

Amy Ow

From: Camille Leung
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Dave Michaels; Steve Monowitz; Amy Ow
Subject: RE: Notice Re: Highlands Estates Lots 5 through 8

Hi Dave,

Please see my responses below:

1. **Can you please confirm the end date of the CEQA comment period (and time, if applicable)?** -- - 5pm on July 2, 2021.
2. **Can June's administrative record please be posted on Monday June 21 (and include everything up through date of upload/production), and again on Monday June 28 (up through date of upload/production), so that commenters have an opportunity to review the current record during the remainder of the comment period?** --- I will work with Amy to accommodate this request.
3. From your extension notification below "...with the County's *decision on the project modification request* to be made after July 2, 2021." **Are you referring to the builder's request for the grading modification, or the public's request that the modification be properly categorized as major?** It's unclear if you are suggesting that "a decision on the Modification" itself is a possible next step (vs a hearing or more environmental review - which are the main asks of the community). Complex issues have been raised by the County in the CEQA document and commented on by the public in great detail (surely to be followed by more comments over the next 15 days). The community wants to believe that this comment period is not performative but is a part of the transparent process under CEQA.---- I am referring to the builder's request for a modification. See response to Item 4.
4. **Will responses be prepared to the comments submitted during this CEQA comment period and be made a part of the FEIR record?** There is concern among commenters given the County's prior comments that both the 300 page CEQA document and 400 pages of appendices qualify as merely an addendum and the comment period is merely a courtesy. We disagree with both of those premises, and have to-date provided sufficient arguments for the same. Responses should be provided in the CEQA format, and both comments and responses added to the State Clearinghouse CEQA record for the project FEIR. --- The County will issue a response to comments after July 2, 2021.
5. **Will requested documents be provided in a timely way, if at all, during the comment period?** Documents cited in the CEQA Document and appendices have either not yet been produced or reference other documents that have not yet been produced. Likewise claims or assertions made in the CEQA document may not be verified because related documents have not yet been produced. The Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) process for the project has become, at the county's instruction, entirely reliant on referring to the project website at <https://planning.smcgov.org/highland-estates-subdivision-records> and then making specific requests for what we can't find (on those occasions when we even know what we can't find). I'm not sure this is compliant with FOIA. --- I will review the request for documents referenced in the EIR Addendum and post those on the Highlands Estates Subdivision Records Page this week.

Thanks

From: Dave Michaels <dm94402@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 5:14 PM

To: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>; Steve Monowitz <smonowitz@smcgov.org>; Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>

Subject: Fwd: Notice Re: Highlands Estates Lots 5 through 8

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Thank you so much Ms. Leung for notification of a 15-day extension to the CEQA comment period to 60 days total. Your notification brings up several questions. Can you please clarify as soon as possible so that all can proceed with the document review and comment period? Thanks in advance.

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Very truly yours,
Dave

BCC: neighbors, concerned parties, commenters on the project

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From: **Camille Leung** <cleung@smcgov.org>

Date: Thu, Jun 17, 2021 at 6:39 PM

Subject: RE: Notice Re: Highlands Estates Lots 5 through 8

To: Dave Michaels <dm94402@gmail.com>, Sam Naifeh <samnaifeh@sbcglobal.net>, Liesje Nicolas <liesjenicolas@gmail.com>, Liesje Nicolas <HighlandsCAPresident@gmail.com>, Rick Priola <hcapres@gmail.com>, Chris Misner <chrismisner@yahoo.com>, Christopher Karic <ckaric@sellarlaw.com>, Deke & Corrin Brown <d.cbrown@comcast.net>, Gary Trott <gary_trott@comcast.net>, Thomas Frankel <frankelt@pacbell.net>, Christine Tam <tomfinke2010@gmail.com>, Christine Tam <ctamsm@gmail.com>, Mark Luechtefeld <mluechtefeld@gmail.com>, Dylan Ashbrook <dylanashbrook@gmail.com>
Cc: David Burruto <DBurruto@smcgov.org>, Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>

Hi Highlands neighbors,

FYI, In case I hadn't already informed you directly, the County has considered the requests from interested members of the public for a 15-day extension of the scheduled June 17, 2021 close of the public review period for the Highland Estates EIR Addendum. The request has been granted to allow the public more time to review the EIR Addendum and appendices, with the County's decision on the project modification request to be made after July 2, 2021.

Thanks

From: Camille Leung

Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:56 AM

To: Dave Michaels <dm94402@gmail.com>; Sam Naifeh <samnaifeh@sbcglobal.net>; Liesje Nicolas <liesjenicolas@gmail.com>; Liesje Nicolas <HighlandsCAPresident@gmail.com>; Rick Priola <hcapres@gmail.com>; Chris Misner <chrismisner@yahoo.com>; Christopher Karic <ckaric@sellarlaw.com>; Deke & Corrin Brown <d.cbrown@comcast.net>; Gary Trott <gary_trott@comcast.net>; Thomas Frankel <frankelt@pacbell.net>; Christine Tam <tomfinke2010@gmail.com>; Christine Tam <ctamsm@gmail.com>; Mark Luechtefeld <mluechtefeld@gmail.com>; Dylan Ashbrook <dylanashbrook@gmail.com>; Tom Finke <tomfinke2010@gmail.com>

Cc: David Burruto (<DBurruto@smcgov.org>) <DBurruto@smcgov.org>; Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>

Subject: RE: Notice Re: Highlands Estates Lots 5 through 8

Hi Highlands neighbors,

FYI, In case I hadn't already informed you directly, the Community Development Director has extended the comment period for the EIR Addendum by 30 days to 5pm on June 17, 2021.

Thanks

From: Camille Leung
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:30 PM
To: 'Dave Michaels' <dm94402@gmail.com>; 'Sam Naifeh' <samnaifeh@sbcglobal.net>; 'Liesje Nicolas' <liesjenicolas@gmail.com>; 'Liesje Nicolas' <HighlandsCAPresident@gmail.com>; 'Rick Priola' <hcpres@gmail.com>; 'Chris Misner' <chrismisner@yahoo.com>; 'Christopher Karic' <ckaric@sellarlaw.com>; 'Deke & Corrin Brown' <d.cbrown@comcast.net>; 'Gary Trott' <gary_trott@comcast.net>; 'Thomas Frankel' <frankelt@pacbell.net>; 'Christine Tam' <tomfinke2010@gmail.com>; 'Christine Tam' <ctamsm@gmail.com>; 'Mark Luechtefeld' <mluechtefeld@gmail.com>; 'Dylan Ashbrook' <dylanashbrook@gmail.com>; Tom Finke <tomfinke2010@gmail.com>
Cc: Steve Monowitz <smonowitz@smcgov.org>; Dave Pine <dpine@smcgov.org>; David Burruto <DBurruto@smcgov.org>; Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>
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Hi Highlands neighbors,

Please see attached for a County notice pertaining to proposed modifications to the implementation of the approved Highlands Estates Subdivision project (PLN2006-00357). Modifications involve changes to project grading for the construction of houses on Lots 5 through 8, on Ticonderoga Drive in the San Mateo Highlands.

The County retained SWCA to prepare the Highlands Estates Subdivision Project EIR Addendum (EIR Addendum), which contains a detailed description and an environmental analysis of the proposed modification. The EIR Addendum is available at: <https://planning.smcgov.org/highland-estates-subdivision-records>

Thanks