

Herron, Sean

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Subject: FW: Question about 949 Toro Canyon Road Fire Access

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From: Foster, Ed [<mailto:e.foster@csfd.net>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 5:02 PM  
To: Herron, Sean  
Subject: RE: Question about 949 Toro Canyon Road Fire Access

Sean,

1. Please note that the letter from Interim Fire Chief should also contain a statement to the effect that any bridge or driveway must meet the requirement of all other local, county, and state requirements. In answer to your question the Fire Code does not mandate a secondary means of access or egress for this property and the Fire District does not mandate a secondary means of access or egress.
2. The "Preliminary Approval" was specifically to address the bridge structure, width, and weight carrying capacity. Yes, the ten feet of width is sufficient. Since this proposed bridge is not required by the Fire Code it does not have to meet the Code requirements for an emergency access or egress route.

Ed Foster  
Fire Marshal  
Fire Prevention Bureau

Herron, Sean

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**Subject:** FW: Definition of secondary access

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**From:** Oaks, Steve  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2016 2:25 PM  
**To:** Herron, Sean  
**Cc:** Heckman, Rob; Tuttle, Alex; Russell, Glenn; Tan, Fred; Foster, Ed  
**Subject:** Re: Definition of secondary access

Hello Sean,

I made a site visit yesterday in an effort to become more familiar with the issues. The question was raised regarding whether or not the secondary egress increases safety. As a general rule, greater access does equate to an increase in safety. The opportunity for the occupant to egress and the responding resources to ingress could be enhanced by providing alternate means of access. That being said, the responding fire department resources would access this property through the main driveway not one located further up the canyon. In addition, my Planning and Engineering folks have made contact with Ed Foster (Carpinteria Fire Marshal) and he is aware of the project. The development on this parcel has gone through the Carpinteria/Summerland Fire Protection District for Fire Department approvals, not through our department. I hope this helps. If I can be of further assistance please don't hesitate to contact Captain Fred Tan (Planning & Engineering Captain), or myself.

Regards,

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