



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: February 2, 2016
Agenda Item: 6

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 1, July 21, 2015 and October 20, 2015 as Discussion Items. At the October 20, 2015 hearing, staff presented the timetable below and the Hearing Officer continued the item to February 2, 2016 for updates on the project. Substantial progress has been accomplished since then, as shown below.

1. Landscaping Plan done (Korn Randolph): **DONE**
2. Structural Plan done (Ross Downey): **DONE**
3. Remedial Grading Plan done (Tritech Engineering): **DONE**
4. DPW to review the remedial grading plan for code compliance: **ONGOING**
5. Oak Tree Permit
 - a. Revise Oak Tree Report (Jan Scow): **ONGOING**
 - b. LAFD Forester Review: **February 2016**
 - c. DRP Public Hearing: **April 2016**
6. Other Approvals (may be done concurrently with Item #4): **ONGOING**
 - 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)
7. Oak Tree Permit, Remedial Grading Plan and Building Permit for retaining walls issued: **May 2016**

At this point, staff is confident that the required public hearing for this project can be scheduled for April 2016 as planned. Staff will issue the required notices for this public hearing with an updated project description to reflect the revised Oak Tree Report.

Therefore, staff recommends that no further action be taken on this item at this time.

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