



BLACKHAWK

GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT

1st Edition



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The Blackhawk GHAD

The Blackhawk GHAD was formed in 1986 and addresses landslide hazards within the Blackhawk district, commonly referred to as CSA M-23. Members of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, acting as an independent Board, serve as the GHAD Board of Directors.

The Blackhawk GHAD Plan of Control specifies that the GHAD General Manager will address (at his or her discretion) landslides or potential landslides involving two or more properties with exceptions or limitations including the following:

- Landslides contained within a single property (certain exceptions apply)
- Landslides related to structures built within established creek setback areas
- Landslide damaged or destroyed structures
- Landslides caused by property owner negligence
- Landslide repair costs that exceed the protected asset value
- Landslides located outside GHAD boundaries, with



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the conditioned
exception of those
geologic hazards that
threaten properties
within the GHAD

- When the limitation of funds prevents action
- Property damage due to soil creep
- When another district or service area has primary responsibility

The Blackhawk GHAD maintains ongoing proactive and reactive response capabilities within the district through the implementation of a comprehensive preventive maintenance program



that includes monitoring and maintaining several hundred district-wide assets and instrumentation sites, as well as conducting studies and research to utilize new technologies.

Additionally, the Blackhawk GHAD maintains a full array of response capabilities to address landslide activity and related incidents as they arise.

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Questions About the GHAD

Q: When should I contact the GHAD?

A: Property owners and residents are encouraged to call the GHAD at any time they have concerns about the stability of the slopes on or near their property. The GHAD is also available to answer questions that relate to geologic hazards, including drainage issues.



Q: Is there a fee for GHAD services?

A: GHAD services are funded exclusively through property taxes. Property owners pay no additional fees for GHAD services. Services are restricted to those authorities expressed in the GHAD governing documents.

Q: Is the GHAD part of the Homeowners Association?

A: No, the GHAD is completely independent of any private entity, including Homeowners or Property Owners Associations.

Q: Is the GHAD a division of Contra Costa County, or any other local authority?

A: The GHAD is a state authorized independent agency, separate from the County and any other local authority. The GHAD is governed by its Board of Directors.

Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHAD)

Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHADs) were authorized by the State of California under the provisions of the 1979 Beverly Act (California Public Resources Code 26500-26601). The purpose of a GHAD is to provide an ongoing resource for managing geologic hazards that pose a threat to properties within the boundaries of the GHAD. Landslides are the most common identified geologic hazard leading to the formation of a GHAD, although any geologic hazard may be considered. GHADs operate under a Plan of Control



which defines the specific geologic hazard covered and describes the GHAD's authority and limitations. The first GHAD was created in 1981 to finance the geologic investigation and

mitigation of the Abalone Cove Landslide in Palos Verdes, California, located just south of Los Angeles. Since then, over 50 GHADs have been organized in California.

MISSION STATEMENT

Prevent, mitigate, abate or control geologic hazards within the District, through:

Strict adherence to the District's governing documents and plan of control

Maintaining reliable and useful access to constituents

Operating using sound and responsible financial management



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