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RE: Ranger Drainage District Silt Fence Policy

Dear Contractor:

As I am sure you know, new residential development has begun to occur within Ranger Drainage District ("Ranger" or the "District") with more than a dozen lots cleared and construction underway. While the new development in the community is welcome, some of the activity is also the cause of a growing problem within the District. Specifically, sediment laden runoff from lot clearing whenever a landowner or contractor fails to install a silt fence or hydro-seed bare spoil piles as required by current District policy is clogging District swales and canals and potentially polluting state waters.

Hence, the Ranger Drainage District Board of Supervisors adopted a new silt fence policy at the Board meeting of November 6, 2013. The new policy will be incorporated into permits issued by Ranger after November 6, 2013. The new policy will require as a condition of permit issuance the following:

1. The applicant must deposit \$ 500.00 and execute a consent to lien with the District upon filing an application.
2. The \$ 500.00 deposit will be held in escrow as a deposit against the landowner/contractor's obligation to properly install a silt fence around the perimeter of all cleared area and maintain the fence until the cleared areas or spoil piles have been covered with sod or reseeded so that excessive soil does not run off into District facilities during rainfall events.
3. Provided the landowner/contractor complies with the silt fence conditions of the Ranger permit, the \$ 500.00 deposit will be refunded upon completion of construction.

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4. If the landowner/contractor fails to comply with the Ranger permit after receiving notice of a violation, the \$ 500.00 deposit will be forfeited and Ranger will install a silt fence at its expense.
5. Ranger will also record a lien of assessments against the property in question.
6. Ranger's actual costs to install, maintain and remove the silt fence will be collected annually through non-ad valorem assessments to be included on the landowner's annual property tax bill.
7. Once the assessments have been paid, the lien on the property will be released.

While the Board of Supervisors regrets having to take a potentially punitive measure, we feel that our property values and the environment must both be protected. We do understand that the bad actors are comparatively few. But, as I said, if we are going to protect the community and the environment we all enjoy, we believe we must take this action.

Sincerely yours,



David Mauck
President