



August 11, 2016

Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

TO: Doug Smith, Vice Chair
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Laura Shell, Commissioner
Curt Pedersen, Commissioner
Pat Modugno, Commissioner

FROM: Steven Jones 
Land Divisions Section

Project No. 02-201-(3)
Modification/Elimination of Conditions Conditional Use Permit No.
RPPL2016002885
RPC Meeting: August 17, 2016
Agenda Item: 7

Agenda item is a request to modify a condition of approval of previously approved CUP CP02-201 to allow retroactive authorization for 2,544 cubic yards of import grading in zone A-1-5 (Light Agricultural - Five Acres Minimum Required Area) pursuant to County Code Section 22.24.100.

Please find enclosed community correspondence for the above referenced item, which was received subsequent to hearing package submittal to the Regional Planning Commission. The letters request that the applicant meet with members of the community. The letters also express concerns regarding authorizing illegal grading in the Santa Monica Mountains Significant Ecological Area ("SEA"). Finally, the letters mention the need for consequences for the unauthorized grading and a 2007 report of waste discharge to the California Regional Water Quality Board.

While the approved and recorded tract is located within the SEA the grading activity took place outside of the designated area. Staff will request the inspection fees deposit be replenished to the \$1,000 established in 2005 for continued inspections to monitor the site. Interested parties could contact the California Regional Water Quality Board to see results of any required tests.

If you need further information, please contact Steven Jones at (213) 974-6433 or sdjones@planning.lacounty.gov. Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department is closed on Fridays.

KKS:SDJ

Enclosures



RE:CUP 02-201

August 4, 2016

Dear Supervisor Kuehl:

We are trying to do research on this old Liberty Canyon tract 53100 to view their compliance with CRWQCB Order N. 93-010, CI-9285, File No. 07—93 and the records of what laboratory tests were done and the results. It appears that the huge pond that formed on the property was given a waste discharge permit for extracting a maximum of a total of some 15,000 gals. At the time, we requested that this ponded groundwater water be tested for all the various hazardous materials dumped in the unlined portion of nearby Calabasas Landfill. This appears not to have been done. The only testing results provided were for TDS, Boron, chloride, and sulfate. Regional Water required subsequent monitoring reports which we need to view.

We are requesting a hearing continuance to review all the testing to date of the pond water. Since the huge pond and its records appear to not be in the official case file for this project. Was some of the import of dirt used to fill this pond? Why was it even allowed if this condition was a condition of approval? Why were these facts not in the hearing notice?

We feel hazardous testing needs to be done on the soil, groundwater, and soil gas testing as this groundwater source potentially could have been the Calabasas landfill which is in the area.

We are also requesting a continuance as we are doing research on New Information of Significance as this property appears to be part of the sole Wildlife Crossing Corridor area where wildlife are crossing safely from the north to the southern portions of our national park.

Please let us know if this hearing has been rescheduled until sometime in September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary Wiesbrock'.

Mary Wiesbrock, Chair Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains



Linda S. Adams
Agency Secretary

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region

Recipient of the 2001 Environmental Leadership Award from Keep California Beautiful



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July 13, 2007

Mr. James Rasmussen
Liberty Canyon VTTM 53100
26500 W. Agoura Road, # 652
Calabasa, CA 91302

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIP REQUESTED
CLAIM NO. 7002 2410 0005 0647 5702

Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIED DISCHARGES TO GROUNDWATER – LIBERTY CANYON VTTM 53100, SOUTHWEST OF THE CORNER OF LIBERTY CANYON ROAD AND PARK VISTA, AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA (Order No. 93-010, CI-9285, File No. 07-093)

On February 22, 2007, we received a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) submitted on your behalf by Land Design Consultant, Inc. (LDC), for discharge of groundwater produced during construction grading operations at the above referenced location (Site).

The Site is located in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, south of the 101 Freeway and west of the City of Calabasas (Latitude: 118° 43' 27.52", Longitude: 34° 07' 35.32"). The project consists of subdividing an 87.16-acre lot into eight single-family lots and one open-space lot. The irregularly-shaped Site is located on moderate to steep topography with approximately 60 acres having slopes from 0 to 50 percent and 27 acres having slopes greater than 50 percent. A portion of the Site is currently developed with a private residence and equestrian facilities with access provided by Liberty Canyon Road, a 64-foot wide secondary highway, and an extension of Park Vista Road, a proposed 58-foot wide private and future cul-de-sac.

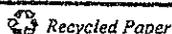
A maximum of 1,000 gallons of water per day for fifteen days are proposed for extraction. The water will be extracted by means of a small portable pump and stored in a 10,000 gallon water tank before it is dispersed on site for dust control. The water will be sprayed by a single water truck to approximately 16 acres of land disturbed during the construction. Water for dust control will be used at least twice a day.

The discharger has filed a Notice of Intent to comply with the terms of the general permit to discharge storm water associated with construction activity (WQ Order No. 99-08-DWQ) (WDID No. 419C338046).

Local groundwater will be extracted from a depth of approximately 12 feet. The Site is located in the Malibu Valley of the Conejo-Tierra Rejada Volcanic Area Basin. Data submitted by LDC indicated that groundwater quality in this area is poor due to high concentrations of naturally

California Environmental Protection Agency

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State of California
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI- 9285
for
JAMES AND JEANNE RASMUSSEN
(LIBERTY CANYON VTTM 53100)
Enrollment under Regional Board Order No. 93-010 (Series No. 028)
(FILE NO. 07-093)

I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. James and Jeanne Rasmussen (hereinafter Discharger) shall implement this monitoring program from the effective date of this enrollment (July 13, 2007) under Regional Board Order No. 93-010. The first monitoring report under this program, for the monitoring period July – September 2003, shall be received at the Regional Board by October 15, 2007. Subsequent monitoring reports shall be received at the Regional Board according to the following schedule:

<u>Monitoring Period</u>	<u>Report Due</u>
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15
October – December	January 15
Annual Summary Report	January 30 of each year

- B. If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the report shall so state. Monitoring reports must be addressed to this Regional Board, Attention: Information Technology Unit.
- C. By January 30 of each year, the Discharger shall submit an annual summary report to the Regional Board. The report shall contain both tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous calendar year. In addition, the Discharger shall discuss the compliance record and the corrective actions taken or planned, which may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the Requirements.
- D. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-Compliance" which discusses the compliance record and the corrective actions taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. This section shall be located at the front of the report and shall clearly list all non-compliance with discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.
- E. Laboratory analysis – all chemical analysis shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the California Department of Health Services Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). A copy of the laboratory certification shall be provided each time a new and/or renewal certification is obtained from ELAP.

July 13, 2007



Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc.

Post Office Box 353, Agoura Hills, California 91301

The voice and conscience of the Santa Monica Mountains since 1968

August 9, 2016

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA
Via email to: Steven Jones - sdjones@planning.lacounty.gov

**DENY - Authorization and Consideration Agenda Item #7
Project No. 02-201-(3) - Applicant James Rasmussen - Conditional Use
Permit No. RPPL2016002885 and Environmental Assessment
No. 201500175**

Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation Inc., (LVHF) and more than 10,000 homeowners, property owners, and horse owners in the Santa Monica Mountains, we respectfully request that you deny the request and move this agenda item to a future RPC date.

Consideration of any aspect of this project at this time is not only premature but would be rewarding illegal activity purposefully engaged in by the developer for *gain*, at the expense of our regulations and resources.

The applicant should begin the process by conducting outreach meetings with the community (there have been none to date) to obtain input not only on the proposed housing tract project itself, but, on mitigation for his prior illegal activities.

This is a resource sensitive area and the environmental impacts of the project are significant - it lies within a designated SEA; is adjacent to state park wildlands; and, is in a wildlife corridor pathway to the Liberty Canyon wildlife overpass.

The applicant has intentionally violated the North Area Plan (NAP), including well-documented illegal grading violations. He has a history of non-compliance going back to the grading violation in 1994 and now again with this retroactive approval for illegal grading.

He is a repeat offender. Not only have there been no consequences for his actions thus far, he is asking to be rewarded and allowed to proceed -- despite violations without any penalties.

Greenlighting any element of the project forward now in any phase with no mitigation would clearly send a message that it is not only okay to violate the law, there is an incentive to do so.

There must be ramifications for repeat criminal actions – not benefits.

Please deny the request for consideration and authorization at this time and do not move the project forward.

Sincerely,

Kim Lamorie

President

Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., of the Santa Monica Mountains

www.lvhf.org

Steven Jones

From: Karen Furnari <karenfurnari@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 9:05 AM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
AUTHORIZATION/CONSIDERATION

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

DENY

Authorization and Consideration A
genda Item #7 - Project No. 02-201-(3) - Applicant James Rasmussen

- Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2016002885 and Environmental Assessment No. 201500175

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He illegally cut down 25 mature trees, including oak trees, along the end of Liberty Canyon when he began the "Bacara Canyon" project in 2008. A huge sinkhole appeared next to the area of downed trees, which he was forced to eradicate with loads of fill dirt.

Not only have there been no consequences for his actions thus far, he is asking to be rewarded and allowed to proceed with the subdivision without any penalty. In essence, he is a repeat offender. Greenlighting the project forward with no mitigation clearly sends a message that violating the law is OK. There must be ramifications - especially for repeat criminal actions.

Please deny the request for consideration and authorization at this time and do not move the project forward.

Sincerely,

Karen Furnari
Homeowner in Liberty Canyon for 20+ years
3809 Patrick Henry Place
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

08/09/16

Steven Jones, Planner
L A County Department of Regional Planning

Re: Agenda Item 7, for meeting of Aug 17, 2016
Project No. 02-201-3; CUP
RPPL 2016002885; Environmental Assessment No. 201500175

Honorable Commissioners:

I respectfully request that any consideration of any aspect of this project be moved to a future RPC meeting. The applicant should conduct outreach meetings with the community to obtain input not only on the proposed housing tract project itself, but on potential mitigation measures for his prior illegal activities. It is a sensitive area and the environmental impacts are significant - it lies in a designated SEA; is adjacent to state park wildlands; and, is in a wildlife corridor pathway to the Liberty Canyon wildlife overpass.

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During one of Mr. Rasmussen's grading violations, he struck the water table flooding the property. He then illegally pumped the water into the adjacent and sensitive blue line stream. When confronted, he moved the pumps directly into the sewer system without the appropriate permits. There has been no consequences for his actions thus far, he is asking to be allowed to proceed with the subdivision without any penalty. Greenlighting the project forward with no mitigation clearly sends a message that violating the law is OK. There must be ramifications. Please deny the request for consideration and authorization at this time and do not move the project forward.

Sincerely,

Rudy C'Dealva
Liberty Canyon H.O.A. president
4062 Jim Bowie Rd.
Agoura Hills CA 91301
818-469-0800 cell

August 9, 2016

Steven Jones, Planner
L A County Department of Regional Planning

Re: Agenda Item 7, for meeting of Aug 17, 2016
Project No. 02-201-3; CUP
RPPL 2016002885; Environmental Assessment No. 201500175

Honorable Commissioners:

I respectfully ask that this item be continued to a future hearing date. As a resident of Liberty Canyon and an officer of the HOA, we have not heard from Mr. Rasmussen in over 8 years and would appreciate hearing his plans for the development of this most sensitive location bordering Malibu Creek State Park. Since that time, the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor has become a viable and very sensitive addition to our area. It too should be considered.

I understand that this is a retroactive permit having to do with illegally imported soils to the project. Unfortunately, illegal and insensitive activity is not uncommon for this developer. A retroactive approval and small fine seems hardly a deterrent. Past actions need to have a serious consequence.

Please reschedule this hearing.

Sincerely, Joan Yacovone
27328 Country Glen
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Steven Jones

From: brent <brent@bdrack.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 11:50 AM
To: Steven Jones
Cc: 'brent '
Subject: Agenda item # 7 Deny Rasmussen SubdivisionAuthorization/Consideration

From: Carrie Baltin [mailto:carrie@baltinassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 11:42 AM
To: 'brent' <brent@bdrack.com>
Subject: FW: Agenda item # 7 Deny Rasmussen SubdivisionAuthorization/Consideration

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

**DENY
Authorization and Consideration A
agenda Item #7 - Project No. 02-201-(3) - Applicant James Rasmussen**

- Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2016002885 and Environmental Assessment No. 201500175

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Sincerely,

Steven Jones

From: Dianne Gubin <diannegubin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:34 AM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
AUTHORIZATION/CONSIDERATION

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Dianne Gubin
23703 Summit Drive
Calabasas, CA 91302

Dianne Gubin
DianneGubin@gmail.com
818-222-0300

Steven Jones

From: Debbie Larson <debbieatlakeside@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:11 AM
To: Steven Jones
Cc: Pat Henkel
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
AUTHORIZATION/CONSIDERATION

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Debbie Larson, Board Member
Malibu Lakeside Community Association

Steven Jones

From: Carrie Baltin <carrie@baltinassociates.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: Agenda item # 7 Deny Rasmussen SubdivisionAuthorization/Consideration

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Carrie Baltin MNVCA President

Steven Jones

From: Kim Lamorie <kimlamorie1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: LVHF - RPC AUG.17 HEARING - AGENDA ITEM # 7 - DENY REQUEST
Attachments: LVHF-RPC-AUG. 17-DENY AGENDA ITEM #7.pdf

Good Morning Steven -

Thank you for distributing the attached comment letter from the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, Inc., to our Regional Planning Commissioners, in respect to the Aug. 17 hearing - Agenda Item #7.

Sincerely,
Kim Lamorie
President
LVHF

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With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity. - Mark Twain

Steven Jones

From: Rothenberg, Nancy <NRothenberg@ptpn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 9:20 AM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
AUTHORIZATION/CONSIDERATION

Re: Deny Authorization and Consideration Agenda Item #7 - Project No. 02-201-(3) - Applicant James Rasmussen - Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2016002885 and Environmental Assessment No. 201500175

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The applicant has well documented grading violations, including this retroactive request for approval of grading. Greenlighting the project with no mitigation rewards these actions and clearly sends a message that this is okay.

Please deny the request for consideration and authorization at this time, and do not move the project forward.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rothenberg, President
Calabasas Highlands HOA

Steven Jones

From: mallinger@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 8:30 AM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
AUTHORIZATION/CONSIDERATION

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

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Please deny the request for consideration and authorization at this time and do not move the project forward.

Sincerely,

Mollie Helfand
Cornell Road Community Representative

Steven Jones

From: Jody Thomas <jodyhthomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 9:47 PM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
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Sincerely,

Jody Thomas
President, Old Topanga Homeowners, Inc.

Steven Jones

From: Toby <toby@finecut.com>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 5:27 PM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
AUTHORIZATION/CONSIDERATION

Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners:

DENY

**Authorization and Consideration A
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Sincerely,

Toby Keeler, Board Member

Steven Jones

From: lia91301@gmail.com on behalf of Robert Lia <robertlia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 5:09 PM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #7 - DENY RASMUSSEN SUBDIVISION
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Sincerely,

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Steven Jones

From: Jeremy Wolf <jeremywolfie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 5:01 PM
To: Steven Jones
Subject: Honorable Regional Planning Commissioners: DENY Authorization and Consideration Agenda Item #7 - Project No. 02-201-(3) - Applicant James Rasmussen - Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2016002885 and Environmental Assessment No. 201500175

Consideration of any aspect of this project is premature and we respectfully ask that you move this agenda item to a future RPC meeting. As a starter, the applicant should conduct outreach meetings with the community (of which there have been NONE), to obtain input not only on the proposed housing tract project itself, but on potential mitigation measures for his prior illegal activities. It is a sensitive area and the environmental impacts are significant - it lies in a designated SEA; is adjacent to state park wildlands; and, is in a wildlife corridor pathway to the Liberty Canyon wildlife overpass.

The applicant has intentionally and unlawfully violated the North Area Plan (NAP), including well documented illegal grading violations. He has a history of non-compliance going back to the grading violation in 1994 and now again with this retroactive approval for illegal grading. He has also been storing heavy equipment here for years.

Not only have there been no consequences for his actions thus far, he is asking to be rewarded and allowed to proceed with the subdivision without any penalty. In essence, he is a repeat offender. Greenlighting the project forward with no mitigation clearly sends a message that violating the law is OK. There must be ramifications - especially

for

repeat criminal actions.

Please deny the request for consideration and authorization at this time and do not move the project forward.

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Jeremy Wolf