

**CITY OF ALBANY  
PLANNING AND ZONING AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

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**ITEM/**           **6b**  
**SUBJECT:**   **Planning Application 09-012. Design Review.** Request for Design Review approval to allow an existing single-family home to be raised to create a two-story home. The project includes a request to construct a new 219 sq. ft. detached single-car garage at the rear of the property.

**SITE:**           **1060 Peralta**

**APPLICANT/  
OWNER:**       **Lyn Ahorn for Katherine Zapata and Marco Van Der Laan**

**ZONING:**       **R-1 (Single-family Residential)**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve the request for design review approval to allow an existing home to be raised and redesigned, and to construct a rear accessory structure.

**BACKGROUND/PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The subject property is a 4,375 square-foot lot, abutting Terrace park, with a 2,617 one-story, single-family home. The applicant is requesting design review approval to remove the existing rear portion of the home, raise the home and expand the habitable space below to create a two-story home, and change the overall design of the home. The rear 27'-6" of the home (approximately 436 sq. ft.) will be removed. The proposal will decrease the habitable space of the home by 211 sq. ft (and decrease the total square footage by 8 sq. ft.) but will increase the maximum height from 17'-6" to 28'.

The existing home has a nonconforming side-yard setback of 2'-6" on the northern side of the property. The applicant is proposing to shift the house 1 foot to the south to achieve a conforming 3'-6" side-yard setback on the northern side of the home. The southern side-yard setback will be 8', and will provide access to the rear yard for parking. The front yard will have a setback of 15', with a covered front stoop that encroaches by 5' as permitted by code.

The applicant proposes to raise the existing structure 5 feet and lower the main level of the home by approximately 4 feet to create two habitable floors, giving the home a maximum height of 28'. A new 219 sq. ft accessory building will be constructed at the rear southwest corner of the property, and will be used as a single-car garage. The accessory building will sit 6' from the rear (west) property line, and 3 feet from the south side property line.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Staff has determined that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA per Section 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures" of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts small additions.

## DISCUSSION OF KEY ISSUES

### Design Review

The applicant has proposed an attractive project that will be a significant improvement over the existing structure. The existing home is a stucco bungalow-style house with a parapet roof and a covered front porch entry with steps leading up to the first floor. The applicant is proposing a two-story home with an asphalt shingle gabled roof and a mix of siding materials. The upper section of the home will be finished with reverse board and batten painted Hardiplank siding, and the lower section will be finished with stucco. The mixing of materials will provide visual interest to the appearance of the home. The proposed windows will be metal clad, which are consistent with the contemporary design of the home. The front elevation includes a covered front stoop with redwood pillars and an angled metal seam roof. The new front entry will also include an attractive wood stained door. The front façade has a large amount of open, blank siding towards the upper portion of the home, and while the general design of the front elevation is attractive, staff recommends that the roof pitch be decreased to reduce this large blank face, and lower the overall height of the home (which is currently at the maximum limit).

The proposal includes the addition of a rear balcony that extends nine feet from the back of the home and is approximately 13 feet wide. The balcony will have redwood framing and decking to match the front stoop pillars, and will have cable railing, which is consistent with the contemporary design of the home. A set of three glass doors with an awning overhead leads out to this balcony. The lower floor at the rear will have a set of French doors and an awning that match the upper story. An outdoor light fixture is proposed below the balcony to create a outdoor patio area.

The northern side of the home includes matching metal-clad windows, mostly installed towards the front section of the home. Several skylights are proposed along the northern side of the roof, as well. There are no windows proposed at the rear portion of the northern elevation. The southern elevation, however, includes a large "window wall" installation towards the rear of the home. Though this will be a large glass surface area, it has thick wooden framing between the glass panels, and the applicant has proposed to plant climbing akebia on a wire trellis along the window. Additionally, this window is on the side of the home next to the driveway, 8' from the property line, thus staff believes it will not be intrusive to the neighboring property, and that it is an attractive design element of the home. The southern elevation also includes a small stucco "popout" with a square metal-clad window on the second story. This bay is 8 feet wide, and extends approximately 1.5' from the side of the home.

The proposed 219 sq. ft. accessory building at the rear, southwest corner of the property will be designed to match the architectural style of the home. It will have matching Hardiplank siding, a gabled roof, and metal clad windows. It will include carriage-style doors on the front (eastern) side, and a set of wooden doors along the northern elevation. The garage will be 19'

by 10'-2", which will provide one off-street parking space inside. The other required off-street parking space will be a tandem space in the driveway. The driveway will be laid with crushed gravel over drain rock. Both off-street parking spaces will be in the rear yard.

Staff believes that the applicant has proposed an attractive redesign of the home, which will be an improvement from the existing building. The applicant is reducing the lot coverage to 32.8%. Staff therefore recommends the project's approval subject to the conditions regarding the issues as discussed.

#### Green Building Requirements

The applicant has provided a green points checklist and has achieved 94 green points, thus meeting the minimum required green points threshold of 50 points. Items such as alternative insulation products, low-flush toilets, and hydronic radiant heating are just a few of the measures the applicant will implement to meet the City's green building requirements.

#### Appeals:

The Albany Municipal Code provides that any action of the Planning and Zoning Commission may be appealed to the City Council if such appeal is filed within 14 days of the date of action. Appeals may be filed in the Community Development Department by completing the required form and paying the required fee.

#### Attachments:

1. Analysis of Zoning Requirements
2. Findings
3. Conditions
4. Application, FAR explanation, Illustrations, Window example
5. Green Points Checklist
6. Project Plans

## ATTACHMENT 1 - ANALYSIS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ZONING REQUIREMENTS

### 20.12 Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses

General Plan: Single-Family Residential  
 Zoning: R-1 Single-Family Residential

### 20.16 Land Use Classifications

Single family residential

Surrounding North - SFR East - SFR  
 Property Use South - SFR West - PF

### 20.20.080 Secondary Residential Units.

Not applicable.

### 20.24.020 Table of Site Regulations by District.

	Existing (approx.)	Proposed (approx.)	Requirement
Setbacks			
Front (east)	15'	No change	15'
Side (north)	2'-6"	3'-6"	3'-6"
Side (south)	9'	8'	3'-6"
Rear (west)	40'-6"	64'-2"	20'
Area			
Lot Size	4375	No change	--
Lot Coverage	35.8%	32.8%	50%
Maximum Height	17'-6"	28'	28' max.

### 20.24.030 Overlay District Regulations.

Not applicable.

### 20.24.040 Hillside Residential Regulations.

Not applicable.

20.24.050 Floor-Area-Ratio.

	Existing (approx.)	Proposed	Requirement
Lot Size	4375	No change	--
Floor Area			
Accessory building	0	219	
Basement	1,049	0	
First-floor	1,568	1,215.76	--
Second-floor	0	1,190.4**	
Total	2,617	2,625.16	--
Total Counted	1,568	2,406* **	--
Floor Area Ratio	0.36	0.55	.55

\* 219 sq. ft. exempted from "total counted" as permitted by MC 20.24.050 for enclosed parking spaces.

\*\* 41 sq. ft. exempted from "total counted" as permitted by MC 20.24.050 for enclosed staircases.

20.24.060 Setback Areas, Encroachments.

Not applicable.

20.24.100 Distances between Structures.

Not applicable.

20.24.110 Fences, Landscaping, Screening.

Not applicable.

20.24.130 Accessory Buildings.

See Discussion of Key Issues.

20.28 Off-Street Parking Requirement.

See project description.

20.40 Housing Provisions

Not applicable.

20.44 Non-conforming Uses, Structures and Lot

See project description.

20.48 Removal of Trees

Not applicable.

20.52 Flood Damage Prevention Regulations

Not applicable.

20.58 Art in Public Places Program

Depending on the value of construction, project may be subject to Art in Public Places requirements.

20.100.030 Use Permits.

Not applicable.

20.100.040 Variances.

Not applicable.

20.100.010 Common Permit Procedures.

Public notice of this application was provided on April 3, 2009 in the form of mailed notice to property owners and occupants within a 100-foot radius, and posted in three locations.

20.100.050 Design Review.

See Summary of Key Issues.

ATTACHMENT 2 - FINDINGS

**Findings for Design Review approval (Per section 20.100.050.E of the AMC)**

Required Finding	Explanation
<p>1. <i>The project conforms to the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, applicable design guidelines adopted by the City of Albany, and all applicable provisions of this Chapter.</i></p>	<p>The General Plan designates this area for residential development. Additionally, the project meets City zoning standards for location, intensity and type of development.</p>
<p>2. <i>Approval of project design is consistent with the purpose and intent of this section, which states “designs of projects...will result in improvements that are visually and functionally appropriate to their site conditions and harmonious with their surroundings, including natural landforms and vegetation. Additional purposes of design review include (but are not limited to): that retention and maintenance of existing buildings and landscape features are considered; and that site access and vehicular parking are sufficient.”</i></p>	<p>The proposal is in scale and harmony with existing development in the vicinity of the site. The architectural style, design and building materials are consistent with the City’s Residential Design Guidelines. The proposed project will provide safe and convenient access to the property for both vehicles and pedestrians. The project will not remove any significant vegetation and will not require significant grading. The project will not create a visual detriment at the site or the neighborhood.</p> <p>The proposal is attractive in appearance and an the new architectural design will be an improvement over the existing home. The design of the accessory building will match the style of the home. The applicant has made a conscious effort to add architectural details that provide visual interest and are aesthetically pleasing.</p>
<p>3. <i>Approval of the project is in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare.</i></p>	<p>The proposed project will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience and welfare of those in the area and would not adversely impact property, improvements or potential future development in the area. The project meets all development requirements. The proposal will decrease the footprint of the home, and decrease the overall living space as well.</p>
<p>4. <i>The project is in substantial compliance with applicable general and specific Standards for Review stated in Subsection 20.100.050.D.</i></p>	<p>The project as designed is in substantial compliance with the standards as stated, including access, architecture, natural features, coordination of design details, and privacy .</p>

ATTACHMENT - 3

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

GENERAL PROJECT CONDITIONS

- Gen-1      **Project Approval.** This Design Review approval is for Katherine Zapata and Marco Van der Laan, as substantially shown and described on the project plans, except as may be modified by conditions herein. Plans include preliminary master site plan prepared by Lyn Ahorn date received March 4, 2009, architectural plans (project perspectives, building sections, and floor plans, all as presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 14, 2009. For any condition herein that requires preparation of a Final Plan where the project developer has submitted a conceptual plan, the project developer shall submit final plan(s) in substantial conformance with the conceptual plan, but incorporate the modifications required by the conditions herein for approval by the City.
- GEN-2      **Project Approval Expiration.** This Design Review approval expires on April 28, 2010 (one year from the date on which this approval becomes effective) or at an alternate time specified as a condition of approval, unless [a building permit has been issued and construction diligently pursued; a certificate of occupancy has been issued; the use is established; the use permit, variance or design review approval is renewed]. The approval may be renewed by the Community Development Director for a period up to an additional two (2) years, provided that, at least ten (10) days before expiration of one (1) year from the date when the approval becomes effective, an application for renewal of the approval is filed with the Community Development Department. The Community Development Director may grant a renewal of an approval where there is no change in the original application, or there is no request to change any condition of approval.
- Gen-3      **FEES.** The applicant shall pay any and all City and other related fees applicable to the property, as may be modified by conditions herein. Fees shall be based on the current fee structure in effect at the time the relevant permits are secured, and shall be paid before issuance of said permit or before any City Council final action approval. Notice shall be taken specifically of Plan Check, Engineering, Fire and Inspection Fees. The project developer shall also reimburse the City for direct costs of planning; building and engineering plan check and inspection, as mutually agreed between the City and developer.
- GEN-4      **Appeals.** The Albany Municipal Code provides that any action of the Planning staff may be appealed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and any action of the Planning and Zoning Commission may be appealed to the City Council as per the procedures described in Section 20.100.080. The City Clerk will then schedule the matter for the next available City Council meeting.



- GEN-5      **Requirement for Building Permit.** Approval granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission does not constitute a building permit or authorization to begin any construction or demolish an existing structure. An appropriate permit issued by the Community Development Department must be obtained before constructing, enlarging, moving, converting, or demolishing any building or structure within the City.
- GEN-6      **Fire Department Approval.** As part of a building permit application, the applicant shall submit written documentation that all requirements of the Albany Fire Department have, or will be, met to the satisfaction of the AFD.
- GEN-7      **Engineering Approval.** As part of a building permit application, the applicant shall submit written documentation that all requirements of the Public Works Department have, or will be, met to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.
- GEN-8      **Construction Hours.** Construction activity shall be restricted to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sundays and legal holidays, unless otherwise approved in writing by the City Engineer for general construction activity. Failure to comply with construction hours may result in stop work orders or other administrative actions.
- GEN-9      **Archeological Remains.** In the event subsurface archeological remains are discovered during any construction or preconstruction activities on the site, all land alteration work within 100 feet of the find shall be halted, the Community Development Department notified, and a professional archeologist, certified by the Society of California Archeology and/or the Society of Professional Archeology, shall be notified. Site work in this area shall not occur until the archeologist has had an opportunity to evaluate the significance of the find and to outline appropriate mitigation measures, if deemed necessary. If prehistoric archeological deposits are discovered during development of the site, local Native American organizations shall be consulted and involved in making resource management decisions.
- GEN-10     **Modifications to Approved Plans.** The project shall be constructed as approved. Planning staff may approve minor modifications in the project design, but not the permitted land use (per MC 20.12). A change in an item requiring discretionary approval and any other changes deemed appropriate by the Planning staff shall require further Planning and Zoning Commission approval through the Design Review process.
- GEN-11     **Hold Harmless Agreement.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 66474.9, the applicant (including any agent thereof) shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, the City of Albany and its agents, officers and employees, from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City or its agents, officers or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul the City's approval concerning this application, which action is brought within the time period provide for in Section 66499.37. The City will promptly notify the applicant of any such claim action or proceeding and cooperate fully in the defense.

- GEN-12      **Public Improvements Standards.** Public improvements shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the City's Standard Specifications and Standard Details, unless specifically waived in writing by the City Engineer.
- GEN-13      **Title 24 Standards.** All construction shall be designed and built in accordance with California Title 24 handicap accessibility standards. Appropriate details and specifications shall be incorporated into the plans and submitted at time of building permit application.
- GEN-14      **Energy Conservation Standards.** All buildings shall be designed in accordance with the State of California energy conservation standards for non-residential buildings. The necessary plans and documentation shall be submitted at time of building permit application.

#### ARCHITECTURE CONDITION

- ARCH-1      **Material Samples.** Samples of final exterior materials and the proposed color palette shall be submitted for review and approval by the Community Development Department as part of building permit application.
- ARCH-2      **Final Architectural Drawings.** The applicant shall submit final architectural elevations, details and revisions for the review and approval of the Community Development Department as part of building permit application.
- ARCH-3      **Window Recess.** All new windows shall be recessed two inches from face of building to provide adequate shade and shadow and to promote visual relief. Final window details shall be submitted for review and approval at the time of building permit application.
- ARCH-4      **Non-Reflective Glazing.** Any glazing material shall be non-reflective.

#### LIGHTING CONDITIONS

- LGHT-1      **Exterior Lighting.** All exterior lighting shall be installed in such a manner that glare is directed away from surrounding properties and rights-of-way. If required, exterior light fixtures shall be equipped with "cut off" lenses to minimize light and glare spill over onto adjacent properties.
- LGHT-2      **Shielding of Lighting.** Prior to the certificate of occupancy, all accent lighting shall be directed downward and, if necessary, fixed with cut-off lenses to ensure that no glare spills onto neighboring properties.

#### LANDSCAPING CONDITIONS

- LNDS-1      **Street Tree Requirement.** The applicant shall apply for one street tree before the issuance of the building permit. The City's Environmental Resource Assistance will determine the type and location of the tree and may waive this requirement if site conditions will not reasonably support establishment of a new tree.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

### GENERAL ENGINEERING CONDITIONS

- ENGR-1      **Title Report.** A recent preliminary title report for the property, prepared within six months of the date of application, shall be submitted to the City Engineer for review. If any interior lot line(s) exist, the applicant must obtain approval of a minor lot line adjustment from the City to remove the interior lot line(s), and cause that lot line adjustment to be recorded before any building permits will be issued.
- ENGR-2      **Geo-Technical Report.** The applicant shall submit, as part of a building permit application, a geotechnical investigation report prepared by a California certified engineering geologist and geotechnical engineer, if determined necessary by the City Engineer. The investigation shall specifically address any hazards of surface fault rupture in accordance with the Alquist-Priolo Special Study Zones Act. Any mitigation measures or conditions requiring further review noted during the Planning process shall be fully addressed prior to plan check.
- ENGR-3      **Backflow Device.** Any required water service for fire protection purposes shall be equipped with a City approved backflow device. Services for irrigation purposes also require a separate City approved backflow prevention device.

### GRADING CONDITIONS

- GRAD-1      **Grading Permit.** Any grading required in association with the project shall require a grading permit from the Community Development Department. To obtain this permit, the applicant shall submit a grading plan, indicating the extent and volumes of earth proposed to be moved. A grading permit is subject to 2001 California Building, Appendix 33.
- GRAD-2      **Demolition Permit.** Site demolition shall not occur until construction permits are issued for the development project. All demolition shall be in accordance with permits issued by the City and Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).
- GRAD-3      **Water on Site.** The site shall be graded so as to prevent rainfall runoff originating from improved areas on the project site from crossing onto adjoining private property. Building floor elevations shall be above the FEMA-mapped 100-year flood plain as established by a licensed civil engineer. Provide the elevation and compaction certificates during and upon the completion of grading required by the California Building Code and in conformance with the recommendations of the geotechnical engineer's report. Shore and dewater all excavations in accordance with the requirements of the geotechnical engineer's report.
- GRAD-4      **Flooding Damages.** The project developer shall execute an assumption of risk, indemnification and hold harmless agreement as required by the City. The

agreement, in substance, shall state that the project developer, and any successor in interest, shall assume all risk for damages to the project and to project improvements, flooding caused by surface water intrusion, stormwater runoff, or water under the ground surface pressing on or flowing or seeping through foundations, walls, floors, or paved surfaces, basements, whether paved or not, or windows, doors or other openings, and shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims of such damages, including third-party claims, of such damage or of such damages or of damages arising from rainfall runoff which is not prevented from leaving the project site in violation of Condition GRAD-3.

GRAD-5 **Dust Control Program.** A dust control program shall be prepared by the project developer and approved by the Community Development Department and City Engineer before issuance of a grading permit. The dust control plan shall address such items as covering stockpiled material, frequent watering of graded areas, revegetating graded areas, speed limits for grading equipment and similar items.

GRAD-6 **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.** The project developer shall submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for review by the City before the issuance of a building or grading and/or building permit. The SWPPP shall be consistent with standards adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the City of Albany Clean Water Program and implemented by the project general contractor, all subcontractors and suppliers of material and equipment. Construction site cleanup and control of construction shall also be addressed in the SWPPP. The project developer shall be responsible for SWPPP compliance. A copy of the SWPPP shall be kept at the construction site at all times.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITIONS

INFR-1 **Sewer System Requirements.** The sewer system for the subject building shall comply with Chapter 15 of the Albany Municipal Code and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer before Final Inspection approval of the construction permit.

INFR-2 **Two-Way Cleanout.** Installation of a two-way curbside cleanout shall be required per Chapter 15 of the Albany City Code. This applies to all properties, including properties with a valid upper sewer lateral certificate of compliance. All 2-way curbside clean outs shall be fitted with a loose cap in accordance with the City's standard detail SS6.

INFR-3 **Property Run-off Requirements.** All runoff from impervious surfaces shall be intercepted at the project boundary and shall be collected and conducted via an approved drainage system through the project site to an approved storm drain facility, as determined by the City Engineer. Development that contributes additional water to the existing drainage system shall be required to complete a hydraulic study and make improvements to the system as required to accommodate the expected ultimate peak water flow and to stabilize erosive banks that could be impacted by additional storm water flow.

INFR-4 **Roof Drainage.** Roof drainage from the structure shall be collected via a closed pipe and conveyed to an approved storm drain system off the street curb. No

concentrated drainage of surface flow across sidewalks shall be permitted. Alternative natural treatment measures are subject review and approval by the City Engineer.

- INFR-5      **Hydraulic Calculations.** The applicant shall submit hydraulic calculations, prepared by a California licensed civil engineer, necessary to determine if the existing water and sewer mains that serve this lot have available capacity for the addition of the proposed development. If capacity is not available, sewer and water mains of adequate size shall be designed and secured prior to issuance of building permits and constructed in a manner acceptable to the City Engineer prior to occupancy release, unless determined otherwise by the City Engineer.
- INFR-6      **Completion of Off-Site Improvements.** Off-site improvements, as required by the City Engineer, shall be complete before issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy unless alternatives are approved in writing by the Albany City Engineer.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONDITIONS

- PUBIM-1      **Encroachment Permit.** The applicant shall obtain an encroachment permit from the Engineering Division before commencing any construction activities within any public right-of-way or easement.
- PUBIM-2      **Debris Removal.** All mud, dirt or construction debris carried off the construction site onto adjacent streets shall be removed each day. No materials shall be discharged onto a sidewalk, street, gutter, storm drain or creek.
- PUBIM-3      **Damage to Street Improvements.** Any damage to street improvements now existing or done during construction on or adjacent to the subject property, shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the City Engineer at the full expense of the applicant. This shall include sidewalk repair, slurry seal, street reconstruction or others, as may be required by the City Engineer.
- PUBIM-4      **Right-of-Way Construction Standards.** All improvements within the public right-of-way, including curb, gutter, sidewalks, driveways, paving and utilities, shall be reconstructed in accordance with approved standards and/or plans and shall comply with the standard plans and specification of the Community Development Department and Chapter 14 of the City Code.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDITIONS

- FIRE-1      **Construction of 1,500 Square Feet or Greater.** 1500 sq. ft. or more or any addition, remodel, rehabilitation, etc. is 50% of the existing sq. ft.:
- a) This dwelling will be required install an Automatic Fire Extinguishing System throughout the entire dwelling. Ordinance No. 94-010, Albany Municipal Code, Chapter 11, Section 11-2.3a(3)(a).
  - b) Plans, information sheets on all sprinkler components and hydraulic calculations are required.

- c) A 110-volt interconnected smoke alarm system with a 10-year lithium batter back-up is acceptable with a fire suppression system.

FIRE-2 **Fire Rated Construction.** Any portion of a building five (5) feet or less from the property line shall comply with fire-rating requirements of the CBC.

FIRE-3 **Gallons-per-Minute Requirement.** The water system for fire protection shall comply with City of Albany Fire Department standards. Fire flow test data and water system plans must be provided at time of building plan check. The plans must include all equipment, components and layout of the system. Private fire protection water systems shall be supplied through an approved backflow device per City Engineering Division standards.

FIRE-5 **Distance From Fire Hydrant.** Before building permit issuance the distance from existing fire hydrants to the building shall be verified and if necessary a new hydrant shall be shown on the plans and installed prior to combustible construction.

### STRUCTURAL CONTROL MEASURES

STRUC-1 **Illegal Dumping to Storm Drain Inlets and Waterways.** On-site storm drain inlets shall be clearly marked with the words “No Dumping! Flows to Bay,” or equivalent, using methods approved by the City of Albany.

STRUC-2 **Pesticide/Fertilizer Application** Landscaping shall be designed to minimize irrigation and runoff, promote surface infiltration where appropriate, and minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides that can contribute to stormwater pollution. If a landscaping plan is required as part of a development project application, the plan shall meet the following conditions related to reduction of pesticide use on the project site:

- a) Where feasible, landscaping shall be designed and operated to treat stormwater runoff by incorporating elements that collect, detain, and infiltrate runoff. In areas that provide detention of water, plants that are tolerant of saturated soil conditions and prolonged exposure to water shall be specified.
- b) Plant materials selected shall be appropriate to site specific characteristics such as soil type, topography, climate, amount and timing of sunlight, prevailing winds, rainfall, air movement, patterns of land use, ecological consistency and plant interactions to ensure successful establishment.
- c) Existing native trees, shrubs, and ground cover shall be retained and incorporated into the landscape plan to the maximum extent practicable.
- d) Proper maintenance of landscaping, with minimal pesticide use, shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

### OPERATIONAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

BMP-GEN1 **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Control Measures.** The project plans shall include stormwater pollution prevention and control measures for the operation

and maintenance of the project during and after construction for the review and approval of the City or County Engineer. The project plan shall identify Best Management Practices (BMPs) appropriate to the uses conducted on-site in order to limit to the maximum extent practicable the entry of pollutants into stormwater runoff.

BMP-GEN2 **Erosion Control Measures.** The project plan shall also include erosion control measures to prevent soil, dirt and debris from entering the storm drain system, in accordance with the practices outlined in the *ABAG Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook*, California Storm Water Best Management Practice Handbooks, and Regional Water Quality Control Board's *Erosion and Sediment Control Field Manual*

BMP-GEN3 **Responsibility of Contractors.** The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all contractors and subcontractors are aware of and implement all stormwater quality control measures. Failure to comply with the approved construction BMPs shall result in the issuance of correction notices, citations and/or a project stop order.

BMP-1 **Paved Sidewalks and Parking Lots.** Sidewalks and parking lots shall be swept regularly to prevent the accumulation of litter and debris. Debris resulting from pressure washing shall be trapped and collected to prevent entry into the storm drain system. Washwater containing any soap, cleaning agent or degreaser shall be collected and discharged to the sanitary sewer and shall not be discharged to a storm drain. The applicant shall contact the City Engineer for specific connection and discharge requirements.

BMP-2A **Private Streets, Utilities and Common Areas.** The owner of private streets and storm drains shall prepare and implement a plan for street sweeping of paved private roads and cleaning of all storm drain inlets.

#### GENERAL CONSTRUCTION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

BMP-CNST1 **Construction Access Routes.** Construction access routes shall be limited to those approved by the City Engineer and shall be shown on the approval grading plan.

BMP-CNST2 **Collection of Construction Debris.** Gather all construction debris on a regular basis and place them in a dumpster or other container which is emptied or removed on a weekly basis. When appropriate, use tarps on the ground to collect fallen debris or splatters that could contribute to stormwater pollution.

BMP-CNST3 **Removal of Waste.** Remove all dirt, gravel, rubbish, refuse and green waste from the sidewalk, street pavement, and storm drain system adjoining the project site. During wet weather, avoid driving vehicles off paved areas and other outdoor work.

BMP-CNST4 **Sweeping of Public Right-of-Way.** Broom sweep the sidewalk and public street pavement adjoining the project site on a daily basis. Caked on mud or dirt shall be scraped from these areas before sweeping.

- BMP-CNST5 **Filter Materials at Storm Drain Inlet.** Install filter materials (such as sandbags, filter fabric, etc.) at the storm drain inlet nearest the downstream side of the project site prior to:
- a) start of the rainy season (October 1);
  - b) site dewatering activities;
  - c) street washing activities;
  - d) saw cutting asphalt or concrete; and
  - e) order to retain any debris or dirt flowing into the City storm drain system.
- Filter materials shall be maintained and/or replaced as necessary to ensure effectiveness and prevent street flooding. Dispose of filter particles in the trash.
- BMP-CNST6 **Containment of Materials.** Create a contained and covered area on the site for the storage of bags of cement, paints, flammables, oils, fertilizers, pesticides, or any other materials used on the project site that have the potential for being discharged to the storm drain system by wind or in the event of a material spill.
- BMP-CNST7 **Cleaning of Equipment.** Never clean machinery, tools, brushes, etc. or rinse containers into a street, gutter, storm drain or stream. See the *Building Maintenance/ Remodeling* flyer for more information.
- BMP-CNST8 **Minimize Removal of Natural Vegetation.** Minimize removal of natural vegetation or ground cover from the site in order to minimize the potential for erosion and sedimentation problems. Replant the area as soon as possible. All cut and fill slopes shall be stabilized as soon as possible after grading is completed. No site grading shall occur between October 1 and April 15 unless approved erosion and sedimentation control measures are in place.

**Appeals:** The Albany Municipal Code provides that any action of the Planning and Zoning Commission may be appealed to the City Council, if such appeal is filed within 14 days of the date of the action. Appeals may be filed in the Community Development Department by completing the required form and paying the required fee. The City Clerk will then schedule the matter for the next available City Council meeting.