



City of Santa Barbara
Community Development

Memorandum

DATE: 10/28/2014

TO: Planning Commission

CC: California Coastal Commission, South Central Coast District Office

FROM: Allison De Busk, Project Planner *AD*

SUBJECT: Emergency Permit for 3433 and 3444 Sea Ledge Lane

On October 8, 2014, Alicia Harrison submitted an application pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC), Section 28.44.100 – Permit For Emergency Work – to repair a slope failure adjacent to a portion of Sea Ledge Lane (private).

The repair work includes the removal of the existing wood structure below the upper portion of Sea Ledge Lane and construction of a concrete retaining wall, 67 feet in length with up to six feet in height visible from the downhill side. The existing drainage system would be extended to rip rap at the basin on the lower portion of Sea Ledge Lane. The wall would be constructed with seven drilled vertical micro piles and seven tiebacks drilled at an approximate 30-degree angle into the hillside under the upper road. A surficial geogrid would be placed on the slope for stabilization while plants (Lemonade berry) are established. Grading consists of less than 15 cubic yards of cut and fill, with no export of material. Gravel would be imported for drainage behind the wall.

The Community Development Director is authorized to issue an emergency permit without compliance with the procedures for the issuance of a coastal development permit in cases of emergency. In this case, the project needs to be commenced immediately to avoid potential risks associated with further movement of soil should the area become saturated due to rain or runoff water. The proposed work requires action more quickly than what could be permitted by the procedures for ordinary permits.

Public notice of the intent to issue an emergency permit on November 11, 2014 has been provided to the public, and public comments are due by November 10, 2014.