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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

December 14, 2009

SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1081 – (Entitlement/Policy) - Applicant: YAPY Inv Partners – Engineer/Representative: Paul Peck - First Supervisorial District – Lake Mathews Zoning District – Lake Mathews/Woodcrest Area Plan: Community Development: Low Density Residential (CD:LDR) (1/2 Acre Minimum) - Location: Northerly of El Sobrante Drive, easterly of La Sierra Avenue, and southerly of Blackburn Road. – 8.17 Gross Acres – Zoning: Controlled Development Areas – (W-2) - REQUEST: Proposal to amend the project site's existing General Plan Land Use designation from Community Development: Low Density Residential (CD:LDR) (1/2 Acre Minimum) to Community Development: Commercial Retail (CD:CR) (0.20 – 0.60 Floor Area Ratio) - APN: 270-190-017

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Planning Director recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt an order initiating 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 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

Ron Goldman

Planning Director

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Jerry Jolliffe, Deputy Director for,

Kecia Harper-Ihem

Clerk of the Board

Deputy

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

January 12, 2010

XC:

Planning, Applicant

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

□ Policy

Consent

Consent

Prev. Agn. Ref.

District: First

Agenda Number:

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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.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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(1) On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from the Planning Department regarding General Plan Amendment No. 1081 (Entitlement/Policy) - YAPY Inv Partners/Paul Peck - Lake Mathews Zoning District - Lake Mathews/Woodcrest Area Plan - 1st District to amend the project site's existing General Plan Land Use Designation from Community Development: Low Density Residential (1/2 acre minimum) to Community Development: Commercial Retail (0.20 - 0.60 floor area ratio) is approved as recommended.

(2)On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter be reconsidered.

I hereby certify that entered on	that the foregoing is a full true, and corr January 12, 2010	rect copy of an order made and of Supervisors
Minutes.		
	WITNESS my hand and the seal of Dated: January 12, 2010	of the Board of Supervisors

(seal)

Deputy

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

> AGENDA NO. 15.2

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

George A. Johnson · Agency Director

Planning Department Ron Goldman Planning Director

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December 14, 2009
SUBJECT: Initiation Proceedings for General Plan Amendment No. 1081
(Entitlement/Policy Amendment)
SECTION: Development Review - Riverside Office
TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors FROM: Planning Department
The attached item(s) require the following action(s) by the Board of Supervisors: Approve Deny Place on Policy Calendar Place on Consent Calendar Place on Administrative Action Place on Section of Initiation Proceeding File: NOD and Mit. Neg. Declaration Labels provided: If Set For Hearing: 10 Day Place on Supervisors: Set for Hearing Publish in Newspaper: Press Enterprise Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration Day Obay Ocertify Environmental Impact Report Notify Property Owners Labels provided Controversial: YES NO Ontroversial: YES NO
Designate Newspaper used by Planning Department for Notice of Hearing: Press Enterprise
Clerk Of The Board Please charge your time to case number(s): ZGPA01081
Documents to be sent to County Clerk's Office: NONE
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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTE ORDER OCTOBER 28, 2009 RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

I. AGENDA ITEM 8.3: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1081 – Entitlement / Policy - Applicant: YAPY Inv Partners – Engineer/Representative: Paul Peck - First Supervisorial District – Lake Mathews Zoning District – Lake Mathews/Woodcrest Area Plan: Community Development: Low Density Residential (CD:LDR) (1/2 Acre Minimum) - Location: Northerly of El Sobrante Drive, easterly of La Sierra Avenue, and southerly of Blackburn Road. – 8.17 Gross Acres – Zoning: Controlled Development Areas – (W-2) - APN: 270-190-017.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposal to amend the project site's existing General Plan Land Use designation from Community Development: Low Density Residential (CD:LDR) (1/2 Acre Minimum) to Community Development: Commercial Retail (CD:CR) (0.20 – 0.60 Floor Area Ratio).

III. MEETING SUMMARY

The following staff presented the subject proposal: Project Planner, Jeff Horn, at 951-955-4641 or email jhorn@rctlma.org.

The following spoke in favor of the subject proposal: Paul Peck, Applicant's Representative, 16801 Sendero Del Charro, Riverside, California 92504

The following spoke in opposition of the subject proposal: Cynthia L. Ferry, 16115 Rocky Bluff Road, Gavilan Hills, California 92570 Laurie Taylor, Other Interested Party, 14679 Descanso Dr., Lake Mathews, California 92570

No one spoke in a neutral position the subject proposal.

IV. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

NONE

V. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

The Planning Commission, recommended 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 cariffin@rctlma.org.

Agenda Item No.: 8.3

Area Plan: Lake Mathews/Woodcrest

Zoning District: Lake Mathews Supervisorial District: First Project Planner: Jeff Horn

Planning Commission: October 28, 2009

General Plan Amendment No. 1081
Type of GPA: Entitlement/Policy
Applicant: YAPY Investment Partners

Engineer/Rep.: Paul A. Peck

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Planning Director recommended to the Board of Supervisors to adopt an order initiating proceedings for General Plan Amendment No. 1081 and the Planning Commission made the comments below. The Planning Director continues to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to adopt an order initiating proceedings for General Plan Amendment No. 1081.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING DIRECTOR:

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

Commissioner John Roth: Agrees with initiation. Depending on intensity of commercial use, any

proposed project must mitigate all traffic increases and safely design ingress and egress to the project site. Any proposed project should signalize the intersection of El Sobrante Road and La Sierra Avenue.

Commissioner John Snell: No comments.

Commissioner John Petty: No comments.

Commissioner Jim Porras: No comments.

Commissioner Jan Zappardo: No comments.

Agenda Item No.: 8.7

Area Plan: Lake Mathews/Woodcrest

Zoning District: Lake Mathews Supervisorial District: First Project Planner: Jeff Horn

Planning Commission: November 28, 2009

General Plan Amendment No. 1081
Type of GPA: Entitlement/Policy
Applicant: YAPY Investment Partners

Engineer/Rep.: Paul A. Peck

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

The General Plan Amendment proposes to amend the current General Plan Land Use Designation from Community Development: Low Density Residential (LDR) (1/2 acre minimum) to Community Development: Commercial Retail (CR) (0.20 – 0.60 Floor Area Ratio) for an 8.17 gross acre property.

The project is located in the community of Lake Hills in the Lake Mathews/Woodcrest Area Plan, more specifically, northerly El Sobrante Drive, easterly of La Sierra Avenue, and southerly of Blackburn Road.

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 all GPA applications and submit them to the Board of Supervisors. Prior to the submittal to the Board, comments on the applications will be requested from the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission comments will be included in the report to the Board. The Board will either approve or disapprove the initiation of the proceedings for the GPA requested in the applications.

The consideration of the initiation of proceedings pursuant to this application by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will not involve noticed public hearing. The Planning Department, however, did notify the applicant by mail of the time, date and place when the Planning Commission will 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 of 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. This particular GPA application is an **Entitlement/Policy** GPA, under Section 2.4.

Additionally, refer to the attached Worksheet for General Plan Amendment Initiation Consideration Analysis.

REQUIRED FINDINGS:

In order to support the initiation of a proposed General Plan Amendment it must be established that the proposal could possibly satisfy certain required findings. The Administration Element of the General Plan explains that there are four categories of amendments, Technical, Entitlement/Policy, Foundation, and Agriculture. Each category has distinct required findings.

General Plan Amendment No. 1081 falls into the Entitlement/Policy category, because it is changing within the same Foundation-Component, Community Development.

The Administration Element of the General Plan explains that two required findings must be made, and at least one of five additional findings must be made to justify an entitlement/policy amendment. The two required findings are:

- a. The proposed change does not involve a change in or conflict with:
- (1) The Riverside County Vision;
- (2) Any General Plan Principle; or
- (3) Any Foundation Component designation in the General Plan.
- b. 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.

The additional findings, only one of which need be made include:

- c. Special circumstances or conditions have emerged that were unanticipated in preparing the General Plan.
- d. A change in policy is required to conform to changes in state or federal law or applicable findings of a court of law.
- e. An amendment is required to comply with an update of the Housing Element or change in State Housing Element law.
- f. An amendment is required to expand basic employment job opportunities (jobs that contribute directly to the County's economic base) and that would improve the ratio of jobs-to-workers in the County.
- g. An amendment is required to address changes in public ownership of land or land not under Board of Supervisors' land use authority.

Consideration Analysis:

First Required Finding: The first required finding explains that the proposed Amendment must not involve a change in or conflict with the Riverside County Vision; any General Plan Principle; or any Foundation Component designation in the General Plan.

- A. The proposed Amendment does not conflict with:
 - (1) The Riverside County Vision: It is reasonable to assume that a Commercial Retail (CR) (0.25 0.60 Floor Area Ratio) Designation for the parcel in question will achieve the future vision of General Plan. The Lake Mathews/ Woodcrest Area Plan's "patterns and types of land uses are an extension of the existing land use patterns for Lake Mathews/Woodcrest, and consequently

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help maintain the identity and character of its distinctive communities. Selective additions to the land use choices refine the potential here without changing the basic character of these local communities." (LMWAP) The addition of commercial retail to the intersection of two Urban Arterial Highways, La Sierra Avenue and El Sobrante Drive, will provide highly valuable services locally to the many residents of the built out Lake Hill Estates and Victoria Groves Specific Plans. Amending the land use from residential to a Commercial Retail use will achieve the intent of Area Plan, and therefore the Riverside County Vision.

- (2) Any General Plan Principle: The proposed commercial retail land use follows the natural land development of the Community Development Foundation by creating a logical transition between a major highways and sensitive receptors of the existing residential use and school site northerly of the project site. This change will not conflict with and General Plan Principles, and will enhance the Economic Development, Community Development, and Transportation General Planning Principles.
- (3) Any Foundation Component designation in the General Plan: The project designation would be within the same Foundation. Thus, the proposed Amendment is consistent with the Community Development Foundation.

Second Required Finding: The second required finding explains that the proposed Amendment must either contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the General Plan or, at a minimum, not be detrimental to them. The Lake Mathews/ Woodcrest Area Plan's "patterns and types of land uses are an extension of the existing land use patterns for Lake Mathews/Woodcrest, and consequently help maintain the identity and character of its distinctive communities. Selective additions to the land use choices refine the potential here without changing the basic character of these local communities." (LMWAP) The addition of commercial retail to the intersection of two Urban Arterial Highways, La Sierra Avenue and El Sobrante Drive, highly valuable services will be provided locally to the many residences of the built out Lake Hill Estates and Victoria Groves Specific Plans. The proposed Amendment is consistent with the General Plan Land Use Element and with the pattern of existing development in the surrounding area, as the proposed nonresidential land use will serve as a natural buffer for noise, traffic, light, fumes, or potential air quality impacts from La Sierra Avenue and El Sobrante Drive, designated Urban Arterial Highways, and the existing residential land uses westerly of the subject parcel. The findings can be made that the proposed Amendment is not detrimental to the purposes of the General Plan.

Third Required Finding: In addition to the two required findings, the General Plan indicates that an additional finding, from a list of five, must also be made. The appropriate additional finding for the proposed Amendment is "Special circumstances or conditions have emerged that were unanticipated in preparing the General Plan." The intersection of La Sierra Avenue and El Sobrante Drive, both Urban Arterial Highways, has grown to be a major traffic corridor for the Lake Mathews area. As such, the potential negative impacts of noise, light, fumes, or air quality impacts caused by traffic are not compatible with the current low density residential designation. This parcel would be better suited as commercial uses with intermittent occupancy rather than residential uses with more permanent sensitive receptors. As such, the finding that special circumstances or conditions have emerged that were unanticipated in preparing the General Plan can be.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Existing General Plan Land Use (Ex. #6):

Community Development: Low Density Residential

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(CD:LDR) (1/2 acre minimum)

2. Surrounding General Plan Land Use (Ex. #6):

Community Development: Low Density Residential (CD:LDR) (1/2 acre minimum) to the north and east, Community Development: Public Facilities (CD:PF) to the south, Rural: Rural Residential to the west.

3. Existing Zoning (Ex. #2):

Controlled Development Areas - (W-2)

4. Surrounding Zoning (Ex. #2):

Controlled Development Areas – (W-2) to the north, east, and south, and Residential Agricultural - (1 Acre Minimum) (R-A-1) the west.

5. Existing Land Use (Ex. #1):

Vacant land

6. Surrounding Land Use (Ex. #1):

Vacant to the north, Municipal Water District flood channel to the east, a chicken ranch to the southeast, a Municipal Water District facility to the south, and single family residential to the west.

7. Project Data:

Total Acreage: 8.17 Gross Acres

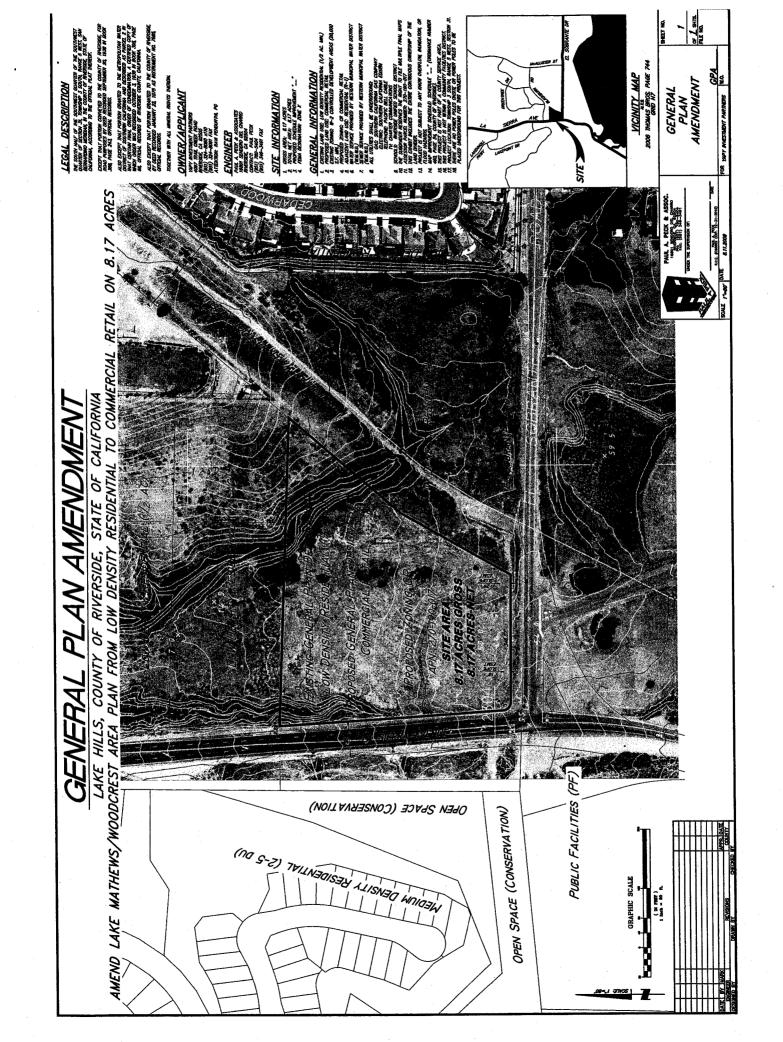
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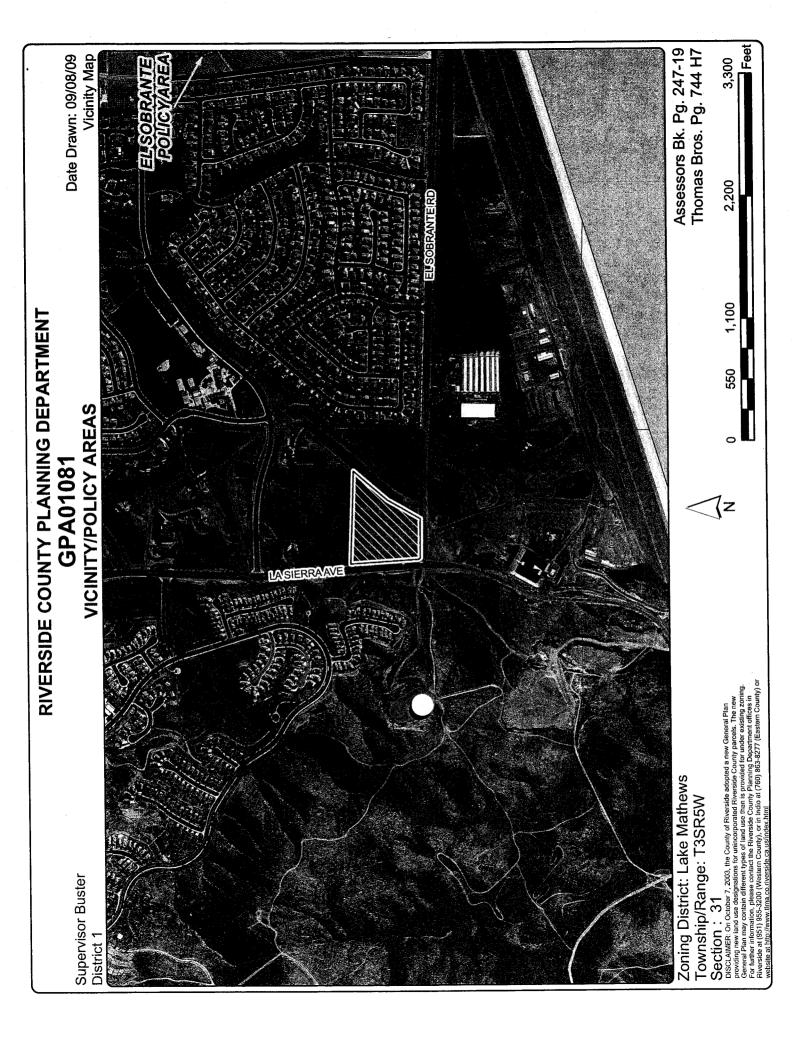
Staff recommends that the appropriate findings per the General Plan Administration Element can be made and that the Planning Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors to adopt an order initiating proceedings for General Plan Amendment No. 1081. The initiation of proceedings by the Board of Supervisors for the amendment of the General Plan, or any element thereof, shall not imply any such amendment will be approved.

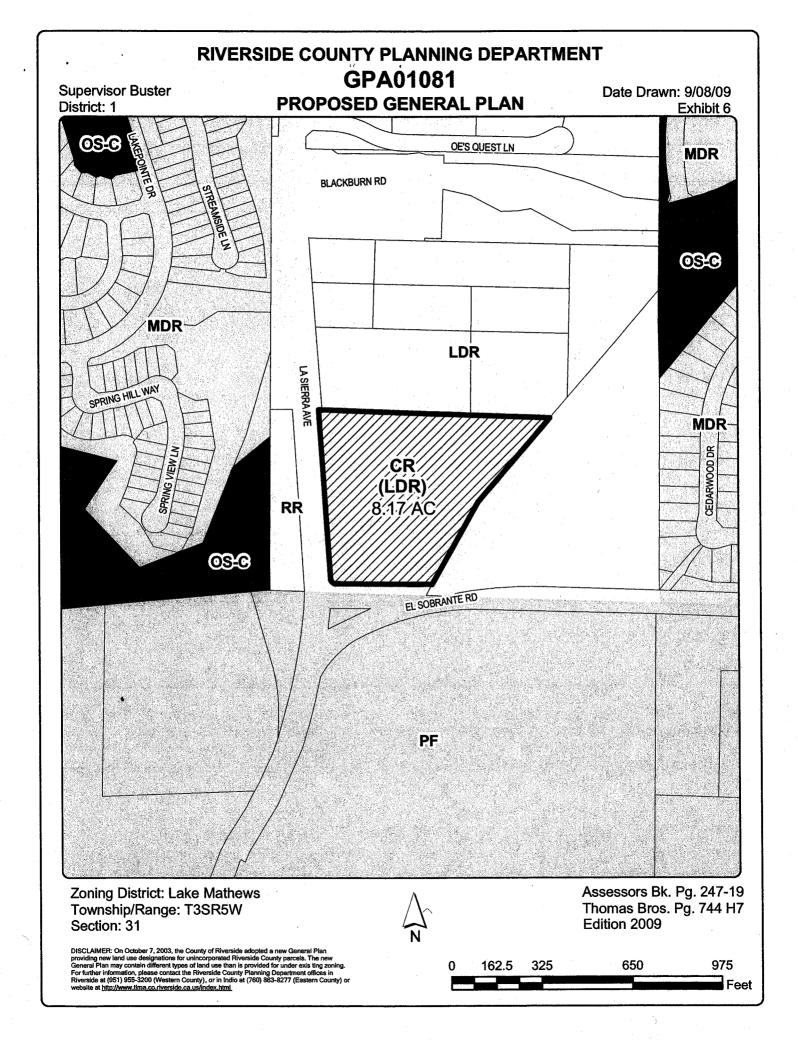
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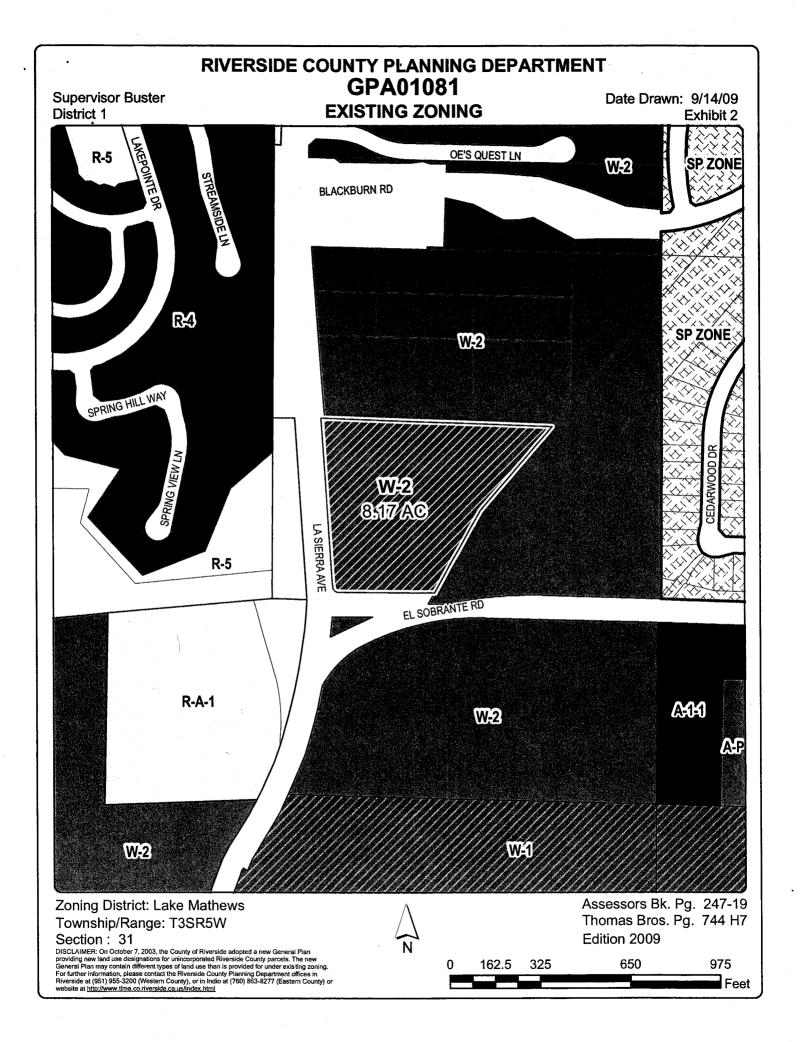
- 1. The project site is not located within:
 - a. A Flood Zone;
 - b. Lighting Ord 655;
 - c. The boundaries of a Redevelopment Area;
 - d. An Airport Influence Area:
 - e. An Area drainage plan area; or,
 - f. A dam inundation area.
- 2. The project site is located within:
 - a. The boundaries of the Harvest Valley/Winchester Area Plan;
 - b. A high fire area;
 - c. Riverside City sphere of influence;
 - d. WRCMSHCP Criteria Cell No. 2028;
 - e. County Service Area No. 152; and,
 - f. The boundaries of the Riverside Unified School District.
- 3. The subject site is currently designated as Assessor's Parcel Number: 270-190-017

Date Prepared: 9-24-09 Date Revised: 7/7/09









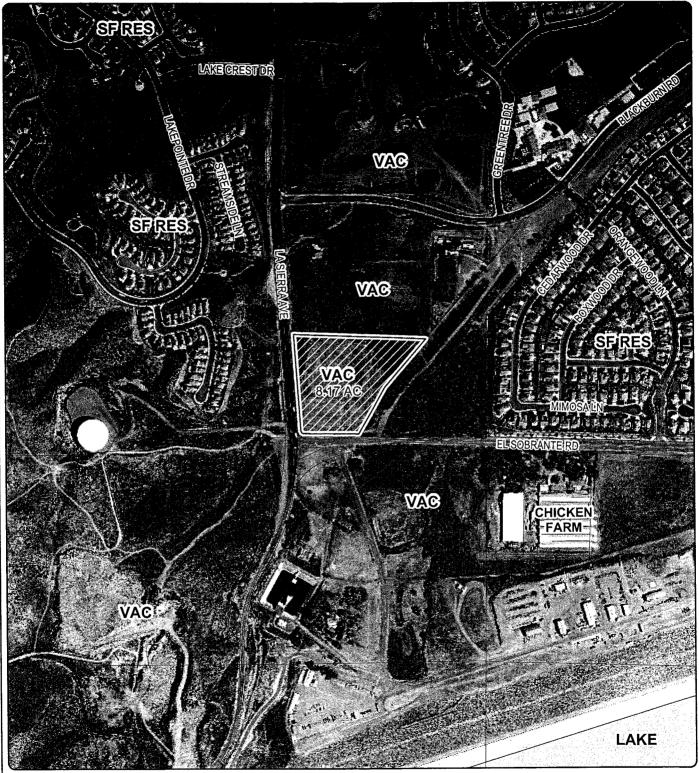
RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT GPA01081

Supervisor Buster District 1

LAND USE

Date Drawn: 9/08/09

Exhibit 1



Zoning District: Lake Mathews Township/Range: T3SR5W

Section: 31

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DISCLAIMER: On October 7, 2003, the County of Riverside adopted a new General Plan providing new land use designations for unincorporated Riverside County parcels. The new General Plan may contain different types of India use than is provided for under existing zoning. For further information, please contact the Riverside County Planning Department offices in Riverside at (591) 955-3200 (Western County), or in India at (760) 863-8277 (Eastern County) or website at http://www.ilma.co.riverside.ca.us/index.html

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Planning Department

Ron Goldman · Planning Director

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

SECTIONS I, II, AND VI BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ANY AMENDMENT TO THE AREA PLAN MAPS OF THE GENERAL PLAN.

FOR OTHER TYPES OF AMENDMENTS, PLEASE CONSULT PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF FOR ASSISTANCE PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

INCOMPLETE APPLICAT	TONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.			
CASE NUMBER:	GPA 0108	(DA	TE SUBMITTED:	8/19/09
I. GENERAL IN	FORMATION			
APPLICATION IN	ORMATION			
Applicant's Name:	YAPY Investment Partners	E-N	/lail: rpendurthi@ad	ol.com
Mailing Address: _	4097 Trail Creek Road			
Riverside, CA 9250		· Street		
Engineer/Represer	city 1: (909) 821-9967 Intative's Name: Paul Peck		z <i>IP</i> b: <u>(951)</u> <u>344-83</u> E-Mail:	paul.peck@papeck.com
Mailing Address: _ Riverside, CA 9250	16801 Sendero Del Charro	Street		
	City	State	ZIP	
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Property Owner's I	Name: YAPY Investment Pa	artners E-I	Vlail: rpendurthi@a	ol.com
Mailing Address:	4097 Trail Creek Road			·
Riverside, CA 9250		Street		
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Daytime Phone No	o: (<u>909</u>) <u>821-9967</u>	Fax No	o: (<u>951</u>) <u>344-83</u>	344

If the property is owned by more than one person, attach a separate page that reference the application case number and lists the names, mailing addresses, and phone numbers of all persons having an interest in the real property or properties involved in this application.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

The Planning Department will primarily direct communications regarding this application to the person identified above as the Applicant. The Applicant may be the property owner, representative, or other assigned agent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONCURRENT FEE TRANSFER

The signature below authorizes the Planning Department and TLMA to expedite the refund and billing process by transferring monies among concurrent applications to cover processing costs as necessary. Fees collected in excess of the actual cost of providing specific services will be refunded. If additional funds are needed to complete the processing of your application, you will be billed, and processing of the application will cease until the outstanding balance is paid and sufficient funds are available to continue the processing of the application. The applicant understands the deposit fee process as described above, and that there will be NO refund of fees which have been expended as part of the application review or other related activities or services, even if the application is withdrawn or the application is ultimately denied.

All signatures must be originals ("wet-signed"). Photocopies of signatures are not acceptable.

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If the subject property is owner sheet that references the appreciant persons having an interest in the	olication case number		
PROPERTY INFORMATION:			
Assessor's Parcel Number(s):	270-190-017		
Section: 31	Township: 3 South	Range:	5 West
Approximate Gross Acreage:	8.17 Acres		
General location (nearby or cro	oss streets): North of	El Sobrante Road	, South of
Blackburn Road	East of La Sierra	, West of	Cedarwood Drive
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Thomas Brothers map, edition year, page number, and coordinates: Page 744 Grid H7 Existing Zoning Classification(s): W-2 Existing Land Use Designation(s): LDR (Low Density Residential) Proposal (describe the details of the proposed general plan amendment): The project proposal is to change the General Plan Land Use from Low Density Residential to Commercial Retail in order to allow for a mix of commercial uses in a residential area. These type of uses are needed in this area. Related cases filed in conjunction with this request: We will file additional cases after the GPIP is accepted. The submittal packages will include a request for a change of zone and a plot plan. Has there been previous development applications (parcel maps, zone changes, plot plans, etc.) filed on the project site? Yes ✓ No 🗆 Case Nos. CZ 05096 E.A. Nos. (if known) _____ E.I.R. Nos. (if applicable): Name of Company or District serving the area the project site is located Are facilities/services available at (if none, write "none.") the project site? Yes No Electric Company Southern California Edison The Gas Company (Southern California Gas) Gas Company ATT&T Telephone Company Western Municipal Water Water Company/District Western Municipal Water Sewer District Is water service available at the project site: Yes 🔽 No 🔲 If "No," how far away are the nearest available water line(s)? (No of feet/miles) Is sewer service available at the site? Yes 🗹 No 🗌 If "No," how far away are the nearest available sewer line(s)? (No. of feet/miles) Is the project site located in a Recreation and Park District or County Service Area authorized to collect fees for park and recreational services? Yes ☑ No □ Is the project site located within 8.5 miles of March Air Reserve Base? Yes 🔲 No 🗸

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

<u>APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN</u> Which one of the following watersheds is the project site located within (refer to Riverside County GIS for watershed location)? (Check answer): ☐ Santa Ana River ☐ Santa Margarita River ☐ San Jacinto River ☐ Colorado River HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Government Code Section 65962.5 requires the applicant for any development project to consult specified state-prepared lists of hazardous waste sites and submit a signed statement to the local agency indicating whether the project is located on or near an identified site. Under the statute, no application shall be accepted as complete without this signed statement. I (we) certify that I (we) have investigated our project with respect to its location on or near an identified hazardous waste site and that my (our) answers are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. My (Our) investigation has shown that: The project is not located on or near an identified hazardous waste site. The project is located on or near an identified hazardous waste site. Please list the location of the hazardous waste site(s) on an attached sheet. Owner/Representative (1) ______ Date _____ Date ____ Owner/Representative (2) NOTE: An 8½" x 11" legible reduction of the proposal must accompany application. II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AREA PLAN MAPS OF THE GENERAL PLAN: AREA PLAN MAP PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT (Please name): Lake Mathews/Woodcrest EXISTING DESIGNATION(S): Low Density Residential

PROPOSED DESIGNATION(S): Commercial Retail

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

JUSTIFICATION FOR AMENDMENT (Please be specific. Attach more pages if needed.)

The area of the proposed General Plan Amendment is located at the northeast intersection of La Sierra and El Sobrante. Over time, the area has been developed with new homes (Victoria Grove Specific Plan, Lake Hills Specific Plan among others) which have brought people to the area. Unfortunately, there are not many commercial services in this area and the people that live in the master planned communities have to drive quite a distance to get any type of services such as gas, food or other services. This modification to the County of Riverside General Plan will not be inconsistent with the vision for the County of Riverside. The community in this area has changed from a rural area to a residentially developed area which lacks commercial support. The addition of a commercial center will add needed services as well as creating much needed jobs which helps to support the jobs to housing requirement in the general plan. This type of mixture of jobs to housing is especially desired during these economic times when gas prices have increased. The location of the proposed General Plan has also grown to be a busy intersection which would be better served as a commercial property than as a low density residential property which was what is it currently designated to be. The area could be developed with a retail center which would enhance the urban area as well as maintaining the distinctive rural character in the design of the center if desired by the community. This area needs a mix of land uses in order to maintain the community feel of the existing development in this area. The proposed commercial use could bring churches, recreational uses, public facilities, active centers for youth groups, gas stations, food services including grocery stores or restaurants, among other uses that would improve the character of the area while improving the lifestyle of the residents in the area. The MWD property will add a buffer area between the existing homes and the proposed development.

III. AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES:

(Note: A conference with Planning Department staff <u>is required</u> before application can be filed. Additional information may be required.)

A. LOCATION IN TEXT OF THE GENERAL PLAN WHERE AMENDMENT WOULD OCCUR:

Element:	Land Use	Area Plan: Lake Ma	thews/Woodcrest	
B. EXIST	TING POLICY (If none, write "no	one." (Attach more pages if ne	eded):	
C. PROF	POSED POLICY (Attach more p	pages if needed):		

ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE DEDICATED TO ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE



January 11, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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BOARD RULES

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Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

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Individual Speaker Limits:

Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.

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Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.

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