



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 8, 2013

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Dear Mr. Glaser:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, PROJECT CONSULTATION - 1ST SUBMITTAL, PROJECT NO. 30-205, PERMIT NO. RADV 2012-00007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATED TO THE UPDATE OF ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREAS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (FFER #201200179)

The Request for Information has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

PLANNING DIVISION:

1. We have no comments at this time.

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

1. Development within a Hillside Management Area must comply with all applicable code and ordinance requirements for construction, access, water mains, fire flows and fire hydrants. Specific requirements will be determined when plans for a project are submitted to the Fire Department for review.
2. Most properties within a Hillside Management Area are located within the area described by the Fire Department as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). All applicable fire code and ordinance requirements for brush clearance and fuel modification plans must be met.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY

CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
CLAREMONT
COMMERCE
COVINA
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DUARTE
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LAKEWOOD
LANCASTER
LAWNDALE
LOMITA
LYNWOOD

MALIBU
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NORWALK
PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA

POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
WALNUT
WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

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3. The Fire Department's Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comments on the proposed Ordinance Amendment. Should any questions arise, please contact Juan Padilla, at (323) 890-4243 or Juan.Padilla@fire.lacounty.gov.

FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

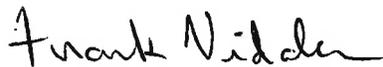
1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, archeological and cultural resources and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

1. The Health Hazardous Materials Division has no objection to amending Title 22.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



FRANK VIDALES, ACTING CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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