

8th St Landslide Repair – 8450 Cabrillo Hwy

Nov 5, 2012 onsite meeting, 1-2:30 pm

In attendance:

Project: Norbert Dall, Patrick Shires, Consulting Engineer and John Wallace, Consulting Geologist of Cotton Shires, Michael Josselyn of WRA Environmental Consultants
County: Diana Shu (DPW), Summer Burlison (Project Planner)
MCC & community: Lisa Ketcham, Laura Stein, Dave Olson, Toni Corelli (Botanist)

Additional project documents supplied to MCC prior to meeting: Biological Resource Analysis (WRA), Geotechnical Investigation (Cotton/Shires), full size plans.

Toni Corelli (Botanist and author of “Checklist of the Vascular Plants of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, CA”) and Michael Josselyn conferred on discrepancies in Biological Resource Analysis relating to native plants found, communities mapped. Summarized by Toni’s follow up email to Josselyn and submitted to County.

MCC questions answered:

Equipment access down into ravine - exclusively via Woolley driveway and east side of house.

Project will direct all local surface runoff into project buried drain pipes. Swales mid-slope to catch local runoff and direct to drains.

Project envelope, property boundaries, and culvert outfall were pointed out, relating the plans to the actual landscape.

No agreement reached regarding road-side hedge. Dall now says it is not part of the project and cannot be removed. Encroachment permit application has been submitted by applicant to Caltrans for all project ROW encroachments. MCC contacted Cynthia Cuison at Caltrans via 11/8 phone & email requesting 10 ft from fogline clear of encroachments:

“The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) is an elected advisory body to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. The MCC has commented to the County on the 8th St. Landslide Restoration Project, and requests that any Caltrans landscape encroachment permits issued for this project NOT include the area within 10 ft of the current fogline. Our interests are safe walkable communities and coastal views from Scenic Highway 1.

“There is an existing Escallonia hedge in this 10-ft-wide roadside strip which we would like removed. The hedge would require frequent severe pruning to keep it out of the bike lane and this has not been done until quite recently. The hedge is planted on level ground that is needed for pedestrians to be able to walk further away from traffic and to avoid bicycle conflicts. There is more than adequate sloped ground outside this 10 feet for residential landscaping and screening of the house, and indeed this landscaping already exists. In addition, the southernmost section of hedge, south of the garage along the driveway, does not so much block view of the driveway which is well below road grade, but blocks a spectacular coastal vista from southbound drivers on the Scenic Highway. “