



Coastland

Civil Engineering - Construction Management - Building Dept. Services

March 12, 2013

Mr. Garrett Toy
Town Manager
Town of Fairfax
142 Bolinas Road
Fairfax, CA 94930

Subject: Coastland Civil Engineering's Services on the Pastori Avenue Sidewalk Project

Dear Mr. Toy:

It is my understanding that some Council members have expressed some level of concern and/or dissatisfaction with certain aspects of Coastland's performance on the recently completed Pastori Avenue Sidewalk Project. Specifically, the Town is concerned that the sidewalk was initially constructed at a width slightly less than the required 48-inches.

As we expressed in our meeting with you, the Town Clerk and the Town's Building Inspector, we have apologized for any part that we may have played in the events that were associated with the Pastori sidewalk issue. As we explained, the contractor is ultimately responsible for constructing the improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications, and it is our job to do our best to ensure that the project is built per plans. The plans that we prepared clearly called for a 48-inch wide sidewalk and our inspector measured the forms prior the pouring of concrete to confirm this width. The problem developed when the forms for the retaining wall moved (bulged under the weight of the concrete) during the concrete pour and consequently narrowed the sidewalk to just under 48-inches. Although we are not responsible for the contractors' means and methods of construction, we felt bad that it was the Town's Building Inspector that caught this prior to our inspector. We do acknowledge that we should have been the one to bring the resulting sidewalk width problem to the Town's attention and regret that this was not the case. Once the problem with the sidewalk width was confirmed, we worked diligently with the Town and the contractor to develop and implement an acceptable solution at no cost to the Town. Please be aware that we did not charge the Town for any of our time required to resolve the problem and the Town did not incur any additional charges from the contractor to bring the sidewalk back into compliance with the plans.

As you know, Coastland has provided both the design and construction management/inspection services to the Town for other recently completed capital projects. These projects were completed under budget and without significant problems.

Coastland strives to provide the best service possible. While no consultant is perfect, we feel we provide very good service and, when an issue is discovered that we may have involvement in, we step up to the plate and take responsibility for our actions. This is demonstrated with the Pastori project in that we did not feel it was appropriate to charge for any time/effort expended while resolving the sidewalk width issue. We hope that our actions to resolve issues are a demonstration of the integrity our firm strives to have.

We appreciate the working relationship we have had with the Town and the work the Town has entrusted us with. We look forward to our continued professional working relationship with the Town. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Coastland Civil Engineering

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