

**Answers to Questions from
Public Meeting Notes
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Los Trancos County Maintenance District (LTCMD) March 14, 2019**

Fire Prevention and Safety Q&A:

1. When does WFPD submit its reimbursement checks to the County?

Twice annually on July 15 & January 15

Stormwater Management Program Q&A:

1. Why aren't we retaining water locally, rather than moving into creeks?
Not generally considered a good strategy in landslide vulnerable areas as this results in additional groundwater which is what usually triggers landslides.
2. Water flows from Old Spanish Trail down onto Ciervos Road properties. Is this addressed in the Storm Drain Management Plan (SDMP)?
Project 8 identifies improvements between Old Spanish Trail and Ciervos Road. Existing drainage will be evaluated to determine actual scope of Project 8.
3. How are project priorities established?
The report makes some initial prioritization recommendations. The CAC can provide DPW with recommendations. DPW will ultimately make a judgement on prioritization, but will value the recommendations from both the report and from the CAC. Downhill projects in general will be first as drainage work is from bottom up.
4. What are the criteria used to determine which areas are prioritized?
No specific criteria, but cost effective benefits to numerous individuals as opposed to benefits to singular properties is a consideration.
5. When waiting to obtain easements, can other projects be pursued?
Yes, though initiating a project too far in advance could result in having to renegotiate easements, etc., so not always a time saving tactic. Projects that do not need easements can be done (scope, time and budget permitting) while waiting for easements.
6. How can projects be managed so that lack of easements don't delay planned projects?
Lack of easements will continue to have the potential to delay projects since most of the projects require them
7. Have any easements been established yet?
No easements yet, but the expectation is that obtaining easements from the Ramona Road property owners could happen relatively quickly if they fully support the County's efforts.
8. What is the status of easements being pursued by the Real Estate Department?
DPW/Property owner meetings to happen first, as DPW will need to work with property owners on the easement locations before Real Property gets involved.
9. Does Project 31 (Priority 9) have elements other than those shown in the Project Summary Table (see slides)?
The project elements shown are those identified in the SDMP. During the project development phase, additional improvements could be identified.

10. Was there any engineering oversight for the curbs placed on Los Trancos Road?

The project was reviewed by Public Works staff during both its development and its implementation. However, the details provided in the construction drawings did not establish the exact locations of the berms to be constructed. DPW recognizes this as a part of the process that can be improved. In the future, DPW will be implementing more detailed in-field reviews of new features to be constructed before they are built and plans on marking the limits of the work on the pavement prior to construction.

11. Do the curbs create an emergency vehicle access issue or homeowner evacuation issues?

I am not sure how exactly to answer this. However, I'd say where the road that preexisted the new curbs was 13 to 14 feet wide, narrowing of the road by a foot does not effectively alter access issues. All of the places where vehicles previously had the ability to pull over to allow vehicles to pass have been made accessible. That said, plans are to replace existing curbs with a lower profile curb within 2" from the side of the existing road. Notice to the community will be given prior to allow for feedback.

12. Could new rounded or berm curbs be moved to the edge of the road so that the road becomes a little wider?

Yes. The berms can certainly be rebuilt. However, pushing them out to the absolute far edge of the road would likely result in erosion issues such as those that are cropping up on Alpine Road in a few locations. It is recommended to place the outside edge of the curb 2" inside of road edge for longevity and stability.

13. Can DPW widen the road where the curbs were placed?

This would likely be an expensive proposition because adjacent slopes are so steep.

14. Why there are no plans for the Vista Verde/Old Spanish Trail storm water Project #10? With Carmel Way and lower Ramona Road projects on hold or not needed, why aren't funds designated for these projects, ~\$175,000, not being applied immediately to Project #10 "**improved ditches, culverts, and curbs adjacent to and below VVW**" estimated at ~\$155,000. Homes on Vista Verde and Old Spanish Trail would be affected by those storm water improvements.

- **26 Homes** on upper **Vista Verde Way**, from the Old Spanish Trail intersection up to Number 1 (Harrington) and Number 416 (Jim Rice), and including the **new 7 Vista Verde Way**, construction to be completed in 2019. That new home is not on the map within the 2018-19 VVLTW Directory, but should be added in next update.
- **40+ Homes** on **Old Spanish Trail**, both directions from the intersection with VVW and including homes on Joaquin. Owners use the OST route to the VVW intersection and then drive downward to Ramona Road.
- **7 Homes** located on **Foxwood**. One lot on map at 124 is cited as vacant and was not in this count.
- **12 Homes** on **Carmel Way**, not counting the two homes on the corner that have Ramona Road facing driveways and addresses.

The direct impact of Project 9, at the corner of Old Spanish Trail and Vista Verde (Project 10 referenced above is on Joaquin Rd), is limited to 2 or 3 properties. Generally speaking, plans will be developed after conceptual approval from property owners and necessary easements are acquired. There is some but limited potential to work on multiple projects at one time, though that may not make much sense if there is insufficient budget to build one project shortly after the other.

15. Storm water projects funds thus far have gone to Los Trancos Road, Los Trancos Road and Circle curbs, Carmel Way, Foxwood, and Lower Ramona Road. Projects in planning are also in those same areas. The taxes collected and used for these projects are from all households. How are neighborhood priorities set?

Generally speaking, stormwater improvements are constructed from the base of a watershed progressively up-basin in order to ensure upstream work does not simply create another problem upon its completion. Work is also progressing in accordance with previously established priorities.