FROM: TLMA - Planning Department
SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 925 and RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN - Approval of Indemnification Agreement, Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration - Applicant: Lubec Properties, LLC and others - Third/Third Supervisorial District - Location: Northerly of Pat Road, southerly of Scott Road, easterly of Leon Road and westerly of Pourroy Road. REQUEST: The General Plan Amendment proposes to amend the General Plan Foundation Component of the subject site from Rural to Community Development and the Land Use Designation for the subject properties within the application from Rural: Rural Residential (R:RR) (5 Acre Minimum Lot Size) to Community Development: Estate Density Residential (CD:EDR)(2 Acre Minimum) and Low Density Residential (CD:LDR) (1/2 Acre Minimum Lot Size), and a requirement that all lots south of Keller Road include an additional buffer that shall feature reverse frontage lots onto Keller Road and an enhanced setback of 30 feet with enhanced landscaping.

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

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1. $\operatorname{APPROVE}$ and authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Indemnification Agreement between the County of Riverside and the participating property owners; and,

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| COST | \$ | N/A | \$ | N/A | \$ | N/A | \$ N.A |  | Consent $\square$ Policy $\square$ |  |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ | N/A | \$ | N/A | \$ | N/A | \$ | N/A |  |  |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: Deposit based funds |  |  |  |  |  |  | Budget Adjustment: N/A |  |  |  |
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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTE ORDER
AUGUST 20, 2014

## I. AGENDA ITEM 2.1

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## III. MEETING SUMMARY:

The following staff presented the subject proposal:
Project Planner: Matt Straite at (951) 955-8631 or email mstraite@rctlma.org.
Spoke in favor of the proposed project:

- Dave Jeffers, Representative
- Andy Domenigoni, Neighbor

Spoke in opposition of the proposed project:

- Dennis Tuffin, Neighbor, 34155 Winchester Rd., Winchester 92596 (951) 897-5713
- Grant Becklund, Neighbor, 30911 Garbani Rd., Winchester 92596 (951) 288-0601


## IV. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES:

None

## V. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED
Motion by Commissioner Petty, $2^{\text {nd }}$ by Commissioner Sloman
A vote of 5-0
APPROVED PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03; and,

## RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- APOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION; and,
- APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 925 as modified at hearing and subject to the adoption of the resolution.

CD The entire discussion of this agenda item can be found on $C D$. For a copy of the $C D$, please contact Mary Stark, TLMA Commission Secretary, at (951) 955-7436 or email at mcstark@rctIma.org.

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT GPA00925 

RECOMMENDED GENERAL PLAN

Date Drawn: 09/11/2014 Exhibit 7


Zoning Area: French Valley

Author: Vinnie Nguyen

2,400
3,600

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT GPA00925 

RECOMMENDED GENERAL PLAN

Date Drawn: 09/11/2014
Exhibit 8
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Author: Vinnie Nguyen

Supervisor Stone District: 3

## RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT GPA00925

RECOMMENDED GENERAL PLAN

Date Drawn: 09/11/2014 Exhibit 9


Zoning Area: French Valley



## INDEMINIFICATION AGREEMENT

This INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), made by and between the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of Califormia ("COUNTY"), and the undersigned property owners (collectively, "PROPERTY OWNER"), relating to the PROPERTY OWNER's indemnification of the COUNTY under the terms set forth herein:

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the PROPERTY OWNER has a legal interest in certain real property in the County of Riverside described as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 472 -090-007, 472-090-010, 472-090-017, 472-090-018, 472-090-019, 472-090-020, 472-090-021, 472-090-022, 472-090-023, 472-090-024, 472-090-026, 480-030-001, 480-030-002, 480-030-003, 480-030-004, 480-030-005, 480-030-006, 480-030-007, 480-030-009, 480-030-010, 480-030-011, 480-030-012, 480-030-014, 480-030-015, 480-030-019, 480-030-021 ("PROPERTY"); and,

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2008, Lubec Properties, LLC, a Califomia limited liability company ("APPLICANT") filed an application for General Plan Amendment No. 925 ("PROJECT") on behalf of PROPERTY OWNER; and,

WHEREAS, judicial challenges of projects requiring discretionary approvals, including, but not limited to, California Environmental Quality Act determinations, are costly and time consuming. Additionally, project opponents often seek an award of altorneys' fees in such challenges; and,

WHEREAS, since property owners are the primary beneficiaries of such approvals, it is appropriate that such owners bear the expense of defending against any such judicial challenge, and bcar the responsibility of any costs, attorneys' fees and damages which may be awarded to a successful challenger; and,

WHEREAS, in the event a judicial challenge is commenced against the PROJECT, the COUNTY has requested and the PROPERTY OWNER has agreed to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, its agents, officers, or employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the COUNTY, its agents, officers, or employees to atlack, set aside, void or annul any approval of the COUNTY, its advisory agencies, appeal boards, or legislative body concerning the PROJECT or its associated environmental documentation ("LITIGATION"); and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement is entered into by the COUNTY and PROPERTY OWNER to establish specific terms concerning PROPERTY OWNER'S indemnification obligation for the PROJECT.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed between COUNTY and PROPERTY OWNER as follows:

1. Indemnification. PROPERTY OWNER, at its own expense, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, its agents, officers, and employees from and against any claim, action or proceeding brought against the COUNTY, its agents, officers, and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul any approval of the PROJECT including any associated costs, damages, and expenses including, but not limited to, costs associated with Public Records Act requests submitted to the COUNTY related to the PROJECT and an award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred or arising out of the above-referenced claim, action or proceeding brought against the COUNTY ("Indemnification Obligation.")
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4. Payment for COUNTY's LITIGATION Costs. Payment for COUNTY's costs related to the LITIGATION shall be made on a deposit basis. LITIGATION costs include any associated costs, fees, damages, and expenses as further described in Section 1 herein as Indemnification Obligation. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from COUNTY that LITIGATION has been initiated against the PROJECT, PROPERTY OWNER shall initially deposit with the COUNTY's Planning Department the total amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars $(\$ 20,000)$. PROPERTY OWNER shall deposit with COUNTY such additionai amounts as COUNTY reasonably and in good faith determines, from time to time, are necessary to cover costs and expenses incurred by the COUNTY, including but not limited to, the Office of County Counsel, Riverside County Planning Department and the Riverside County Clerk of the Board associated with the LITIGATION. Within ten (10) days of written notice from COUNTY, PROPERTY

Juan C. Perez<br>Interim Planning Director

DATE: October 20, 2014
TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Planning Department - Riverside Office
SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment No. 925
(Charge your time to these case numbers)

The attached item(s) require the following action(s) by the Board of Supervisors:
$\square$ Place on Administrative Action (Recoive \& fie; Еот)
$\square$ Labels provided If Set For Hearing $\square 10$ Day $\square 20$ Day $\square 30$ day Place on Consent Calendar Place on Policy Calendar (Resolutions, Ordinances; PNc) Place on Section Initiation Proceeding (GPIP)


Set for Hearing (Legislative Action Required; cz, GPA, SP, SPA) Publish in Newspaper:
(3rd Dist) Press Enterprise and The Californian
【 Mitigated Negative Declaration
10 Day $\boxtimes 20$ Day
30 day
$\boxtimes$ Notify Property Owners (applagencies/roroperty owner labels provided) Controversial: $\boxtimes$ YES $\qquad$ NO

Designate Newspaper used by Planning Department for Notice of Hearing: (3rd Dist) Press Enterprise and The Californian

Documents to be sent to County Clerk's Office for Posting within five days:
Notice of Determination
California Department of Fish \& Wildlife Receipt (CFG05097)
Do not send these documents to the County Clerk for posting until the Board has taken final action on the subject cases.

PLEASE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 25th

Desert Office • 77-588 Duna Court, Suite H
Palm Desert, California 92211
(760) 863-8277 • Fax (760) 863-7040

OWNER shall make such additional deposits. Collectively, the initial deposit and additional deposits shall be referred to herein as the "Deposit."
5. Return of Deposit. COUNTY shall return to PROPERTY OWNER any funds remaining on deposit for COUNTY's LITIGATION costs after ninety (90) days have passed since final adjudication of the LITIGATION.
6. Notices. For all purposes herein, notices shall be effective when personally delivered, delivered by commercial overnight delivery service, or sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the appropriate address set forth below:

COUNTY:
Office of County Counsel
Attn: Shellie Clack
3960 Orange Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

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At the addresses set forth on the signature pages hereof
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b. Rescind any PROJECT approvals previously granted;
c. Settle the LITIGATION.

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Juan C. Perez Interim Planning Director

## Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
From: Matt Straite, project planner
RE: Additional Information for Agenda Item No. 2.1- GPA925

## Additional Information

The following additional letters (attached) were received since the staff report was published-

In opposition

- The Endangered Habitats League has requested that their July 10, 2014 letter be resubmitted to the Commission for consideration.
- Planning responses were previously included in the July $16^{\text {th }}$ Memo to the Planning Commission.
- City of Menifee 7-16-14
- The letter indicates that the property near the site in the City of Menifee are designated for $21 / 2$ acre lots and that the community in this area has consistently voiced their opposition to change. However, if the community is defined as the area bound by Highway 79, the hills to the north and south, and the City limits, then most of the community is a party to the application, and thus desiring the change. The letter also argues that the general Plan encourages protection of rural communities, which is true. However, this community has voiced a desire for change, and the General Plan allows for change.
- The City letter also explains that the topography is not suited in some areas to $1 / 2$ acre lots. The lot design of future subdivisions could take topography into account and create $1 / 2$ acre lots in these areas even with the current topography.
- The City letter explains that the MSHCVP speaks to the conservation of rural areas. The project went through the HANS process and was determined to be consistent with the MSHCP by the Environmental Programs Division of Planning.
- The City letter inquired about the projects consistency with General Plan Policy SWAP 23.5 , requiring conservation of certain species. Implementation of this policy will be administered at the project level, with an implementing use or subdivision case when details such as areas of disturbance are more clear. At this stage it is too speculative to determine specific locations that should or should not be a specific Land Use. Conservation can be achieved in any land use designation.
- Mr. Victor Cantu email dated 7-27-14
- Mr Cantu is the owner of 472-090-008 or 31650 Scenic Hill Drive. His email indicates that he no longer wishes to be a party to the application.

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July 10, 2014

## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Riverside County Planning Commission
County of Riverside
4080 Lemon St., $9^{\text {th }}$ Floor
Riverside, CA 92501
RE: Item 3.1, GPA 903; Item 3.4, GPA 945D; Item 3.5, GPA 925 (July 16, 2014)
Dear Chair and Commission Members:
The Endangered Habitats League (EHL) appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony.

## Item 3.1, GPA 903

With the furnishing of information on MSHCP consistency, EHL now has no position on this proposal for commercial development but notes that development within municipal spheres of influence should generally be deferred to an orderly annexation process.

## Item 3.4, GPA 945D

With the modification of this proposal and the apparent addressing of staff's initial concerns, EHL now has no position.

## Item 3.5 GPA 925-OPPOSITION

This 203-acre proposal is part of a complex of parcels that now form a Rural Separator. Urban conversion is being recommended despite the absence of an absorption study showing that any additional urban land is actually needed. At its heart, this proposal is piecemeal parcel-by-parcel sprawl, without even the veneer of a communityfocused specific plan. It is wholly automobile dependent and bereft of merit from a "smart growth" perspective. Because the property is within the sphere of influence of the City of Murrieta, any urbanization should occur via orderly annexation.

The proposed General Plan findings for the project are either bogus or simply disheartening. Regarding consistency with the Riverside County Vision, the staff report states, "The General Plan envisioned the area as rural." By definition then, conversion
from the Rural Foundation to the Community Foundation is inconsistent with the rural vision. One half-acre lots constitute suburban development.

The second finding regards new circumstances. How the preservation of nearby open space justifies the creation of development is unclear. And the approval of another piecemeal development project nearby (SP 380) might just as well justify the creation of a strong boundary for the remaining rural separator via denial this request. If the justification for new development is simply "sprawl begets sprawl" then Riverside County has not improved its planning at all over the past decades.

EHL appreciates the inclusion in the hearing packet of the MSHCP HANS documentation as well as the setting aside of land during project design for Criteria Cell compliance. We understand that site-specific surveys will be undertaken at later stages of project review, as allowed by County Resolution 2013-111. The applicant and any future owners or developers should understand that changes in project design may be necessary upon completion of these various surveys in order to comply with the MSHCP.

Thank you for your consideration.
Yours truly,


Dan Silver, MD
Executive Director

Scott A. Mann Mayor

Wallace W. Edgerton Deputy Mayor

John V. Denver Councilmember

Thomas Fuhrman
Councilmember
Greg August Councilmember

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July 16, 2014

Matt Straite, Project Planner<br>Riverside County TLMA<br>$12^{\text {th }}$ Floor Planning Department<br>4080 Lemon Street<br>Riverside, CA 92501

RE: General Plan Amendment No. 925

Dear Mr. Straite,
The Community Development Department has become aware of General Plan Amendment No. 925 through Planning Commission Agenda postings. The Community Development Department is concerned with the general plan amendment request due to incompatibility with existing rural residential uses located to the west of the project site in the City of Menifee. The general plan amendment would allow for the development of half-acre lots. The existing rural residential lots to the west of the project site within the City of Menifee are designated for two acre minimum lot sizes and properties surrounding the site within the County of Riverside are predominately designated for five acre minimum lot sizes. These residential uses comprise a well established rural area of our community which has consistently voiced the desire to remain rural and maintain large lot sizes. The existing land use designation of the project site, Rural: Rural Residential - 5 acre minimum is compatible and consistent with the existing properties surrounding the site and within our City. The Riverside County General Plan encourages protection of existing rural communities, such as the area encompassing the project site.

In addition, the existing general plan land use of Rural Residential seems appropriate due to the site's topography. There is steep terrain on several of the parcels included in the amendment. The Rural Residential land use designation helps to minimize development of those hillsides because only one home is allowed for every five (5) acres. The Low Density Residential land use designation would allow one dwelling unit for every $1 / 2$ acre. In addition, the County does not have an ordinance for Hillside Development Standards, so the larger lot sizes required under the current land use designation helps to reduce impacts to scenic vistas and hillsides.

The majority of the properties included in the General Plan Amendment proposal are within Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Criteria Cells and there are MSHCP conserved properties adjacent to the site. The Riverside County's General Plan states that the Rural areas are valuable in providing important wildlife habitat and habitat linkages. The general plan amendment to allow more density in this area could negatively affect the implementation of the MSHCP.

The project site is located within the Southwest Area Plan. The Southwest Area Plan, contains policy SWAP 23.5, requiring conservation of a large block of habitat containing clay soils east of Interstate 215 and south of Scott Road for the Quino checkerspot butterfly and other narrow endemic species such as Munz's onion, California Orcutt grass and spreading navarretia. How will the proposed amendment be consistent with this policy?

The City of Menifee's Community Development Department is opposed to any project that would result in the development of an incompatible land use adjacent to the existing rural residential properties. In our opinion, the approval of the proposed amendment would not be consistent with the Riverside County General Plan or the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments. We formally request to receive any hearing notice regarding this project. Notices can be sent to my attention at 29714 Haun Road, Menifee, CA 92586.

## Sincerely,



Charles LaClaire
Interim Community Development Director Community Development Department

| From: | Straite, Matt |
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| To: | Straite, Matt |
| Subject: | FW: FW: 925, Land Use Application Issue |
| Date: | Wednesday, August 06, 2014 9:04:40 PM |

Matt Straite
Riverside County Planning Department
951-955-8631

From: bpavic2006@gmail.com [bpavic2006@gmail.com] on behalf of Victor Cantu
[vcantu@nbpc1613.org]
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:44 PM
To: Straite, Matt
Subject: Fwd: FW: 925, Land Use Application Issue
Please see message below.
---------- Forwarded message
From: Randy Williams [rwilliamsonline@msn.com](mailto:rwilliamsonline@msn.com)
Date: Friday, August 1, 2014
Subject: FW: 925, Land Use Application Issue
To: Victor Cantu [bpavic2006@gmail.com](mailto:bpavic2006@gmail.com), "ycantu@nbpcl613.org"
[ycantu@nbpc1613.org](mailto:ycantu@nbpc1613.org)

Victor, can you send the email below directly to mstraite@rctlma.org, Thanks, Randy

Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2014 21:51:17-0700
Subject: Land Use Application Issue
From: ycantu@nbpcl613.org
To: rwilliamsonline@msn.com

## To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Victor Cantu and I am the owner of the property at 31650 Scenic Hills Dr, Winchester CA. I would like to make it known that I do not want to be part of the application process involving the land use of my property. If I am listed I would like my name removed.

Sincerely,
//Signed
Victor Cantu

## Victor Cantu

## Treasurer/Local 1613

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Murrieta, CA 92562
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## GPA925 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Mitigation measures were incorporated into this project to reduce environmental impacts identified in the project in Environmental Assessment No. 41748, resulting in a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Pursuant to Section 15097 (c), a written monitoring and reporting program has been compiled to verify implementation of adopted mitigation measures. "Monitoring" refers to the ongoing or periodic process of project oversight. "Reporting" refers to the written compliance review that will be presented to the responsible parties included in the table below. Any project implementing development within the limits of GPA925 (or any area with General Plan classifications changed in conjunction with GPA925 hearings) will be required to report to the County that these have been satisfied. The following table provides the required information which includes identification of the potential impact, the various mitigation measures, applicable implementation timing, identification of the agencies responsible in implementation, and the monitoring/reporting method for each mitigation measure identified.

| Impact Category | Mitigation Measure | Implementation Timing | Responsible Party | Monitoring/ Reporting Method |
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| Land Use/Planning | GPA925 MM1: Any implementing project within the limits of General Plan Amendment No. 925 will be required to process a zone change application to assure consistency with the General Plan. | Prior to implementing project approval | Project <br> Proponent and Planning | A Change of Zone application must accompany any future subdivision or use case |
| Transportation Traffic | GPA925 MM2: The project has been determined to be consistent with the Highway 79 Policy Area pursuant to the following (applied to the subsequent implementing project) or as approved by the TLMA Director: <br> - Prior to building permit issuance of any implementing project, the applicant shall participate in any adopted fee program established by the County intended to address the Highway 79 Policy Area. In the event an adopted fee program is not established, the implementing project shall satisfy one the conditions below or the applicant may voluntarily participate in providing a fee, as | Prior to implementing project approval and/or prior to building permit issuance | Project <br> Proponent | A report or fee must be submitted by any implementing project proponent |


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|  | approved by the TLMA Director, that the County can use to build additional transportation infrastructure or acquire open space to offset the project's incremental impacts on the Highway 79 Policy Area. If the Highway 79 policies are amended, the applicant shall be entitled to, at the applicant's request, the benefit of having this mitigation amended in a corresponding fashion with the requirement of possible further CEQA action/review. If the Highway 79 policies are repealed, this mitigation shall automatically terminate. <br> - Prior to approval of the implementing project(s), for existing residential Land Use Designations the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director of Transportation consistency with the Highway 79 Policy Area by demonstrating that the allowable number of units have been determined utilizing the most recent edition of the ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers) Trip Generation in consideration of (a) transportation demand management (TDM) measures; (b) product types; (c) transportation improvements; or (d) a combination of (a), (b) and (c), such that the project is generating equal to or less than the average daily vehicle trips that would have been generated if the project were constructed at a density of $9 \%$ below the midpoint of the density dictated by the existing General Plan Land Use designation at the time of the proposed project change which was Rural: Rural Residential (R:RR). This mitigation does not apply to implementing projects which |  |  |  |


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RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Juan C. Perez Interim Planning Director

## MEMO

To: Planning Commission
From: Matt Straite, project planner

## RE: ADDITONAL INFORMATION FOR AGENDA ITEM 3.3- GPA925

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- Attyah 5/20/14 (applicant)
- Cavananugh 5/24/14 (applicant)
- Belcuore 6/2/14 (applicant)
- Ladd 6/4/14- owns 40 acres near the project site
- Poliquin 6/6/14 (applicant)
- Lee 6/9/14 (applicant)
- Davis 6/10/14 (applicant)
- Le 6/14/14(applicant)

In opposition

- Stevens, Sorum, and Romberger 6-13-14
- The letter does not contain any project specific questions, it is more concerned with the political representation of the people in the county process. The letter suggests that the General Plan Land Use designations should not change. This requires no response from Planning.
- Endangered Habitats League 6-18-14
- This letter suggests that an absorption study be done. The letter also suggests that the project is automobile dependent and not smart growth. The letter continues by suggesting that sprawl development is justification for more sprawl development. The project was bordered on the south by higher density development. To the north, the site is bound by topography and conservation cells that acts as a natural barrier. Previously Highway 79 acted as a barrier between rural property on the west and urban development on the east. Once urban development was approved on the west side of Highway 79 (SP380) the previous natural boarders that regulated development have changed. A 'spot' change to a higher density Land Use designation would not have made sense in this rural area; however, with the nature of development changing (approval of SP380) and with bulk of property
owners in the rural area requesting a large scale change at the same time (over 200 acres), a slight increase in density, that maintains the rural character, can be supported in the opinion of staff. Staff did not consider half acre development sprawl development. The $1 / 2$ acre lots will maintain character and help transmission the area from the urban uses surrounding the site to the south and east to the open spaces to the west.


## Additional Findings and Analysis

Because the proposed project is changing from one foundation to another, certain findings are required. The foundation findings are included in the staff report. However, because the Land Use designation itself is also changing (from Rural Residential to Low Density Residential) findings are required for that change as well. The five required findings for the Land Use change are:
a. The proposed change does not involve a change in or conflict with:
(1) The Riverside County Vision.
(2) Any General Plan Principal.
b. The proposed change does not involve a change in or conflict with any Foundation Component Designation in the General Plan.
c. The proposed amendment would either contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the General Plan or, at a minimum would not be detrimental to them.
d. The change would not create an internal inconsistency among the elements of the General Plan.
e. That there are new conditions or special circumstances that were disclosed during the review process that were unanticipated in preparing the General Plan and subsequently justify modifying the General Plan.

Two of these were addressed in the staff report: $a(1)$ and $e$. The three additional required for the designation change are analyzed here:
$\mathrm{A}(2)$ : The General Plan allows for changes to the Land Use Designations. The proposed change is consistent with the principals of the General Plan contained in Appendix B of the General Plan. There are 15 planning principals in the Appendix, the project is consistent with all principals that can be addressed by a General Plan change (some are County wide, others are project specific). Specifically, Principal 1,C discusses the different maturity rates of different communities. This community, in the opinion of staff, is ready for this increase in density for the many reasons outlined in this memo and in the staff report, partly demonstrated by the number of applicants/ community members. Principal 1,G discusses the efficient use of the land, and explains that higher density should be appropriate for the area. For the reasons outlined in this memo and the staff report, the density proposed by this development is appropriate at this time. Principal 2, A, discussing environmental protection, and $\mathrm{B}_{1}$ discussing habitat preservation and the need for MSHCP consistency, are addressed in the MSHCP review of the project and through the CEQA document. Principal $4, A, 1$ discusses the need for a variety of housing options and densities, this change will promote a greater diversity on lot sizes in this area. Principal 4,A,3 and 4 discusses the need to distribute density in a rational way. This community, in the opinion of staff, is ready for this increase in density for the many reasons outlined in this memo and in the staff report. These principals explain that density should transmission between communities. This
proposed change will foster a transition. Principal 6,3 explains that in areas where rural character is clearly established, its nature is such that intensification is impractical, and its current residents/property owners strongly prefer a continued rural lifestyle, should be retained as rural in the General Plan. First, the half acre lots proposed are rural, so the character of the rural area will be retained. Second, the change proposed is for over 200 acres, and comprised of several property owners indicating their desire for the change, and thus consistency with this Principal. Principals in 8 pertain to the certainty system. Because this application was submitted in the permitted 5 year window, the project is consistent with this Principal.

B: Upon approval, the foundation will be consistent. Because this application was submitted in the permitted 5 year window, the project is consistent with the certainty principal.

C: As outlined in the consistency with the principals above, the project is consistent with the purposes of the General Plan.

D: The project would not create an internal inconsistency within the general Plan. The project was reviewed against the policies of the General Plan, and found to be consistent with them.

As such, the following findings are hereby included with the findings contained in the staff report for the project:
19. The project is consistent with the vision and principals of the General Plan.
20. The project will increase housing and density options in this area of the County.
21. The project will aid in transition between urban development and large lots to the north.
22. The MSHCP and the hills to the north of the site act as natural barriers to the area.
23. The proposed project will contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the General Plan and not create any inconsistencies.
24. Over 200 acres and all of the property owners within those 200 acres, representing a significant number of community members, desire the change proposed.

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May 20, 2014
Riverside County Planning Department
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Riverside, CA 92502-1409

## Re: GPA 925 (Planning Commission meeting date: 6/18/14)

## Dear Mr. Strait:

I am a landowner/ applicant in GPA 925, scheduled for a hearing on June 18,2014. I am writing to express my strong support for this General Plan Amendinent application. The APN number of my property is $480-030-014$.

I am a resident of Cape Town, South Africa. Unfortunately, I am unable to make the trip to the United States to attend the June $18^{\text {th }}$ meeting. Please accept this letter as an expression of my strong support of the GPA. In addition, I have asked my brother, Paul Attyah, to represent me at the hearing if there are any questions.

My family has owned our property in Winchester for approximately 30 years. My late parents purchased it from the Pourroy/Hansen families when my siblings and I were young children. I wanted to let the Commission know that two generations of my family have been involved in the Winchester area for a long time, and we are strongly in favor of the GPA.

Thank you for your consideration.


May 24, 2014

## Riverside County Planning Department

Attn: Mr. Matt Straits
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Riverside, CA 92502-1409

## Re: GPA 925 (Planning Commission meeting date: 6/18/14; item 3.3)

Dear Mr. Strait:

I am a landowner in GPA 925, scheduled for a hearing on June 18,2014 . I am writing to express my support of the General Plan Amendment. My APN number is 472-090-007.

For reasons of health, I am unable to drive to Riverside to attend the meeting. As such, I wanted to write to you and let you know that I am strongly in favor of the GPA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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June 2, 2014

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Riverside, CA 92502-1409
RE: GPA 925

Dear Mr. Straite,

I am the owner of APNS: 480-030-003 and 480-030-004 in Winchester, CA. I am an applicant in the GPA 925. I want the Planning Commission to know in the upcoming meeting, June 18, 2014 that I support the GPA.

I am sorry but I cannot attend the meeting in person.

## Sincerely,



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## June 4, 2014

Riverside County Planning Department
Attn: Mr. Matt Straite
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Riverside, CA 92502-1409
Re: GPA 925 - Planning Commission meeting date; 6/48/14; item 3.3
Dear Mr. Straite:
I am a landowner in Winchester with properties in the immediate vicinity of General Pian Amendment 925. As you know, a hearing is set on June $18^{\text {th }}$ for this GPA application. My APN numbers are: 480030028-7, 480030022-1, 480030027-6 and 472090027-3, totaling just over 40 acres.

1 am writing to express my support for GPA 925, as well as for contintied development in the area.

Sincerely,



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