are zoned RE15-1-H and RE40-1-H and have a General Plan Land Use Designation of Very Low Residential. Single-Family Zone Hillside Area Regulations (ZI-2462), as the project was filed on September 15, 2022. The proposed two-story single-family dwelling is in conformance with the applicable Sherman Oaks – Studio City – Toluca Lake – Cahuenga Pass Community Plan designation and policies and all applicable zoning designations and regulations.

- (b) *The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.*

The subject sites are wholly within the City of Los Angeles, on a site that is approximately 2.61 acres. Lots adjacent to the subject sites are also developed with single-family dwellings.

- (c) *The project has no value as habitat for endangered species, rare, or threatened species.*

According to the Tree Report dated June 5, 2023, there are 53 protected trees and shrubs on-site and four protected trees and shrubs off-site. No protected trees or shrubs are proposed to be removed as a part of the project. The protected trees/shrubs includes the following: 36 Coast Live Oak trees, 3 Black Walnut trees and 12 protected shrubs (Toyon). The Project will preserve the protected trees and shrubs, to ensure there are no encroachments or impacts to the health or stability of the trees and shrubs. Additionally, there are 112 non-protected trees; 105 Eucalyptus trees, three Pine trees, two Liquidambar trees, one Deodar tree, one Ash tree, one Pittosporum tree, all of which are to be replaced on a 1:1 basis. As such, the project will not further impede on habitat for threatened species.

- (d) *Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality*

As previously mentioned, the project will be subject to Regulatory Compliance Measures (RCMs). These require compliance with the City of Los Angeles: Noise Ordinance; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit; Dewatering; Low Impact Development Plan; Stormwater Mitigations; and Best Management Practices for stormwater runoff. These RCMs will reduce any potential impacts on noise and water to less than significant. Furthermore, the projects do not exceed the threshold criteria established by LADOT for preparing a traffic study. The project will also be governed by an approved haul route under City Code requirements, which will regulate the route hauling trucks will travel, and the times at which they may leave the site, thereby reducing any potential traffic impacts to less than significant. Interim thresholds were developed by DCP staff based on CalEEMod model runs relying on reasonable assumptions, consulting with AQMD staff, and surveying published air quality studies for which criteria air pollutants did not exceed the established SCAQMD construction and operational thresholds.

- (e) *The proposed project has been reviewed by City staff, and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.*

The project site will be adequately served by all public utilities and services given that the construction of a new single-family dwelling will replace an existing single-family dwelling at the site. Therefore, it can be found that the projects meet the qualifications of the Class 32 Exemption.

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GEOLOGY AND SOILS REPORT APPROVAL LETTER

July 12, 2022

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SOILS/GEOLOGY FILE - 2
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TRACT: 10877 // Lankershim Ranch Land and Water Co. (MR 31-39/44)
LOT(S): FR 2 // FR 245 (Arb. 1) & FR 250 (Arbs. 1 & 2)
LOCATION: 3651 N. Woodhill Canyon Road

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Dept. Approval Letter	78773	12/10/2012	LADBS
Geology/Soils Report	GH15730-G	10/19/2012	Grover Hollingsworth

The Grading Division of the Department of Building and Safety has reviewed the referenced reports that provide recommendations for the proposed two-story residence, attached garage, one-story guest house, swimming pool, and decks. Retaining walls ranging up to 14 feet in height are proposed to expand and terrace the building pad area. The proposed development will be located on the narrow, eastern portion of the property. The rear, western portion consists of a generally natural, undeveloped slope that extends into public park lands. The subject property is developed with a one-story residence, carport, and various retaining walls. The existing structures will be demolished for the new development. At the rear of the building pad, a slope ascends to the west-southwest roughly 150 to 200 feet in height to a descending ridgeling at gradients of about 2:1 to 3:1 (H:V), locally 1½:1 (H:V).

Subsurface exploration performed by the consultant consisted of 19 test pits to a maximum depth of 13 feet. The earth materials at the subsurface exploration locations consist of up to 2 feet of uncertified fill underlain by soil, colluvium, alluvium, and sandstone and siltstone bedrock. Geologic structure observed by the consultant on the northern and eastern portions of the site consisted of northerly dipping bedding between 40 and 55 degrees. Geologic structure observed by the consultant on the southwestern portions of the site consisted of southerly dipping bedding between 40 and 68 degrees. Northerly-facing excavations in the development area are anticipated to expose unsupported bedding planes.

The consultants recommend to support the proposed structures on conventional and/or drilled-pile foundations bearing on a blanket of properly placed fill, a minimum of 3 feet thick below the bottom of the foundations, or competent bedrock.

The site is located in a designated seismically induced landslide and liquefaction hazard zones, as shown on the Seismic Hazard Zones map issued by the State of California. However, the proposed construction (two-stories) is currently exempt (P/BC 2020-044).

The referenced reports are acceptable, provided the following conditions are complied with during site development:

(Note: Numbers in parenthesis () refer to applicable sections of the 2020 City of LA Building Code. P/BC numbers refer the applicable Information Bulletin. Information Bulletins can be accessed on the internet at LADBS.ORG.)

1. Conformance with the Zoning Code Section 12.21 C8, which limits the heights and number of retaining walls, will be determined during structural plan check.
2. The geologist and soils engineer shall review and approve the detailed plans prior to issuance of any permits. This approval shall be by signature on the plans that clearly indicates the geologist and soils engineer have reviewed the plans prepared by the design engineer and that the plans include the recommendations contained in their reports (7006.1).
3. All recommendations of the reports that are in addition to or more restrictive than the conditions contained herein shall be incorporated into the plans.
4. A copy of the subject and appropriate referenced reports and this approval letter shall be attached to the District Office and field set of plans. Submit one copy of the above reports to the Building Department Plan Checker prior to issuance of the permit. (7006.1)
5. A grading permit shall be obtained for all structural fill and retaining wall backfill (106.1.2).
6. All graded, brushed or bare slopes shall be planted with low-water consumption, native-type plant varieties to protect slopes against erosion (7012).
7. All new graded slopes shall be no steeper than 2H:1V (7010.2 & 7011.2).
8. Prior to the issuance of any permit, an accurate volume determination shall be made and included in the final plans, with regard to the amount of earth material to be exported from the site. For grading involving import or export of more than 1000 cubic yards of earth materials within the grading hillside area, approval is required by the Board of Building and Safety. Application for approval of the haul route must be filed with the Board of Building and Safety Commission Office. Processing time for application is approximately 8 weeks to hearing plus 10-day appeal period.
9. All man-made fill shall be compacted to a minimum 90 percent of the maximum dry density of the fill material per the latest version of ASTM D 1557. Where cohesionless soil having less than 15 percent finer than 0.005 millimeters is used for fill, it shall be compacted to a minimum of 95 percent relative compaction based on maximum dry density. Placement of gravel in lieu of compacted fill is only allowed if complying with LAMC Section 91.7011.3.
10. If import soils are used, no footings shall be poured until the soils engineer has submitted a compaction report containing in-place shear test data and settlement data to the Grading Division of the Department; and, obtained approval (7008.2).

11. Compacted fill shall extend beyond the footings a minimum distance equal to the depth of the fill below the bottom of footings or a minimum of three feet, whichever is greater (7011.3).
12. Existing uncertified fill shall not be used for support of footings, concrete slabs or new fill (1809.2, 7011.3).
13. Existing residual soil, colluvium and near surface alluvium (upper 2 feet) shall not be used for support of footings, as recommended on page 8 of the 01/28/2022 report.
14. Drainage in conformance with the provisions of the Code shall be maintained during and subsequent to construction (7013.12).
15. Grading shall be scheduled for completion prior to the start of the rainy season, or detailed temporary erosion control plans shall be filed in a manner satisfactory to the Grading Division of the Department and the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, B-Permit Section, for any grading work in excess of 200 cubic yards (7007.1).

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16. All loose foundation excavation material shall be removed prior to commencement of framing. Slopes disturbed by construction activities shall be restored (7005.3).
17. The applicant is advised that the approval of this report does not waive the requirements for excavations contained in the General Safety Orders of the California Department of Industrial Relations (3301.1).
18. Temporary excavations that remove lateral support to the public way, adjacent property, or adjacent structures shall be supported by shoring, as recommended. Note: Lateral support shall be considered to be removed when the excavation extends below a plane projected downward at an angle of 45 degrees from the bottom of a footing of an existing structure, from the edge of the public way or an adjacent property. (3307.3.1)
19. Where any excavation, not addressed in the approved reports, would remove lateral support (as defined in 3307.3.1) from a public way, adjacent property, or structures, then a supplemental report shall be submitted to the Grading Division of the Department for review and approval. The report shall contain, at a minimum, recommendations for shoring, underpinning, and sequence of construction. Shoring recommendations shall include the maximum allowable lateral deflection of shoring system to prevent damage to adjacent structures, properties, and/or public ways. The report shall include a plot plan and cross-section(s) showing the construction type, number of stories, and location of adjacent structures, and analysis incorporating all surcharge loads that demonstrate an acceptable factor of safety against failure. (7006.2 & 3307.3.2)
20. Prior to the issuance of any permit that authorizes an excavation where the excavation is to be of a greater depth than are the walls or foundation of any adjoining building or structure and located closer to the property line than the depth of the excavation, the owner of the subject site shall provide the Department with evidence that the adjacent property owner has been given a 30-day written notice of such intent to make an excavation (3307.1).
21. The soils engineer shall review and approve the shoring plans prior to issuance of the permit (3307.3.2).
22. Prior to the issuance of the permits, the soils engineer and/or the structural designer shall evaluate the surcharge loads used in the report calculations for the design of the retaining walls and shoring. If the surcharge loads used in the calculations do not conform to the actual surcharge loads, the soil

engineer shall submit a supplementary report with revised recommendations to the Department for approval.

23. Unsurcharged temporary excavations in may be cut vertical up to 5 feet. For excavations over 5 feet, the lower 5 feet may be cut vertically and the portion of the excavation above 5 feet shall be trimmed back at a gradient not exceeding 1:1, as recommended.
24. Unsurcharged temporary excavations exposing unsupported geology and/or unsupported bedding planes shall be trimmed back along the lowest unsupported plane or at a 1H:1V slope inclination, whichever is flatter, or shored, as recommended.
25. Shoring shall be designed for the lateral earth pressures (45 pcf) specified on page 5 of the 05/18/2022 report. All surcharge loads shall be included into the design. Total lateral load on shoring piles shall be determined by multiplying the recommended EFP by the pile spacing.
26. Shoring shall be designed for a maximum lateral deflection of 1 inch, provided there are no structures within a 1:1 plane projected up from the base of the excavation. Where a structure is within a 1:1 plane projected up from the base of the excavation, shoring shall be designed for a maximum lateral deflection of ½ inch, or to a lower deflection determined by the consultant that does not present any potential hazard to the adjacent structure.
27. A shoring monitoring program shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the soils engineer.
28. All foundations shall derive entire support from a blanket of properly placed fill a minimum of 3 feet thick or competent bedrock, as recommended and approved by the geologist and soils engineer by inspection.
29. Buildings adjacent to ascending slopes steeper than 3H:1V in gradient shall be setback from the toe of the slope a level distance measured perpendicular to slope contours equal to one-half the vertical height of the slope, but need not exceed 15 feet (1808.7.1); for pools the setback shall be one-fourth the vertical height of the slope, but need not exceed 7.5 feet (1808.7.3).
30. Footings supported on approved compacted fill or expansive soil shall be reinforced with a minimum of four (4), ½-inch diameter (#4) deformed reinforcing bars. Two (2) bars shall be placed near the bottom and two (2) bars placed near the top of the footing.
31. The foundation/slab design shall satisfy all requirements of the Information Bulletin P/BC 2017-116 "Foundation Design for Expansive Soils" (1803.5.3).
32. Pile caisson and/or isolated foundation ties are required by LAMC Sections 91.1809.13 and/or 91.1810.3.13. Exceptions and modification to this requirement are provided in Information Bulletin P/BC 2020-030.
33. When water is present in drilled pile holes, the concrete shall be tremied from the bottom up to ensure minimum segregation of the mix and negligible turbulence of the water (1808.8.3).
34. Existing uncertified fill shall not be used for lateral support of deep foundations (1810.2.1).
35. The Code requires analysis for the group effects on lateral behavior where the center-to-center spacing of deep foundation elements in the direction of lateral force is less than eight times the least horizontal dimension of an element, and the Code also requires analysis for the group effects on axial behavior where the center-to-center spacing of deep foundation elements is less than three times the least horizontal dimension of an element. Where this occurs for the proposed pile layout, a supplemental report shall be submitted that contains said analysis and recommendations for reduction factors as appropriate. (1810.2.5)

36. Slabs placed on approved compacted fill shall be at least 3½ inches thick and shall be reinforced with ½-inch diameter (#4) reinforcing bars spaced a maximum of 16 inches on center each way.
37. Concrete floor slabs placed on expansive soil shall be placed on a 4-inch fill of coarse aggregate or on a moisture barrier membrane. The slabs shall be at least 3½ inches thick and shall be reinforced with ½-inch diameter (#4) reinforcing bars spaced a maximum of 16 inches on center each way.
38. The seismic design shall be based on a Site Class D, as recommended. All other seismic design parameters shall be reviewed by LADBS building plan check. According to ASCE 7-16 Section 11.4.8, the long period coefficient (F_v) may be selected per Table 11.4-2 in ASCE 7-16, provided that the value of the Seismic Response Coefficient (C_s) is determined by Equation 12.8-2 for values of the fundamental period of the building (T) less than or equal to 1.5 T_s , and taken as 1.5 times the value computed in accordance with either Equation 12.8-3 for T greater than 1.5 T_s and less than or equal to T_L or Equation 12.8-4 for T greater than T_L . Alternatively, a supplemental report containing a site-specific ground motion hazard analysis in accordance with ASCE 7-16 Section 21.2 shall be submitted for review and approval.
39. Retaining walls with adverse bedding conditions shall be designed for the lateral earth pressures (70 pcf) specified in the section titled "Response to Comment 8" on page 4 of the 05/18/2022 report. All surcharge loads shall be included into the design.
40. Retaining walls with favorable bedding conditions shall be designed for the lateral earth pressures specified in the section titled "Retaining Walls" starting on page 16 of the 01/28/2022 report. All surcharge loads shall be included into the design.
41. Retaining walls higher than 6 feet shall be designed for lateral earth pressure due to earthquake motions as specified on page 17 of the 01/28/2022 report (1803.5.12).

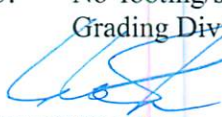
Note: Lateral earth pressure due to earthquake motions shall be in addition to static lateral earth pressures and other surcharge pressures. The height of a stacked retaining wall shall be considered as the summation of the heights of each wall.
42. Basement walls and other walls in which horizontal movement is restricted at the top shall be designed for at-rest pressure as specified on page 17 of the 01/28/2022 report. All surcharge loads shall be included into the design. (1610.1)
43. Retaining walls at the base of ascending slopes shall be provided with freeboard.
44. The recommended equivalent fluid pressure (EFP) for the proposed retaining wall shall apply from the top of the freeboard to the bottom of the wall footing.
45. All retaining walls shall be provided with a standard surface backdrain system and all drainage shall be conducted in a non-erosive device to the street in an acceptable manner (7013.11).
46. With the exception of retaining walls designed for hydrostatic pressure, all retaining walls shall be provided with a subdrain system to prevent possible hydrostatic pressure behind the wall. Prior to issuance of any permit, the retaining wall subdrain system recommended in the soils report shall be incorporated into the foundation plan which shall be reviewed and approved by the soils engineer of record (1805.4).
47. Installation of the subdrain system shall be inspected and approved by the soils engineer of record and the City grading/building inspector (108.9).
48. Basement walls and floors shall be waterproofed/damp-proofed with an LA City approved "Below-grade" waterproofing/damp-proofing material with a research report number (104.2.6).

49. Prefabricated drainage composites (Miradrain, Geotextiles) may be only used in addition to traditionally accepted methods of draining retained earth.
50. The pool shall be designed for expansive soil conditions in accordance with Information Bulletin P/BC 2020-014.
51. The portion of the pool wall within a horizontal distance of 7 feet from the top of the slope shall be capable of supporting the water in the pool without soil support (1808.7.3).
52. The structure shall be connected to the public sewer system per P/BC 2020-027.
53. All roof, pad, and deck drainage shall be conducted to the street in an acceptable manner in non-erosive devices or other approved location in a manner that is acceptable to the LADBS and the Department of Public Works. Water shall not be dispersed on to descending slopes without specific approval from the Grading Division and the consulting geologist and soils engineer (7013.10).
54. An on-site storm water infiltration system at the subject site shall not be implemented.
55. Sprinkler plans for irrigation shall be submitted and approved by the Mechanical Plan Check Section (7012.3.1).
56. Any recommendations prepared by the geologist and/or the soils engineer for correction of geological hazards found during grading shall be submitted to the Grading Division of the Department for approval prior to use in the field (7008.2, 7008.3).
57. The geologist and soils engineer shall inspect all excavations to determine that conditions anticipated in the report have been encountered and to provide recommendations for the correction of hazards found during grading (7008, 1705.6, & 1705.8).
58. All friction pile or caisson drilling and excavations shall be performed under the inspection and approval of the geologist and soils engineer. The geologist shall indicate the distance that friction piles or caissons penetrate into competent bedrock in a written field memorandum. (1803.5.5, 1705.1.2)
59. Prior to pouring concrete, a representative of the consulting soils engineer shall inspect and approve the footing excavations. The representative shall post a notice on the job site for the LADBS Inspector and the Contractor stating that the work inspected meets the conditions of the report. No concrete shall be poured until the LADBS Inspector has also inspected and approved the footing excavations. A written certification to this effect shall be filed with the Grading Division of the Department upon completion of the work. (108.9 & 7008.2)
60. Prior to excavation an initial inspection shall be called with the LADBS Inspector. During the initial inspection, the sequence of construction, shoring, pile installation, protection fences, and dust and traffic control will be scheduled (108.9.1).
61. Installation of shoring and/or pile excavations shall be performed under the inspection and approval of the soils engineer and deputy grading inspector (1705.6, 1705.8).
62. Prior to the placing of compacted fill, a representative of the soils engineer shall inspect and approve the bottom excavations. The representative shall post a notice on the job site for the LADBS Inspector and the Contractor stating that the soil inspected meets the conditions of the report. No fill shall be placed until the LADBS Inspector has also inspected and approved the bottom excavations. A written certification to this effect shall be included in the final compaction report filed with the Grading Division of the Department. All fill shall be placed under the inspection and approval of the soils engineer. A compaction report together with the approved soil

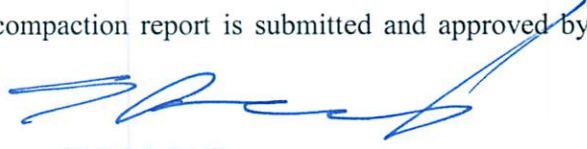
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report and Department approval letter shall be submitted to the Grading Division of the Department upon completion of the compaction. In addition, an Engineer's Certificate of Compliance with the legal description as indicated in the grading permit and the permit number shall be included (7011.3).

63. No footing/slab shall be poured until the compaction report is submitted and approved by the Grading Division of the Department.



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