

# Report on Septic System Failure on Russell Way

August 21, 2012

# Background

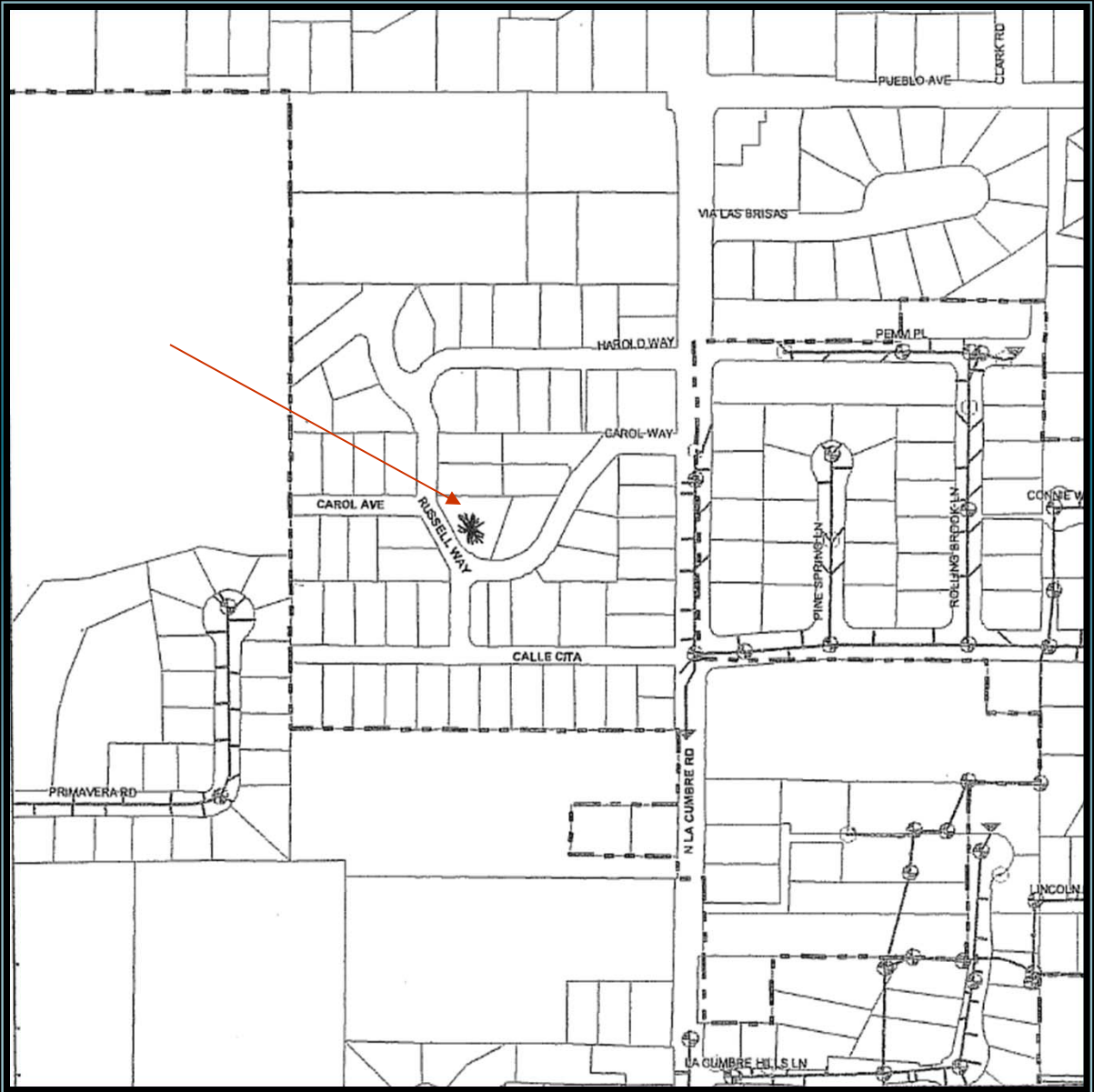
- Failed septic system at 650 Russell Way in Santa Barbara (unincorporated area)
- Recurring surface discharges of effluent
- Public Health hazard in violation of Health & Safety (H&S) Code
- Repair is not possible; remediation requires property connect to public sewer

# Background




- Owner was working toward connecting to sewer when property went into foreclosure
- Home is owned by mortgage company; former owner occupies home
- EHS actions:
  - regular pumping to prevent overflow
  - notifying owner of the need to correct as required under Health & Safety Code
- No response by owner

# Project Area #4

## Calle Cita/Carol Avenue/Russell Way



### Legend

-  Project Area Properties
-  Existing City Sewer System
-  City Boundary

# Remedy

- Health & Safety Code provides for:
  - County to undertake work to connect to sewer if NOV is not resolved
  - Cost can be recovered through a property tax assessment
  - Costs incurred thru 7/8/12 are \$7,702 with future costs estimated at \$53,694

# Recommendations

1. Receive this report
2. Consider adopting a resolution to recover the costs for connecting the property to sewer through a property tax assessment
3. Determine that these activities are exempt from CEQA review

*Thank you*  
*This completes our presentation*

**Questions?**