



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: October 21, 2014
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Glenn Russell, Ph.D. Director, (805) 568-2085
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Crane Country Day School Tree Removal Emergency Permit;
Case No. 14EMP-00000-00009, First Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

1. That the Board of Supervisors receive and file this report on Emergency Permit 14EMP-00000-00009, which authorized the emergency removal of an oak tree at Crane Country Day School. A copy of the Emergency Permit is included herein as Attachment A.
2. Determine that issuance of the emergency permit is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant CEQA Guidelines section 15269(c), as this action was necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as specified in Attachment B of this Board Letter; and
3. Determine that receiving and filing this report is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), as it is an administrative government activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

An Emergency Permit was approved on August 8, 2014 for the emergency removal of an oak tree on the Crane Country Day School campus east of the Headmaster's house and driveway. The tree was determined to be in imminent danger of toppling due to numerous defects. Specifically, the tree had a hollow center, extensive Oak Root fungus, softened basal trunk tissue, and a 4-foot open curving crack in the trunk about five feet up from the ground level. Uncontrolled toppling of the tree would have had

the potential to harm members of the school community. Under the approved Emergency Permit, the tree was allowed to be removed immediately, eliminating any further potential for creating a public hazard.

Pursuant to Section 35-171.6.1 of Article II, Coastal Zoning Ordinance, when an Emergency Permit is issued, the Director of Planning and Development is required to provide a written report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the nature of the emergency and the work involved. This notification fulfills the ordinance requirements.

Background:

Crane Country Day School is located at 1841 San Leandro Lane in the Montecito Community Plan area. The property is developed with an existing legal single-family dwelling used by Crane School's headmaster and is part of the Crane School Conditional Use Permit.

Section 35-171.5.3 of Article II, Coastal Zoning Ordinance states:

The issuance of an Emergency Permit shall not constitute an entitlement to the erection of permanent structures. An application for a Coastal Development Permit and any discretionary permit required by this Article shall be made no later than 30 days following the granting of an Emergency Permit; any materials required for a completed application shall be submitted within 90 days after the issuance of the emergency permit, unless this time period is extended by the Planning and Development Department.

As a condition of approval of the Emergency Permit, the applicant is required to submit an application for a Coastal Development Permit to validate all work authorized as a part of this Emergency Permit. The applicant submitted the requisite CDP application on August 18, 2014.

Pursuant to Article II, Section 35-171.5.1, a notice was mailed to surrounding property owners and residents, and three (3) notices were posted at the location after removal of the tree.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

County costs for processing the Emergency Permit are reimbursed by the applicant in conformance with the current Board-approved fee resolution. Permit revenues are budgeted in Departmental Revenues of the Development Review Division on page D-212 of the adopted 2014-2015 fiscal year budget. The fixed fee for an Emergency Permit is \$2,623.31.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Emergency Permit 14EMP-00000-00009

Attachment B: CEQA Exemption

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