



Santa Barbara County Public Works Department Water Resources Division

Flood Control ♦ Water Agency ♦ Project Clean Water
130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 200, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
PH (805) 568-3440 FAX (805) 568-3434
<https://www.countyofsb.org/189/Water-Resources>

SCOTT D. MCGOLPIN
Director Public Works

WALTER RUBALCAVA
Deputy Director Water Resources

January 3, 2024

Kathleen Volpi, Planner
County of Santa Barbara
Planning & Development Department
123 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Re: 23CDH-00027; Promise Land LLC As-built wall
APN: 007-280-012; Montecito**

Dear Ms. Volpi

The Public Works Department Water Resources Division has the following conditions for the request to permit the as-built wall. The existing grouted sandstone boulder wall is approximately 110 ft. long, ranges in height from 2 to 12 ft. tall and 7.5 to 15 ft. wide. It was repaired in February and March of 2018 after the January 9, 2018 Montecito mud/debris flow. Repairs to the damaged wall were performed using an excavator to pick up sandstone boulders and replace them with grout. Repairs did not change the wall footprint. Hand labor crews used 5-gallon buckets of cement to grout the sandstone boulders in place (refer to photos enclosed in Biological Assessment).

A. Flood Control & Water Conservation District

The location for the proposed project is FEMA regulatory Floodplain Including the Floodway and within the FEMA Recovery Map High Hazard Area. The Flood Control District has the following conditions:

1. As required by the FEMA NFIP program, the applicant shall obtain a US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit prior to permit issuance. Proof of a valid 404 permit shall be provided to the district
2. Notice shall be provided to the County of Santa Barbara should there be any additional applications for relevant permits.
3. The applicant shall submit a simple plan or study from a licensed engineer stating that the project is not expected to reduce the conveyance capacity of the creek.
4. A valid no-rise certificate, using the effective FIRM conditions, shall be provided to district.
5. The applicant must provide a statement from a licensed engineer that speaks to the stability of the wall, including the loose rocks placed on top of the wall.
6. Plans shall include cross sectional views of the bridge or wall that include the following:
 - a. The base flood elevation (BFE) vs. the heights of each section of the wall or bridge.
 - b. The slope of the wall with a 1.5 (horizontal) to 1 (vertical) ratio. If the slope is steeper than 1.5 to 1, then structural calculations may be required.

B. Project Clean Water

Project Clean Water has no conditions on the subject project located inside the NPDES Permit Area as the project is not expected to meet any of the regulatory thresholds in the NPDES area and it is not expected to create a significant impact to stormwater quality.

Sincerely,

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Aurora Zemjanis
azemjan@countyofsb.org | Flood Control Development Review

Cc: Kaitlyn Earnest | kaitlyn@sepps.com
Promise Land LLC Attn: Robert Greene | bob@bobgreene.com