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Ms. Florence Trotter-Cadena  
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SUBJECT: APN#: 099-030-041  
Appeal Issues for the King Ranch by Carson Scheller

Dear Ms. Trotter-Cadena,

I have reviewed the four appeal issues numbered #7-10 as requested per your e-mail dated April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 (attached) and offer you the following:

You have requested a determination from the Fire Department as to whether or not these issues are relevant to the legalization of a hay/pole barn on a neighboring property.

It is further our understanding that the hay/pole barn in question is considered an Agricultural (AG) structure on AG zoned land and under 3000 square feet in size.

Under current Santa Barbara County Code, any Agricultural structure under 3000 square feet in size is exempt from Fire Department review. Therefore, the Fire Department has no conditions or jurisdictional authority to condition such structures. As such, we would have no role in determining whether or not an AG structure under 3000 square feet would be legal or not.

In regards to Fire Department conditions of approval regarding a possible future project, it is very difficult to say with any degree of certainty what those requirements would be. Currently, the Fire Department has no active case associated with the Scheller's property that would require road/access widening, and any speculation on our part would be hypothetical at best. A good resource for possible conditions of approval for applicants considering future projects would be found on our website at [www.sbcfire.com](http://www.sbcfire.com).

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The Fire Department would defer any question as to the legality of a structure to County Counsel, Building, or Zoning Departments.

I hope this information is helpful and if there is anything else I can do please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in the interest of life and fire safety,



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Attachments: E-mail dated 4/3/2008

c: Russ Sechler, Inspector  
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