



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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**1400 LINDA FLORA DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90077 (FILE NO. 11-174)**

Dear Mr. Kroh:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the referenced site.

As part of our effort to protect water quality, the Regional Board is considering the proposed construction of a single-family residence at 1400 Linda Flora Drive in Los Angeles (Site). The Regional Board understands that the proposed construction activities for the residence and appurtenant structures will consist of the following:

- a 46,000 square foot primary residence with 3,025 square feet of underground parking;
- a 4,532 square foot accessory living quarters, 600 square foot summer house, tennis court, pool/spa, and landscaping;
- Grading of 76,618 cubic yards, including the grading of an existing ridgeline to create the pad for the primary residence;
- A 20 foot wide private drive across the property connecting the northern portion of Linda Flora with the southern portion of Linda Flora;
- Two 10 high retaining walls paralleling the drive and running approximately 1,600 linear feet each;
- Orchard and vineyard;

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- Drainage system with retention basin and bio-filtration sites; and
- Possible conservation easement granted to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy over a portion approximately 27 acres on the property.

Regional Board staff attended a community meeting on October 13, 2011 held by the Bel Air Homeowners Association and representatives for the property owner. The meeting provided information on the plans for the development of the 30-acre parcel.

Given the scope of the proposed work and the types of stream and riparian habitats present in the general area, it is likely that permitting from the Regional Board in the form of a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC), or Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) under the State of California's Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act, will be required.

A complete WQC or WDR application would include, but not be limited to:

1. A list of all entities responsible for the Project which includes, but not limited to, owners, partners, consultants and contractors.
2. A **jurisdictional delineation** of any waters, including ephemeral drainages, on the property, to determine waters of the State or waters of the U.S.
3. A cut-and-fill plan/grading plan for the proposed development.
4. A detailed map of appropriate scale that clearly identifies the limits of the jurisdictional waters and all cut and fill areas including Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates.
5. Copies of any design or construction plans.
6. A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or other CEQA documentation.

Please find additional information on the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification program at our website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/401\\_water\\_quality\\_certification/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/401_water_quality_certification/index.shtml). Please be aware that construction activities in or near waters or riparian habitat will also usually require permitting from the US Army Corps of Engineers (Clean Water Act Section 404 permitting) and California Department of Fish and Game (Streambed Alteration Agreement). If you have any questions or if we can assist you regarding this matter, please call Ms. Valerie Carrillo at (213) 576-6759.

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Sincerely,

*Samuel Unger*

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Executive Officer

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