

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
June 17, 2010

REVIEWED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATE 6/10/10  
Tina Grande

Departmental Concurrence

**SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1000** – Foundation-Regular – Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhuri, MD. – Engineer/Representative: GMA - Third Supervisorial District - Rancho California Zoning Area - Southwest Area Plan: Rural: Rural Residential (RUR-RR) (5 Acre Minimum Lot Size) – Location: Easterly of De Portola Road, southerly of East Benton Road, and westerly of Chatham Lane. – 379.40 Gross Acres - Zoning: Residential Agricultural - 5 Acre Minimum Lot Size (R-A-5) - **REQUEST:** This General Plan Amendment proposes to amend the General Plan Foundation Component of the subject site from Rural to Agriculture and to amend the General Plan Land Use designation of the subject site from Rural Residential (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum Lot Size) to Agriculture (AG (10 Acre Minimum Lot Size) - APN(s): 915-730-001, 951-730-002, 915-730-003, 915-730-004, 915-730-005, 915-730-006, 915-730-007, 915-730-008, 915-730-009, 915-740-001, 915-740-002, 915-740-003, 915-740-006, 915-740-007, 915-740-008, 915-740-009, 915-740-010, 915-740-011, 915-740-013, 915-740-015, 915-740-016, 915-740-017.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** The Planning Director recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt an order initiating proceedings for the above referenced general plan amendment based on the attached report. The initiation of proceedings by the Board of Supervisors for the amendment of the General Plan, or any element thereof, shall not imply any such amendment will be approved.

**BACKGROUND:** The initiation of proceedings for any General Plan Amendment (GPA) requires the adoption of an order by the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Director is required to prepare a report and recommendation on every GPA application and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. Prior to the submittal to the Board, comments on the application are requested

Jerry Jolliffe, Deputy Planning Director for,

Jerry Jolliffe  
Ron Goldman  
Planning Director

Initials:  
RG:th

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Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy  
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: Third

Agenda Number:

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from the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission comments are included in the report to the Board. The Board will either approve or disapprove the initiation of proceedings for the GPA requested in the application. The consideration of the initiation of proceedings by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors pursuant to this application does not require a noticed public hearing. However, the applicant was notified by mail of the time, date and place when the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors would consider this GPA initiation request.

If the Board of Supervisors adopts an order initiating proceedings pursuant to this application, the proposed amendment will thereafter be processed, heard and decided in accordance with all the procedures applicable to GPA applications, including noticed public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The adoption of an order initiating proceedings does not imply that any amendment will be approved. If the Board of Supervisors declines to adopt an order initiating proceedings, no further proceedings on this application will occur.

The Board of Supervisors established the procedures for initiation of GPA applications with the adoption of Ordinance No. 348.4573 (effective May 8, 2008), which amended Article II of that ordinance.

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTE ORDER JANUARY 13, 2010  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**

**I. AGENDA ITEM 7.1: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1000** – Foundation / Regular – Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhuri, MD. – Engineer/Representative: GMA - Third Supervisorial District - Rancho California Zoning Area - Southwest Area Plan: Rural: Rural Residential (RUR-RR) (5 Acre Minimum) – Location: Easterly of De Portola Road, southerly of East Benton Road, and westerly of Chatham Lane. – 379.40 Gross Acres - Zoning: Residential Agricultural - 5 Acre Minimum (R-A-5) - APN(s): 915-730-001, 951-730-002, 915-730-003, 915-730-004, 915-730-005, 915-730-006, 915-730-007, 915-730-008, 915-730-009, 915-740-001, 915-740-002, 915-740-003, 915-740-006, 915-740-007, 915-740-008, 915-740-009, 915-740-010, 915-740-011, 915-740-013, 915-740-015, 915-740-016, 915-740-017. (Continued from 9/30/09, 11/4/09 and 12/2/09).

**II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This General Plan Amendment proposes to amend the General Plan Foundation Component of the subject site from Rural to Community Development and to amend the General Plan Land Use designation of the subject site from Rural Residential (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum) to Specific Plan (CD: SP).

**III. MEETING SUMMARY**

The following staff presented the subject proposal:

Project Planner, Tamara Harrison at 951-955-9721 or e-mail [tharriso@rctlma.org](mailto:tharriso@rctlma.org).

The following spoke in favor of the subject proposal:

Sam Alhadeff, Applicant's Representative, 41607 Margarita Rd., #103, Temecula, California 92591

No one spoke in a neutral position or in opposition of the subject proposal.

**IV. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

NONE

**V. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION**

The Planning Commission commented on the General Plan Amendment. If you wish to listen to the entire discussion, see Section VI below. Additionally, the comments of individual Commissioners are summarized in the Planning Director's Report and Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

**INITIATION of the GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

**VI. CD**

The entire discussion of this agenda item can be found on CD. For a copy of the CD, please contact Chantell Griffin, Planning Commission Secretary, at (951) 955-3251 or E-mail at [cgriffin@rctlma.org](mailto:cgriffin@rctlma.org).

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTE ORDER DECEMBER 2, 2009  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**

- I. AGENDA ITEM 5.3: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1000** - Foundation / Regular - Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhuri, MD. - Engineer/Representative: GMA - Third Supervisorial District - Rancho California Zoning Area - Southwest Area Plan: Rural: Rural Residential (RUR-RR) (5 Acre Minimum) - Location: Easterly of De Portola Road, southerly of East Benton Road, and westerly of Chatham Lane. - 379.40 Gross Acres - Zoning: Residential Agricultural - 5 Acre Minimum (R-A-5) - APNs: 915-730-001, 951-730-002, 915-730-003, 915-730-004, 915-730-005, 915-730-006, 915-730-007, 915-730-008, 915-730-009, 915-740-001, 915-740-002, 915-740-003, 915-740-006, 915-740-007, 915-740-008, 915-740-009, 915-740-010, 915-740-011, 915-740-013, 915-740-015, 915-740-016 and 915-740-017 - (Continued from 9/30/09 and 11/4/09).
- II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
This General Plan Amendment proposes to amend the General Plan Foundation Component of the subject site from Rural to Community Development and to amend the General Plan Land Use designation of the subject site from Rural Residential (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum) to Specific Plan (CD: SP).
- III. MEETING SUMMARY**  
The following staff presented the subject proposal:  
Project Planner, Tamara Harrison, at (951) 955-9721 or e-mail [tharriso@rctlma.org](mailto:tharriso@rctlma.org).
- No one spoke in favor, neutral, or in opposition of the subject proposal.
- IV. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**  
NONE
- V. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION**  
The Planning Commission, continued the subject proposal to January 13, 2010.
- VI. CD**  
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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTE ORDER NOVEMBER 4, 2009  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**

- I. AGENDA ITEM 5.2: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1000** - Foundation / Regular - Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhiri, MD. - Engineer/Representative: GMA - Third Supervisorial District - Rancho California Zoning Area - Southwest Area Plan: Rural: Rural Residential (RUR-RR) (5 Acre Minimum) - Location: Easterly of De Portola Road, southerly of East Benton Road, and westerly of Chatham Lane. - 379.40 Gross Acres - Zoning: Residential Agricultural - 5 Acre Minimum (R-A-5) – APN(s): 915-730-001, 951-730-002, 915-730-003, 915-730-004, 915-730-005, 915-730-006, 915-730-007, 915-730-008, 915-730-009, 915-740-001, 915-740-002, 915-740-003, 915-740-006, 915-740-007, 915-740-008, 915-740-009, 915-740-010, 915-740-011, 915-740-013, 915-740-015, 915-740-016 and 915-740-017 - (Continued from 9/30/09).
- II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
This General Plan Amendment proposes to amend the General Plan Foundation Component of the subject site from Rural to Community Development and to amend the General Plan Land Use designation of the subject site from Rural Residential (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum) to Specific Plan (CD: SP).
- III. MEETING SUMMARY**  
The following staff presented the subject proposal:  
Project Planner, Tamara Harrison at 951-955-9721 or e-mail [tharriso@rctlma.org](mailto:tharriso@rctlma.org).
- No one spoke in favor, neutral or in opposition of the subject proposal.
- IV. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**  
NONE
- V. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION**  
The Planning Commission, continued the subject proposal to December 2, 2009.
- VI. CD**  
The entire discussion of this agenda item can be found on CD. For a copy of the CD, please contact Chantell Griffin, Planning Commission Secretary, at (951) 955-3251 or E-mail at [cgriffin@rctlma.org](mailto:cgriffin@rctlma.org).

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTE ORDER SEPTEMBER 30, 2009  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**

- I. **AGENDA ITEM 9.3: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1000** - Foundation / Regular - Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhuri, MD. - Engineer/Representative: GMA - Third Supervisorial District - Rancho California Zoning Area - Southwest Area Plan: Rural: Rural Residential (RUR-RR) (5 Acre Minimum) - Location: Easterly of De Portola Road, southerly of East Benton Road, and westerly of Chatham Lane. - 379.40 Gross Acres - Zoning: Residential Agricultural - 5 Acre Minimum (R-A-5) - APNs: 915-730-001, 951-730-002, 915-730-003, 915-730-004, 915-730-005, 915-730-006, 915-730-007, 915-730-008, 915-730-009, 915-740-001, 915-740-002, 915-740-003, 915-740-006, 915-740-007, 915-740-008, 915-740-009, 915-740-010, 915-740-011, 915-740-013, 915-740-015, 915-740-016, 915-740-017
  
- II. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
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- III. **MEETING SUMMARY**  
The following staff presented the subject proposal:  
Project Planner, Tamara Harrison at 951-955-9721 or e-mail [tharriso@rctlma.org](mailto:tharriso@rctlma.org).  
  
No one spoke in favor, neutral or in opposition of the subject proposal.
  
- IV. **CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**  
NONE
  
- V. **PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION**  
The Planning Commission, continued the subject proposal to November 4, 2009.
  
- VI. **CD**  
The entire discussion of this agenda item can be found on CD. For a copy of the CD, please contact Chantell Griffin, Planning Commission Secretary, at (951) 955-3251 or E-mail at [cgriffin@rctlma.org](mailto:cgriffin@rctlma.org).

**Agenda Item No.: 7.1**  
**Area Plan: Southwest**  
**Zoning District: Rancho California**  
**Supervisory District: Third**  
**Project Planner: Tamara Harrison**  
**Planning Commission: January 13, 2010**  
**Continued from: November 4, 2009 and**  
**December 2, 2009**

**General Plan Amendment No. 1000**  
**Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhuri**  
**Engineer/Representative: GMA**

## **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Planning Director recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt an order initiating proceedings for General Plan Amendment No. 1000 from Rural: Rural Residential to Agriculture and the Planning Commission made the comments below. The Planning Director continues to recommend that the Board adopt an order initiating proceedings for the general plan amendment. For additional information regarding this case, see the attached Planning Department Staff Report(s).

### **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING DIRECTOR:**

The following comment(s) were provided by the Planning Commission to the Planning Director:

**Commissioner John Roth:** Commissioner Roth inquired as to where the current boundaries of the "Citrus Vineyard Policy Area" lie and where the proposed expanded boundary of the policy area will lie. Staff clarified that the current boundary of the policy area lies to the southwest of the subject site south of Glen Oaks Road. The Planning Director noted that the subject site would be the northeastern most boundary of the proposed expansion, if the expansion is approved. The Planning Director also noted that there is a significant area that is being proposed as part of the policy area expansion. Commissioner Roth also questioned whether or not there are any existing wineries or groves in the vicinity. The Planning Director noted that there are small boutique wineries that exist in the area as well as groves.

**Commissioner John Snell:** No Comments

**Commissioner John Petty:** No Comments

**Commissioner Jim Porras:** Commissioner Porras asked for clarification as to why the original staff recommendation was "tentatively decline to adopt an order initiating proceedings" and the current recommendation is to "adopt an order initiating proceedings?" The Planning Director explained that the surrounding area including the subject site was recently added to the wine country update; therefore, staff's recommendation changed.

**Commissioner Jan Zuppardo:** No Comments

**Agenda Item No.: 7.1**  
**Area Plan: Southwest**  
**Zoning District: Rancho California Area**  
**Supervisory District: Third**  
**Project Planner: Tamara Harrison**  
**Planning Commission: January 13, 2010**  
**Continued from: November 4, 2009 and**  
**December 2, 2009**

**General Plan Amendment No. 1000**  
**Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhuri**  
**Engineer/Representative: GMA**

## **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:**

The applicant proposes to amend the General Plan Foundation Component and land use designation of the subject site from "Rural: Rural Residential" (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum Lot Size), to "Agriculture" (AG) (10 Acre Minimum Lot Size) for an approximately 379.40-acre property. The project is located easterly of De Portola Road, southerly of East Benton Road, and westerly of Chatham Lane.

### **POTENTIAL ISSUES OF CONCERN:**

The subject site is located in the "Sage" community within the Southwest Area Plan. The site is surrounded by designations found in the Rural Foundation Component in all directions. Much of the area surrounding the subject site including much of the site itself is vacant with the exception of some scattered single-family residences on larger lots to the north, east and west of the site. The area is predominantly characterized by rugged terrain and a rural atmosphere. The current zoning on the subject site is Residential Agricultural- 5 Acre Minimum Lot Size) (R-A-5) and the Heavy Agriculture-10 Acre Minimum Lot Size (A-2-10) zone can be found directly to the north of the site across East Benton Road. The proposal to Agriculture would maintain the rural vision and the rural land use pattern that currently exists in the area.

A County initiated proposal to extend the Citrus Vineyard Policy Area to this location is currently under review and if approved, the proposed amendment to Agriculture would be consistent with the extension of the policy area.

County mapping has identified the subject site as being located within Subunit 4, Cactus Valley Southwest Riverside County Multi-Species Preserve/Johnson Ranch under the County's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. According to the plan no new conservation is anticipated within Cell Group A at this time. Habitat Acquisition and Negotiation Strategy No. 1534 (HANS01534), located on the subject site, is currently being processed by the County's Environmental Programs Department and has determined that no conservation is necessary for the site; however, the site will be required to conform to those items set forth in a letter dated July 7, 2006 (see attached) from the Environmental Programs Department relating to Riparian/Riverine Policies (currently, a Blue Line Stream transects the southern portion of the site) and Urban/Wildlands Interface Guidelines (UWIG). The current results of HANS01534 has mapped out requirements for the subject site to comply with in order to conform the MSHCP Plan, therefore, preventing any inconsistencies amongst the Multi-Purpose Open Space Element and the Land Use Element of the General Plan.

Converting the site to an agricultural use, rather than a rural residential use, may decrease the potential for some hazards associated with the area, including exposing additional structures to potentially hazardous fire conditions. The proposed change may therefore limit potential inconsistencies between



the Safety Element and the Land Use Element of the General Plan. However, the potential extension of the Citrus Vineyard Policy Area may introduce more intensive uses associated with the establishment of wineries and other wine country uses. The impacts associated with extending the Citrus Vineyard Policy Area will be fully evaluated at the time that proposal is brought forward for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Director's recommendation is to adopt an order initiating proceedings for General Plan Amendment No. 1000 from Rural: Rural Residential to Agriculture. The initiation of proceedings by the Board of Supervisors for the amendment of the General Plan, or any element thereof, shall not imply any such amendment will be approved.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

1. This project was filed with the Planning Department on February 14, 2008.
2. Deposit Based Fees charged for this project as of the time of staff report preparation, total \$6838.52.
3. The project site is currently designated as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 915-730-001, 915-730-003, 915-730-005, 915-730-006, 915-730-007, 915-730-008, 915-730-009, 915-740-001, 915-740-002, 915-740-003, 915-740-006, 915-740-007, 915-740-008, 915-740-009, 915-740-010, 915-740-011, 915-740-013, 915-740-015, 915-740-016 and 915-740-017.

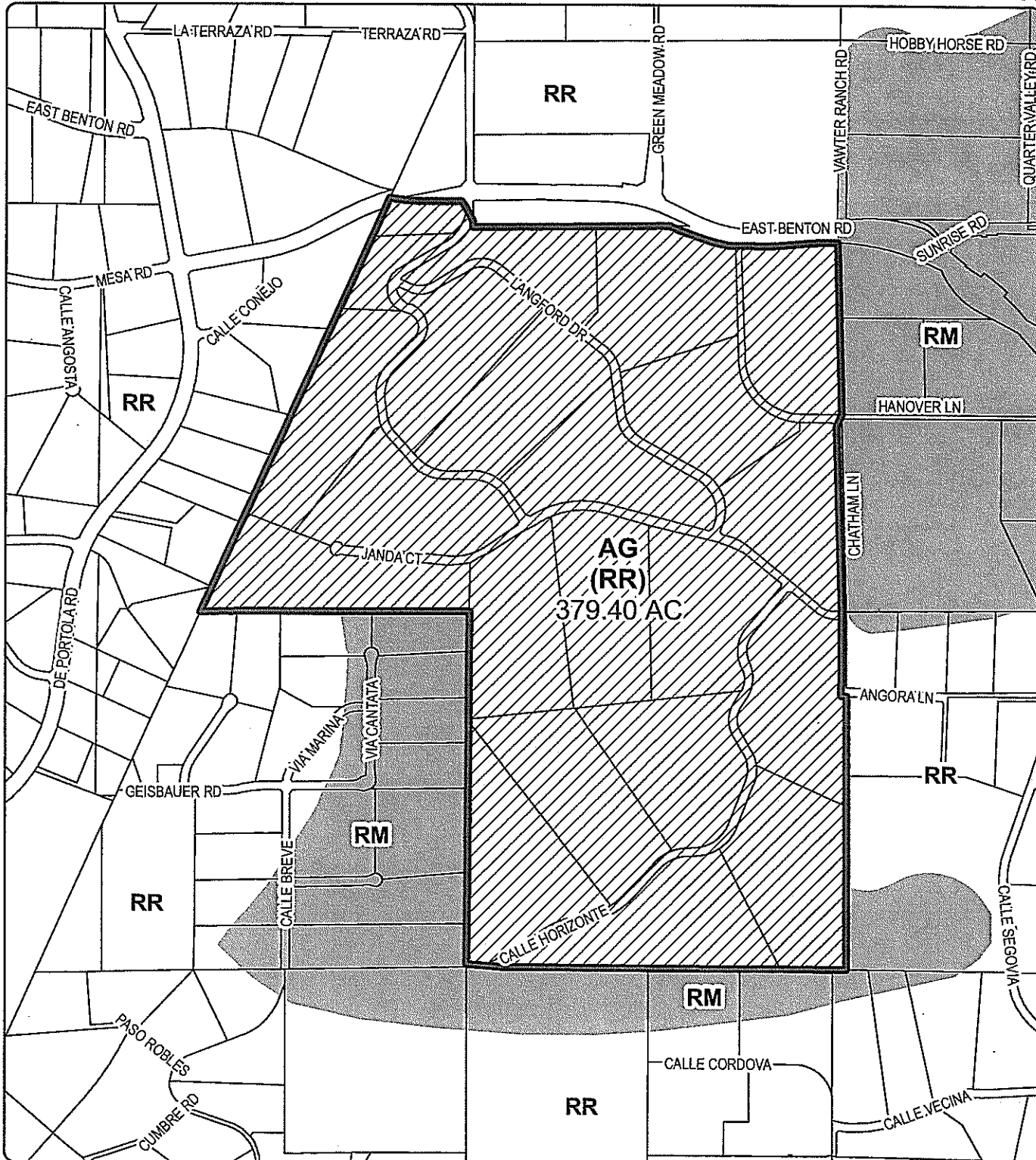
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PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN

Supervisor Stone  
District: 3

Date Drawn: 10/05/09  
Exhibit 6



Zoning Area: Rancho California  
Township/Range: T7SR1W  
Section: 15

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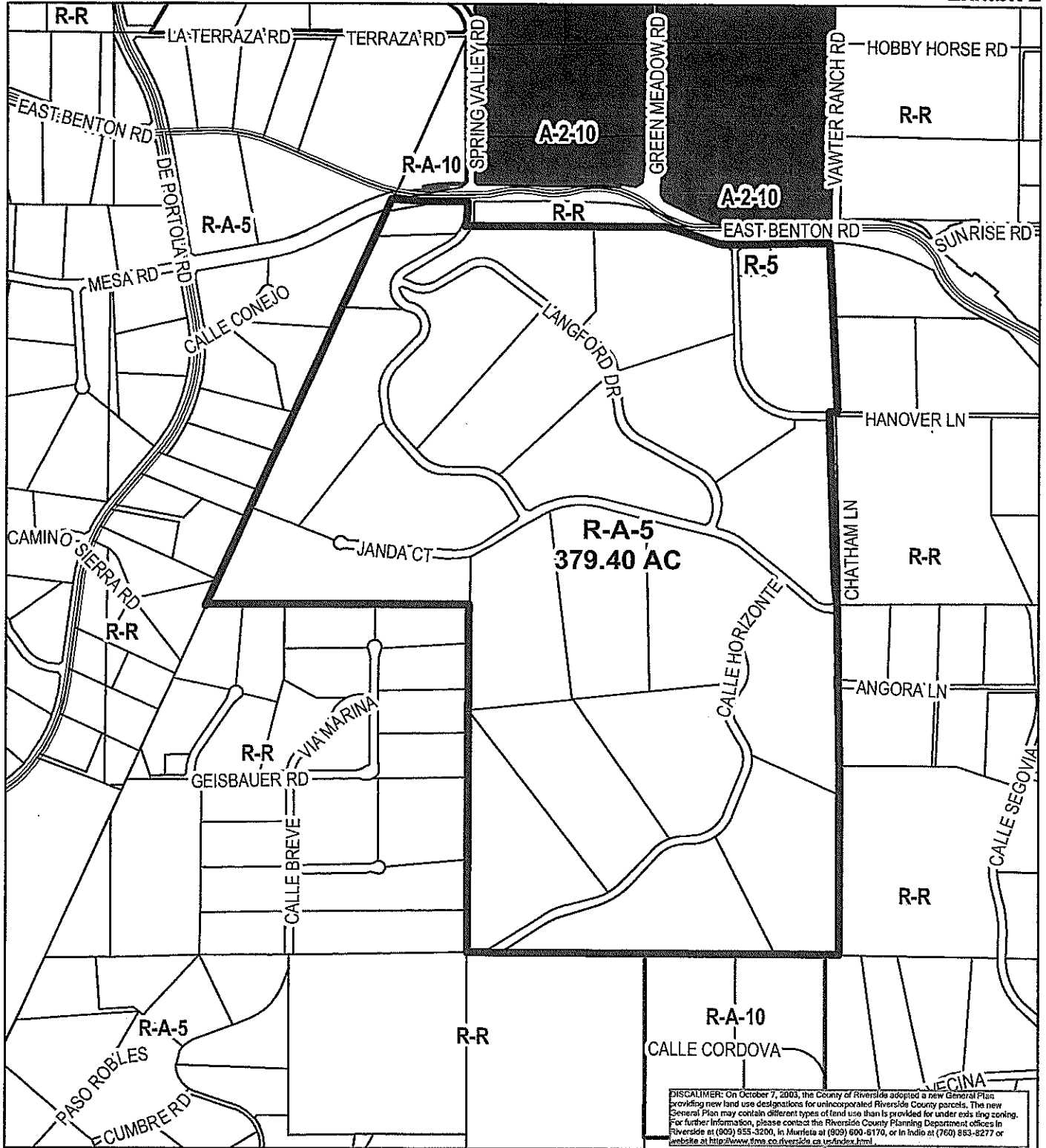
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Supervisor Stone  
District 3  
Date Drawn: 3/10/08

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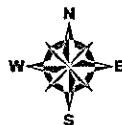
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Planner: Amy Aldana  
Date: 3/11/08  
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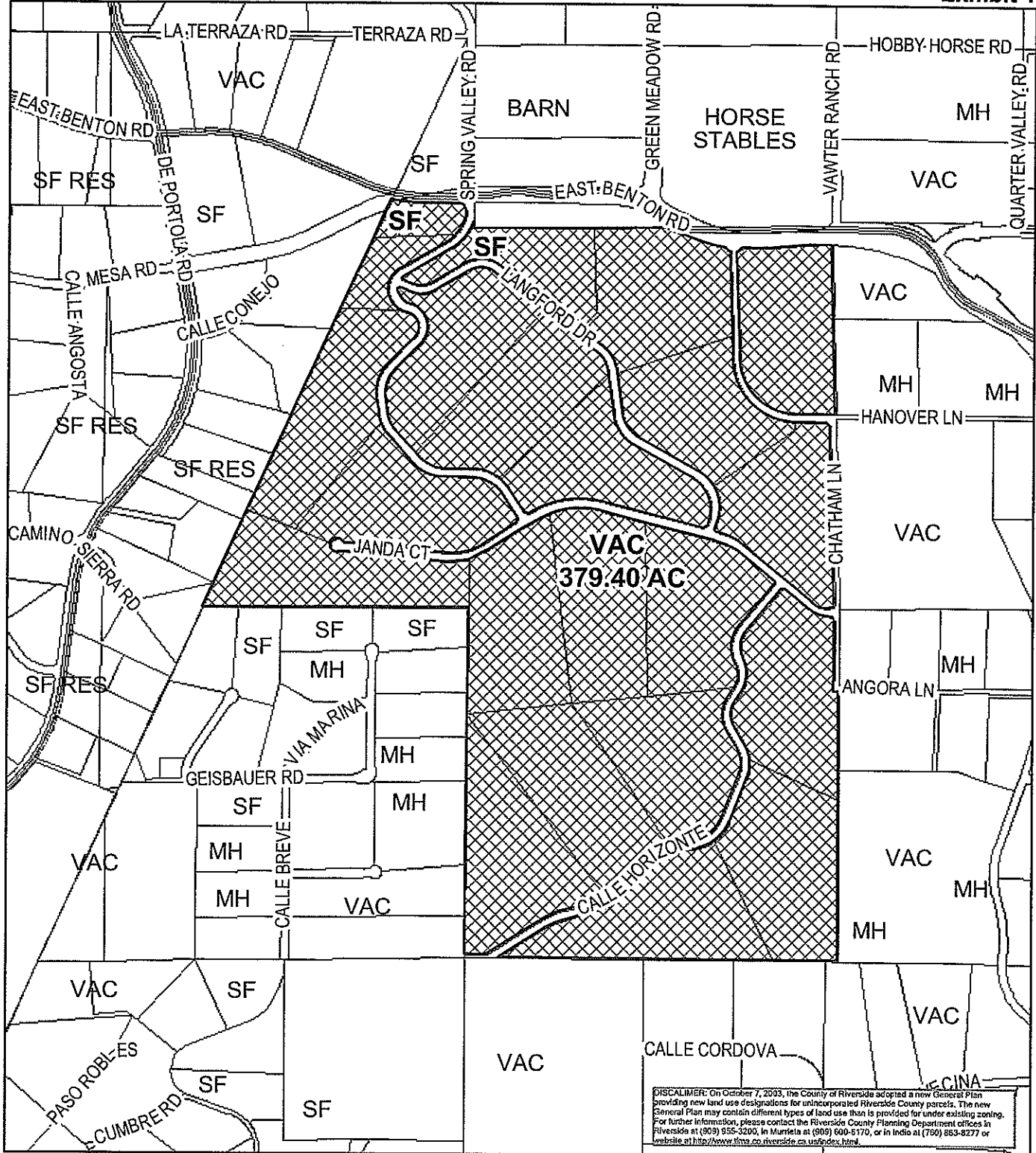


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Area: Rancho California  
Township/Range: T7SR1W  
Section : 15

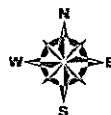


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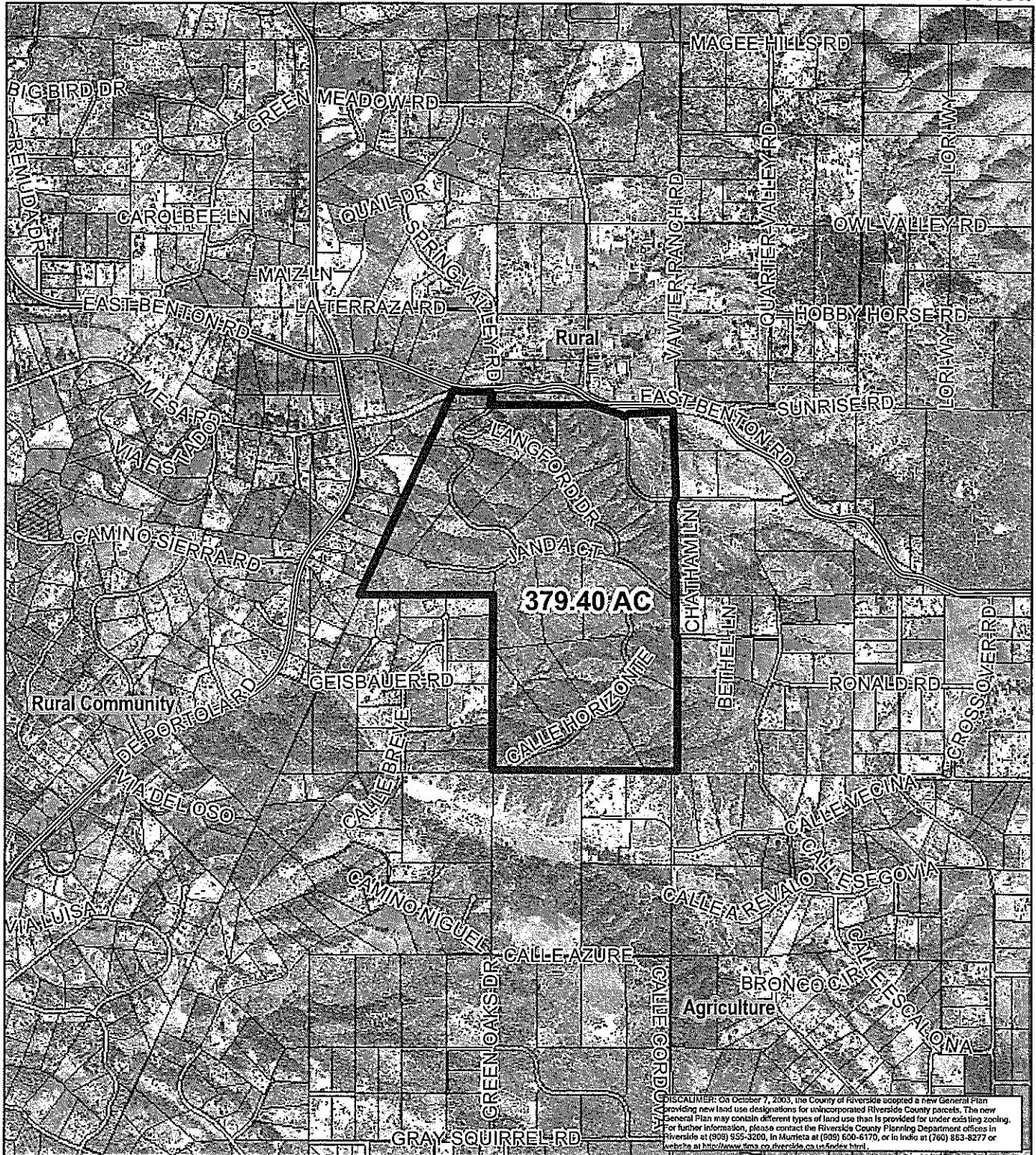


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 Township/Range: T7SR1W  
 Section : 15

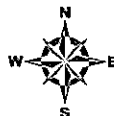


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Area  
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Township/Range: T7SR1W  
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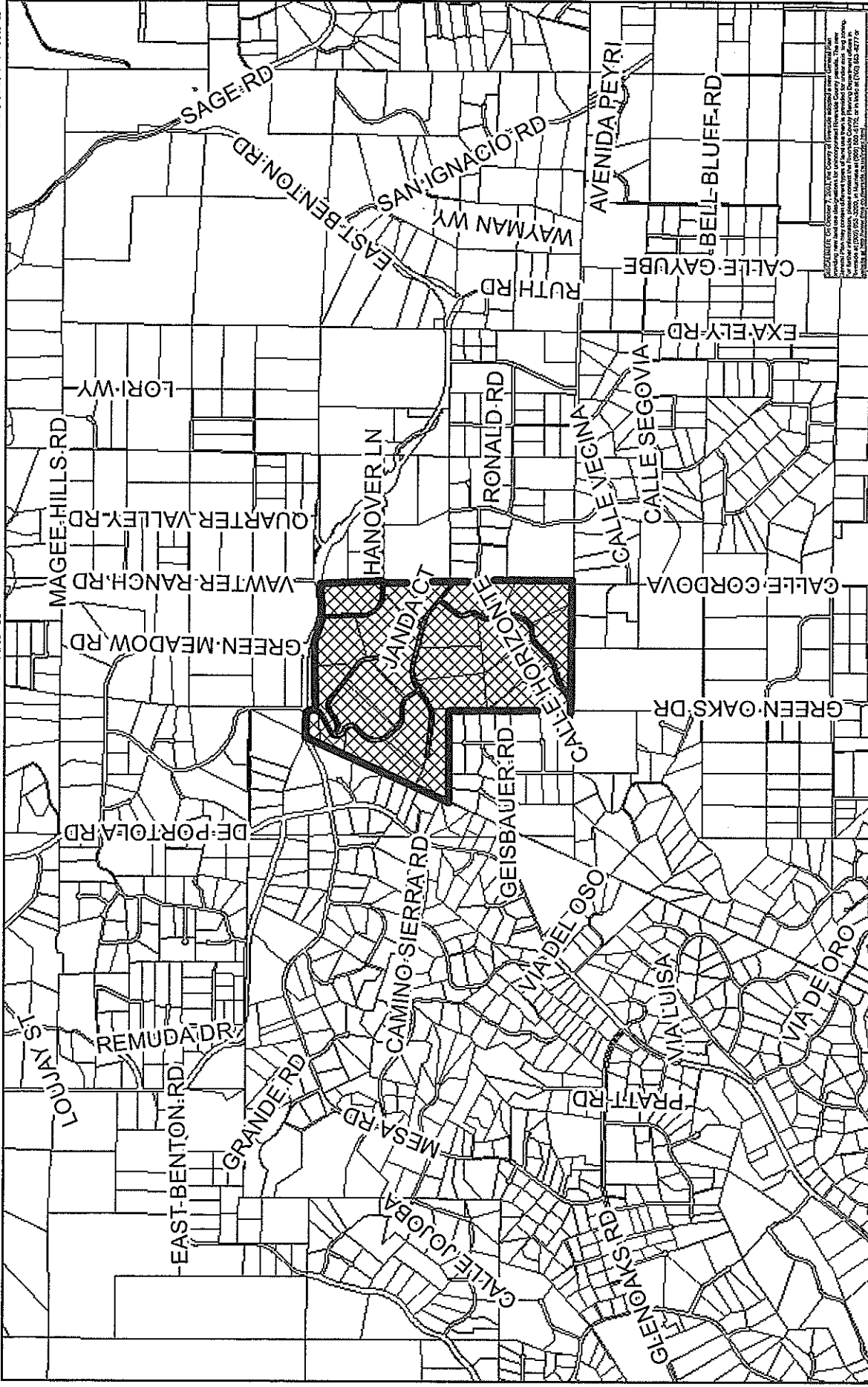
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VICINITY MAP

Planner: Amy Aldana  
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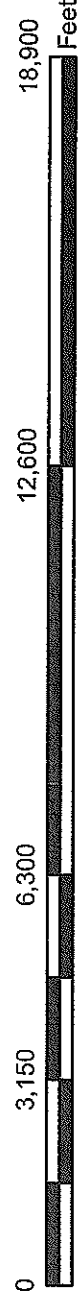


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Zone  
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Township/Range: T5SR2W  
Section : 23

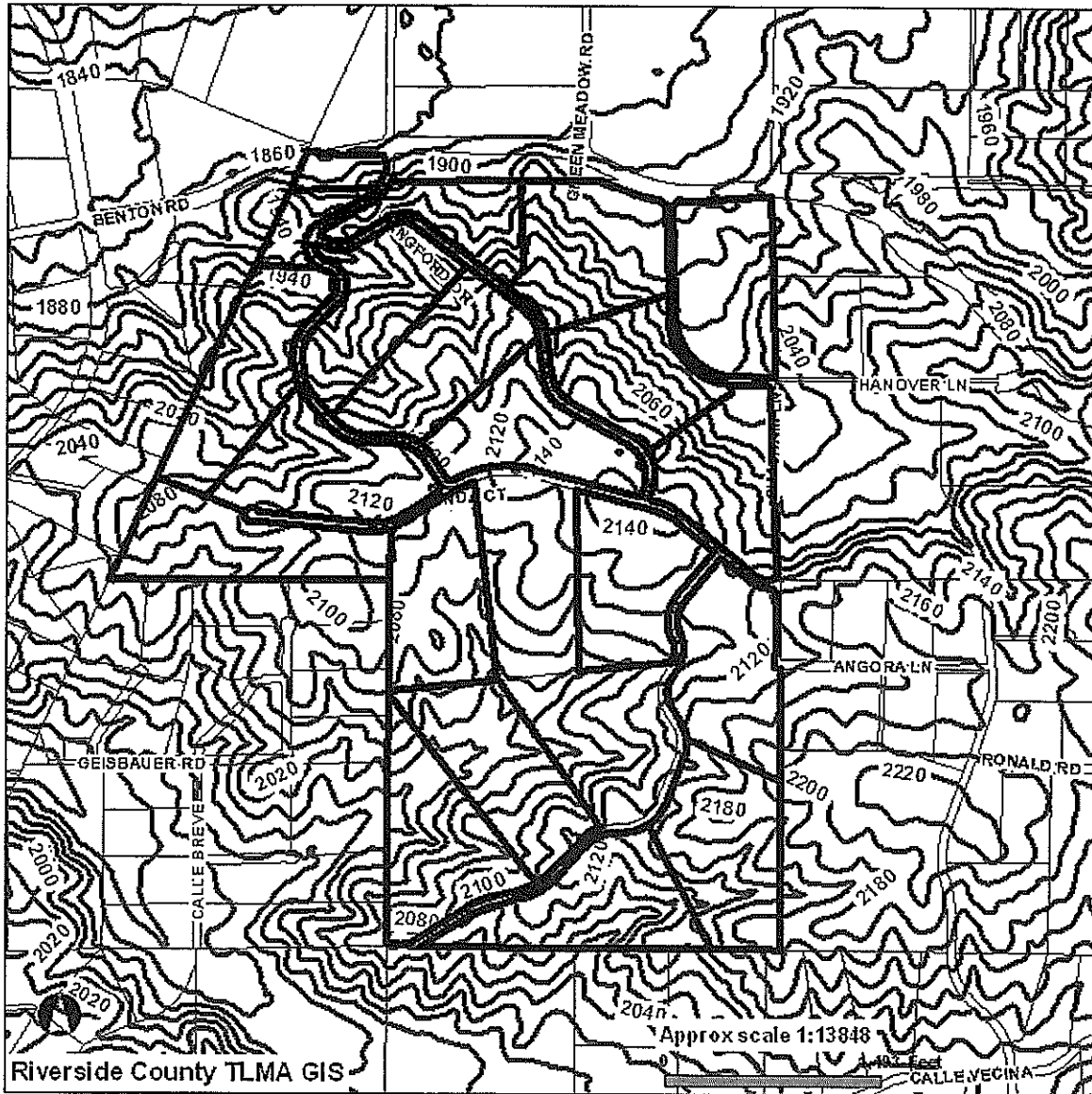
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Selected parcel(s):

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ELEVATION-CONTOUR

- SELECTED PARCEL
-  CONTOUR LINES
- PARCELS

\*IMPORTANT\*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Tamara Harrison

Copies To: Ron Goldman  
Mike Harrod

From: Doug Kerner

Date: October 20, 2009

Re: Amendment to Application for Amendment to the Riverside County General Plan (GPA 1000)

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Applicant Kali P. Chaudhuri respectfully amends his Application for Amendment to the Riverside County General Plan, submitted 2/14/2008 (GPA 1000), as follows:

### PROPOSAL:

To change the General Plan Foundation Component and Area Plan Land Use Designation from "Rural: Rural Residential" (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum) to "Agriculture: Agriculture" (AG: AG) (10 Acre Minimum). (*The application previously sought to change the General Plan Foundation Component from "Rural: Rural Residential" (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum) to "Community Development: Specific Plan" (CD: SP).*)

### JUSTIFICATION FOR AMENDMENT:

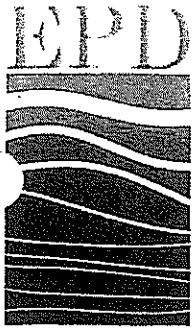
An Agriculture Foundation Component and Area Plan Land Use Designation is highly compatible with the surrounding land uses and is in keeping with the General Plan's vision for the area to maintain a rural character. The surrounding Foundation Component and Land Use Designations are Rural: Rural Residential (RUR: RR) (5 Acre Minimum) and Rural: Rural Mountainous (RUR: RM). Current land uses include single-family residential, barn, and horse stables to the north, and scattered single-family residential, vacant land, and mobile homes to the south, east, and west. The current zoning on the subject property is Residential Agriculture (R-A-5) (5 Acre Minimum). The surrounding zoning includes Heavy Agriculture, Rural Residential, and Residential Agriculture.

An Agriculture Foundation Component and Land Use Designation also would decrease the intensity of the subject site. Under the current zoning—R-A-5—one dwelling unit per five acres could be developed on the subject site. This could result in up to 75 dwelling units on the subject site (379.4 acres/5 ac per dwelling unit = 75.88 dwelling units). However, under an Agriculture designation, uses would be limited to agriculture, which would be less intense than the current allowed uses.

In addition, an Agriculture Foundation Component and Land Use Designation is more consistent with the goals and policies of the MSHCP than the current designation. The Riverside County Environmental Programs Department has determined under HANS 001534 that no conservation is required on the subject site, but the protection of species associated with Riparian/Riverine areas and vernal pools will be required. Uses consistent with an Agriculture designation would allow better protection for these species because land planning would occur over the entire site, rather than over the individual parcels that currently comprise the site, affording better opportunities and coordination for species protection. In addition, agricultural uses would ensure that a substantial portion of the site would remain free of development structures.

Finally, because the intensity of uses would be decreased and the site would be used for agricultural purposes, there is substantially less risk of hazards, such as fire, landslides, or slope failures than there is under the current Rural Residential designation.

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Environmental Programs Department

Carolyn Syms Luna  
Director

July 7, 2006

Mr. Michael Richter  
MDMG, Inc.  
41635 Enterprise Circle North, Suite B  
Temecula, CA 92590

Dear Mr. Richter:

**RE: HANS No. 1534**  
**Case No. PAR00924**  
**Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 915-470-001 through 013**

Pursuant to the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and the County's General Plan, we have reviewed your Habitat Acquisition and Negotiation Strategy (HANS) application for the subject property. The MSHCP Criteria does not describe conservation for this property.

We will proceed with preparing a file for Joint Project Review (JPR) by the Regional Conservation Authority (RCA). Please see the attached checklist for other MSHCP requirements that must be met prior to transmittal to RCA. All HANS cases must be processed through JPR before being scheduled for public hearing.

Please note that other State and Federal Regulations may be applicable to the development of your property. If you have any questions please contact the Environmental Programs Department at (951) 955-6892.

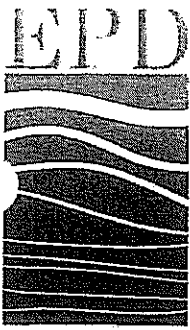
Sincerely,

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**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**  
*TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

**Environmental Programs Department**

**Checklist of Actions Necessary to Implement the  
Terms and Conditions of the MSHCP**

**HANS Case#: 1534**

**Date: July 7, 2006**

**Permit or Development Application Case Number(s): PAR00924**

Requires Lands within Project Boundaries to be Included in the MSHCP Conservation Area (See Attached Exhibit)

**Requires Compliance with MSHCP Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pool Requirements (MSHCP, Section 6.1.2)**

Requires Compliance with MSHCP Narrow Endemic Plants Policies (MSHCP, Section 6.1.3 and Errata to MSHCP). Habitat Assessments and Potentially Focused Surveys are required for:

- Brand's phacelia
- California Orcutt grass
- Hammitt's clay-cress
- Johnston's rockcress
- Many-stemmed dudleya
- Munz's mariposa lily
- Munz's onion

- San Diego ambrosia
- San Jacinto Mountains bedstraw
- San Miguel savory
- Slender-horned spine flower
- Spreading navarretia
- Wright's trichocoronis
- Yucaipa onion

**Requires Compliance with Urban/Wildlands Interface Policies (MSHCP, Section 6.1.4)**

Requires Compliance with Database Updates/Additional Survey Requirements (MSHCP, Section 6.3.2 and Errata to MSHCP). Habitat Assessments and Potentially Focused Surveys are Required for:

<p><b>Plants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coulter's goldfields</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Davidson saltscale</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Heart-leafed pitcher sage</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Little mousetail</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mud nama</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nevin's barberry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parish's brittlescale</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prostrate navarretia</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Round-leaved filaree</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> San Jacinto Valley crownscale</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Smooth tarplant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Thread-leaved brodiaea</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vail Lake ceanothus</li> </ul>	<p><b>Amphibian</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Arroyo toad</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> California red-legged frog</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mountain yellow-legged frog</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Bird</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing owl</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Mammal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aguanga kangaroo rat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino kangaroo rat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles pocket mouse</li> </ul>
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November 1, 2009

*VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FACSIMILE*

Riverside County Planning Commission  
ATTN: Mike Harrod  
County of Riverside  
4080 Lemon St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 92501

**RE: Item 5.0, General Plan Amendment Initiation Proceedings  
(November 4, 2009)**

Dear Chair and Commission Members:

The Endangered Habitats League (EHL) appreciates the opportunity to comment on these landowner-initiated GPA proposals.

Item 5.1, GPA 1033 (SWAP)

*Concur with staff recommendation to decline to initiate.* Important new information is contained in the staff report that adds to the many compelling reasons to deny initiation. Specifically, according to the Rancho California Water District, the new agricultural uses would face a water shortage (and presumably further stress existing farms and vineyards), polluted runoff would pose a threat to drinking water quality in the Vail Lake reservoir, and there is a shortage of sewer treatment capacity.

As noted previously, this proposal to extend the Citrus Vineyard Policy Area to Vail Lake is wholly unsuited for this locale. As shown in the thorough staff report, it would introduce a type and intensity of development far in excess of that anticipated by the General Plan's Vail Lake Policy Area and the policies of SWAP. The small farm and commercial development model of Citrus Vineyard has no relevance to the biological, watershed, and recreational imperatives of Vail Lake. No changed circumstances justify this wholesale change. A massive upzoning to 2-acre lots would introduce large scale residential uses into a high fire hazard area, decimate the biological resources needed for MSCHP assembly, and constitute a leapfrog pattern of development apart from services and infrastructure. Finally, according to the Planning Department, "The proposed amendment also creates an internal inconsistency among the Elements of the General Plan, particularly the Multipurpose Open Space Element and the Safety Element."

Item 5.2, GPA 1000 (SWAP)

*Concur with previous staff recommendation to decline to initiate.* Conversion of this 379-acre rural location to Community Development/Specific Plan would defy all relevant planning principles. It would urbanize an intact rural area discontiguous from urban infrastructure and services, maximize greenhouse gas emissions, and, contrary to

the recommendation of the Fire Hazard Reduction Task Force, place development in a rugged, high fire hazard location. No new circumstance justifies this Foundation change, which would thus conflict with the Administrative Element of the General Plan. According to the staff report, this increase in intensity “would be contrary to the existing character and land use pattern in the area.”

Item 5.3, GPA 998 (French Valley)

***Concur with staff recommendation to decline to initiate.*** The French Valley presents difficult challenges for MSHCP assembly, and this proposal to convert Rural land to Community Development within a Criteria Cell would prejudice preserve assembly. The steep slopes also present landslide hazards. For these reasons, the project could, according to staff, create General Plan inconsistencies involving the Land Use Multi-Purpose Open Space, and Safety Elements. Surrounding parcels are intact Rural, and no changed circumstances justify piecemeal urbanization of an area generally recognized as an important community separator.

Item 5.4, GPA 977 (Mead Valley/Elsinore)

***Concur with staff recommendation to decline to initiate.*** This is a massive proposal to redesignate 405 acres of Rural Mountainous and Rural Residential to Rural Community 1-acre lots. Discontiguous from infrastructure and services, and not responding to changed circumstances, the proposal utterly lacks planning merit. Indeed, due to public safety and MSHCP conflicts, staff concluded that:

This amendment would potentially create inconsistency between the Land Use Element and the Safety Element by increasing density in an area with steep slopes, high fire hazard and no nearby fire stations, limited access, and subject to flooding. Increasing the density/intensity of allowable land use on the site, as proposed by this amendment, would also exacerbate potential conflicts between such uses and the conservation requirements as set forth in the MSHCP, causing inconsistencies between the Land Use Element and the Multi-Purpose Open Space Element of the General Plan.

Item 5.5, GPA 954 (French Valley)

***Pending additional analysis, disagree with both applicant’s proposal and with staff’s modified recommendation for initiation.*** Adjacent to the property is a large block of conserved habitat (OS-CH). However, information on the relationship of the property to the MSHCP is not provided. No decision should be made until this information is available.

Item 5.6, GPA 946 (Winchester)

***Disagree with applicant’s proposal and with staff’s modified recommendation for initiation.*** To change the designation of this large, 176-acre property from Rural Community to Community Development – or to facilitate such future conversion via staff’s modified recommendation – are *both* inconsistent with maintaining the current

rural policy area. There is also no MSHCP analysis. The larger question is that no absorption study has demonstrated the need for additional Community Development or, even if so, whether this is an optimal location. Indeed, the location appears discontinuous from other development and would represent a piecemeal and disorderly pattern of urbanization that maximizes greenhouse gas emissions.

Item 5.7, GPA 1089 (Jurupa)

*Concur with staff recommendation to initiate.* This is an appropriate intensification of existing Community Development to accommodate growth by providing a range of housing choices in a location near infrastructure and services.

In conclusion, we ask that you uphold the integrity of the Foundation System, the General Plan, and the MSHCP.

Sincerely,

Dan Silver, MD  
Executive Director

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## Harrison, Tamara

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**From:** Adrian McGregor [macsgarden2004@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2009 1:21 AM  
**To:** Harrison, Tamara  
**Cc:** Wine Country Adrian McGregor  
**Subject:** RE: Sept. 30th, 2009 Agenda Item #9.3

Please place the following statements/testimony into public record regarding September 30th, 2009, Agenda Item #9.3

I would ask you to VOTE NO regarding amending the rural zoning to rural community/estates and/or commercial. A commercial development of this type would blight the atmosphere of the well established rural horse farms and residencies.

For over ten years the fire department has stated that the area is more THAN in a high fire risk area. There is NO dependable PUMPING PRESSURE to bring water to the area for fighting fires. Nor is there a close by in 15 minutes fire station. And, this is well known to the County of Riverside. NO litigation can remove this 24 hour endangerment condition.

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Dr. Kali Chaurdhuri's Agenda Item #9.3 Sept. 30th

**GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1000 - Foundation / Regular - Applicant: Kali P. Chaudhuri, MD. - Engineer/Representative: GMA - Third Supervisorial District - Rancho California Zoning Area - Southwest**

Area Plan: Rural: Rural Residential (RUR-RR) (5 Acre Minimum) - Location: Easterly of De Portola Road, southerly of East Benton Road, and westerly of Chatham Lane. - 379.40 Gross Acres - Zoning: Residential Agricultural - 5 Acre Minimum (R-A-5)

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Staff Recommendation: DECLINE TO INITIATE THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

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Dated: Sept. 28, 2009

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