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From: Craig Stewart <cstewart@cottonshires.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:06 PM
To: Camille Leung
Cc: David Schrier; Melissa Andrikopoulos; Sherry Liu
Subject: Re: FW: Discussion re: Highlands development

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Hi Camille -

It is relatively common for Consultants to issue a time limitation on their report. If the Project Geotechnical Consultant still needs to review plans for the Section 1 and current permit submittal then at that time they should confirm their prior findings are still appropriate or should clarify whether additional work or updates to their report is necessary. Updates could pertain to advances in the building code which is typically adopted every 3 years.

Hope this helps,

Craig Stewart
Cotton, Shires & Associates, Inc.,
[Consulting Engineers and Geologists](#)

On Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 1:55 PM Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org> wrote:

Hi Craig and David,

Another questions, we received this comment a few times regarding the 3 year expiration of the Geo Report. Where are they getting this? How should we respond?

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>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:37 AM
To: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
Subject: RE: Discussion re: Highlands development

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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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