



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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Director

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TO: Hearing Officer

FROM: Carl Nadela, AICP   
Zoning Permits East Section

**SUBJECT: Project No. R2013-00430-(5)  
Oak Tree Permit No. 201300008  
HO Meeting: October 20, 2015  
Agenda Item: 11**

The above-mentioned item is a request to authorize a retroactive oak tree permit for the removal of one oak tree and encroachment into seven oak trees in association with a retroactive grading project. This item was scheduled for denial due to inactivity on April 15, 2014 and was continued to May 20 and September 20, 2014 and to January 6, February 17 and July 21, 2015. At the July 21, 2015 hearing, the Hearing Officer continued the item to October 20, 2015 for any updates on the project.

Since then, staff has coordinated with the applicant and the applicant's architect and engineer, as well as with staff from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and has drawn up a proposed timetable for the completion of this project. This is shown below.

1. Landscaping Plan done (Korn Randolph): **Early October 2015 (DONE)**
2. Remedial Grading Plan done (Tiritech Engineering): **Early November 2015**
3. DPW to review the remedial grading plan for code compliance: **December 2015**
4. Oak Tree Permit
  - a. Revise Oak Tree Report (Mr. Lew's arborist): **January 2016**
  - b. LAFD Forester Review: **February 2016**
  - c. DRP Public Hearing: **April 2016**
5. Other Approvals (may be done concurrently with Item #4): **Mr. Lew to submit required plans by January 2016; County agencies to review until April 2016**
  - a. DPW Land Development Division (for work within the road right of way and slope easement, approval of Landscaping Plan)
  - b. DPW Building and Safety (Building Plan Check for retaining walls)
  - c. DPW Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division (review soil stability)
6. Oak Tree Permit, Remedial Grading Plan and Building Permit for retaining walls issued: **May 2016**

As indicated above, the project is proceeding as scheduled with the completion of the Landscaping Plan and its submission to the Civil Engineer. The next milestone would be the submission of the remedial grading plan to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works by early November 2015. In order to continue monitoring the progress of the project, staff recommends that the discussion item be continued to February 2, 2016.

If you need further information, please contact Carl Nadela at (213) 974-6435 or [cnadela@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:cnadela@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.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

**I MOVE THAT THE HEARING OFFICER CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ITEM TO February 2, 2016.**

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