

From: [Diane Clarkson](#)
To: [Camille Leung](#)
Cc: [Amy Ow](#)
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 9:18:34 PM

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Hi Camille,

Thanks for your reply.

I think perhaps the miscommunication came about by my request for “relevant”. I did not specify that what I meant was “valid” or “warranted by the author”. Or the “current and relied upon without awaited addendum”.

I look forward to the updated letter.

Kind regards

Diane

From: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Cc: Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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Hi Diane,

You had asked for the relevant reports and I sent you those links. The 2015 report has been accepted by the County, but there are still some missing pieces to finalize Geo Review, as I stated. A letter of decision for the modification with findings will be released by the County shortly, as stated in my email of 8/2.

Thanks

From: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Cc: Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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Hello Camille

When we spoke on July 4, I asked if there was an appropriate Geo Review for Lots 5 – 8. You assured my husband and me that there had been the appropriate geo review for lots 5 – 8.

You sent me a link and pointed me to a document. I read it and emailed back my concern that it was dated 2015 and the author no longer warranted the findings. You responded by sending me another link. To the same 2015 document. Now you are advising that the Geo Review for these lots has, in fact, not been signed off on.

It seems the more accurate answer to my July 4 question about a Geo Review for Lots 5 – 8 would have been that there is an outdated one and the City is waiting for an update letter.

This may have been an oversight or miscommunication. But to be honest, it does very little to provide assurance that the City of San Mateo has the best interests of its tax paying residents at the forefront.

My question now is: -in the absence of a timely Geo Review, on what basis has the city has categorized a significant increase in earthwork as a “minor modification”.

Kind regards,
Diane

From: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Cc: Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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Hi Diane,

Those are the reports that we have at this point. The County’s Geo Review for Lots 5-8 have not been signed off yet, and we are asking for an update letter from the Project Geo to confirm whether there has been any change to project conditions from the 2015 report. While we are processing the modification to the Planning permits, the we still need some items from the applicant before the building permits for Lots 5-8 can be issued.

Thanks

From: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7:05 AM
To: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Cc: Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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Hello Camille

Thank you for your email.

As you suggested, I have looked to the “subsequent correspondence and analysis” in the pdf’s at the bottom of the link you provided including the “updated geotechnical investigation”.

This link takes me to the geotechnical investigation is the Cornerstone report dated October 30 2015 using Highlands Estates engineering plans from 2009. This Cornerstone report states it is no longer within its endorsable timeline and should be reviewed by Cornerstone after a period of three (3) years has elapsed from the date of this report. It seems the City would have done this review again in 2018 and 2021 if it is using the document for the basis of earthwork decisions given the potential landslide, soil creep, slope instability and proximity to the San Andreas fault.

It seems like we may be going in a circle.

Could you please point me to the valid geotechnical investigation for the lots beneath my home.

Thank you very much
Diane

From: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Cc: Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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Hi Diane,

Sorry for the delay. Subsequent correspondence and analysis is provided in the PDFs at the bottom

of this webpage:

<https://planning.smcgov.org/highlands-estates-subdivision-records>

The County will be issuing a response letter to the comments received from the public, within the next 2 weeks.

Thanks

From: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>

Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 9:24 AM

To: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>

Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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Hello Camille

I'm following up on my email of July 20, last.

The Cornerstone report you directed me to regarding the earthwork is no longer valid, could you please provide me with the updated report. Alternatively, I would like to learn more about the basis for the city's decision-making, and if there is a current report they are relying upon.

Thank you
Diane

From: Diane Clarkson

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:59 PM

To: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>

Cc: dhamilton@vasomune.com

Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

Hello Camille,

Thank you for your email and for your time on July 4, last.

This Cornerstone report you have referred me to is dated October 30, 2015. It appears that findings were only valid for three years, after which a follow up report was needed to re-validate.

Page 42 of the report notes: *Conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are valid as of the present time for the development as currently planned. Changes in the condition of the*

property or adjacent properties may occur with the passage of time, whether by natural processes or the acts of other persons. In addition, changes in applicable or appropriate standards may occur through legislation or the broadening of knowledge. Therefore, the conclusions and recommendations presented in this report may be invalidated, wholly or in part, by changes beyond Cornerstone's control. **This report should be reviewed by Cornerstone after a period of three (3) years has elapsed from the date of this report.** In addition, if the current project design is changed, then Cornerstone must review the proposed changes and provide supplemental recommendations, as needed.

As we talked about – and Cornerstone notes in this 2015 report – this is an area that is vulnerable to potential landslide, soil creep and slope instability and it would be necessary for the city to rely on a validated geotechnical investigation – particularly when a substantial increase in earthwork has been proposed.

Could you please provide me with a copy of the updated and valid geotechnical report. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you very much,
Diane

From: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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<https://planning.smcgov.org/documents/highland-estates-eir-addendum>

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From: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
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Hello Camille,
Thanks for your time yesterday. We look forward to seeing the GEO-2b. Could you please share the report for lots 5 – 8.
Thank you very much,
Diane

From: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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H Diane,

Here you go. I don't have the Geo Report for Lot 5 in an electronic file, but will look for it tomorrow, scan and send it.

Thanks

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Diane Clarkson <diane.clarkson@servicenow.com>
Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Diane Clarkson; dhamilton@vasomune.com; Camille Leung
Subject: Discussion re: Highlands development
When: Monday, July 5, 2021 3:00 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
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