

## Courtesy Notice

March 21, 2022

SKY RANCH COMMUNITY ASSN  
C/O MERIT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
5473 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 200  
San Diego CA 92123

**Subject: Storm Water Violations – Eroding Landscaped Areas throughout Sky Ranch Community Association in Santee, CA**

Dear Property Owner/Manager:

This letter is to notify you that violations of the Santee Municipal Code at the above referenced property were identified. D-MAX Engineering, Inc (D-MAX) is contracted by the City of Santee (City) to assist with discharge investigations and elimination of discharges to the City's storm drain system in accordance with the San Diego Regional MS4 Permit (Order No. R9-2013-0001, as amended by Order Nos. R9-2015-0001 and R9-2015-0100). On 03/20/22 at approximately, 6:00 PM evidence of erosion was observed at throughout Sky Ranch landscaped areas (see photos attached for specific locations).

### **Storm Water and Water Quality Regulations**

All property managers must prevent the discharge of anything other than rainwater to any conveyance (sidewalk, curb/gutter, driveway, road, or storm drain). These systems convey water, along with any pollutant that it comes in contact with, unfiltered and untreated to the City's storm drain system which then discharges directly into the San Diego River.

### **Concern or Problem Identified**

The City of Santee Municipal Code (SMC) and Ordinances prohibit the discharge of non-storm water to the storm water system. As the property owner you are responsible for ensuring you and any contractor's you hire are proactively managing work areas and



preventing discharges to the storm water conveyance system. This property is currently in violation of the following SMC sections:

(1) SMC section 9.06.220 – Reduction of Pollutants

**Corrective Actions Required**

We request your assistance to bring this property into compliance immediately. Please inspect the landscaped areas throughout Sky Ranch for evidence of erosion. Landscaped areas must be maintained to prevent soil from eroding and accumulating in the storm water conveyance system. Provide soil stabilization for landscaped areas through the use of vegetation, wood chips, or mulch to avoid erosion.

To close out this matter, please provide a response via email to [esantana@dmaxinc.com](mailto:esantana@dmaxinc.com) by 3/31/22, explaining what actions you have taken or the actions you are planning to take that will prevent this from reoccurring.

You are being issued this Courtesy Notice to ensure that violations of the Santee Municipal Code do not reoccur. Should future violations be identified at this property, administrative citations may be issued.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at (619) 431-2797 or via email if you have any questions on what is required to resolve this issue. Additionally, the City of Santee's City Engineer, Carl Schmitz, may also be reached at (619) 258-4100 ex. 175.

Sincerely,

*Edith Santana*

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D-MAX Engineering, Inc.

Attachments: Photos