

Unsafe Bridge Timeline

Bridge Site: 3196 Serena Ave, Carpinteria CA [APN: 005-340-006], Diana Sandoval

Bridge Site: 3215 Foothill Rd, Carpinteria, CA 93013 [APN: 005-270-006], Polodonkey LLC

Case# 22BDV-00000-00076, "Polodonkey LLC unpermitted construction" ->

County renamed violation to "POLODONKEY LLC UNPERMITTED REPAIR OF BRIDGE"

Violation Status: Abated with no permits

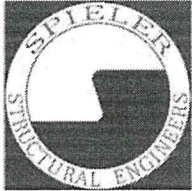
Structural Engineer Report 1 & Structural Engineer Report 2

DATE	EVENT
2017-10-01	A pedestrian falls through a hole on the bridge
2017-10	3196 Serena owner closes bridge access due to unsafe conditions
2018-03-19 - 2019-09-09	The pedestrian files a lawsuit against 3196 Serena for premises liability and general negligence regarding the bridge. Property was accused of "negligently maintaining, repairing, constructing, and modifying the bridge, causing it to be in a dilapidated condition." Additionally, accused of negligence for failing to properly protect the public from the condition of the bridge
2022-09-29	On-site inspection: Kevin Green, SB Building and Safety Supervisor, states that the work being done on the bridge requires a permit. Posts a Stop Work Notice "Bridge repair w/out permit"
2023-02-23	<u>Structural engineer report 1</u> : bridge is not safe for motorists or pedestrians
2023-03-13	<u>Structural Engineer report 2</u> : bridge is not safe for motorists or pedestrians
2023-03-15	Carl Lindberg, county inspector, emails that Building and Safety completed its in-house review of the submitted engineering reports and will require a building permit to complete required repairs or remove the bridge

2023-11-02	Lisa Plowman, Director of Planning & Development emails that the neighbor has fenced off the bridge, effectively ceasing its use. County concludes the matter is now a private one
2024-03-16	Neighbor resumes construction. Claims that the County gave written email permission in January of this year to <u>rebuild the bridge and open for pedestrians w/o a permit</u>
2024-03-20	Diana emails the Director of Planning & Development, Lisa Plowman, that construction resumed. Lisa Plowman, emails Diana that the <u>Building & Safety Division was to investigate concerns about the bridge construction</u>
2024-03-21	County changes violation from "processing" to "abated" without permits
2024-03-22, 2024-03-25, 2024-03-29	Diana emails Lisa Plowman, concerns over the bridge violation being marked "abated" <u>without permits or inspection</u> , raising safety concerns and questioning permitting exemptions and County's conduct

Image of bridge prior to construction:





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March 10, 2023

Diana Sandoval
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Re: 3196 Serena Avenue Bridge Consultation

Dear Diana Sandoval,

It was a pleasure meeting with you today to review the safety and structural integrity of the bridge on your property spanning a small creek used for access to a neighbor's property. At the time of my site visit it was raining fairly heavily and there was a swift water flow in the creek.

The current bridge structure consists of 4x12 wood floor decking supported by 4x12 wood beams and 10" deep steel channel beams that are connected together that are spaced at 3'-6" on center. The beams span 15 feet across the creek and are supported by concrete abutments on either side of the creek.

The concrete abutments supporting the wood and steel beams are showing signs of failure in some areas as evidenced by several cracks as can be seen in the various photos attached to this report. The abutment on the north side of the creek has significant movement as can be seen by a large fissure at the north east corner of the bridge. See the attached photos. The east ends of both the north and south abutments have been undermined. Most of the bottom of the footing was not visible due to the fast flowing murky water that was present during my site visit.

The safety railings on each side of the bridge were wobbly and inadequate. The existing railings are not safe and should be designed and rebuilt to meet minimum current code requirements.

The County of Santa Barbara Building and Grading has posted a Violation and Stop Work notice on this bridge dated 11/29/22 due to work being performed without a permit.

To conclude the bridge is not safe for vehicle or pedestrian use in its current state. The concrete abutment foundations are in need of repair and the railings are not safe. The bridge should be removed, repaired, or replaced. Proper engineering and building permits will be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this report.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Spieler, C.E., S.E.



DO NOT REMOVE THIS CARD

STOP WORK

THIS JOB IS IN VIOLATION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BUILDING/GRADING CODE, SECTION NO. 101.12.2.10

Violation of said ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or by imprisonment or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each separate day or any portion thereof on which any violation occurs shall be deemed a separate offense punishable as herein provided.

VIOLATION: Bridge repair w/o Permit

This notice was posted at 3:15 P.M. on 9/29/02 Day Thursday

by Kevin Greene

Call at Building Division Office, 123 E. Appleton Street, Santa Barbara, Telephone

568.5040 PLEASE DO NOT RETURN TO BUILDING DIVISION

Owner's Name

Location of Violation

APN

Address

Posted by

Kevin Greene

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Accela Cases

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Case Number	Dept.	Filed	Planner	Project Name	Status
15LUP-00000-00254	P	7/6/2015	JR	VILLA SEVILLANO EQUESTRIAN CENTER EMPLOYEE DW	Expired
15SCD-00000-00042	P	7/6/2015	JR	VILLA SEVILLANO EQUESTRIAN CENTER EMPLOYEE DW	Closed
16FLM-00000-00010	B	2/16/2016	AH	One Kings Lane - Left Coast Locations	Closed
16TEX-00000-00018	P	9/12/2016	JR	VILLA SEVILLANO TIME EXTENSION	Closed
16BDP-00000-00997	B	11/10/2016	ED	VILLA SEVILLANO-EMPLOYEE DWELLING	Expired
21FLM-00000-00054	B	10/29/2021	AH	Frontgate - Look Locations (Charli/Eve)	Closed
22BDV-00000-00076	E	6/23/2022	CL	POLODONKEY LLC UNPERMITTED REPAIR OF BRIDGE	Violation Abated
23ZEV-00227	E	10/19/2023	PH	Polodonkey Unpermitted Events	In Suspension

C = Cannabis; P = Planning; B = Building; E = Enforcement; F = Fire Dept; PW = Public Works

LIX Building Cases

Application Number	Type	Description	Issuance Date	Action Date	Status	Misc.
138515	R	EL/WELL	01/15/91	02/12/91	F	

LIX Planning Cases

Application Number	Description	Issuance Date	Action Date	Status	Planner
69-AP-038		11/11/11	00/00/00		
69-RZ-075		11/11/11	00/00/00		
88-PA-037	POOL FLD	07/15/88	00/00/00		