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**From:** Mendoza, Jonathan S <JSMendoza@sfwater.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 3, 2019 4:49 PM  
**To:** Perata, Kyle T; Smith, Tom A  
**Cc:** Ramirez, Tim; Natesan, Ellen; Wilson, Joanne; Read, Emily; Herman, Jane; Russell, Rosanna S; Brasil, Dina; Wong, Christopher J; Nelson, Chris; Feng, Stacie; Leung, Tracy  
**Subject:** 1350 Adams Court Project EIR Scoping + Facebook Proposed Public Street and Bike/Paseo  
**Attachments:** CEQA-Initial\_Study-1350\_Adams\_Court\_Menlo\_Park-FIGURE2-2\_FB\_Bike\_Lane.pdf; CEQA-Initial\_Study-1350\_Adams\_Court\_Menlo\_Park-FIGURE2-5\_Proposed\_Open\_Space.pdf; SFPUC\_Basemap-1305\_O'Brien\_Dr-1350\_Adams\_Ct\_Menlo\_Park.pdf; RE: Application for Driveway crossing SFPUC ROW, Menlo Park

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# SFPUC Right-of-Way (ROW) near 1305 O'Brien Dr. and 1350 Adams Ct. (Lot 3 North), Menlo Park



## Legend

- SFPUC Parcels / Right of Way
- Other / Uncertain
  - Easement
  - Fee-owned
  - Raker Act
- == Access Roads
- Assessor Parcels
- Cities

## Notes

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Dear Mr. Peralta and Mr. Smith:

Please note this additional information:

- The primary use of SFPUC lands is for SFPUC utilities, including access to utilities, not for the use of private parties or other public agencies. The SFPUC has many policies regulating the third-party use of its lands and has a lengthy project review process.
- As my colleague pointed out, the SFPUC has not approved this proposed use on its land. Assuming that the proposed use comports with SFPUC policies (which the SFPUC is not conceding at this point), the use of SFPUC land would be subject to payment of fair market rent under a real estate agreement.
- Please caution the project proponent to refrain from mentioning or promoting the use of SFPUC land for its project in public meetings until such time the SFPUC has approved this proposed use (again, we are not conceding any approval at this point.)

Rosanna Russell

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