

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Soren Kringel, Planner, Planner, Planning and Development

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APNs: 079-090-007, 079-274-001, and 079-274-002

Case No.: 23EMP-00009

Location: 292 and 324 Vereda Del Ciervo, Goleta

Project Title: Wallover LLC – Emergency Permit

Project Applicant: Alan Mcleod

Project Description: The proposed project is to mitigate the dangerous and emergency conditions that have been created due to an active 200-foot-wide by 300-foot-long landslide that occurred in early April 2023. The landslide originated on the western-facing hillside of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 079-090-007, and slid onto the properties at 292 and 324 Vereda Del Ciervo, whose APNs are 079-274-002 and 079-274-001, respectively.

The project is under the direction of a Preliminary Geologic Report for Landslide Evaluation that was prepared by Adam Simmons on April 7, 2023. The report calls for the creation of drainage channels on the surface of the slide in order to alleviate ponding water at the surface of the slide; construction of a pile supported steel deflection wall if the landslide continues to advance towards the structures; and a drainage control system that must be approved by a Civil Engineer.

Along with the recommendations from the aforementioned Geologic Report, grading is proposed to establish access to the top of the slide on APN parcel no. 079-090-007. Excavation is also proposed at the top of the slide to allow for a geologist to determine the depth of the slide plane. The project also includes a trench drain system at the base of the slide on APNs. 079-274-001 and 079-274-002 that will house a sump pump to remove excess water that is seeping from the oversaturated hillside. This system will filter the excess water of silt and sediment and then pump it to Vereda Del Ciervo which drains south to a drop inlet at the corner of Vereda Del Ciervo and Vereda Pradera.

The total grading amounts are currently unknown. Tree removal by the owners is not proposed, but may be necessary to allow for access to the slide. The parcels will continue to be served by the Goleta Sanitary District, the Goleta Water District, and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Access to APN 079-090-007 will continue to be provided off of Vereda Pradera, and access to APN 079-274-001 and 079-274-002 will continue to be provided off of Vereda Del Ciervo. APN 079-090-007 is

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zoned AG-II-100. APNs 079-274-001 and 079-274-002 are both zoned 1-E-1 and located at 324 and 292 Vereda Del Ciervo, respectively. All parcels are located in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan, Second District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Wallover LLC

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: Section 15269(c), Emergency Projects

Reasons to support exemption findings: *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15269(c) exempts “specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.” Emergency action is warranted in this case because the early April landslide created a dangerous emergency situation for the residents on 292 and 324 Vereda Del Ciervo. Therefore, this statutory exemption applies to the proposed project.

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