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Hi Evan –

We have previously experienced impacts on the quality of Liddell Spring (one of the City’s most important water sources) due to activities in this area – which is a complex karst landscape. Any further impact on instream flows due to additional water diversion from the karst aquifer or impacts on that aquifer’s quality may both impact the City’s water supply as well as special status species downstream unless properly mitigated. As it stands currently, we frequently see significant, unpermitted reductions in Liddell Creek flow due to diversions related to the quarry site immediately adjacent to the currently proposed project site.

Having skimmed this specific proposal, I don’t see any mention of the need to protect karst resources or effects that the proposed development’s water supply and wastewater disposal will have on downstream beneficial uses of water and/or special status species in Liddell Creek. Liddell Spring is likely hydrologically connected to the karst aquifer being tapped to serve the proposed development and where the wastewater disposal for the project will be located. It would be helpful to better understand how the project will effect Liddell Spring both in terms quality and quantity of water as well as potential impacts to special status species in the immediate vicinity as well as downstream in Liddell Creek. The City has existing and proposed Endangered Species Act permits for our operations in this area and is aware that there are California red-legged frogs present (as well as other special status species) and there are also coho and steelhead downstream in Liddell Creek that the City is providing bypass flows to protect.

I’ve copied Sierra Ryan from Env Health on this since I know she is familiar with some of the issues I’ve raised above. David Carlson (if he is still working at the County) may also be familiar with effects of activities at this parcel on downstream beneficial uses. We have many records relative to these issues in our files and would be happy to provide them if that would be helpful. Please let us know what we can do to help move this along in a manner that will be protective of all the resources concerned.

Thanks.

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Hi Chris and Zeke,

Regarding the notifications, we send notices to all owners within 500 feet of the property perimeter and that included a notice to the City of Santa Cruz at 809 Center Street.

The link to the staff report and plans is here: [Item 3. 241137](#) The plans were reviewed and determined to either meet, or were conditioned to meet, the prevailing design standards and BMPs for residential construction; some of these conditions are referenced on pages 15-16 of the staff report. The expectation is that the project wouldn't result in changes to the site that would significantly impact offsite resources.

If you feel that there is a substantial issue that wasn't considered, then please let me know so that I can relay that to my colleagues and the applicant. Also, if you have any suggestions for resolution of a potential issue, please let me know so that I can bring it up for consideration at the public hearing.



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