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Contra Costa County



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Director of Building Inspection

This notice is being sent to advise you that effective Monday, April 2, 2007, <u>drainage plans</u> must be submitted for certain development projects within the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County, as required by County Ordinance No. 2007-01.

A drainage plan is required for projects meeting one or more of the following conditions:

- 1. New impervious surface of 1,000 square feet or more.
- 2. Grading or removal of vegetation down to bare soil by any method, of more than 10,000 square feet.
- 3. Sites subject to local ponding due to soil or topographic conditions.
- 4. Sites located in a special flood hazard area, as defined in the County Floodplain ordinance.
- 5. Land disturbance or structure placed within 100 feet of the top bank of any watercourse shown with a blue line on the most current USGS seven and one-half minute quadrangle map.
- 6. Overall construction of 500 square feet or more on land where the slope exceeds 10 percent.
- 7. Sites located in an area identified by the Building Official as having a history of flooding or erosion that may be further aggravated by, or have a harmful effect on, the construction or adjoining properties.

The County of Contra Costa believes that this requirement is important in order to ensure that cumulative development impacts on hillside are addressed before the potential occurrence of erosion or slide problems. This requirement at project permit submittal would also avoid any potential problem at the time of inspection and ensure a smoother approval process.

Additional information, such as check lists, plan requirements, and a copy of the ordinance, is available at the Contra Costa County Building Inspection Department website, www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/bi/. Your cooperation on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Senior Grading Inspector, Gary Faria at (925) 335-1123.

Sincerely,

Carlos Baltodano Director, Building Inspection Department County Building Official