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## Letter From the Los Feliz NC - 1991 & 1979 N. Alexandria Blvd. / Artesian Springs

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Dear Ms. Majid,


Attached please find a letter from the Los Feliz NC expressing concern over the presence of artesian springs on 1991 & 1979 N. Alexandria Blvd.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Best,

Jon Deutsch

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Mon, Nov 22, 2021 at 8:05 AM

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Hi Jon,

I hope you're well. Thank you for sharing this letter. I reached out to city departments as well as the Los Angeles Regional Water Board earlier this fall to better understand the 401 Water Quality Certification process after you shared that you believe there may be the presence of natural water habitats at [1979-1991 N Alexandria Avenue](#).

I specifically asked about the process and steps involved; what prompts city departments or another public agency to conduct site visits to investigate something like this; and if these types of site visits occur before permits are issued. LADBS and LASAN's Watershed Protection Division informed us that this is not something they require or enforce per city code regulations and requirements.

According to the Los Angeles Water Board, *"Projects that result in an impact to natural waters within federal jurisdiction require a federal permit or license that authorizes impacts, such as a section 404 permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineer. If the project requires such a permit, it will also require a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Water Boards to ensure that the discharge does not violate state water quality standards or any other appropriate requirement of State law. When a discharge is proposed to waters outside of federal jurisdiction, and therefore does not require a federal permit, the Water Boards still regulate the discharge under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act through the issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). In general, once a project has been identified, the property owner should contact us at our general email address ([RB4-401Certification@Waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB4-401Certification@Waterboards.ca.gov)) with a project description including a description of projected impacts to waters of the state. Once we receive a project description, we can discuss with the applicant the specificities of the project and its impacts, and guide them through the application process. Once the process is started, we might do site visits to confirm the settings*

*and projected impacts on waters of the state."* There seem to be no clear agency requirements to identify the potential presence of natural water features until and unless a project applicant works directly with the Los Angeles Water Board.

Our office reached out to the Assistant Chief Environmental Compliance Officer in LASAN's Environmental Enforcement and Emergency Response Unit to look into potential illicit discharge and/or dry weather flow violations from these properties (and/or possibly others) into the street and compliance-related measures. We will let neighbors and interested parties know what they report back to us.

As a part of our due diligence and in good faith, we have contacted the property owner to make him aware of possible water runoff activity from his site and to share what the council office learned about the 401 Water Quality Certification process.

Please reach out to Helene or myself should you have any further questions.

My best,  
Mashael

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