

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Planning and

Development

Department No.: 053

For Agenda Of: December 16, 2008

Placement: Administrative

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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Director:

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**SUBJECT:** Salentine Slope Repair, 08EMP-00000-00007

## **County Counsel Concurrence**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

N/A

# Other Concurrence:

N/A

N/A

#### **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors receive and file this report on Emergency Permit 08EMP-00000-00007, for the Salentine Slope Repair project located in the Second Supervisorial District, authorizing work to commence on APN 077-030-025.

# **Summary Text:**

The project is for an Emergency Permit to allow for the stabilization and repair of a superficial landslide. The hillside of concern contains the Cachuma Operations Maintenance Board (COMB) South Coast Conduit waterline and a Goleta Water District waterline. A superficial landslide has destabilized the south-facing slope where the water lines are located and the applicant is undertaking the work at the request of COMB (see May 15, 2008 letter from Operations Supervisor Brett Gray). Grading will total 3,600 cubic yards including 1,360 cubic yards of cut and 2,240 cubic yards of import. No trees are proposed for removal. The subject property is currently vacant. Access will continue to be provided off of Franklin Ranch Road. The property is a 5-acre parcel zoned RR-5 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 077-030-025, located at 1225 Franklin Ranch Road in the Goleta Area, Second Supervisorial District.

## **Background:**

The overall goal of the Salentine Slope Repair is to repair a superficial slide that occurred on a south-facing slope which contains the Cachuma Operations Maintenance Board (COMB) South Coast Conduit waterline and a Goleta Water District waterline. These waterlines provide potable water for the majority of

Santa Barbara south coast residents. In a May 15, 2008 letter, COMB's Operations Supervisor, Brett Gray, recommends that the repair work be implemented immediately in order to address the imminent threat to the two water lines posed by the existing, unrepaired slope failure.

The May 15, 2008 letter from COMB Operations Supervisor Brett Gray states the following:

"The Cachuma Operations Maintenance Board (COMB) operates and maintains the South Coast Conduit (SCC) which is a 48-inch diameter pipeline that supplies approximately 80% of the water to the south coast communities of Santa Barbara County. The SCC runs through the property at 1225 Franklin Ranch Road and we have recently become aware of the slope instability that could adversely affect the SCC as noted in the Campbell Geo letter of May 12, 2008. It is very important that the hillside be stabilized to ensure the integrity of the SCC as soon as possible but not later than the beginning of the 2008/2009 winter season. It is of utmost importance that the integrity of this line is not compromised due to a slope failure as that could cause major disruption in water service to the south coast communities. Furthermore, if the slope fails during the rainy season, it could take longer due to erosion and potential weather delays."

The County grading supervisor, Jeff Thomas has reviewed the scope of the slide and approved the nature of the emergency. The County's approved geotechnical engineering firm, Geodynamics, has peer-reviewed the applicant's geotechnical engineering report and related plans and concurs with the scope of work detailed therein.

Additionally, COMB engineers have reviewed and approved the proposed grading/drainage plans as detailed in their October 30, 2008 letter to the County of Santa Barbara.

#### **Performance Measure:**

N/A

## Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

County costs for the preparation of the Emergency Permit are reimbursed by the applicant in conformance with the current Board-approved fee resolution. Permit revenues are budgeted in the Permitting and Compliance Division of the Development Review South Division, on page D-301 of the adopted 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. The fixed fee for an emergency permit as of August 22, 2008 is \$1,480.00.

## **Staffing Impacts:** None

#### **Special Instructions:**

None

## **Attachments:**

- A. Emergency Permit (08EMP-00000-00007)
- B. Letter from COMB Operations Supervisor Brett Gray dated May 15, 2008

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