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**From:** Camille Leung  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:36 AM  
**To:** Tom Finke  
**Cc:** Dave Michaels; Sam Naifeh; Liesje Nicolas; Liesje Nicolas; Rick Priola; Chris Misner; Christopher Karic; Deke & Corrin Brown; Gary Trott; Thomas Frankel; Christine Tam; Mark Luechtefeld; Dylan Ashbrook; Mike Snyder; Kristin Or Kai On Facetime; Chan Lam  
**Subject:** RE: Notice Re: Highlands Estates Lots 5 through 8

Hi Tom,

Thanks for your comments and questions. Please see my responses below:

1. It's not clear whether the revised cut is 'further back' into the lot, or 'deeper down' in the lot. If it's the former, then I'd expect our neighbors on Cobblehill Place will complain that their backyard views will be even more negatively impacted by these new houses than they otherwise would have been. Is there a document we can see that would help us visualize what the houses will look like on their lots after the proposed modifications? --- The proposed grading modification will remove more unsuitable soil at the site than originally proposed. The finished topography of the lots as approved by the Board of Supervisors will not change, nor will the house locations or designs.
2. When do you expect construction will begin and end for these four new houses on lots 5-8? Can't say we in the Highlands are excited to hear that the overall duration of construction will extend by 2.5 months. --- Construction will likely start this Summer. Interested parties and property owners within 200 feet of Lots 5-8 will be notified a minimum of 10 calendars days prior to the start of work.
3. Since construction hasn't started yet, if a majority of the Highlands households sign a petition asking San Mateo County to require the Chamberlain Group to design these four new houses such that they blend in better with a neighborhood of single-story mid-century modern homes, would the County consider it? --- Tom, we have previously considered this request. The petition would not change the fact that the designs have been approved by the Board and the appeal period for that decision has closed.

Thank you

**From:** Tom Finke <tomfinke2010@gmail.com>  
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Hi Camille,

Thanks for letting us in the Highlands know about this proposed minor modification.

Regarding Table 1 from the letter:

**Table 1: Changes to Proposed Earthwork for Lots 5 through 8 (amounts in cubic yards)**

Area	Approved Cut	Approved Fill	Revised Cut	Revised Fill	Revised Cut after Balance Cut for Landslide Mitigation	Revised Cut after Change in Cut
Lots 5-8	4,700	700	5,230	320	4,910	2,880
			+7,790			

and after reading through the referenced document:

*Highland Estates Subdivision Project  
Addendum to the Highland Estates  
Final Environmental Impact Report  
SCH No. 2007052068  
May 3, 2021*

I have three questions:

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Thanks,  
Tom

On Mon, May 3, 2021 at 2:30 PM Camille Leung <[cleung@smcgov.org](mailto:cleung@smcgov.org)> wrote:

Hi Highlands neighbors,

Please see attached for a County notice pertaining to proposed modifications to the implementation of the approved Highlands Estates Subdivision project (PLN2006-00357). Modifications involve changes to project

grading for the construction of houses on Lots 5 through 8, on Ticonderoga Drive in the San Mateo Highlands.

The County retained SWCA to prepare the Highlands Estates Subdivision Project EIR Addendum (EIR Addendum), which contains a detailed description and an environmental analysis of the proposed modification. The EIR Addendum is available at: <https://planning.smcgov.org/highland-estates-subdivision-records>

Thanks