



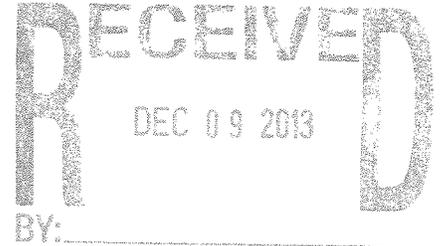
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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December 5, 2013



Brianna Menke, Planning Assistant II
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320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Menke:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, "HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREA ORDINANCES AND HILLSIDE DESIGN GUIDELINES CONSULTATION," COUNTYWIDE (FFER #201300186)

The Draft Environmental Impact Report 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. Any development within a Hillside Management Area shall comply with all applicable Fire Code and Fire Department ordinance requirements for construction, access, water mains, fire flows and fire hydrants. Compliance will be determined when plans are submitted to the Fire Department for review and approval.
2. All development within the Hillside Management Area is located within the area described by the Fire Department as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). All applicable Fire Code and Fire Department ordinance requirements brush clearance and fuel modification plans shall be met.

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HUNTINGTON PARK
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LOMITA
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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
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WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

3. All parcels within a State Responsibility Area (SRA) 1 acre and larger shall provide a minimum 30 foot setback for buildings and accessory buildings from all property lines and/or the center of a road.
4. Any proposed private driveways shall be designed to comply with the County of Los Angeles Private Drives and Traffic Calming Manual and with the Fire Department standards. A fire apparatus access road shall be extended to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls when measured by an unobstructed route around the exterior of all proposed buildings.
5. Turning radii shall not be less than 32 feet. This measurement shall be determined at the centerline of the road. A Fire Department approved turning area shall be provided for all driveways exceeding 150 feet in-length and at the end of all cul-de-sacs.
6. Fire flow requirements for development within a Hillside Management Area maybe up to 5,000 gallons per minute at 20 pounds per square inch residual pressure for up to a five-hour duration. Final fire flows will be based on the proposed use of the buildings, the total square footage of buildings, and types of construction used. A reduction in the required fire flow may be given if the buildings are equipped with an approved fire sprinklers system. Fire hydrant spacing will vary between 300 feet and 600 feet.
7. When a bridge is required to be used as part of a fire access road, it shall comply with the Fire Code Section 503.2.6 and designed for a live load sufficient to carry a minimum of 75,000 pounds. All water crossing designs are required to be approved by the public works department prior to installation.
8. The County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Land Development Unit, appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Hillside Management Area Ordinance and Hillside Design Guidelines.
9. Should any questions arise regarding the comments, please contact the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Land Development Unit Inspector, 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 or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

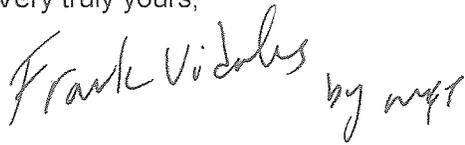
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HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

1. The Health Hazardous Materials Division has no objection to the proposed project.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Vidales by mpf". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

FRANK VIDALES, CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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