

SANTA CLARITA HILLSIDE REVIEW WORKSHEET

For parcels inside the City of Santa Clarita, not unincorporated county land. One page. Fill it in before you remove contingencies.

1. The parcel

Address _____

APN _____ Zone _____ Lot area, acres (A) _____

Inside city limits? yes / no (if no, Los Angeles County rules apply and this sheet does not) _____

2. Average cross slope, SCMC 17.51.020(B)(2): $ACS = I \times L \times 0.0023 / A$

I, contour interval, ft _____ L, contour length, ft _____ A, acres _____ ACS = _____ %

Topographic mapping by _____ dated _____

3. Which review applies, SCMC 17.23.130 (tick one)

- ☐ Under 10% average: the hillside review section does not apply (subsection B: 10% or more).
- ☐ Over 10% and under 15%, or 100 to under 1,500 cu yd of grading on a parcel of 10% or more: Director, Class II, no hearing. 2026 fee schedule: \$4,268 per application for staff review.
- ☐ Over 15%, or over 1,500 cu yd of grading, or the project includes a Class IV to VII application: Planning Commission, Class IV, public notice and hearing. 2026 fee schedule: \$5,970 per application.
- ☐ Exactly 10%, exactly 15% or exactly 100 cubic yards: the code wording does not settle it. Ask Planning in writing. Planning answer, name and date _____
- ☐ Pool or spa yard, landscaping, addition or accessory structure only: the director may approve it through a grading or building permit without hillside review, subsection C.1.c. Confirm before relying on it.

4. Grading, SCMC 17.81.010 and 17.86

Excavation, cu yd _____ Fill, cu yd _____ Import / export, cu yd _____ Civil engineer _____

Permit exceptions include: excavation of 50 cu yd or less that is under 2 ft deep, or creates no cut slope over 5 ft high and steeper than 2:1; fill not supporting structures or blocking drainage that is under 1 ft deep, or under 3 ft and 50 cu yd or less, or under 5 ft and 20 cu yd or less (slope limits apply). An exemption does not authorize work that breaks the code.

5. Ridgeline Preservation overlay, SCMC 17.38.070

- ☐ Parcel checked against the adopted ridgeline map at the Planning Division. Result: near / not near a significant ridgeline
- ☐ Work within 100 ft vertical or 100 ft horizontal of the ridgeline: ridgeline alteration permit, Class V, Planning Commission and City Council hearings. Fee listed at \$13,699 on a page headed 2025; confirm at the counter.
- ☐ Any grading or building permit near a designated ridgeline: civil engineer exhibit locating the ridgeline required.

6. Before removing the contingency

- ☐ Average cross slope calculated from topographic mapping, with formula and data shown
- ☐ Grading quantities estimated for the planned pad, pool, addition or ADU
- ☐ Prior hillside review approvals and grading permits for the parcel located
- ☐ Oak trees on or near the work area surveyed (separate permit track)
- ☐ Structure within public view: 15 ft rear setback from top of slope and/or 15 ft average from pad edge, 17.51.020(C)(3)(b)

Notes
