

February 5, 2004

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Mr. Ruben Hernandez
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
Contra Costa County
651 Pine St., North Wing, 4th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: County File #VR031032
Hal Reiland (Applicant)

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

As the adjacent homeowner to the property under review, I have great concerns on this project.

My home is built in the ravine directly below the proposed home site. My home is basically built on landfill, which caused major problems for the original owner. The original owners had to literally jack up the home, re-do the earth, replace the foundations, and install new drainage pipes. Also, they built concrete aquaducts around the home to divert runoff to the storm pipe system.

Furthermore, existing large trees (including oaks) are on the down slope below the proposed road and house pad. Any erosion caused by change in drainage, damage by excavation, etc., could cause major problems.

I would like to see this hearing and permit issuance be postponed until a complete environmental and geological study, by an accredited engineering firm, be made.

Again, Mr. Hernandez, I am deeply concerned that proper care and studies have not been made, and request that all avenues have been taken before approval.

Sincerely,



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