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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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September 12, 2014

Hamilton Swift
Attn: John Swift
500 Chestnut Street, Ste. 100
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Subject: Review of Geotechnical Investigation by Dees and Associates, Inc.
Dated July 31, 2014, Project No. SCR-0818
APN 032-092-01, Application No. REV141076

Dear Mr. Swift,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Planning Department has accepted the subject report and the following items shall be required:

1. All construction shall comply with the recommendations of the report.
2. Final plans shall reference the report and include a statement that the project shall conform to the report's recommendations.
3. Prior to building permit issuance, please submit a signed and stamped *Soils (Geotechnical) Engineer Plan Review Form* to Environmental Planning. *Please note that the plan review form must reference the final plan set by last revision date. Any updates to report recommendations necessary to address conflicts between the report and plans must be provided via a separate addendum to the soils report.*

The author of the report shall sign and stamp the completed form. An electronic copy of this form may be found on our website: www.sccoplanning.com, under "Environmental", "Geology & Soils", "Assistance & Forms", "Soils Engineer Plan Review Form".

4. Please submit two original, wet-signed copies of the soils report with the building permit application.
5. The soils report includes recommendations for excavation of expansive clays and placement of engineered fill beneath the structure and hardscape. The depth and lateral extents of overexcavation should be shown on building permit application plans, along with a note stating the compaction requirements for engineered fill. Also, the plans must include the earthwork volumes required for this work, as it is considered grading under County Code.

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After building permit issuance the soils engineer *must remain involved with the project* during construction. Please review the *Notice to Permits Holders* (attached). Please note: Electronic copies of all forms required to be completed by the Geotechnical Engineer may be found on our website: www.sccoplanning.com, under "Environmental", "Geology & Soils", "Assistance & Forms".

Our acceptance of the report is limited to its technical content. Other project issues such as zoning, fire safety, septic or sewer approval, etc. may require resolution by other agencies.

Please note that this determination may be appealed within 14 calendar days of the date of service. Additional information regarding the appeals process may be found online at: http://www.sccoplanning.com/html/devrev/plnappeal_bldg.htm

Please call the undersigned at (831) 454-5121 if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "CBurke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Carolyn Burke
Civil Engineer

Cc: Lezanne Jeffs, Project Planner
Dees and Associates, Inc.
Thatcher & Thompson

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2. **Prior to placing concrete for foundations**, a letter from the soils engineer must be submitted to the building inspector and to Environmental Planning stating that the soils engineer has observed the foundation excavation and that it meets the recommendations of the soils report.
3. **At the completion of construction**, a *Soils (Geotechnical) Engineer Final Inspection Form* from your soils engineer is required to be submitted to Environmental Planning that includes copies of all observations and the tests the soils engineer has made during construction and is stamped and signed, certifying that the project was constructed in conformance with the recommendations of the soils report.

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