From: Terence J. Szewczyk

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 1:28 PM **To:** Jennifer Armer <JArmer@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: PRC 4290----- for Oct 3, 203 Town Council

### [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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From: Terence J. Szewczyk

Date: Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 11:53 AM

Subject: Re: PRC 4290

To: Jennifer Armer < JArmer@losgatosca.gov >

Jennifer, I am holding this as a draft for now. Will the Town be taking an action to reconcile these issues with the subordinate Fire Agency by April 15, 2023?

Please realize that the Town resident/property owner is an immigrant small businesswoman and widow. She has been trying to improve her property since 2006. It does not look good for the Town Council's goal of embracing diversity given that Town staff have complicated her past applications and filed a questionable grading violation. Now this Fire Dept debacle.

I am holding this to see if the Town will take action.

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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| PROTI                                                                                                                                      | TOWN OF LOS GATOS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  110 E. Main Street Los Gatos, CA 95030 planning@losgatosca.gov 408-354-6872  APPEAL OF THE DECISION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ON AN EXCEPTION REQUEST (PRC 4290)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| PLEASE TYPE or PRINT NEATLY                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I, the undersigned, do hereby appe                                                                                                         | eal a decision of the SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT as follows:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DATE OF DECISION:                                                                                                                          | December 21, 2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| PROJECT/APPLICATION NUMBER:                                                                                                                | S-22-049                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| LOCATION:                                                                                                                                  | 70 RESERVOIR ROAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                            | the Fire Safe Regulations, where an exception is not granted by the Santa Clara he applicant may appeal such denial to the Los Gatos Planning Commission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2. V DEVELOPMENT P 3. V WRITTEN DESCRI 4. V Exception REQUE 5. V DENIAL LETTER – 6. V LETTER OF JUSTIF explaining how the defensible space | EAL FORM – Form must include the signature of the property owner(s)/applicant.  LANS (ELECTRONIC COPY).  PTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT – A complete written description of the proposal.  ST – Copy of materials submitted to SCCFD.  Copy of denial letter received from SCCFD.  ICATION – Justification for appeal addressing each of the items specified in the denial and the proposed alternatives described in the exception request meets the intent of providing consistent with CCR Title 14 §1270 and following.  NG FEE – Fee for proposed application based on Planning fee schedule. |
| PRINT NAME: TERENCE J. SZEWCZYK                                                                                                            | SIGNATURE:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DATE: MARCH 13, 2023                                                                                                                       | ADDRESS: 1776 TECHNOLOGY DR, SAN JOSE, CA 95110                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| PHONE:                                                                                                                                     | EMAIL:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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\$ 934.00 Commercial

PLAPPEAL



Job No. 22-310 March 13, 2023

Jennifer Armer, AICP Planning Manager Town of Los Gatos 110 E. Main St. Los Gatos, CA 95030



**Protest of Appeal Process** 

Santa Clara County Fire Marshal

Decision - New Residence at 70 Reservoir Road

RAFT

**Application S-22-049** 

Dear Ms. Armer:

Submitted herein is our protest of the Fire Marshal Appeal Process due to the following facts:

1) Multiple California Counties have determined that PRC-4290 access road requirements are not applicable to existing public roadways.

We previously provided you with an example of the rationale of Napa County that PRC-4290 access road standards, if strictly imposed, would be damaging to environmental and historic resources. On March 1, 2023, we forwarded you a similar policy resolution adopted by the Saratoga City Council. We request that the Town staff merely dismiss the Fire Marshal conditions as redlined and attached,

2) The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors as the Fire Department Board instructed the Fire Marshal to discontinue appeal hearings on September 27, 2022.

County Planning has derived a proactive review process for access road improvements that evaluates the nexus and proportionality issues for shared access roads. Rather than ridiculous Planning Commission appeals about the constitutionality of single application roadway retrofitting, common sense has prevailed and planning staff will evaluate and assess the appropriate and fair scope of access road improvements.

3) We understand that the Fire Department staff could not justify the need for excessive improvements on Wood Road at the March 8, 2020 Planning Commission.

Jennifer Armer - Planning Manager Job No. 22-310 Page 2 of 2 March 13, 2023

This appears identical to the farce conducted at the November 21, 2022, Planning Commission harring for Crescent Vive.

4) The County Board District 5 office provided confirmation that the Fire Appeal Hearing Officer is not an NFPA qualified Fire Marshal.

We provide the confirming email from the County Executive to District 5 on March 1, 2023.

5) The appeal fee amount was not properly adopted by Town Council resolution.

Regardless of good intentions by staff, it is not legitimate to adopt a filing fee by legislating from one's own cubicle.

Sincerely,

TS/CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC.

Terence J. Szewczyk, P.E. C35527

Principal Engineer



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|                               | PLAN<br>REVIEW No. | 22 | 4595 |  |
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### Plans and Scope of Review:

### This project shall comply with the following:

The California Fire (CFC) & Building (CBC) Code, 2019 edition, as adopted by the Town of Los Gatos Town Code (LGTC), California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Health & Safety Code.

### The scope of this project includes the following:

| Proposed new 4,932 SF two-s                                  | ory single-family residence with attached garage.                                                                                                |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Plan Status:                                                 | Revise and resubmit drawings and provide a response letter addressing                                                                            |  |
| Plans are <b>NOT APPROVED.</b> comments on this plan review. | Revise and resubmit drawings and provide a response letter addressing All comments having <b>BOLD</b> Font require correction prior to approval. |  |

### Plan Review Comments:

- 1. Review of this Developmental proposal is limited to acceptability of site access, water supply and may include specific additional requirements as they pertain to fire department operations, and shall not be construed as a substitute for formal plan review to determine compliance with adopted model codes. Prior to performing any work, the applicant shall make application to, and receive from, the Building Department all applicable construction permits.
- 2. **NOTE:** The subject property is located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) of the Local Responsibility Area (LRA). Pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) 4290, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to "...adopt regulations implementing minimum fire safety standards related to defensible space" applicable to "the perimeters and access to all residential, commercial, and industrial building construction." In 2018, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 901 (Dodd), which expanded the applicability of the regulations promulgated under PRC 4290 to land in the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Where a conflict exists between local & 4290 requirements, the more stringent requirement shall apply. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Articles 1-5, § 1273.08. All comments below that result from PRC 4290 are identified by \*\*.

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\*\*3. **Width:** (a) All roads shall be constructed to provide a minimum of two ten (10) foot traffic lanes, not including shoulder and striping. These traffic lanes shall provide for two-way traffic flow to support emergency vehicle and civilian egress, unless other standards are provided in this article or additional requirements are mandated by local jurisdictions or local subdivision requirements. Vertical clearances shall conform to the requirements in California Vehicle Code section 35250. (b) All one-way roads shall be constructed to provide a minimum of one twelve (12) foot traffic lane, not including shoulders. The local jurisdiction may approve one-way roads. (1) All one-way roads shall, at both ends, connect to a road with two traffic lanes providing for travel in different directions, and shall provide access to an area currently zoned for no more than ten (10) residential units. (2) In no case shall a one-way road exceed 2,640 feet in length. A turnout shall be placed and constructed at approximately the midpoint of each one-way road. (c) All driveways shall be constructed to provide a minimum of one (1) ten (10) foot traffic lane, fourteen (14) feet unobstructed horizontal clearance, and unobstructed vertical clearance of thirteen feet, six inches (13' 6"). California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2 Articles 1-5, § 1273.01. **Beginning with the intersection of College Ave & Pageant Way to the proposed structure, provide documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the road meets the <b>minimum required width of 20 feet.** 

\*\*4. Road Surfaces: (a) Roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed load of fire apparatus weighing at least 75,000 pounds and provide an aggregate base. (b) Driveways and road and driveway structures shall be designed and maintained to support at least 40,000 pounds. (c) Project proponent shall provide engineering specifications to support design, if requested by the local authority having jurisdiction. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Articles 1-5, § 1273.02. Beginning with the intersection of College Ave & Pageant Way to the proposed structure, provide documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the road surfaces.

5. Grades: (a) At no point shall the grade for all roads and driveways exceed 16 percent. (b) The grade may exceed 16%, not to exceed 20%, with approval from the local authority having jurisdiction and with mitigations to provide for same practical effect. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Articles 1-5, § 1273.03. Beginning with the intersection of College Ave & Pageant Way to the proposed structure, provide documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the grades from all the roads leading to the proposed structure do not exceed 16%.

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- \*\*6. Radius: (a) No road or road structure shall have a horizontal inside radius of curvature of less than fifty (50) feet. An additional surface width of four (4) feet shall be added to curves of 50-100 feet radius; two (2) feet to those from 100-200 feet. (b) The length of vertical curves in roadways, exclusive of gutters, ditches, and drainage structures designed to hold or divert water, shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Articles 1-5, § 1273.04. Beginning with the intersection of College Ave & Pageant Way, provide documentation sufficient to demonstrate that all of the roads leading to the proposed structure have compliant turning radius.
- \*\*7. **Turnaround:** (a) Turnarounds are required on driveways and dead-end roads. (b) The minimum turning radius for a turnaround shall be forty (40) feet, not including parking, in accordance with the figures in 14 CCR §§ 1273.05(e) and 1273.05(f). If a hammerhead/T is used instead, the top of the "T" shall be a minimum of sixty (60) feet in length. (c) Driveways exceeding 150 feet in length, but less than 800 feet in length, shall provide a turnout near the midpoint of the driveway. Where the driveway exceeds 800 feet, turnouts shall be provided no more than 400 feet apart. (d) A turnaround shall be provided on driveways over 300 feet in length and shall be within fifty (50) feet of the building.(d) Each dead-end road shall have a turnaround constructed at its terminus. Where parcels are zoned five (5) acres or larger, turnarounds shall be provided at a maximum of 1,320 foot intervals.(e) Figure A. Turnarounds on roads with two ten-foot traffic lanes. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Articles 1-5. § 1273.05. Parcel 2 turnaround on sheet C-3 doesn't appear to meet current SCCFD/PRC 4290 standard.
- 8. **Fire Sprinklers Required:** An automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in one- and two-family dwellings as follows: 1) In all new one- and two-family dwellings and in existing one- and two-family dwellings when additions are made that increase the building area to more than 3,600 SF whether by increasing the area of the primary residence or by creation of an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit. 2) In all new basements and in existing basements that are expanded by more than 50%. 3) In all attached ADUs, additions or alterations to an existing one- and two-family dwelling that have an existing fire sprinkler system. **Exceptions:** 1) One or more additions made to a building after January 1, 2011 that does not total more than 1,000 square feet of building area and meets all access and water supply requirements of Chapter 5 and Appendix B and C of the 2019 California Fire Code. 2) Detached Accessory Dwelling Units, provided that all of the following are met: a) The unit meets the definition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit as defined in the Government Code Section 65852.2. b) The existing primary residence does not have automatic fire sprinklers. c) The detached ADU does not exceed 1,200 square feet in size. d) The unit is on the same lot as the primary residence. e) The unit meets all access and water supply requirements of Chapter 5 and Appendix B and C of the 2019 California Fire Code. **Revise sheet A-0.0.**

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- 9. Fire Hydrant Systems Required: Where a portion of the facility or building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction is more than 400 feet from a hydrant on a fire apparatus access road, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the facility or building, onsite fire hydrants and mains shall be provided where required by the fire code official. Exception: For Group R-3 and Group U occupancies, equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2 or 903.3.1.3, the distance requirement shall be not more than 600 feet. [CFC, Section 507.5.1] If the hydrant on sheet C-3 is private, make a note on coversheet as a deferred submittal item. Also make a note that no combustible construction shall occurred prior to hydrant installation.
- 10. **Required Fire Flow:** The minimum require fireflow for this project is 1000 Gallons Per Minute (GPM) at 20 psi residual pressure. This fireflow assumes installation of automatic fire sprinklers per CFC [903.3.1.3]

Provide a will-serve letter from a local water purveyor (San Jose Water) confirming they will provide water service for the private hydrant.

- 11. Fire Department (Engine) Driveway Turnaround Required: Provide an approved fire department engine driveway turnaround with a minimum radius of 36 feet outside and 23 feet inside. Maximum grade in any direction shall be a maximum of 5%. Installations shall conform with Fire Department Standard Details and Specifications D-1. CFC Sec. 503. Parcel 2 turnaround on sheet C-3 doesn't appear to meet current SCCFD standard.
- 42 Fire Apparatus (Engine) Access Roadway Required: Provide an access roadway with a paved all-weather surface, a minimum unobstructed width of 20 feet, vertical clearance of 13 feet 6 inches, minimum circulating turning radius of 36 feet outside and 23 feet inside, and a maximum slope of 15%. Installations shall conform to Fire Department Standard Details and Specifications sheet A-1. CFC Sec. 503. Roadway serving more than 2 single family dwellings shall be 20 ft wide and meet all the requirements above. Clarify on site plan to the point where it will stop serving more than 2 dwellings.
- 13. Fire Apparatus (Engine) Access Driveway Required: An access driveway shall be provided having an all-weather surface of either asphalt, concrete or other engineered surface capable of supporting 75,000 pounds and approved by a civil engineer. It shall have a minimum unobstructed width of 12 feet, vertical clearance of 13 feet 6 inches, minimum turning radius of 40 feet outside, and a maximum slope of 15%. Installations shall conform to Fire Department Standard Details and Specifications sheet D-1. Provide details for the driveway including slope, width, turning radius, pavement material and rather it supports 75,000 lbs.

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- 14. **Wildland-Urban Interface:** This project is located within the designated Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area. The building construction shall comply with the provisions of California Building Code (CBC) Chapter 7A. Note that vegetation clearance shall be in compliance with CBC Section 701A.3.2.4 prior to project final approval. Check with the Planning Department for related landscape plan requirements.
- 15. Water Supply Requirements: (As Noted on Sheet A1) Potable water supplies shall be protected from contamination caused by fire protection water supplies. It is the responsibility of the applicant and any contractors and subcontractors to contact the water purveyor supplying the site of such project, and to comply with the requirements of that purveyor. Such requirements shall be incorporated into the design of any water-based fire protection systems, and/or fire suppression water supply systems or storage containers that may be physically connected in any manner to an appliance capable of causing contamination of the potable water supply of the purveyor of record. Final approval of the system(s) under consideration will not be granted by this office until compliance with the requirements of the water purveyor of record are documented by that purveyor as having been met by the applicant(s). 2019 CFC Sec. 903.3.5 and Health and Safety Code 13114.7.
- 16. **Address identification:** (As Noted on Sheet A1) New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Where required by the fire code official, address numbers shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (101.6 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address numbers shall be maintained. CFC Sec. 505.1.
- 17. **Construction Site Fire Safety:** (As Noted on Sheet A1)\_ All construction sites must comply with applicable provisions of the CFC Chapter 33 and our Standard Detail and Specification S1-7. Provide appropriate notations on subsequent plan submittals, as appropriate to the project. CFC Chp. 33.

UNLAWFUL STATEMENT

This review shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of the California Fire Code or of other laws or regulations of the jurisdiction. A permit presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of the fire code or other such laws or regulations shall not be valid. Any addition to or alteration of approved construction documents shall be approved in advance. [CFC, Ch.1, 105.3.6]

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Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: County Fire Chief Deputy Chief of Assistant Deputy Chiefs....Deputy

1 message

Terence J. Szewczyk

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 11:12 AM

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From: Zanardi, Kristine < Kristine. Zanardi@bos.sccgov.org>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 4:15 PM

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: County Fire Chief Deputy Chief of Assistant

**Deputy Chiefs....Deputy** 

To: Terence J. Szewczyk <

Cc: Loquist, Kristina < Kristina.Loquist@bos.sccgov.org>

Terry,

Per my last email, we followed up on your request. Here is what the Administration provided in response:

Deputy Chief Estrada does not serve as the Assistant Fire Marshal. He is the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention, a position for which he has the required credentials. Brad Fox serves as the Assistant Fire Marshal. He has the necessary credentials for that position. You requested specific information about the Assistant Fire Marshal's credentials: Mr. Fox has a Bachelor of Science in engineering and is a state-certified professional mechanical engineer. He has more than eight years in governmental fire prevention, and has served in a supervisory capacity for more than three years. He is also a Certified Fire Marshal, Fire Plans Examiner, and Fire Inspector and has completed extensive Office of the State Fire Marshal coursework related to fire inspections and fire investigations.

Thank you,

Kris

# Kris Zanardi Policy Director Office of County Supervisor Joe Simitian

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**Newsletter Signup** 

| From: Terence J. Szewczyk  Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:25 PM  To: Zanardi, Kristine <kristine.zanardi@bos.sccgov.org>  Cc: Terence J. Szewczyk   ; Loquist, Kristina <kristina.loquist@bos.sccgov.org>  Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: County Fire Chief Deputy Chief of Assistant Deputy ChiefsDeputy</kristina.loquist@bos.sccgov.org></kristine.zanardi@bos.sccgov.org> |
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| Thanks so much. No worries. Stay dry!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Best regards, Terry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| On Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 12:23 PM Zanardi, Kristine < Kristine.Zanardi@bos.sccgov.org > wrote:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Terry,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| With my apologies as I failed to acknowledge receipt of your initial email. Our office is following up on your information request. Further updates to follow. In the interim, thank you for your patience.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Thank you,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Kris                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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From: Terence J. Szewczyk <

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12:07 PM

To: Loquist, Kristina <Kristina.Loquist@bos.sccgov.org>; Zanardi, Kristine <Kristine.Zanardi@BOS.SCCGOV.ORG>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: County Fire Chief Deputy Chief of Assistant Deputy Chiefs....Deputy

Hi Kris and Kristina, I really do need to know about the Fire Marshal staff that possess these qualifications. I have not had any success with contacting Kayce or Sylvia Gallegos and County Counsel always hunker down in their bunker. Steve Mitra and Aaron Hobart are typical of the "we only represent our client the County" prevailing attitude of the entire office. County Government always demonstrates that they are not there to assist applicants and citizens-rather themselves as employees and the BOS.

Best regards, Terry

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From: Terence J. Szewczyk

Date: Mon, Feb 20, 2023 at 8:24 PM

Subject: County Fire Chief Deputy Chief of Assistant Deputy Chiefs....Deputy

To: Terence J. Szewczyk <

Cc: Loquist, Kristina <Kristina.Loquist@bos.sccgov.org>, Zanardi, Kristine <Kristine.Zanardi@bos.sccgov.org>

Hi Kristine and Kristina, Regardless of the rebuke from Mr. Glass, I really do need to pursue whether or not there is a qualified Fire Marshal that I am dealing with at County Fire. I happened upon their hiring offer from 2019.

I can continue with targeted public info requests, recruit a Mercury News Reporter like GABRIEL GRESCHLER, speak to LAFCO, and/or file complaints with the Civil Grand Jury and State Fire Marshal.

Instead, do you think that of the ten people contacted so far,

maybe one of them can respond that yes, our specific staff has these qualifications? I'm just not seeing it. I am so sorry for the decline of this agency. While I understand that there are higher priorities, we have been bedeviled by substandard Fire Marshal review services for the past 15 years, with no acknowledgment of the problem and just denial.

and analyze situations, research information, make observations, seek clarification, and make appropriate recommendations.

The minimum requirements for this position is possession of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in fire science, fire administration, fire protection engineering, business administration, or a dosely related field; and a minimum of eight (8) years of increasingly responsible work experience in governmental fire prevention, of which three (3) of those years are in a supervisory capacity. Candidates must possess a valid and current state of California licensure in fire protection engineering; or have successfully completed and passed the required California State Fire Marshal coursework; or will be required to do so within one (1) year of employment. A valid state of California driver's license is also required. As a condition of employment, the selected candidate must complete and pass a background check, Live Scan fingerprint, psychological evaluation, and complete a medical examination.

Best regards, Terry

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On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 8:44 AM Terence J. Szewczyk < www.

Well, it appears there are no problems here--except for me.

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From: Brian Glass <a href="mailto:srcfd.org">brian.glass@sccfd.org</a> Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 4:06 PM

Subject: Re: Mr. Glass, do you intend to respond?

To: Terence J. Szewczyk <

Cc: Jennifer Armer <jarmer@losgatosca.gov>, Gabrielle Whelan <GWhelan@losgatosca.gov>

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In closing, I will not tolerate your unprofessional behavior towards County Fire staff, your false accusations and blatant disregard for the processes that have been put in place and adopted by the Town of Los Gatos.

Be advised this will be the last correspondence I will have with you on items outside of your specific project.

Respectfully,

Brian A. Glass

Assistant Fire Chief

### Santa Clara County Fire Department

14700 Winchester Blvd. Los Gatos, CA 95032



From: "Terence J. Szewczyk" <

To: "Brian Glass" <bri> sccfd.org>, "Jennifer Armer" <jarmer@losgatosca.gov>,

"Gabrielle Whelan" < GWhelan@losgatosca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 9:17:35 AM Subject: Mr. Glass, do you intend to respond?

THIS APPLICATION

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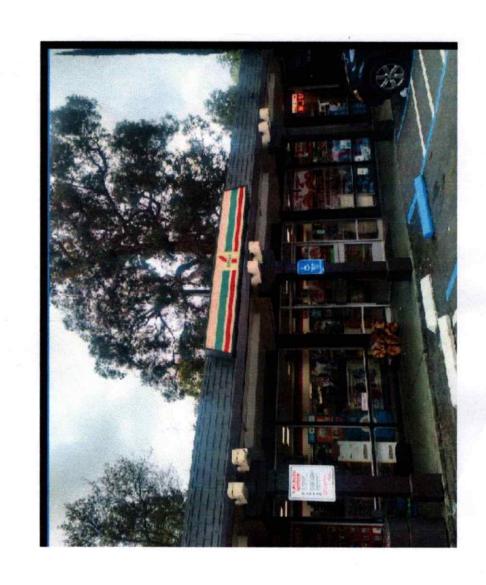
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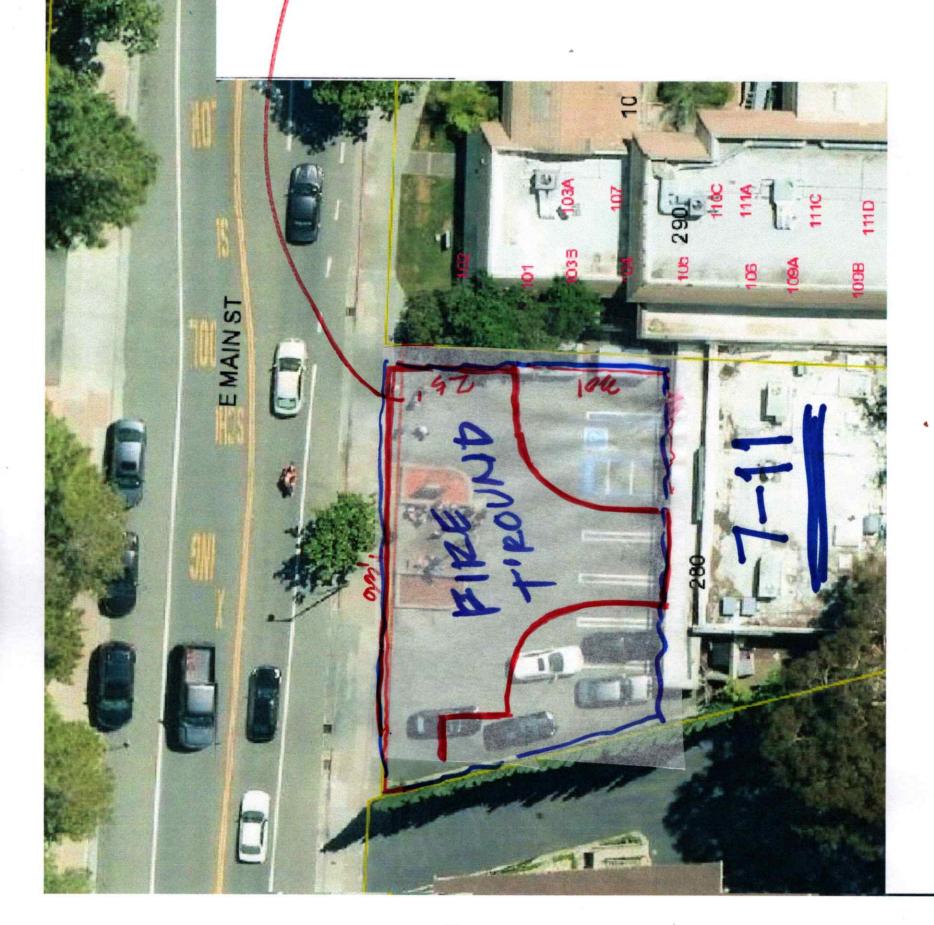
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To: Jennifer Armer < JArmer@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Mr. Glass, do you intend to respond? FOR OCT 3 TOWN COUNCIL

### [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Jennifer, FOR OCT 3, 2023-----The Fire Dept has no published organizational chart and once you finally get near the top, this person with a salary of \$500,000 ( yes \$500,000) flips the issue as if it all falls on me in terms of their incompetence. The Fire Dept was criticized by the Civil Grand Jury due to the lack of diversity in responsible positions. So they went and hired unqualified staff and put them in the office where lives were not at stake.

The management salaries continue to grow at an unsustainable rate and these fake Fire Marshal Staff are paid \$160 to 230K but they can't read plans or make qualified decisions because they have no CALFIRE certifications and no NFPA training. You can see from the hiring advertisement that although the qualifications were specific, they merely hired unqualified clerks to deliver inadequate comments and then these staff cannot interact with design professionals and Town staff on project requirements.

The organization operates like a cooking show where everybody says "Yes Chef"...but here they all call each other "Chief". The chain of command is indiscernible with the Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Assistant Deputy Chief of this or that. Sure, we celebrate these folks for heroics in emergencies, but the daily interactions with the Development Community are vastly substandard.

The pay scale is the result of a weak Board of Supervisors and County Executive that have been politically funded by the Firefighters' Union.

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To: "Brian Glass" < brian.glass@sccfd.org >, "Jennifer Armer"

<jarmer@losgatosca.gov>, "Gabrielle Whelan" < GWhelan@losgatosca.gov>

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From: Terence J. Szewczyk

**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:30 PM **To:** Terence J. Szewczyk

Cc: Gabrielle Whelan < GWhelan@losgatosca.gov>; Jennifer Armer < JArmer@losgatosca.gov>

**Subject:** FOR OCT 3, 2023 Re: Findings for recent Fire Dept Alt Means

### [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Ms. Whelan:

In my opinion, the findings made by the Planning Commission of AMMR appeals are inadequate to satisfy the same practical effect. There was no evaluation by PC that fire safety would be enhanced or at least maintained at the current level. It is obvious that the Town can be found liable if the next-door neighbor is damaged by this special privilege afforded to the applicant. "Will there be an increase in combustible building materials within the neighborhood with the construction of a new residence?" The obvious conclusion is yes. To say that it is unconstitutional for the applicant to meet the minimum standards of the fire code is wrong. It doesn't solve the code deficiency. The City of Oakland requires an explicit indemnification from the applicant that is recorded last Alameda County.

https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/apply-for-an-alternate-methods-request

The real problem is that County Counsel representing the Fire Dept is probably expert in harassment claims but is not very good on code issues. The Fire Marshal Staff through SCCFD are poorly trained and poorly qualified to enforce PRC 4290. Oh and by the way, there is no active "County Fire Marshal Association" collaborates to standardize codes and services between the various cities. The most troubling thing is that the County Fire Marshal at 70 W. Hedding Street uses different road widths and fire turnarounds than SCCFD on Winchester------and yet they are the same organization!

Best regards, Terry
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On Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 1:56 PM Terence J. Szewczyk
yeah, thanks for the daily civics lesson
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Hello. The legal authority for a "takings" determination is found in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.



### Gabrielle Whelan ● Town Attorney

Town Attorney's Office ● 110 E Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030

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From: Jennifer Armer < JArmer@losgatosca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Terence J. Szewczyk < >
Cc: Gabrielle Whelan < GWhelan@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: RE: Findings for 144 Wood Road

Good Afternoon Terry,

By way of this email I am sharing your question with the Town Attorney. My understanding is that the appeal process is laid out in the State regulations, and the Planning Commission is authorized to hear appeals of SCCFD denials of exception requests because they are the hearing body that considers appeals of DRC level decisions.

Sincerely, Jennifer



### Jennifer T.C. Armer, AICP ● Planning Manager

Community Development Department ● 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos CA 95030

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From: Terence J. Szewczyk

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 9:39 AM To: Jennifer Armer < JArmer@losgatosca.gov> Subject: Re: Findings for 144 Wood Road

### [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Pursuant to Section §1270.06 (c) of the Fire Safe Regulations, when an exception is not granted, the applicant may file an appeal to be heard by the local jurisdiction who can establish or utilize an existing appeals process. Consistent with the Town Code, an appeal of a SCCFD denial of an exception request to the Fire Safe Regulations is considered by the Planning Commission. Because the Fire Safe Regulations are imposed by the State, the Planning Commission has the authority to remove or modify the conditions relating to Fire Safe Regulations only if requiring an applicant to comply with the Conditions would violate federal or state law. As discussed in more detail below, staff believes that requiring improvement of the bridle path right-of-way to allow vehicular travel would constitute an unconstitutional taking and does not recommend that the Town impose that condition.

While this is a nice statement, does the Town have a code or law reference to back it up? I am actively trying to work through this information so that it doesn't happen to my projects. Believe it or not, I too have a duty to respect the law.

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110 cell (BEST NUMBER) office (RINGS THRU TO CELL)

On Tue, Aug 22, 2023 at 10:29 PM Terence J. Szewczyk Jennifer, Because your director and attorney are weak, this entire process for findings of equivalency is unsupported by factual standards. These are not findings at all. Instead, they are indecisive and misleading statements that would not be needed if the Town had adequately dealt with the SCCFD management more than a year ago.

Were I a neighbor up there, I would feel that the Town faked the equivalency and put me at risk of fire damage. Then if and when there is a calamity, the Town will be liable, just like in Maui.

The lack of leadership here created this bogus process with fake findings, putting us all at risk. I am waiting for the Town to do the right thing.....still.

This is rather disturbing that the Town feels this process is acceptable.

Best regards, Terry
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On Tue, Aug 22, 2023 at 3:25 PM Terence J. Szewczyk < > wrote:

I was talking about the Cypress debacle, I'll find it

Best regards, Terry

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On Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 4:33 PM Jennifer Armer < <u>JArmer@losgatosca.gov</u>> wrote: Hi Terry,

If you are interested in more details of the findings made for the appeal of the SCCFD determination on the project at 144 Wood Road, you can find the Planning Commission Staff Report, Minutes, and Video for the March 8, 2023, meeting online here: <a href="https://losgatos-ca.municodemeetings.com/">https://losgatos-ca.municodemeetings.com/</a>

Sincerely, Jennifer



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From: Terence J. Szewczyk

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 2:36 PM

To: Rob Rennie <RRennie@losgatosca.gov>; Maria Ristow <MRistow@losgatosca.gov>; Laurel Prevetti

<LPrevetti@losgatosca.gov>; Jennifer Armer <JArmer@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: .....OCT 3, 2023......Fire Marshal Failure--- 14195 Shannon Road- Fire Hydrant Spotting

### [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Town,

Thanks so much for hiring Nicolle Burnham in PPW. She is doing a great job and is well-qualified.

### Unfortunately, the Santa Clara County Fire Marshal is the current goat.

I asked nicely, provided background and historical information and then pleaded with County Fire Marshal for competent service. Finally, I have been downright nasty with these people. The celebrated Chief is inaccessible; unfortunately, the County BOS is the Fire Dept Board-- Wasserman was always politely non-responsive.

There is no recourse by calling Dr. Jeff Smith, Esq. or any of the Deputy County Execs. Emails to the chief of staff for the President of the Board resulted in a reply after 6 weeks of "oh sorry, call Simitian.".

Over 40 years, I have successfully worked with Fire Marshals Will Remly, Ted Gaub, Wayne Hokanson, Dirk Madden, Mac Bala, Julie Linney, Doug Harding......the past eight years have been challenging with the inconsistent interpretation of standards and adoption of new truck turnarounds the size of the parking lot at 7-11. They never consulted with any City before adoption. Then there is the PRC 4290 fiasco.

If the Town is paying money for the County Fire Marshal to provide project and plan review services, you might want to stop payment. We are all being cheated here and their senior management have salaries in excess of \$500,000!

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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From: **Terence J. Szewczyk** <

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 10:35 AM

Subject: 14195 Shannon Road- Fire Hydrant Spotting

To: Terence J. Szewczyk <

Cc: Jennifer Armer < <u>JArmer@losgatosca.gov</u>>, Jim Bariteau < <u>jim.bariteau@sjwater.com</u>>

Jennifer, This is about the 14195 Shannon Road project. The Fire Dept refuses to interact to confirm the Fire Hydrant locations unless there is a new Staff Tech submittal. Here's the proposed map for you to send to Santa Clara County Fire. If you don't want to do it, I'll have the Mayor take care of it. I am frankly worn out with the Fire Dept incompetence and the Town's inability to extract supportive and interactive Fire Marshal services.PPW is now repaired, and Fire needs to vastly improve The houses will be 4500 SF with 600 SF garages. Because of their own errors and incompetence combined with the false narrative of PRC4290 enforcement, these folks have withdrawn from reasonable collaboration into hiding behind formality.

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### Re: 14915 Shannon Road, Los Gatos

Inhox



### Rob Campbell <rob.campbell@sccfd.org>

to Terence, Kenny, Bud, jim

### Terry,

It is premature to approve a hydrant spotting plan prior to approval of the subdivision. The proposed new hydran Additionally we need to know the maximum structure size, including covered exterior projections to specify miniformal review.

Thank you,

Rob.

### Robert L. Campbell, PE

Sr. Fire Protection Engineer Santa Clara County Fire Department rob.campbell@sccfd.org 408-341-4420

From: "Terence J. Szewczyk" >

**To:** "Kenny Ip" <kenny.ip@sccfd.org>, "Rob Campbell" <<u>rob.campbell@sccfd.org</u>> **Cc:** "Bud Elam" >, "jim bariteau" <jim.bariteau@sjwater.com>

**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 3:35:52 PM

Subject: Fwd: FW: 14915 Shannon Road, Los Gatos

Kenny & Rob, Here are the hydrants where we'd like them. Thanks

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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From: Jim Bariteau < iim.bariteau@siwater.com >

Date: Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 3:29 PM

Subject: FW: 14915 Shannon Road, Los Gatos
To: Terence J. Szewczyk
Cc:

**Terry** 

Unfortunately, it is up to you to submit the hydrant spotting plan to the County Fire Department since they have not c information:

https://www.sccfd.org/fire-prevention/fire-prevention-overview

Jim

James R. Bariteau | Senior Water Services Representative | San Jose Water Company | 1265 S. Bascom Ave 95128 Email: <u>jim.bariteau@sjwater.com</u> | Ph: (408) 279-7874 | Fax: (408) 279-7889

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From: Terence J. Szewczyk
Sent: Friday, 10 June, 2022 3:11 PM

To: Jim Bariteau < jim.bariteau@sjwater.com >

Cc:

Subject: Re: 14915 Shannon Road, Los Gatos

### **CAUTION:** This email originated outside the SJWG organization.

Hi Jim, We just had our first tech review meeting with the Town and I have the fire hydrants spotted for you. We Good luck with the Fire Marshal's Office staff.

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On Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 2:12 PM Jim Bariteau < <u>jim.bariteau@sjwater.com</u> > wrote: Ethan

I am following up with you to see if you have submitted the hydrant spotting plan to the Santa Clara County Fire plan so that the proposed main can be appropriately sized to meet the required fire flow indicated in the attache been several months since your last submittal.

Thank you for your assistance.

### Jim

James R. Bariteau | Senior Water Services Representative | San Jose Water Company | 1265 S. Bascom Ave 95128 Email: jim.bariteau@sjwater.com | Ph: (408) 279-7874 | Fax: (408) 279-7889

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To: Jim Bariteau < iim.bariteau@sjwater.com>

Cc: 'Terence J. Szewczyk' >; 'Sean Mendez-Larranaga' <

Subject: 14915 Shannon Road, Los Gatos

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Hello Jim,

Attached is our application for the main extension in Shannon Road for the subdivision along with a transmittal

Thank you and please let us know if you have any further questions,

Ethan Franklin
TS/Civil Engineering, Inc.
1776 Technology Drive
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On Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 9:47 AM Terence J. Szewczyk < > wrote:

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On Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 8:09 AM Jennifer Armer < <a href="mailto:JArmer@losgatosca.gov">JArmer@losgatosca.gov</a>> wrote: Terry,

With comments from Santa Clara County Fire Department you have two options. You can revise your proposed plans to respond to their comments, or you can submit a request for an exception through Santa Clara County Fire Department. If you are requesting an exception I recommend you get that process started sooner rather than later so that it does not further delay your planning permit with the Town.

Please note, I changed the title of the email chain to reference 120 Oak Meadow, as that is what your attachments appeared to reference. But let me know if this is incorrect.

Sincerely, Jennifer



### Jennifer T.C. Armer, AICP ● Planning Manager

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### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOURS:**

Counter Hours: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday - Friday Phone Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday

Town offices are now open. In accordance with the Santa Clara County Public Health Office Order, we strongly recommend masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. All permit submittals are to be done online via our Citizen's Portal platform. All other services can be completed at the counter. For more information on permit submittal, resubmittal, and issuance, please visit the **Building** and **Planning** webpages.

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From: Terence J. Szewczyk < Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 5:29 PM

To: Jim Bariteau < jim.bariteau@sjwater.com >; Jennifer Armer < JArmer@losgatosca.gov >

Cc: Terence J. Szewczyk <

Subject: Re: FW: 14915 Shannon Road, Los Gatos

### **EXTERNAL SENDER**

Jim, we'd like to get this also done, but the Fire Dept has higher priorities. I have asked the Town to consider hiring a new Fire Marshal, maybe from San Mateo or Alameda County, because these guys cannot

fulfill their commitment to the Town to provide a competent and timely review. They are busy looking for 20' wide roads under 16% slope and doing the same poor work under an \$8 MIL contract with the County of Santa Clara.

The Fire Chief is inaccessible, and the next in command above Rob Campbell is unqualified to do his job. The County Board of Supervisors is ineffective and Supervisor Wasserman is just bidding his time until January 2023.

I filed a formal complaint with some staff person named David Fernandez in Supervisor Ellenberg's Office but he just sat on his hands for 10 weeks and passed me off to Simitian's Office.

You gotta remember that this is the County that kills jail inmates and has no backup power at Valley Med.

Jennifer, Here's your job description again, Maybe you can help us here?

### PLANNING MANAGER ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS STATEMENTS

Essential responsibilities and duties may include, but are not limited to the following: 1. Studies and reviews applications for zone changes, use permits, planned developments, variances, subdivisions, and architecture and site approval. Prepare or supervise the preparation of reports and recommendations for applications; 2. Meets with and advises property owners and developers on planning matters; 3. Schedules, prepares agendas, and presents items to Planning Commission, Town Council, other boards, commissions, and committees; 4. Coordinates the Planning Division's activities with other departments of the Town, to assure inter-departmental coordination and communication;

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 120 Oak Meadow Comment Letters

Inbox



Fernandez01, David

Thu, Aug 18, 4:07 PM

to Terence

Hello,

So I connected with Supervisor Simitian's office and they would like me to refer you to them. As you live in District 5, they are the appropriate connection point for your concerns.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. Thank you!

### Best.

### **David Vincent Fernandez**

Policy Aide, Office of Board Vice President Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara, District 4
70 West Hedding, East Wing, 10th Floor
San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 299-5047 [p] | David.Fernandez01@bos.sccgov.org

From: Terence J. Szewczyk

Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 3:45 PM

To: Fernandez01, David <a href="mailto:Secogov.org">david.fernandez01@BOS.SCCGOV.ORG</a>

Cc: Terence J. Szewczyk <

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 120 Oak Meadow Comment Letters

David, Well yes it is. However, the Santa Clara County Fire District is governed by the Board of Supes to my knowledge. They also have an \$8 MIL contract to provide the staff for the County Fire marshal's Office. They are also very poor in their service these days

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 3:39 PM Fernandez01, David <a href="mailto:david.fernandez01@bos.sccgov.org">david.fernandez01@bos.sccgov.org</a> wrote:

Hi,

Thank you for your patience with my reply. By any chance, can you confirm that address? The address seems to be located in Los Gatos? Is that right?

Best,

David Fernandez

From: Terence J. Szewczyk < Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:02 AM

**To:** Fernandez01, David < <a href="mailto:david.fernandez01@BOS.SCCGOV.ORG">david.fernandez01@BOS.SCCGOV.ORG</a> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 120 Oak Meadow Comment Letters

Dear David, Did you receive any reply from the Chief? These problems continue with poor service and unprofessional review.

Best regards, Terry
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1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110 cell (BEST NUMBER) office (RINGS THRU TO CELL) ----- Forwarded message ---From: Terence J. Szewczyk < Date: Tue, May 31, 2022 at 12:36 PM

Subject: Fwd: 120 Oak Meadow Comment Letters

To: Fernandez01, David < David. Fernandez01@bos.sccgov.org >

David, This is a continuation of my immediately prior email.....this one highlights---

- 1) Santa Clara County Fire Marshal services to Los Gatos are incompetent
- 2) County Fire Marshal contract by Santa Clara County Fire lacks leadership and competency These issues need to be addressed by Chief Suwanna Kurdkaew, but she refuses to reply or delegate to someone accountable.

Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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From: **Terence J. Szewczyk** Date: Tue. May 31, 2022 at 11:15 AM

Subject: Re: 120 Oak Meadow Comment Letters

To: <carie.lemus@sccfd.org>

Cc: <jason.falarski@sccfd.org>, Rob Campbell <rob.campbell@sccfd.org>

Ms. Lemus, I am awaiting a call still to discuss:

1) Withdrawal and correction of the second fire memo on 120 Oak Meadow Lane (SEE REDLINE ATTACHED AND PASTED HERE)

2) A discussion of the complete failure in Fire Dept leadership with the County of Santa Clara Fire Dept in the obligation to CFMO. For instance, attached is a Fire Dept memo that is supposed to be an incomplete letter for missing info but it is essentially reciting conditions of approval. I suppose that Fire Personnel are unaware of subdivision processing and the Permit Streamlining Act. Then there's the recent Planning Commission Hearing where no personnel from Fire participated and 3 County Counsel were the "Fire Access Experts".

Maybe the County of Santa Clara should hire a private consultant for Fire Marshal Services.

Best regards, Terry

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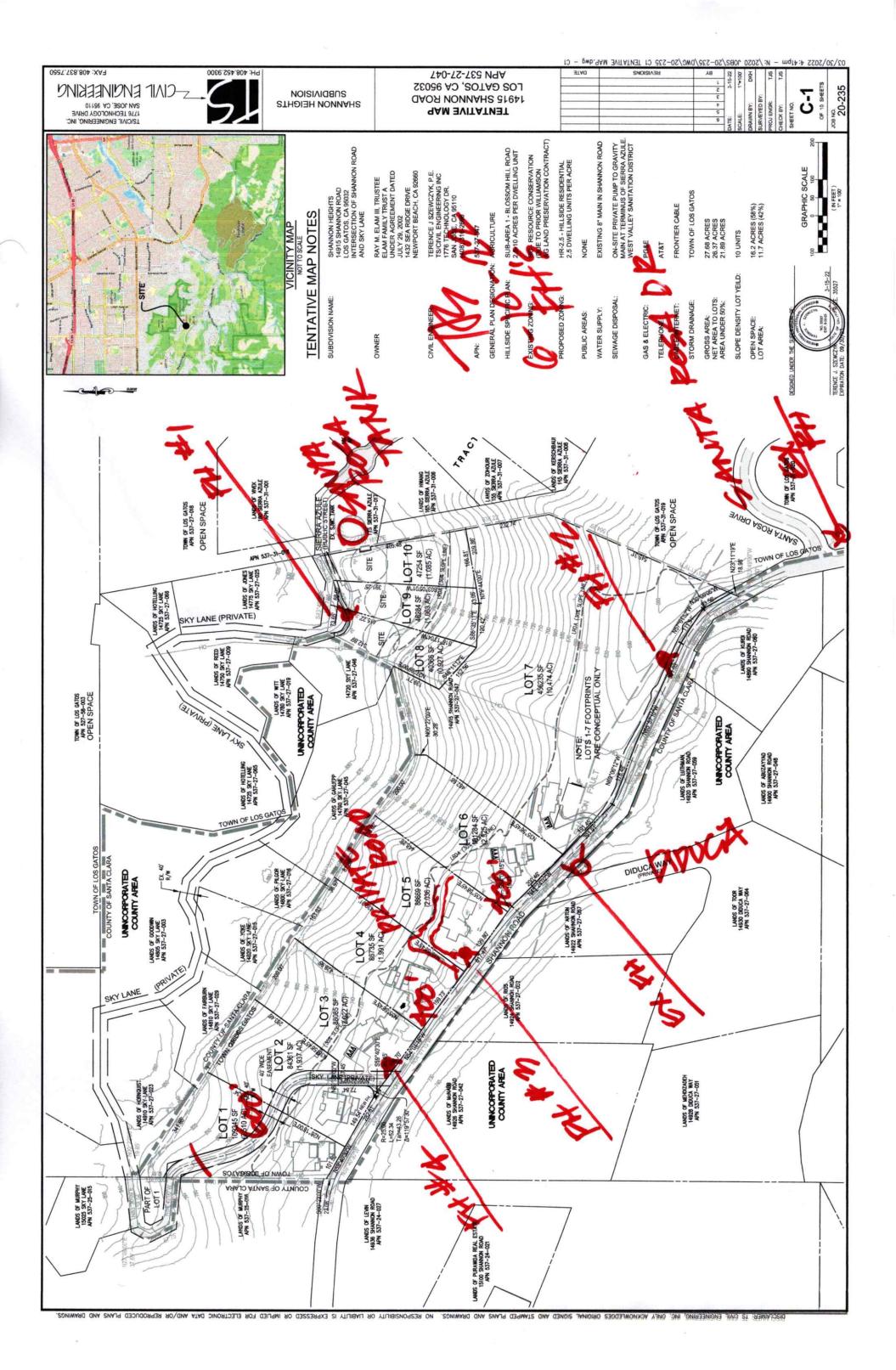
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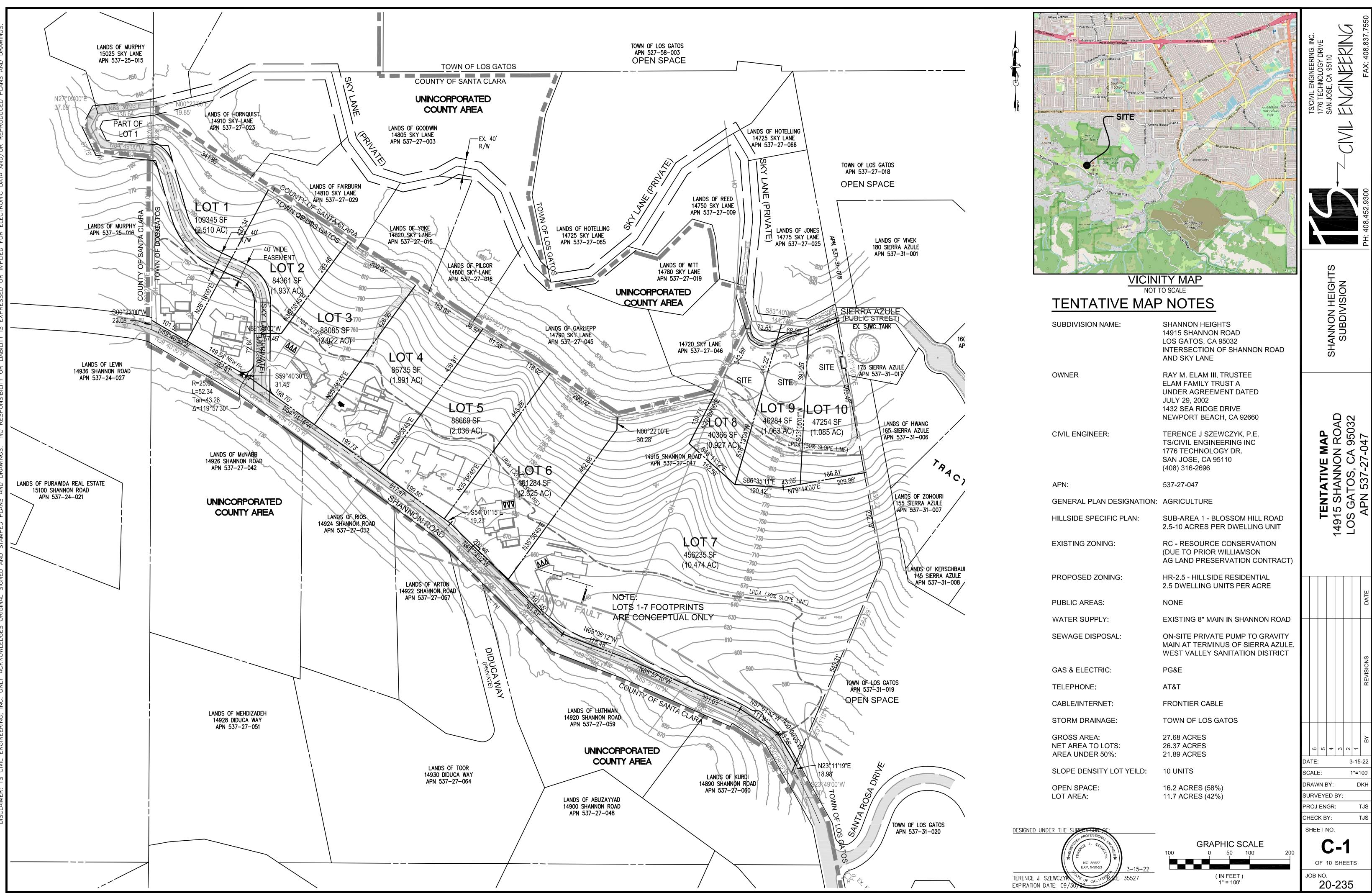
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On Fri, May 27, 2022 at 2:30 PM Terence J. Szewczyk < > wrote: Dear Ms. Lemus, I was supposed to hear from Chief Kerdkaew today, Friday. Best regards, Terry Terence J. Szewczyk. P.E. TS/Civil Engineering, Inc 1776 Technology Drive San Jose, CA 95110

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ENGINEERING

**IAP**ROAD
95032

3-15-22 1"=100' DKH

**NET AREA** 

(INCLUDING PRIVATE STREETS)

AREA OVER 50% SLOPE

(5.79 AC / 10 AC = 0.58 DU'S)

### ALLOWABLE DWELLING UNITS

a = THE GREATER OF (0.6893 - (0.011786 \* S))

2.75

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE DWELLING UNITS

+ 0.58 > 50%

ROUND UP TO 10 LOTS

AREA > 50% SLOPE

DRAWN BY: SURVEYED BY: CHECK BY: SHEET NO.

HANNON HEIGHT SUBDIVISION

( IN FEET ) 1" = 100'

OF 10 SHEETS

JOB NO. 20-235

**AVERAGE SLOPE** 

27.68 AC 5.79 AC

AVERAGE SLOPE (LESS AREA OVER 50%)

 $S = \frac{(0.00229)(10)(26,565)}{(27.68 - 5.79)}$ 

S = 27.7%

FOR HR-2 1/2 ZONING

MINIMUM LOT AREA

(0.6893 - (0.011786 \* 27.7))

OR 2.5

a = 2.75

AREA OF PARCEL (EXCLUDING > 50 % SLOPE)

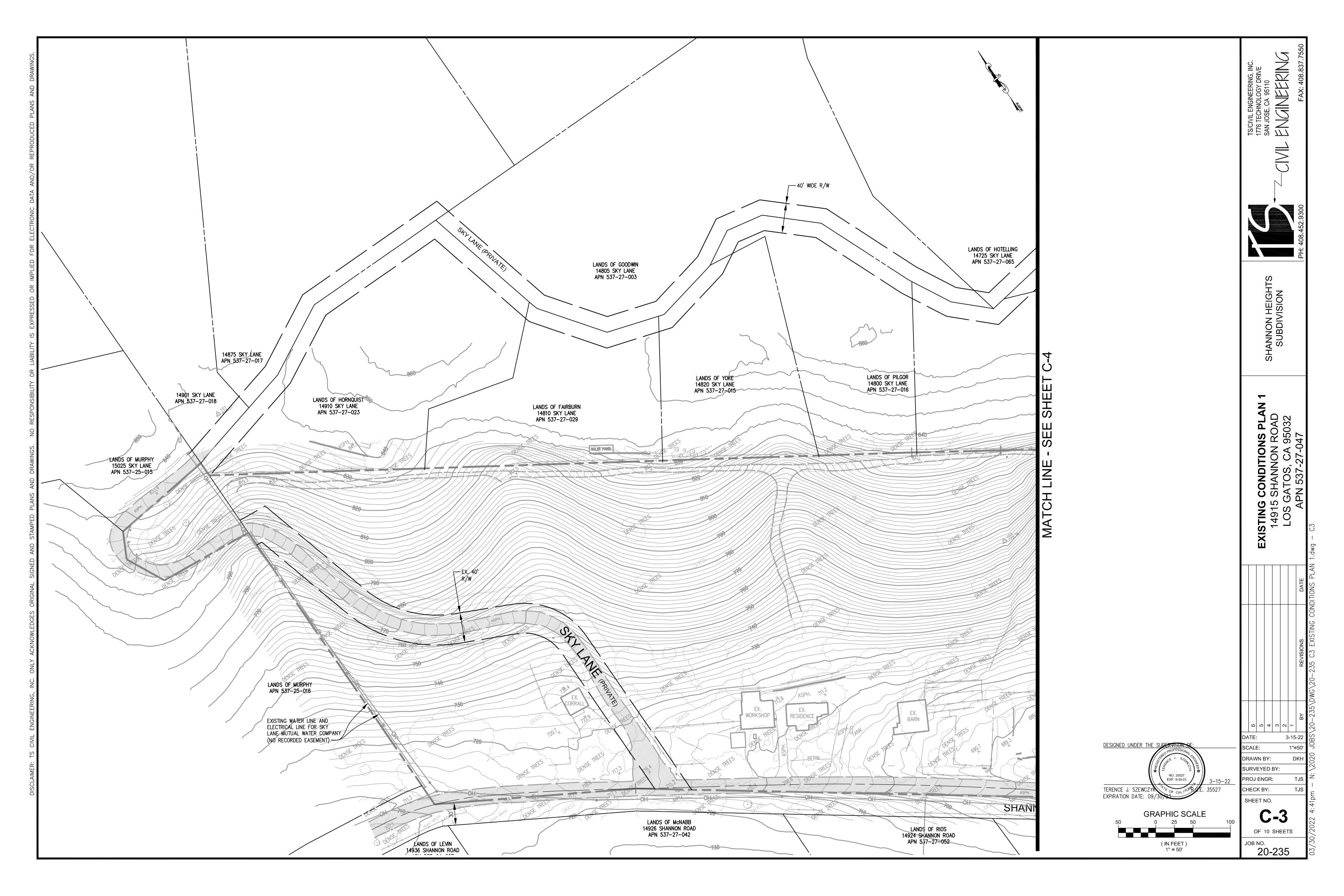
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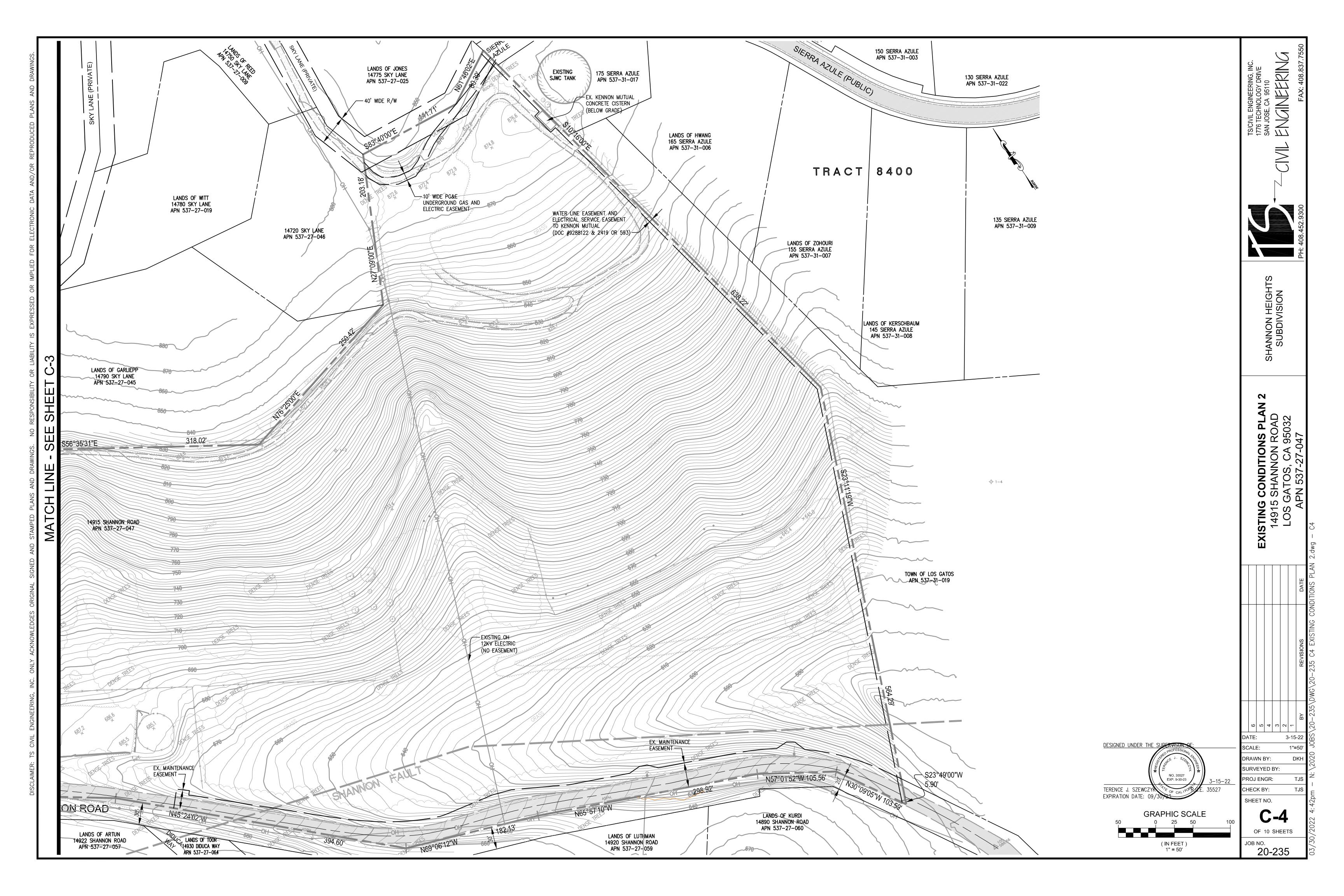
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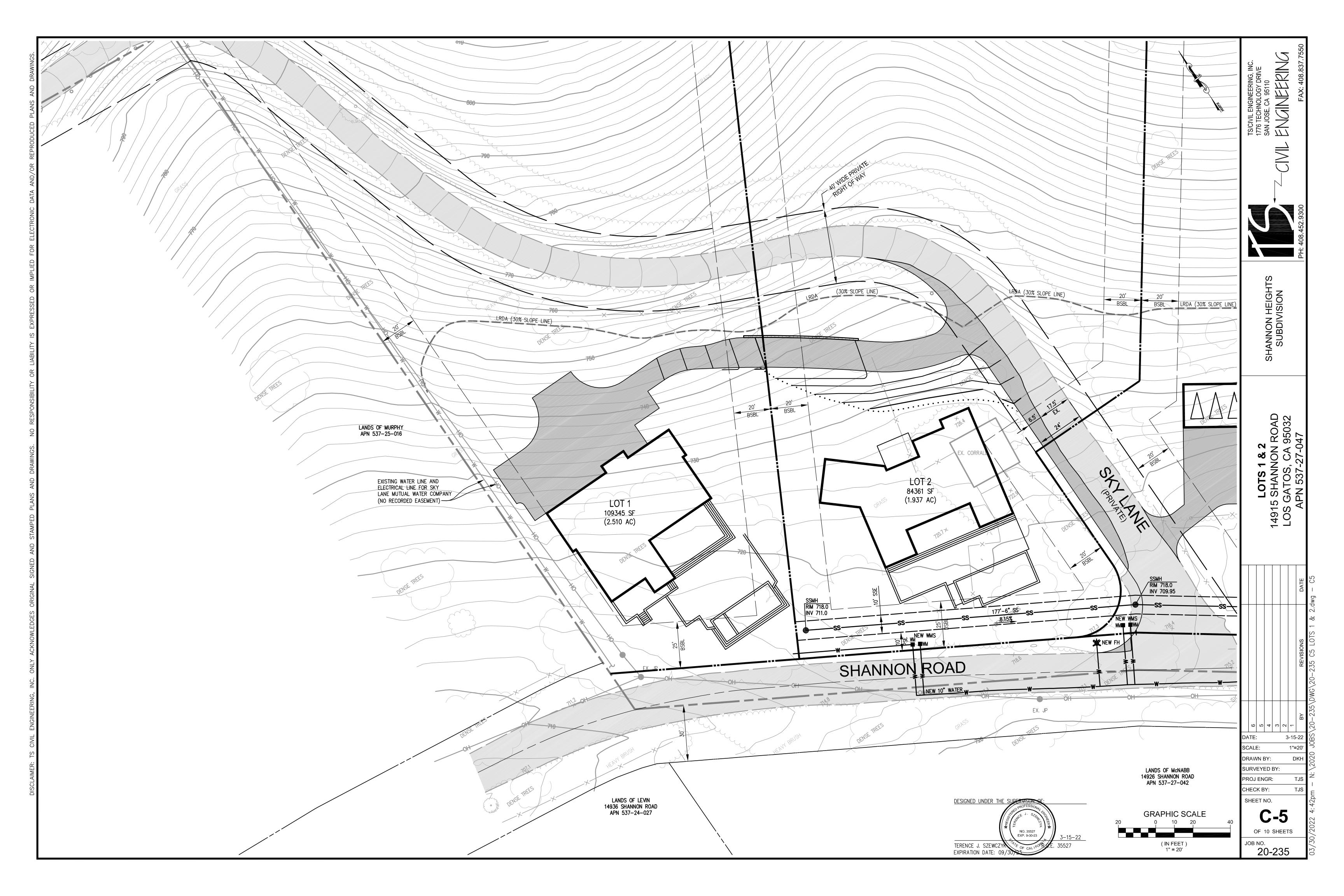
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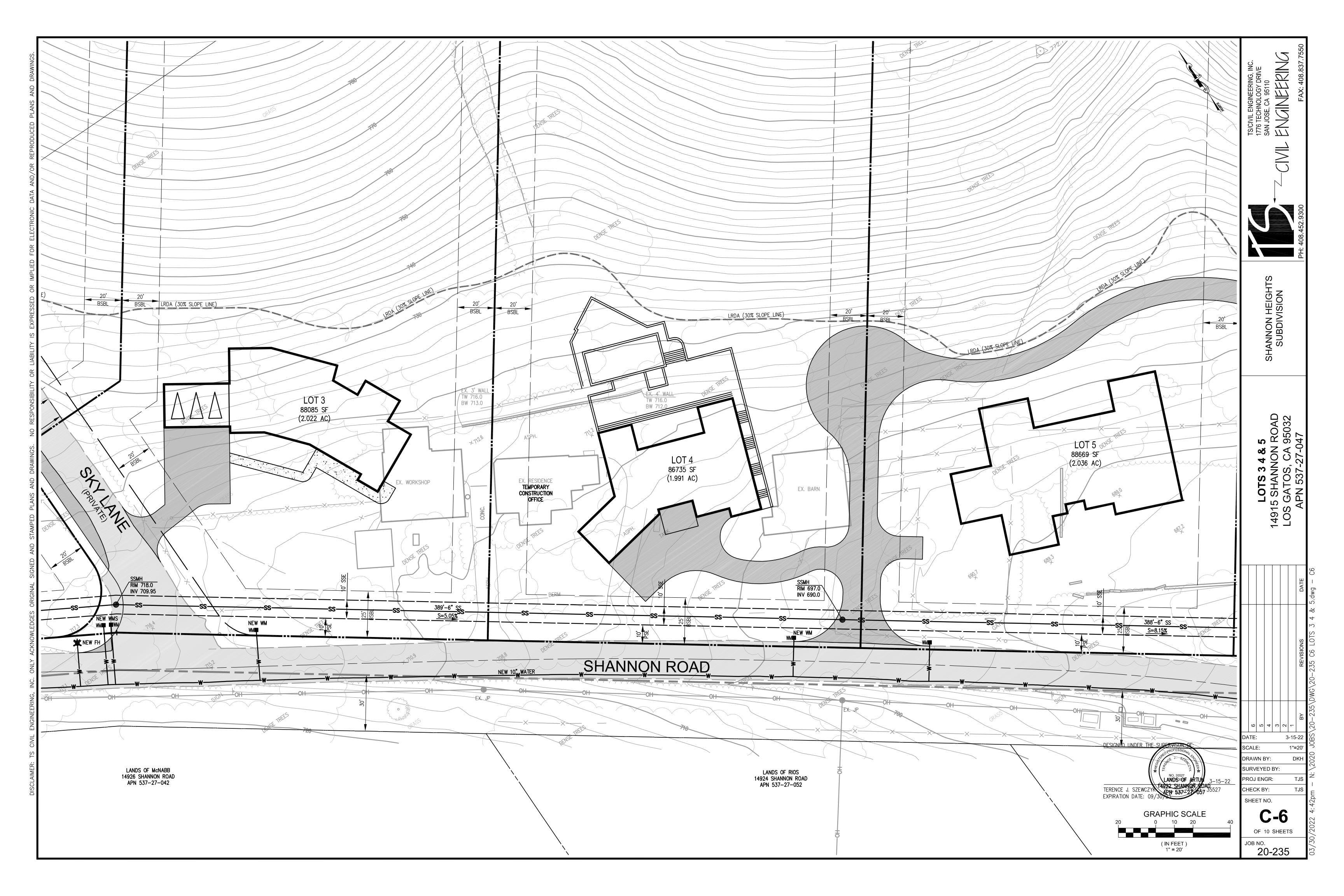
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**LEGEND** 

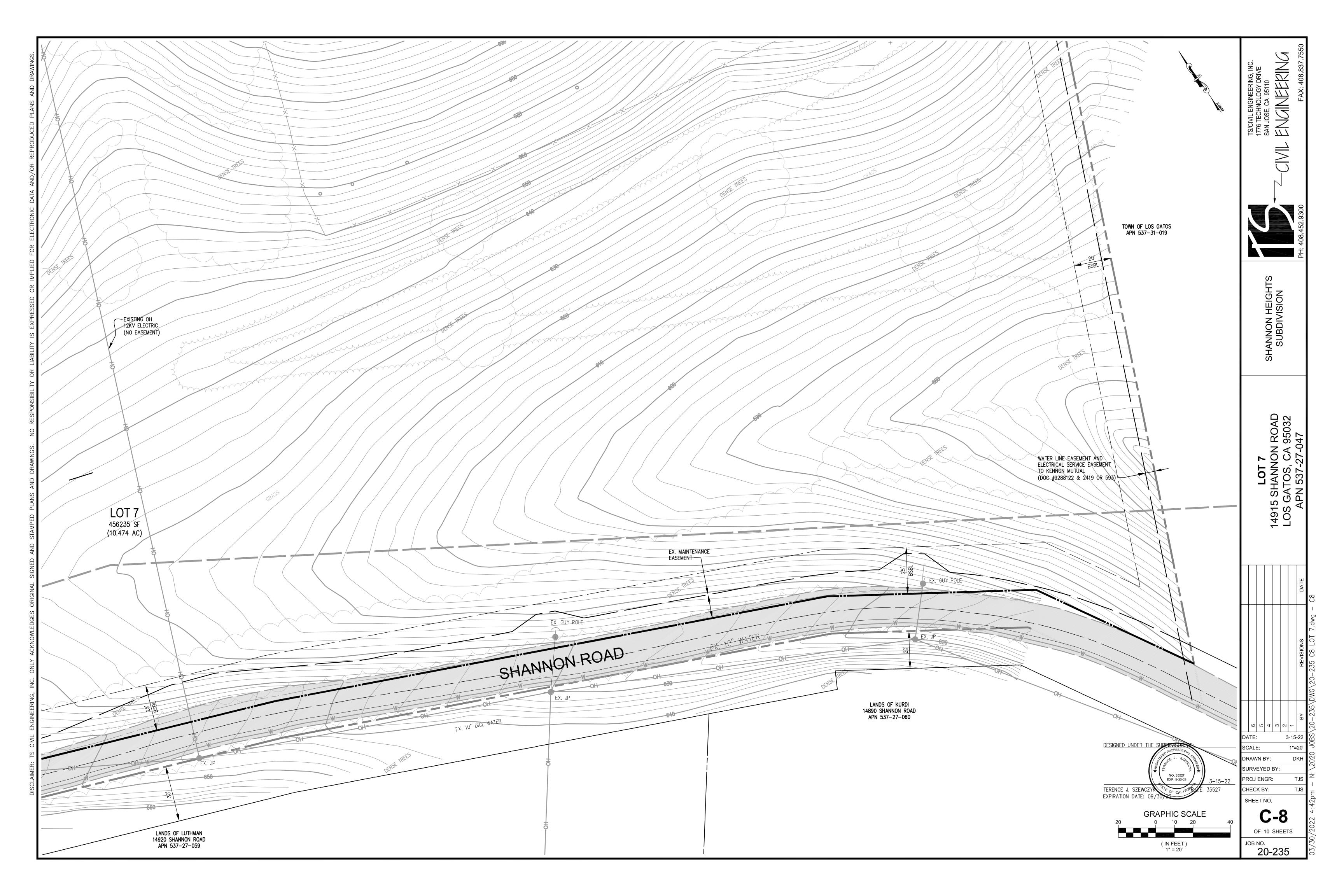


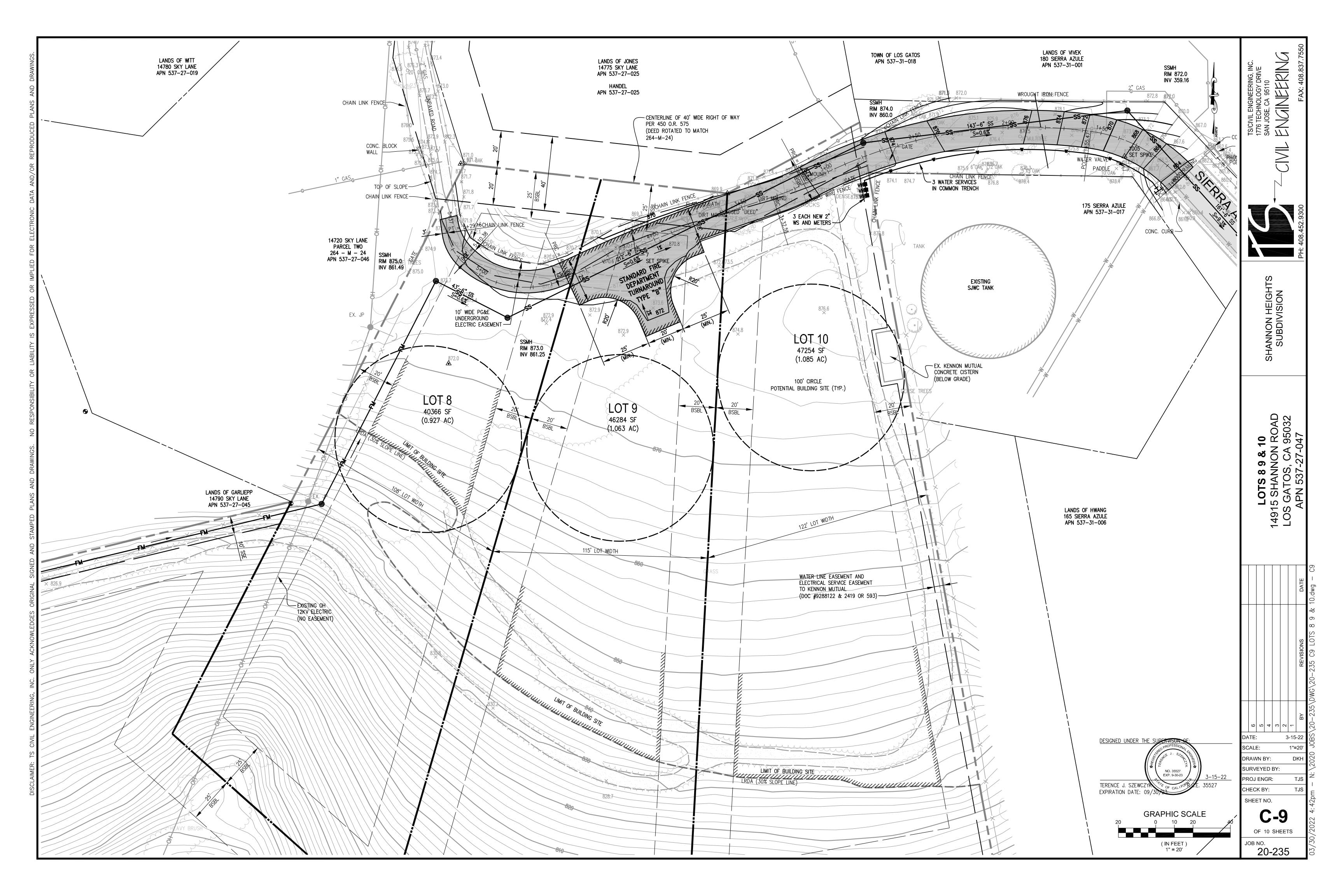


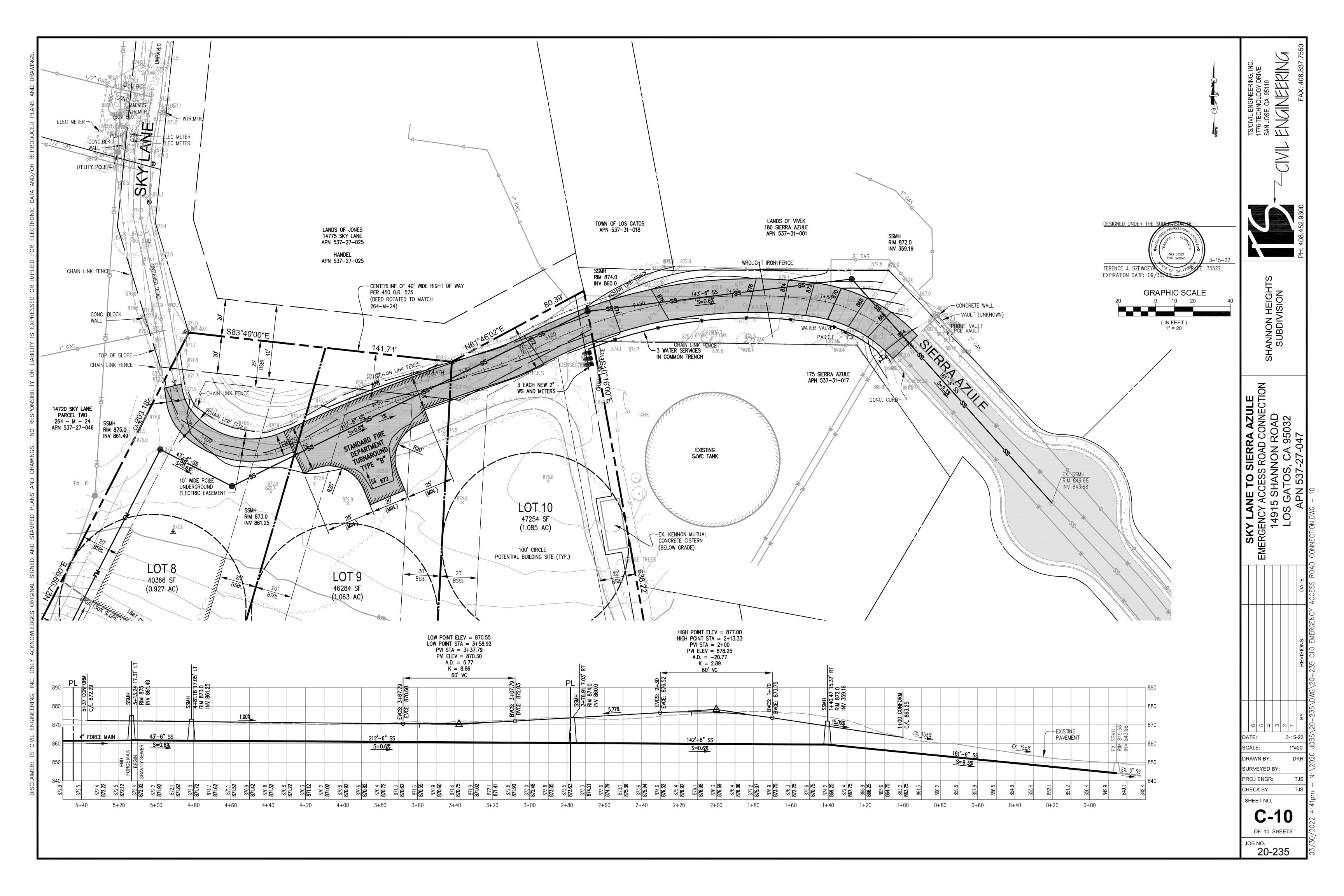












From: Terence J. Szewczyk

**Sent:** Monday, September 11, 2023 7:45 AM **To:** Jennifer Armer < JArmer@losgatosca.gov> **Subject:** Firing an Inadequate Fire Marshal

### [EXTERNAL SENDER]

Jennifer, Do you have enough info? I'd like to do something that is more bullet point for the council.

- **1)** Los Altos Hills hired Pyroanalysis and offered residents the option to skip SCCFD errant review. Also amended their fire code. Date......
- 2) County of Santa Clara- the Governing Board of Supervisors of this Fire District ordered them to discontinue the ridiculous Fire Marshal Appeals in Dec 2022. Planning Staff characterized the Fire Marshal requirements as "burdening applicants with improving public and private streets from the firehouse door to the applicant's site". The County Planning Dept now intervenes at the beginning of a land use project to anticipate unconstitutional requirements by Fire. This is in lieu of an 18-month delay for denial by the Fire Marshal and appeal to the County Planning Commission.
- **3) City of Saratoga adopted a preemptive road policy** which states that unilateral widening to 20' pursuant to PRC 4290 has unanticipated environmental and historic impacts. March 2023.

Monte Sereno and Cupertino are missing in action relative to these unlawful requirements as they consider it helpful with their anti-development agendas.

Finally, Brian Glass- Some type of Assistant Chief with a \$500,000 salary at SCCFD, or maybe he's the person accountable for the Fire Marshal Performance (nobody knows as the SCCFD has no organization chart) can't respond to me about enforcement inconsistencies and untrained Fire Marshal Clerks. This is not because my complaints were not specific, rather they were expressed in anger and frustration due to the 10-year declining competence of SCCFD staff. He chose to answer none of the questions and instead merely returned my insults.