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Subject – An addendum to the Arborist report Dated 11/15/23, concerning the management of the trees on the property of Kim and Benjamen Rodriguez at 722 Escalona Drive, Capitola, CA 95010 – Site visit on January 6, 2024:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez,

Please be advised that I assessed the conditions of the three Blue Gum Eucalyptus Trees (*Eucalyptus globulus*) that are growing on the coastal bluff behind your residence.

1- The largest of these trees is located about seven feet down from the top of the bluff and I estimate that it has a trunk measurement of about 7-inches diameter at 54-inches above ground. This tree qualifies as a protected tree in the City of Capitola. I determined that it has a good health condition and a fair structural condition rating. I also determined that it would become increasingly vulnerable to falling as it grows larger over time. The failure of this tree has the potential to damage the vertical face of the bluff when its root pan pulls out of the ground.

I recommend that this tree be cut down to the stump at this time and that it be allowed to regenerate new growth. I determined that the existing root structure should help stabilize the face of the bluff as long as its trunk and branches are not allowed to grow large in this situation. I recommend that the new growth be cut back periodically for this purpose.

2- The two other Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees are located at the top of the bluff. Both of these trees have small trunk dimensions, being about three and four inches in diameter, respectively. These trees also appear to provide stabilization benefits at the top of the bluff.

I recommend that both of these trees be cut back to their stumps within the next year or two. This action should serve to stabilize the edge of the bluff. The new growth must also be cut back periodically to reduce the potential for them falling in the future and causing damage at that time.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attached Below – Photographs of the Subject trees.



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