

Midcoast Community Council

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representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar
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Date: October 24, 2012
To: S. Burlison, Project Planner
Subject: **PLN2012-00276 Landslide Repair 8450 Cabrillo Hwy Montara**

MCC comments in addition to those submitted 9/26/12:

We revisited the project site with local Botanist Toni Corelli and submit her report and recommendation as part of our comments.

On a later deeper exploration of the erosion gully on 10/18/12 Councilmember Lisa Ketcham observed freshwater aquatic non-native water cress (*Nasturtium officinale*) thriving and blooming in several level ponding areas below the current drain outfall near the sickly Cypress tree. There is extensive erosion around the Cypress tree with a network of exposed roots serving as an informal trash catchment.

Coastal Records photo history from 2002 and 2004 (prior to the landslide) show the house on the edge of a gully. It seems futile to pack dirt onto the vertical slope and to what end? It will not serve to strengthen the house supports. We note the house next door to the south is built entirely on piers.

<http://www.californiacoastline.org/cgi-bin/image.cgi?image=200400582&mode=sequential&flags=0&year=2004>

<http://www.californiacoastline.org/cgi-bin/image.cgi?image=5965&mode=sequential&flags=0&year=2002>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Bill Kehoe, Chair
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Attached: 10/17/12 Report from Toni Corelli, Botanist