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February 9, 2023

BOARD FILE NO. 220042
C.D.: 11 (Councilmember T. Park)

Walther Way LLC
c/o Emanuel Yashari
1318 Broadway, Suite 100
Santa Monica, CA 90404

JOB ADDRESS: 666 & 672 NORTH WALTHER WAY
TRACT: TR 13112

The Board of Building and Safety Commissioners, at its meeting of February 7, 2023, gave consideration to the application by Crest Real Estate, c/o Nick Leathers, to export 2,800 cubic yards of earth from the above-referenced property.

The Board took the following actions:

1. Rescinded the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners' (BBSC) prior action taken on November 15, 2022, in which the BBSC:
 - a. FOUND the project categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1), Section 15303 (Class 3) and Section 15332 (Class 32) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Case No. ENV-2022-267-CE), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
 - b. APPROVED the application subject to all conditions specified in the Department's report dated November 9, 2022.
2. FIND that the project is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1), Section 15303 (Class 3), and Section 15332 (Class 32) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Case No. ENV-2022-267-CE), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

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3. APPROVE the application subject to all conditions specified in the Department's report dated February 1, 2023.

This action becomes effective and final when ten calendar days has elapsed from the date of the Board's action, unless an appeal is filed with the City Council pursuant to Section 91.7006.7.5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Veronica Lopez

for Javier Nunez, President
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Board of Building and Safety Commissioners
Room 1030, 201 North Figueroa Street

APPLICATION TO EXPORT 2,800 CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH

PROJECT LOCATION: 666 & 672 NORTH WALTHER WAY

TRACT: TR 13112

BLOCK: NONE

LOT: 18

OWNER:

Walther Way LLC
c/o Emanuel Yashari
1318 Broadway, Suite 100
Santa Monica, CA 90404

APPLICANT:

Crest Real Estate
c/o Nick Leathers
11150 West Olympic Boulevard, Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90064

The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) have reviewed the subject haul route application and have forwarded the following recommendations to be considered by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners (Board) in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Additions or modifications to the following conditions may be made on-site at the discretion of the Grading Inspector, if deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public along the haul route.

Failure to comply with any conditions specified in this report may void the Board's action. If the hauling operations are not in accordance with the Board's approval, The Department of Building and Safety (DBS) shall list the specific conditions in violation and shall notify the applicant that immediate compliance is required. If the violations are not corrected or if a second notice is issued by DBS for violations of any of the conditions upon which the approval was granted, said approval shall be void. Inasmuch as Board approval of the import-export operations is a condition precedent to issuing a grading permit in a "hillside" designated area, violation of this condition may result in the revocation of the grading permit issued in reliance of this approval.

Violation of haul route conditions shall be reported to the appropriate Department. The Department responsible for enforcement is indicated by an acronym at the end of each haul route condition. Refer to the table below for agency name and contact information.

Acronym	Agency Name	contact
BSS	Bureau of Street Services	myLA311 Website: www.myla311.lacity.org Phone: Dial 311 or (213) 473-3231
LAPD	Los Angeles Police Department Special Enforcement Unit	Email: Trafficgroup@lapd.online Phone: (877) 275-5273
DOT	Department of Transportation	Phone: (818) 374-4823
DBS	Department of Building and Safety	Principal Inspector Sergio Valenzuela (213) 482-0397

A. PERMITS AND BONDS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

PERMIT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY WILL ISSUE A GRADING PERMIT.

1. Under the provisions of Section 62.201 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, the following permit fee shall be required:
 - a) A total of 2,800 cubic yards of material moved 4.45 miles within the hillside area at a rate of \$0.29 per cubic yard would exceed the maximum chargeable under the Ordinance. Therefore, the maximum fee chargeable, \$3,000.00 shall be due.
2. The required permit fee shall be paid at the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division office, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 350, Los Angeles, California, 90015, telephone (213) 847-6000.

3. Under the provisions of Section 62.202 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a cash bond or surety bond in the amount of \$595,000.00 shall be required from the property owner to cover any road damage and any street cleaning costs resulting from the hauling activity.
4. Forms for the bond will be issued by Bond Control, Bureau of Engineering Valley District Office, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 251, Van Nuys, CA 91401; telephone (818) 374-5082.

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. The owner or contractor shall keep the construction area sufficiently dampened to control dust caused by grading and hauling, and at all times shall provide reasonable control of dust caused by wind, at the sole discretion of the grading inspector. (DBS)
2. Hauling and grading equipment shall be kept in good operating condition and muffled as required by law. (LAPD)
3. Loads shall be secured by trimming and watering or may be covered to prevent the spilling or blowing of the earth material. If the load, where it contacts the sides, front, and back of the truck cargo container area, remains six inches from the upper edge of the container area, and if the load does not extend, at its peak, above any part of the upper edge of the cargo container area, the load is not required to be covered, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 23114 (e) (4). (LAPD)
4. Trucks and loads are to be watered at the export site to prevent blowing dirt and are to be cleaned of loose earth at the export site to prevent spilling. (DBS)
5. Streets shall be cleaned of spilled materials during grading and hauling, and at the termination of each workday. (BSS)
6. The owner/contractor shall be in conformance with the State of California, Department of Transportation policy regarding movements of reducible loads. (DOT)
7. The owner/contractor shall comply with all regulations set forth by the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles pertaining to the hauling of earth. (LAPD)
8. A copy of the approval letter from the City, the approved haul route and the approved grading plans shall be available on the job site at all times. (DBS)
9. The owner/contractor shall notify the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division, (213) 847-6000 and LAPD traffic group, at least 72 hours prior to the beginning of hauling operations and shall also notify the Division immediately upon completion of hauling operations. Any change to the prescribed routes, staging and/or hours of operation must be approved by the concerned

governmental agencies. Contact the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division prior to effecting any change. (BSS & LAPD)

10. No person shall perform any grading within areas designated "hillside" unless a copy of the permit is in the possession of a responsible person and available at the site for display upon request. (DBS)
11. A copy of this report, the approval letter from the Board and the approved grading plans shall be available on the job site at all times. A request to modify or change the approved routes must be approved by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners before the change takes place. (DBS)
12. The grading permit for the project shall be obtained within twelve months from the date of action of the Board. If the grading permit is not obtained within the specified time, re-application for a public hearing through the Commission Office will be required. (DBS)
13. Hauling must commence within eighteen months after Board action approval. Failure to haul within that time will result in additional fees and a bond reassessment by the Bureau of Engineering. (DBS)
14. A log noting the dates of hauling and the number of trips (i.e. trucks) per day shall be available on the job site at all times. (DBS)
15. Hauling vehicles shall not stage on any streets adjacent to the project, unless specifically approved as a special condition in this report. (DOT)
16. Hauling vehicles shall be spaced so as to discourage a convoy affect. (LAPD)
17. Grading and hauling activities shall be discontinued during periods of high winds and Red Flag days as determined by the Los Angeles Fire Department. (DBS)
18. This approval pertains only to the City of Los Angeles streets. Those segments of the haul route outside the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles may be subject to permit requirements and to the approval of other municipal or governmental agencies and appropriate clearances or permits is the responsibility of the contractor.
19. **A copy of the first page of this approval and all Conditions and/or any subsequent appeal of this approval and its resultant Conditions and/or letters of clarification shall be printed on the building plans submitted to the City's Development Services Center and the Department of Building and Safety for purposes of having a building permit issued.**
20. **INDEMNIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION COSTS.**

Owner shall do all of the following:

- (i) **Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including but not limited to, an action to attack, challenge, set aside, void, or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.**
- (ii) **Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.**
- (iii) **Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the owner and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$25,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the owner from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (iii).**
- (iv) **Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the owner from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).**
- (v) **If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.**

The City shall notify the owner within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the owner of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the owner shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the owner of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the owner fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make

all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

“City” shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

“Action” shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Actions includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the owner otherwise created by this condition.

C. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

An authorized Public Officer may make additions to, or modifications of, the following conditions if necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

1. The hauling operations are restricted to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. No hauling is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or City holidays. Haul vehicles may not arrive at the site before the designated start time. (DBS)
2. Hauling of earth shall be completed within the maximum time limit of 28 hauling days. (DBS)
3. Staging is allowed on-site only. Staging shall not interfere with traffic nor access to neighboring driveways. (DOT)
4. The approved haul vehicles are 10-wheel dump trucks. (BSS)
5. Total amount of dirt to be hauled shall not exceed 2,800 cubic yards. (DBS)
6. "Truck Crossing" warning signs shall be placed 300 feet in advance of the exit in each direction. (BSS)
7. A minimum of two flag attendants, each with two-way radios, will be required during hauling hours to assist with staging and getting trucks in and out of the project area. One flag attendant will be placed at the following locations:
 - A. The entrance of the project site.
 - B. The intersection of Walther Way and Bonhill Road.

Additional flag attendants may be required by the LADBS Inspector, LADOT, or BSS to mitigate a hazardous situation (e.g. blind curves, uncontrolled intersections,

narrow portions of roads or where obstacles are present). Flag attendants and warning signs shall be in compliance with Part II of the latest Edition of "Work Area Traffic Control Handbook." (BSS)

8. The City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation, telephone (213) 485-2298, shall be notified 72 hours prior to beginning operations in order to have temporary "No Parking" signs posted along streets of the haul route, if necessary. (DOT)
9. The approved route by DOT and BSS is as follows:

LOADED TRUCKS:

From the project site, travel eastbound on Walther Way, turn right (south) on Bonhill Road, turn left (south) on Kenter Ave, turn left (east) on Sunset Boulevard, turn right to enter northbound on the I-405 Freeway, transition northbound onto the I-5 Freeway, exit at Roxford Street, turn right (west) on Roxford Street (exit 159B), continue northbound on Sepulveda Boulevard, turn left (north) on San Fernando Boulevard, turn left (west) onto Sunshine Canyon Road and continue to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

EMPTY TRUCKS:

From the disposal site located at Sunshine Canyon Landfill, travel eastbound on Sunshine Canyon Road, turn right (south) on San Fernando Boulevard, turn right (south) on Sepulveda Boulevard, turn right to enter southbound on the I-5 Freeway, transition southbound on the I-405 Freeway, exit at Sunset Boulevard (exit 57), turn left (south) at Church Lane, right (west) at Sunset Boulevard, turn right (north) on Kenter Avenue, turn right (north) on Bonhill Road, turn left (north) to continue on Bonhill Road, turn left (west) on Walther Way and continue to the project site.

10. Only one hauling truck, associated with this project address, shall be allowed on Walther Way and Bonhill Road at any time. (BSS)
11. Prior to hauling, the applicant shall provide the following information to Los Angeles Fire Department Station #19 located at 12229 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049; telephone (310) 575-8519:
 - A. Contact information for the construction superintendent or contractor.
 - B. A copy of this approved staff report.
 - C. A map clearly illustrating the approved hauling route and involved street names.
 - D. The approved hauling hours.
 - E. The estimated completion date of hauling.
12. The applicant shall provide a staked sign at the site containing the contact information for the Senior Street Services Investigator (Department of Public Works), the Senior Grading Inspector (LADBS) and the hauling or general contractor. The letters shall be a minimum of 3 inches in height. (DBS)

13. A Registered Deputy Grading Inspector shall notify the LADBS district grading inspector at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of hauling operations, and whose sole responsibility shall be to continuously inspect and accurately log the dates and hours of hauling, the number of daily truck trips, the material in each loaded truck (i.e. soil or demolition material), and the approved haul route. (DBS)

D. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The Department of City Planning has analyzed this project and determined that it qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to section 15301 (Class 1), 15303 (Class 3) and 15332 (Class 32) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Case No. ENV-2022-267-CE). If you concur with the Department of City Planning's exemption analysis, you can comply with your obligations under CEQA by determining that the project is exempt for the reasons outlined in the Notice of Exemption prepared by City Planning.

E. MANDATORY FINDINGS 15300.2 AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. RESCIND the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners' (BBSC) prior action taken on November 15, 2022, in which the BBSC:
 - a. Found the project categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1), Section 15303 (Class 3), and Section 15332 (Class 32) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Case No. ENV-2022-267-CE), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
 - b. Approved the application subject to all conditions specified in the Department's report dated November 9, 2022.
2. DETERMINE that the project is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1), 15303 (Class 3) and 15332 (Class 32) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Case No. ENV-2022-267-CE), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

CODE:

SEC. 91.7006. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO ISSUING A GRADING PERMIT.

Section 91.7006.7. Limitation of Export and Import

5. At the public hearing, the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners shall consider the views of the applicant and all other affected persons. The board shall then grant or conditionally grant approval of export and import operations or, in the event it determines that the grading activity, including the hauling operation, will endanger the public health, safety and welfare, it shall deny the request. Where conditions of the permit are

recommended by the Department of Public Works, including the condition that a bond be posted pursuant to Section 62.202 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, such conditions shall be made a part of any permit which may be issued. The decision of the board shall not be effective until 10 calendar days have elapsed from the date of the board's decision.

6. Any affected person, including the applicant, who is dissatisfied with the decision of the board, may appeal the board decision within 10 days to the City Council by filing an appeal with the city clerk on forms which the city clerk provides. The City Council shall hear and make its determination on the appeal not later than the 30th day after the appeal has been filed. The decision of the City Council on the matter shall be final. If the City Council fails to act on any appeal within the time limit specified in this section, the action of the board on the matter shall be final.

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Superintendent of Building



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