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From: Tom Finke <tomfinke2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Camille Leung; bob.p@nexgenbuilders.com
Cc: Amy Ow; Christine Tam; Dave Michaels; Dan Cheung; Sam Naifeh; Tom Finke
Subject: Re: Question about new storm drain under construction at San Mateo Highlands Lot 11

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Hello Camille and Bob,

Please disregard my question below about the storm drain runoff/outfall on Lot 11, because I just found this explanatory document:

[https://planning.smcgov.org/sites/planning.smcgov.org/files/documents/files/2022%2001%2010%20%20Lot 11 O&M.pdf](https://planning.smcgov.org/sites/planning.smcgov.org/files/documents/files/2022%2001%2010%20%20Lot%2011%20O&M.pdf)

January 10, 2022
STORMWATER TREATMENT MEASURES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
Address: 88 Cowpens Way
APN: 041-101-450
PLN: BLD 2016-00159 (Lot 11)
PLN2006-00357
NOM2021-00009

Thank you,
Tom Finke
2067 New Brunswick Dr, San Mateo, CA 94402

On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 9:16 PM Tom Finke <tomfinke2010@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Camille and Bob,

For the past couple of weeks some large backhoes and earth moving equipment have been operating on Lot 11 behind my house in the San Mateo Highlands. I believe they are constructing a new storm drain.

The crews are digging a deep trench from the end of Cowpens Way around the north side of the new house on Lot 11 (directly behind my backyard), and down the hillside into the open space below. For the 18 years I've lived in my house, the natural water runoff from the end of Cowpens Way appeared to have drained the other way, to the south (not north) side of the new Lot 11 house, down the canyon creek into Polhemus Road creek.

Since this new house on Lot 11 has been under construction for almost 2 years, and all the major geotechnical work seemed to have already been done, I'm wondering why this major new storm drain work is happening now, has it has been approved by San Mateo County, and how much do I need to worry that the storm water runoff into the open space might cause a landslide behind my house?

Thank you,
Tom Finke and Christine Tam
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On Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 8:21 PM Tom Finke <tomfinke2010@gmail.com> wrote:
Subject: Highlands noise and road use by builder

Hello Camille, Steve, Amy, and Supervisor Pine,

On behalf of my family and a number of the neighboring families who live on New Brunswick Drive near the Chamberlain Group projects on Cowpens Way and Cobblehill Place, I'd like to agree with Dave Michaels, and mention that the ground-shaking construction noise lately has been very disruptive, especially because so many of us still work from home. Last week there were four heavy equipment vehicles including 2 backhoes working on the Cowpens house. We've been subjected to construction noise from these projects for almost two years(!) now, and it doesn't make sense that such major work is still occurring two years into the project timeline.

Regards,
Tom Finke
2067 New Brunswick Drive, San Mateo, CA 94402

From: **Dave Michaels** <dm94402@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 1:48 PM
Subject: Highlands noise and road use by builder
To: Steve Monowitz <smonowitz@smcgov.org>, Dave Pine <dpine@smcgov.org>, cleung <cleung@smcgov.org>, Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>

Dear Staff, Supervisor Pine (and neighborhood Bcc'd)

There has been a backhoe or other earth mover driving across Cobblehill and New Brunswick between the subject lot on an ongoing (and at times near-constant) basis. For example, dozens of times today alone. Between lots 9/10 to lot 11, it drives backwards.

Does the permit allow for this kind of ongoing use of the roads between the subject lots?

Is this safe?

Is this necessary?

Is there a reason a second backhoe can't be used instead, in order to avoid this excessive road use and noise?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,
Dave