

**Letters Received after Planning Commission Hearing  
January 30, 2019 to February 27, 2019**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>
Acklin	Christine		
Adam	Robert		
Alexandria	Patricia		
Allen	Dennis and Linda		
Baker	Bryant	Los Padres Forest Watch	Conservation Director
Barringer	Debra		
Beetch	Suzanne		
Beverly	Cheri	ERG International	Manager of Accounting and Human Resources
Bryant	Baker	Los Padres Forest Watch	Conservation Director
Brown	Troy	City of Moorpark	City Manager
Butts	Steven		
Carniglia	Peter		
Cavaletto	Elaine		
Chrisman	Joseph C.	Taylor Ranch	
Clark	Shane		
Clint	Gordon		
Coeler	Stefanie		
Cole	Taylor		
Conly	Helen		
Cook	Katie		
Corry	George		
Crist	Heinz & Robin		
Cummings	Joy		
Cummings	Matthew		
De Franco	Adriana and Paulo		
Dellith	Chris		
Derderian	Viken		
Duffy	Dodie		
Duffy	Shawn		
Duncan	Shaun		
Ekman	Kate		
Eller	Carrie		
Elliott	Jessica		
Fawke	Jane "Spider"		
Fiss	Joseph	City of Moorpark	Acting Community Development Director
Foy	Frances	Coastal View Healthcard Center	Executive Director
Gascoigne	Leslie		
Glaza	Mark		

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Gold	Ken and Donna		
Goldberg	Tom M.		
Goodwin	Gaye		
Gordon	Clint		
Green-Duncan	Paula		
Grundstrom	Bob		
Guyader	Jean		
Hachard	Anita		
Hales	Roy		
Hales	Roy and Nancy		
Hannah	Pam		
Hansen	Mike and Kim		
Harmon	Linda		
Helfand	Rosalind		
Hendrick	Tracey		
Hoffmann	Cindy		
Johnson	Bill		
Johnson	George		
Johnson	L.C.		
Kentor	Eric		
Kohles	Karen		
Kohles	Kitty		
Kohles	Kevin		
Kohles-Cooke	Vicki		
Kueny	Steven	City of Moorpark	City Manager
Lech	Charles		
Liberman	Miryam		
Lindberg	Carol		
Bedrosian-Long	Patti		
Macan	Edward		
Markian	Shan't		
McClary	Steven	City of Ojai	City Manager
McCoy	Robert	City of Thousand Oaks	Mayor
McCormick	Heather	Bently Family Limited Partnership	
McCrink	Timothy	California Department of Conservation	Acting State Geologist
Meehan	Teresa		
Merkel	Alisosl		
Miller	Margaret		
Mohtashemi	Fred		
Morgan	Ann		

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Munoz	Irma	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy	Chairperson
Murillo	Carolina		
Newton	John		
O'Sullivan	Nancy C.	Villanova Preparatory School	Heaf of School
Pagaling	Patty	Transition to Organics	Executive Director
Palamar	Scott		
Poole	Robert W.	WSPA	Director, Production
Pratt	Beth	National Wildlife Federation	California Regional Executive Director
Prendiville	Jerami		
Priebe	Fred		
Priest	Sarah		
Prosser	Debbie		
Pye	Lori, Ph.D.	Viridis Graduate Institute	President
Quilico	John		
Rahe	marvin	Apache Canyon Ranch	Owner
Rauschenberger	Irene		
Rivers	Kimberly	CFROG	Executive Director
Rochman	Anne		
Rodriquez	Michele		
Rosen	Bryan		
Rosenblad	Lars		
Ryan	Sheree		
Sanders	Rick		
Santillan	Terri		
Savage	Beau		
Schaar	David		
Schuler	Zack	Ninjio	Founder/CEO
Schulman	Kian	Poison Free Malibu	
Simonson	Clifton		
Skei	Rori	Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency	Chair, Board of Directors
Spak	Norma		
Spear	William	Aera	Manager of Operations
Spoentgen	Karen		
Sukyias	Vahram and Narine		
Vanoni	Mary		
Watkins	H. William		
Weirick	William	Ojai City Council	Member

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Wenzlaff	Joy		
Worden	Jackie		
Williams	Kathy	Mutau Meadows Inc.	President
Zingaro	Val		

## Batinica, Meighan

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**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Movement Corridors (Countywide)

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Acklin <chrisacklin@mac.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:01 PM

To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>

Subject: Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Movement Corridors (Countywide)

Dear Shelley,

I am unable to attend the meeting but want it to be known that I 100% support this initiative.

Thank you,  
Christine

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Robert Adam <ba44ojai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wild Life Corridor Ordinance Postponement

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Steve Bennett  
Supervisor Bob Huber  
Supervisor Linda Parks  
Supervisor Kelly Long  
Supervisor John Zaragoza  
Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org

Send to:

Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

### **Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement**

Supervisors:

I am writing to ask that the Board of Supervisors and County Planning **delay the proposed March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance** until Planning can **fully investigate, analyze, and integrate the recommendations** made in the motion from its own Planning Commission.

On January 31<sup>st</sup> the Planning Commission voted **unanimously** to recommend the ordinance but **only after addressing 12 important conditions**. These 12 conditions outline the many issues in the existing ordinance and need to be addressed in full, including changes to the ordinance language, prior to the Board meeting.

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Staff was asked to address these issues to the Board. I believe staff should ensure these **changes are part of the next draft before the Board of Supervisors reviews the Ordinance**. If that takes more time than now to March 12, just a month away, I'd ask that the Board postpone the hearing on the ordinance and do this fully and completely.

Over 400,000 acres are affected by this ordinance- nearly 30% of Ventura County's land. It is important to do this right and take the time it needs to ensure the wishes of the Planning Commission and the concerns of residents are taken into account.

The Planning Commission sent a strong message to the Board and Planning Staff- the ordinance is only acceptable to move forward with the recommended changes. Please take the time necessary to do this right. **Postpone the March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing until the changes are made.**

Thank you.

Robert Adam  
Ojai

Sent from my iPhone

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Patricia Alexandria <patriciaalexandria08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:36 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** March 12 meeting please consider:

Hi,

I've been a Californian all of my life. Part of the heritage of California, and what I hope is available for generations to come, is the wildlife and natural beauty of this great state.

So I write to you to ask that you consider the importance of Wildlife Corridors. Habitat for humans and the rest of nature to get along side by side is something that can be done. So please consider this encouragement to adopt a first-of-its-kind Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone at your March 12 meeting. The zoning will protect important wildlife corridors from the Santa Monica Mountains to the Los Padres Forest. And I think the funding shows that the wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon is a critical area link that needs to be restored but efforts like these are also essential to reestablish wildlife corridors across the region

Thank you for your time.

Trish

[PatriciaAlexandria.com](http://PatriciaAlexandria.com)

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Dennis Allen <dkallen47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 1:46 PM  
**To:** Parks, Linda  
**Cc:** Bennett, Steve; Long, Kelly; Zaragoza, John; Supervisor Huber; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor

Dear Linda Parks

We are writing you to support the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zoning in your upcoming meeting on March 12, 2019. As avid birders and nature lovers, we think that is important to protect our open spaces for our grandchildren, our well-being and the world itself.

Thanks,  
Dennis and Linda Allen  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Bryant Baker <bryant@lpfw.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 7:11 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Re: Support for Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance (PL16-0127) Item #6, Planning Commission Hearing, January 31, 2019

Hi Meighan,

I just noticed that our comment letter was listed under letters of opposition in the agenda documents. I want to clarify that our letter is in full support of the proposed ordinance.

Thank you,

Bryant Baker  
Conservation Director  
Los Padres ForestWatch  
805-770-7456

On Wed, Jan 30, 2019, 12:32 PM Bryant Baker <[bryant@lpfw.org](mailto:bryant@lpfw.org)> wrote:

Hi Meighan,

Please find attached a letter to the Planning Commission supporting the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance and signed by seven local organizations.

Thank you,

**Bryant Baker, Conservation Director**  
**Los Padres ForestWatch**  
PO Box 831, Santa Barbara, CA 93102  
805.617.4610 x3 • Direct: 805.770.7456

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the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and  
other public lands along California's  
Central Coast. Join us today at [LPFW.org](http://LPFW.org).*



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 4:17 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors NCZO

*Lori*

**From:** Debra Barringer <dbarringer98@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 3:24 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>; Parks, Linda <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>; Long, Kelly <kelly.long@ventura.org>; Supervisor Huber <Supervisor.Huber@ventura.org>; Zaragoza, John <John.Zaragoza@ventura.org>; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors NCZO

Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

As a local wildlife biologist, I support the conservation of the major landscape connections that link natural habitats on a large scale throughout the County. These limited natural passageways are all the original wildlife species in Southern California have left to access the resources they need to survive. They were determined and mapped by an independent, scientific research group (South Coast Wildlands partnering with many NGOs and agencies). I participated in the County stakeholder workshops where we heard input from ranchers, rural landowners, wildlife interests, and agency experts. For discretionary permits on lands already used by wildlife for travel, the County wants merely to steer development away from blocking or narrowing these crucial corridors necessary for wildlife migration, dispersal, and access to breeding partners and seasonal habitats. These corridors often consist of canyons and drainages, and are often not ideal for placing buildings and fencing anyway. Conserving these vital connections would help all species to have consecutive habitats within which to safely travel to other areas when an area becomes developed, or when resources needed to sustain the species decline.

My recommendation would be to not eliminate the Tierra Rejada Valley corridor, as suggested at the January 31 Planning Commission meeting. This is a major connection between the National Forests to the north and Conejo Mountain and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and to the south, which are now depleted of some wildlife species due to recent fires. I agree to add in the Santa Susana Field Lab – I have conducted field work there and it contains some very unique rocky habitat that is used by several species, including bats and owls.

Thank you for your consideration of all viewpoints.

Best regards,

Debra Barringer

Ventura

Sent from Outlook

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
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Supervisor Linda Parks  
Supervisor Kelly Long  
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**Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement**

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Thank you.

Suzanne Beetch  
Ventura

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Cheri Beverly <cherib@erginternational.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Protect the Wildlife Corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

Please vote to protect the wildlife corridor.

Thanks,

*Cheri Beverly*

Manager of Accounting and Human Resources



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# CITY OF MOORPARK

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January 30, 2019

Honorable Planning Commission  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Re: January 31, 2019 Public Hearing to Consider County-Initiated Amendments to the Ventura County General Plan and Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 18 of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, including Zoning Map Revisions to establish a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone and a Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zone and to Adopt Regulations therein; and to Consider a Finding that the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (PLI 6 -0127).**

Dear Honorable Planning Commission,

On January 19, 2017, the City of Moorpark sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding extending its support in their Consideration of Initiation of Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone (attached).

Wildlife corridors in Ventura County connecting the Sierra Madre Mountains to the Santa Monica Mountains are important to protect the genetic diversity and health of wildlife as it allows for breeding to take place among a larger pool of animals. These corridors pass through unincorporated County land as well as through incorporated cities, including Moorpark.

Policy 15.5 of Moorpark's Land Use Element states, "The City shall require developers to maintain wildlife corridors to allow for the passage of animals between designated open space or recreational areas." However, preservation of the regional wildlife corridors through Moorpark depends on the efforts of both the City and County. The establishment of an overlay zone by the County would support the goals and policies of the City's General Plan. Should the County establish of a Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone, the City Council will consider a similar effort for wildlife corridors extending through Moorpark.

City staff will be available to provide information on wildlife corridors within Moorpark to support the County's effort. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Troy Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Troy Brown  
City Manager

cc: Honorable City Council  
Deborah S. Traffenstedt, Assistant City Manager  
Joseph Fiss, Acting Community Development Director

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Steven Butts <gatorpears@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Huber, Bob; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridor

Honorable County Supervisor,

February 27, 2019

My wife and I attended the Planning Commission meeting of Jan. 31, 2019 considering the Wildlife Corridor overlay plan. During the presentation the state biologist showed many tracking collar images of different species tracked. It showed that these animals do not cross highways or freeways, staying in clusters on either side of these barriers. Later a planning staffer explained that the county has no authority over highways.

So all the planning for "Connectivity for biodiversity" is virtually for nothing. Until the County decides to work with whatever highway authorities it needs to, to have connectivity, we will have a non-working Wildlife Corridor. Putting highly restrictive regulations on landowners and still not having connectivity for animal diversity makes absolutely no sense at all.

A project like this should take decades to properly plan and implement. These animals are not endangered. I understand the rush is so that the project will serve as a legacy to two long term County Supervisors. Is a half-baked plan a legacy? Is serving the public a reason to have a personal legacy? How about doing this project properly and leave a legacy to the people of Ventura County.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steven and Sandra Butts, 1321 E. Telegraph Rd., Fillmore, CA 805-727-0736



February 12, 2019

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Steve Bennett

Supervisor Bob Huber

Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Kelly Long

Supervisor John Zaragoza

[Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)

From: Peter Carniglia

19 Maverick Lane

Bell Canyon, CA 91307

**Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement of Vote**

Supervisors:

I am writing to ask that the Board of Supervisors and County Planning **delay the proposed March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance** until Planning can **fully investigate, analyze, and integrate the recommendations** made in the motion from its own Planning Commission. To date this has not been done or publicly distributed, or given adequate input from the public on several hot, key issues.

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The current ordinance contains grave concerns regarding public safety, security, fire prevention, stream buffers, continuity of the proposed Corridor Overlay, and more. There are also still major mapping errors in the current ordinance that must be fixed so the ordinance is accurate, and the County is not exposing itself to a time-consuming and costly process of cleaning this up later.

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The Planning Commission sent a strong message to the Board and Planning Staff- the ordinance is only acceptable to move forward with the recommended changes. The Board of Supervisors might take an especially dim view of this being rammed down your own throats, like the feeling so many property owners have becoming subject to the Ordinance without even the basic Public Comment Period being honored. Now

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with these changes, specifically #1-7, 10 and 11 all by definition requiring new public notice, new public input sequences and proper stake-holder consideration there just is not enough time. The failure to engage these Public Responsibilities of Public Comment Periods may of course just reflect very badly on both the Planning Commission, its staff even individually, and finally the Board of Supervisors and its individual members.

Please take the time necessary to do this right. **Postpone the March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing until the changes are made.**

Thank you.



Peter Carniglia  
19 Maverick Lane  
Bell Canyon, CA 91307  
818-399-1087  
[peter@carniglia.com](mailto:peter@carniglia.com)

cc: Bell Canyon Board of Directors  
Diane Rossiter, Bell Canyon General Manager

bcc

H Elaine Cavaletto  
4031 Price Rd, Somis, CA 93066  
805-479-1422

February 27, 2019

Dear Supervisors,

After careful consideration, I am opposed to this ordinance in its current form due to security issues, mapping inaccuracies, fire danger and the lack of environmental review.

This ordinance is based on regional biological studies that are 13 years old. The result is a set of **flawed maps** that do not achieve the objective of wildlife passage through undeveloped lands.

The mapped corridors unnecessarily pass through residential neighborhoods, commercial and industrial zones, existing agricultural preserves, and 2 college campuses. The maps must be adjusted to avoid these existing areas.

Restrictions on brush clearance required in stream buffers throughout the corridors are a threat to fuel management efforts that are critical to protect adjacent cities from devastating wildfires like the recent Thomas, Hill and Woolsey Fires.

The restrictions on fencing and lighting have no consideration for security needs of properties near public access trails, parks, schools, businesses and safety hazards.

I urge you to follow all of the recommendations made by your trusted Planning Commission on 1-31-19. In a 5-0 vote the Commissioners outlined further study and many changes to the ordinance. As this decision is being rushed through without time to rectify the mapping errors, security issues, fire hazards and environmental review, I recommend that you VOTE NO on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

H Elaine Cavaletto

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January 30, 2019

*Via E-Mail*

**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Ventura County Planning Division  
800 S. Victoria Avenue,  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

Attn: Wildlife Corridors

Re: The Wood-Claeysens Foundation , the Taylor Ranch and Questions and Comments  
in Response to Notice from the Planning Division and Kim L. Prillhart dated  
January 14, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned represents The Wood-Claeysens Foundation ("Foundation"), the owner of the Taylor Ranch which is adjacent to the Ventura River. The Taylor Ranch is slightly more than 8,000 acres. A small portion near W. Main Street is in the City of Ventura. Portions are in the Coastal Zone. Most of the ranch is in the Non Coastal Zone and County of Ventura. Approximately 400 or 500 acres of the Ranch north of W. Main Street and west of Ventura River are in commercial agriculture. The Foundation's farm tenants are raising lemons, avocados, strawberries and a few other crops. A large portion of the Ranch is involved with oil and gas production. Aera Energy has the Taylor Lease on the easterly side of the Ranch near its entrance on Shell Road off the Ventura Avenue. California Resources Corporation has the Grubb Lease on the westerly side a portion of the Ranch and is entered off Pacific Coast Highway at San Miguelito Road. The Foundation has cell towers and range land on Red Mountain and its northerly parcels.

The purpose of this letter is not to interfere with any inquiries made by Aera Energy or California Resources Corporation about the Proposed Ordinance. Rather and with respect to the proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance, the Foundation and I have a number of questions, concerns and comments about the provisions of the Proposed Ordinance as they relate to and impact the Ranch and in some instances how they may apply. Topics addressed by the Ordinance as highlighted in the Notice include outdoor night-lighting, invasive plants, fencing, protecting areas around surface water features, and the Critical Wildlife Passage Areas. My client and I are

encouraged that the ordinance will not affect any structures or uses that currently exist including existing fencing. However, prejudice and injury to the Foundation from misunderstanding the impact of and/or applicability of the Proposed Ordinance would be substantial and the Foundation and I want to avoid that consequence.

I am enclosing a map of the 8,000 acre plus Taylor Ranch. The map reflects the Assessor parcels and acreages. While past, present and future uses of the entire Ranch are potentially impacted by the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance, the following APNs are of particular concern to the Foundation and/or its agricultural tenants:

1. 060-0-310-235
2. 060-0-300-045
3. 060-0-310-165
4. 060-0-310-175
5. 060-0-310-185
6. 060-0-320-195
7. 060-0-320-255
8. 068-0-141-015
9. 071-0-120-075

The Taylor Ranch Welty Parcel (APN 060-0-320-195) and  
Taylor Ranch Parcels or Portions therein in the Coastal Zone

A major concern is the applicability of the Proposed Ordinance to the Taylor Ranch Welty parcel that adjoins W. Main Street and includes portions of the Ventura River. On the map attached, it is identified as APN 060-0-320-195 and is labeled parcel 21. The parcel is in the Coastal Zone and City of Ventura and is 105 acres, more or less. In recent years, approximately 65 acres of the parcel has been commercially farmed in strawberries. The farmed acreage has fencing along W. Main Street and the westerly border with the rest of the Taylor Ranch and on the easterly side to protect the strawberry field and the farming activities from the transient and trespassing population that lives in the Ventura River bottom that the Foundation patrols and the wildlife that will consume the strawberries, damage the plants and contaminate the field. Your map of the Wildlife Corridor - - a copy of which is attached - - covers a portion of the Welty parcel that is currently being farmed. There is an historic road on the easterly side referred to as the SP Milling Road. Most, if not all, of the Welty parcel is in the Coastal Zone. My first concern and question is whether the Proposed Ordinance applies to the parcel at all. Secondly, I am not sure if the map inadvertently covers portions of the historically farmed parcel or not. If existing ag is to be protected, any Wildlife Corridor should begin east - - and on the Ventura River side - - of the SP Milling Road.

Fire Breaks and Constant Fire Hazard

The Foundation and its tenants are very concerned about fire hazard on the Taylor Ranch. The Thomas Fire burned across a good portion of the Taylor Ranch during 2017. During 2015, portions of the Ranch were burned by the Solimar Fire. Periodic fires over time are a common event. Finally, the transients, homeless and trespassers intentionally and unintentionally set fires in the Ventura river bottom including several parcels owned by the Foundation. The Foundation patrols the Taylor Ranch portion of the Ventura river bottom to keep the trespassers, transients and homeless out and to remove their trash and debris. Likewise, the Foundation works very closely with law enforcement regarding this problem and with the Ventura County Fire Department personnel regarding fire abatement protocols. The likelihood that the Proposed Ordinance will create additional risks for the current uses of the Taylor Ranch are unacceptable as presently written. It is possible some of the concerns the Foundation, its ag, oil and gas tenants have are answerable and not the problem we believe. However, until we have had a chance to work through the particular concerns at the Taylor Ranch with you, we must oppose this Ordinance.

We look forward to working with you. We would ask that the Proposed Ordinance in its current form be continued for further discussion, further workshops and a rescheduled Planning Commission hearing date. I look forward to hearing from you regarding my questions, concerns and comments.

Very truly yours,



JOSEPH C. CHRISMAN

JCC/js  
Enclosures

# Wood-Clayessens Foundation/Taylor Ranch APN & Acreage Map



Label	APN	Acreage
1	060-0-300-015	639.00
2	060-0-300-025	639.00
3	060-0-300-045	360.00
4	060-0-300-055	625.00
5	060-0-300-065	625.00
6	060-0-300-075	495.00
7	060-0-300-095	305.00
8	060-0-300-135	598.08
9	060-0-310-055	2.40
10	060-0-310-075	2.00
11	060-0-310-095	1.20
12	060-0-310-155	640.00
13	060-0-310-165	336.04
14	060-0-310-175	557.00
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17	060-0-310-225	506.77
18	060-0-310-235	584.70
19	060-0-320-125	1.53
20	060-0-320-135	1.07
21	060-0-320-195	105.12
22	060-0-320-255	220.17
23	060-0-320-265	1.08
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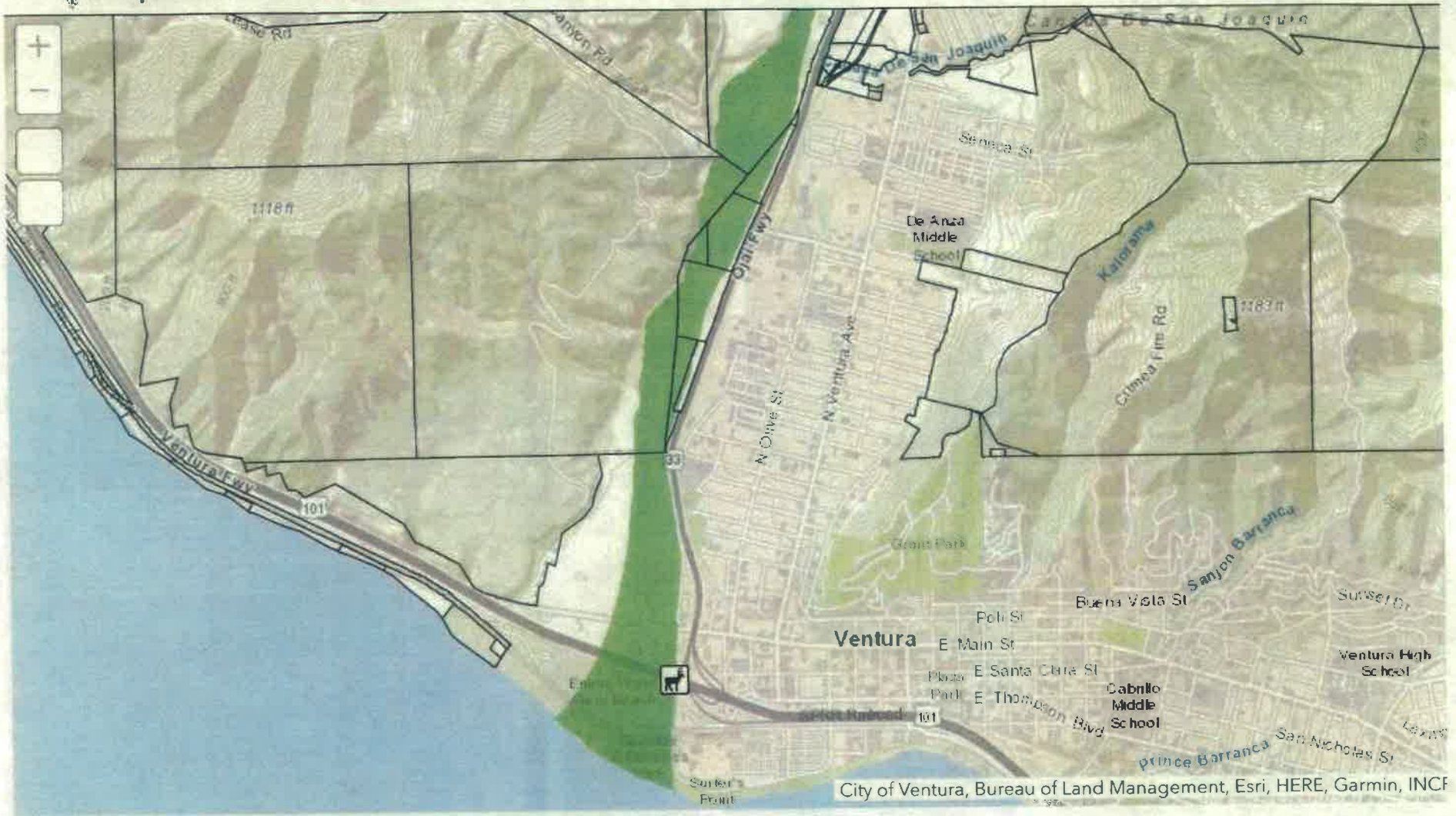
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Updated

Taylor Ranch Total Acreage: 8,085.75



# Proposed Wildlife Corridors Map



City of Ventura, Bureau of Land Management, Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCF

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## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Shane Clark <shane.clark.765@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 6:16 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Bell Canyon Wildlife Corridor

Hello,

My name is Shane Clark and I am a resident of Bell Canyon. I have heard that there are some proposed ordinances that would affect me as a resident of Bell Canyon. While we are on the edge of a wildlife area, we are a large community with hundreds of homes and families. I am all for protecting wildlife but the proposed regulations would negatively impact our community and I respectfully request that Bell Canyon be exempt from the new regulations. My home along with many others in Bell Canyon burned down in the Woolsey fire. I will soon start the long process of rebuilding my home, and I do not want the added complications of new regulations. This community has suffered enough and we do not need more roadblocks to rebuilding our lives.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Best regards,  
Shane Clark

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Gordon Clint <ghclint@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:36 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Support Wildlife Corridor Zone

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

We will be away and unable to attend the Hearing on March 12, 2019, so we are submitting our comments at this time.

We support the Wildlife Corridor Zone as approved by the Planning Commission. We request that the Board of Supervisors also approve this plan for legally enforceable wildlife corridor zoning. It will preserve the pathways necessary for wildlife to connect between separated natural open space areas.

Scientists say we are causing the extinction of other species at one thousand times the natural rate. This 'ecocide' is due to human activity and is upsetting the ecological balance of nature. As humans, we are all part of an interdependent web with nature. Ultimately, we depend on nature for the long term survival of our own species.

The proposed wildlife corridor zoning law is essential to maintaining the genetic diversity. It will protect the health of the native animal and plant communities in our national and state park lands, as well as our natural open space.

This is an action we can accomplish here in Ventura County that future generations will appreciate more than we can even imagine at this time.

Sincerely,

Gordon Clint and Barbara Leighton

4102 Greenwood Street, Newbury Park, CA 91320

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Stefanie Coeler <scoeler@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 09, 2019 6:14 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridor Oso Rd Ojai

I am a property owner on Oso Rd in Ojai. We were recently informed that our property along with every property on Oso Rd will be in the proposed wildlife corridor. While I am all for open space and wildlife protection, I am not sure why the proposed wildlife corridor has to go through our properties and actually place most of our properties within the corridor, when there is already protected open space (1500 acres Ventura River Preserve belonging to the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy) which borders the National Forrest starting at the back of our properties. Could you please explain to me, why our properties have to be included into the corridor, severely restricting what we can do with our land and lowering our property values? I would think that wildlife has enough room to roam in the thousands of acres behind our properties. I am respectfully asking that the border for the wildlife corridor will be moved off of our properties.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,  
Stefanie Coeler

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Taylor Cole <tcole3790@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 7:22 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridors – Oppose  
**Attachments:** Wildlife\_Corridor\_Letter\_1.pdf

Please see attached letter opposing the wildlife Corridor. I farm Avocados and lemons in Santa Paula within the limits of the proposed Corridor and would experience a severe undue burden if passed. PLEASE VOTE NO.

January 29, 2017

To: Ventura County Planning Commission  
Commissioner Richard Rodriguez  
Commissioner Jim King  
Commissioner Maggie Kestly  
Commissioner Phil White  
Commissioner Nora Aidukas

SUBJECT: Do not pass the dangerous Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Commissioners:

As a Ventura County resident, I have concerns about the implementation of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. **The proposed ordinance places extreme restrictions on fencing, lighting, brush clearance and structures that will compromise the security of families and prevent them from reasonable use of their land.**

**The expansion of stream buffers from 100' to 200' and the ban on clearing or even thinning flammable brush in these areas is dangerous. The buffer areas include 140,000 acres within the proposed wildlife corridors, directly adjacent to cities and unincorporated communities.**

**Over 147,000 acres or 35% of the proposed corridors are in State Fire Hazard zones, turning these areas into dangerous WildFire corridors.**

**Over 115,000 acres of this proposed corridor burned in the Thomas, Hill and Woolsey fires. All three of the tragic recent fires started in or directly adjacent to the proposed corridors. These fires scorched over 383,000 acres and burned 3180 structures in three Counties.**

**These fires devastated wildlife populations and their habitat. Mountain lions and bobcats were lost in the Woolsey Fire. The Santa Monica Mountains lost half of its wildlife habitat in the fire.**

**The County is rushing this ordinance forward, notifying landowners merely a week before a Planning Commission decision with an inadequate notification letter understating the impact to property owners. Many landowners have no idea this is happening.**

**I support reasonable efforts to minimize impacts to wildlife movement within the County. However, many of the regulations in the proposed ordinance are legally flawed, scientifically unsupported, unwarranted, and unnecessary**

I respectfully ask that you send this ordinance back to Planning staff for further consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature: 

Name: Taylor Cole

Address: 7676 Pine Grove Rd  
Santa Paula CA 93060

Comments on the Habitat Connectivity & Wildlife Corridor Planning Commission Hearing  
County of Ventura  
800 S Victoria Ave, Ventura 93009

January 31, 2019

Dear Commissioners,

I am unable to attend the hearing on Thursday January 31, 2019.

There are two essential and very important facts that I would like to make that will support the conclusion for the passage and adoption of a set of amendments to the County General Plan and Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to approve the Wildlife Corridor:

- 1) The VC Fire Chief, Mark Lorenzen from the Fire Protection District on January 8, 2019 states that there are **sufficient** accommodations and exemptions in the proposed ordinance to allow VCFD the ability to maintain vegetation management and fuel treatments in the proposed wildlife corridors. Further, these regulations were drafted with the input of property owners, farmers, ranchers, conservation organizations and natural resource agencies. This directly contradicts the comments of Lynn Jensen of COLAB.
- 2) There is no emergency to appoint a new District 3. Planning Commissioner as Supervisor Kelly Long has stated. The rules set out by the Board of Supervisors for a fair and open process are clear. There are to be a 10 working day notice of a vacancy by VC to allow for public input and review. No current emergency exists and Supervisor Kelly Long didn't notice the vacancy in a timely manner to allow for the standard process. I also understand a qualified candidate from Santa Paula (in Kelly's District 3.) with a background in planning wanted to apply for the position, but the notice was not available, and she couldn't submit it to the Supervisor. So what is this emergency? Let us note that any public appeal or comment must be made within the process set out by VC before any vote can be taken. The Planning Commission has operated with 4 members present in the past. I want to hear from the staff on how many decisions have been made without a full Planning Commission installed in the past before you vote on this ordinance.

I urge you to consider these overriding circumstances and vote to approve the current Wildlife Corridor ordinance today.

Thank you,  
Helen Conly  
699 Larmier Ave  
Oak View, CA 93022  
805 746-0199

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Katie Cook <sullygerr66@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor  
**Attachments:** County of Ventura - Resource Management Agency.pdf

Good morning,

I received this notice in regards to the public hearing and unfortunately was not able to attend. Will you have minutes available for the property owners that weren't in attendance so that we can stay privy to the plans and be in attendance for the next one?

Thank you!

Katie

2525 Gridley Road

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** George Corry <GeorgeCorry@rcibuilders.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 4:15 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Huber, Bob; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION to the Wildlife Corridor

Dear Supervisors,

Please read the highlighted note below.

After careful consideration, I am opposed to this ordinance in its current form due to security issues, mapping inaccuracies, fire danger and the lack of environmental review.

This ordinance is based on regional biological studies that are 13 years old. The result is a set of flawed maps that do not achieve the objective of wildlife passage through undeveloped lands.

The mapped corridors unnecessarily pass through residential neighborhoods, commercial and industrial zones, existing agricultural preserves, and 2 college campuses. The maps must be adjusted to avoid these existing areas.

Restrictions on brush clearance required in stream buffers throughout the corridors are a threat to fuel management efforts that are critical to protect adjacent cities from devastating wildfires like the recent Thomas, Hill and Woosley Fires.

The restrictions on fencing and lighting have no consideration for security needs of properties near public access trails, parks, schools, businesses and safety hazards.

I urge you to follow all of the recommendations made by your trusted Planning Commission on 1-31-19. In a 5-0 vote the Commissioners outlined further study and many changes to the ordinance. As this decision is being rushed through without time to rectify the mapping errors, security issues, fire hazards and environmental review, I recommend that you VOTE NO on this ordinance.

I do not want my property parcel Number to have a HCWC designation just because a small corner maybe 15ft by 50ft of my 10 acres is designated within the wildlife corridor , it's an arbitrary line that was drawn on one of the corridors maps and there is no potential of this small area to be part of the wildlife corridor. The designation of the HCWC will lower my property values and gives Ventura County another way making future and additional changes that could affect my property rights even further. Leave my property rights alone. You can contact me at 818-515-1302

Sincerely,





## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Robin Crist <angelmouseusa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 4:56 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Cc:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor Through Lockwood Valley

To Whom It May Concern:

This proposal has slapped us in the face! None of us were formally informed of this ridiculous plan! There are many reasons why this plan is completely unfair to all of us.

- 1) To restrict fencing would be dangerous to our livestock, domestic animals and children. So said wildlife crossing could engage and possibly harm our animals and children.
- 2) Limiting the brush clearance would be extremely dangerous to us. Many of us need more clearance because of draws that could whip a wild fire into our property. It would also hinder fire equipment from getting access to most of our properties. Then, there's the fact that we would probably not be able to acquire fire insurance on our homeowners' policies!
- 3) To restrict lighting would cause a dangerous situation in private protection. Many of us need bright lighting to feed our livestock or check on them. If there were to be an emergency, law enforcement and medical personnel would not be able to see where we are to reach us. That would pose a detrimental threat on our health and safety.
- 4) Lowering our property values is just completely disrespectful and unconscionable. We have all paid fair price for our properties and have put endless years of work to keep them up hoping, just as non-rural residential properties, that our properties will grow in value. This could send many of us into bankruptcy.
- 5) As for restricting building of improvements to our home or even a storage shed is again restricting our ability to improve the value of our property. Building a shed keeps things organized as opposed to leaving tools and equipment out in the elements to rot or disintegrate.

The resources you used to put this plan together is antiquated and follows some obsolete federal program. The American Badger (whom we've never seen in decades) is not going to migrate hundreds of miles to another county. We don't have Mule Deer, we have Coastal Deer and they only migrate up and down their own mountain, not across hundreds of miles into another county.

We completely disagree with this plan and believe you should revisit your resources to either make another plan or dissolve this completely!

Regard,

Heinz & Robin Crist  
Lockwood Valley Residents

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Joy Cummings <jocurr02@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Ordinance

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am strongly in favor of your approving the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Ordinance. Our natural environment and its inhabitants are a vital part of our county and I want to see them protected.

Most of the corridors are along our waterways and on public lands so only a small portion of private lands will be affected. Several safe guards are in place in the ordinance for the continued usage of these private lands.

Please pass this very necessary ordinance.

Thank you,  
Joy Cummings

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Matthew Cummings <matthewdcummings@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:36 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

I support ordinance - Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Adriana De Franco <defranco\_adriana@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Please support the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Zone

Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

Please **support** the the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Zone.

We trust that you will support the first-of-its-kind Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone at your **March 12 meeting**. The zoning will protect important wildlife corridors from the Santa Monica Mountains to the Los Padres Forest. The wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon is a critical area link that needs to be restored but efforts like these are also essential to reestablish wildlife corridors across the region.

Thank you for your work and for thinking about the future of human kind and all animals in the planet.

Adriana & Paulo  
Los Angeles-CA 90046

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Chris Dellith <chris\_dellith@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019 9:06 AM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Cc:** Christopher Diel; jeff\_phillips@fws.gov; Whitney Wilkinson; Convery, Abigail  
**Subject:** Ventura River Inclusion in the Wildlife Corridor Designation

2017-CPA-0033

Hi Shelley,

For the record regarding the upcoming Board hearing on the subject matter the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considers the Ventura River corridor to be extremely important for wildlife connectivity. To support our claim, we designated two different critical habitat units for the California red-legged frog within the Ventura River corridor (VEN-1 and STB-7). Here are partial descriptions for the VEN-1 (San Antonio Creek) and STB-7 (Upper Santa Ynez and Matilija Creek) critical habitat units for the California red-legged frog. They indicate a strong role for the Ventura River corridor in maintaining connectivity between isolated populations of this threatened species:

VEN-1 "Persistence of the species in this area will prevent further isolation of breeding locations near the limit of the geographic range of the species. The unit contains permanent and ephemeral aquatic habitats suitable for breeding and accessible upland areas for dispersal, shelter, and food, and provides connectivity between populations within the Transverse Ranges."

STB-7 "STB-7 is occupied by the species and provides connectivity between locations along the coast, in the Sierra Madre Mountains, and in the Ventura River watershed. It is important to species conservation and the persistence of the species in the Matilija watershed because it contains permanent and ephemeral aquatic habitats suitable for breeding, and upland areas for dispersal, shelter, and food in that portion of the unit, which will provide connectivity between populations within the Transverse Ranges and will prevent further isolation of breeding locations near the limit of the geographic range of the species."

As with the California red-legged frog, one could argue the same holds true for sensitive non-listed species that occur in the Ventura River corridor such as southwestern pond turtle and two-striped garter snake. These species are currently being considered for federal protections under the ESA (i.e., they are being considered for listing). Preserving connectivity through linkages could help conserve these species which could be considered in the listing process.

Another federally listed species that uses the Ventura River corridor for breeding and migration is the least Bell's vireo. Over the past two decades we have seen the slow return of least Bell's vireo to portions of its historical range. The Ventura River corridor is considered as a stepping-stone for least Bell's vireo as it expands back to its historical range to the north and east. To a certain extent, this would be true of all birds species in the region.

Lastly, one could reason from an aquatic perspective that despite the dam being there the Ventura River corridor is still important because steelhead do indeed spawn in the watershed (San Antonio Creek as well as main stem below the dam). Also, tidewater goby are known to occur in the Ventura River lagoon, as well as the lower reach of the Ventura River. Tidewater goby disperse along the coast within the recovery unit (see the tidewater

goby the recovery plan). The recovery unit consists of, from east to west: Zuma Canyon, Arroyo Sequit, Sycamore Canyon, Calleguas Creek, Ormond, Santa Clara River, and Ventura River.

Sincerely,  
Chris

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Chris Dellith  
Senior Fish and Wildlife Biologist  
Ventura Field Office  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
2493 Portola Rd., Suite B  
Ventura, CA 93003  
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January 30, 2017

To: Ventura County Planning Commission  
Commissioner Richard Rodriguez  
Commissioner Jim King  
Commissioner Maggie Kestly  
Commissioner Phil White  
Commissioner Nora Aidukas

SUBJECT: Do not pass the dangerous Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

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Sincerely,  
Viken Derderian  
15950 Greenleaf springs road  
Frazier Park, CA 93225

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Dodie Duffy <paintedpelicans@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:55 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor

Please vote in favor of these wildlife corridors! They are imperative for the life and well being of our wildlife, with more and more urban growth.

I am in favor of the proposed wildlife corridor zone.

Thank You,  
Dodie Duffy, Hollywood Beach, Oxnard



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** FW: Corridors

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** svduffy@roadrunner.com <svduffy@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 2:12 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Corridors

The support, permitting, and execution of wildlife corridors in Ventura County is vital for the County to support in all it's departments. They protect both the wildlife and county residents/motorists. We all share the land with our local wildlife and it is imperative that, when given the opportunity to do so, every effort is made to foster this extra protection. As a life long County resident, it would be sad to see Ventura County adopt any other approach than full support during it's planning, meetings and votes.

Regards,

Shawn Duffy  
Hollywood Beach

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Shaun Duncan <shaun@d2ge.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 8:58 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridor

Ventura county planning commission

I am a resident of Ventura county and live near the Los Padres wilderness area. I can't see a reason to expand the wildlife corridor in this area as it is already wide open space.

Regards,  
Shaun

## Hall, Anna

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**From:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 5:59 PM  
**To:** Hall, Anna  
**Subject:** FW: Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone

**From:** Kate A. Ekman <kateekman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:37 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>; Parks, Linda <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>; Long, Kelly <kelly.long@ventura.org>; Supervisor Huber <Supervisor.Huber@ventura.org>; Zaragoza, John <John.Zaragoza@ventura.org>; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone

Hello everyone,

I am a Los Angeles County resident and former Ventura County resident who cares very much about helping our wildlife survive and thrive while also coexisting with humans. I'm so excited about the prospect of a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone to expand our efforts as we also work to get the Liberty Canyon crossing built. My birthday is March 13th and I would be super grateful if you voted to support the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone on March 12th!

Thank you!  
Kate Ekman  
20809 Anza Ave, Torrance, CA 90503  
312-543-0884

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Carrie Eller <carrieeller58@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:34 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** I support including protection of wildlife corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

Please include requirements for protection of wildlife corridors in all future reviews. I support the Wildlife Corridor.

Thank you,  
Carrie Eller  
540 Thomas St  
Oak View, CA. 93022  
805-402-8204

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Jessica Elliott <jessicaelliott8@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 1:57 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Support for Wildlife Corridor

**Categories:** Blue Category

Hello,

I'm writing to show strong support for the proposed wildlife corridor!

Thank you,  
Jessica

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Jane Fawke <laragna.web@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Cc:** Bennett, Steve  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridors

Supervisors,

I am a retired Park Ranger from the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency in Thousand Oaks, I am emailing you today to ask you to vote "yes" in support of wildlife corridors throughout Ventura county.

It is imperative that these areas are preserved for future generations so that they may too see mountain lions, bobcats and migratory birds and enjoy the local wildlife and open space as I was able too. It is also important that these areas are preserved for wildlife in a rapidly shrinking natural world.

Thank you.

Jane "Spider" Fawke

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:14 PM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan; Uhlich, Kim; Prillhart, Kim  
**Subject:** FW: Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone  
**Attachments:** 20190128 Wildlife Corridor PC Hearing Letter.pdf; City of Moorpark letter 2017 re corridors.pdf

More support from Moorpark.

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**From:** Joseph Fiss <JFiss@MoorparkCA.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:08 PM  
**To:** Curtis, Susan <Susan.Curtis@ventura.org>  
**Cc:** Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>; Deborah Traffenstedt <DTraffenstedt@MoorparkCA.gov>; Brown, Troy <tbrown@moorparkca.gov>; Brian Chong <BChong@MoorparkCA.gov>; City Council & City Manager <CityCouncil@MoorparkCA.gov>  
**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone

Shelley, Susan,

Please find attached our letter in support of the County's Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone and a Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zone.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

**Joseph Fiss**  
**Acting Community Development Director**  
Community Development Department  
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**From:** Curtis, Susan [<mailto:Susan.Curtis@ventura.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:04 PM

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Frances Foy <FrancesF@CoastalViewHCC.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 4:50 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Huber, Bob; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Cc:** Frances Foy; 'Harold Foy'  
**Subject:** NO on Wildlife Corridor Ordinance  
**Attachments:** Foy County Board of Supervisors Wild Life Corridor Ordinance.pdf

I am attaching my letter of dissent. Please vote NO on the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance.

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**From:** Leslie Gascoigne <lesgas66@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:34 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridors Ventura County

**Categories:** Blue Category

Hello,

As a property owner in the Santa Monica Mountains I am extremely concerned about the dwindling populations of deer, bobcat, and especially mountain lions. These magnificent animals need to be protected. In order to survive and thrive, they need safe ways to travel between large undeveloped areas. This

will ensure that during natural disasters, like wildfires, wildlife can move and repopulate burned areas. This will also ensure proper genetic diversity for maintaining a healthy population free of inbreeding.

I am in full support of the important wildlife corridor designations/regulations being proposed. Please help maintain critical wildlife corridors in Ventura County.

Thank you,  
Leslie Gascoigne  
724 Ocean Dr.  
Oxnard, CA 93035

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Glaza <kghorsemanship@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 6:01 PM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Proposed wildlife corridor

*Attention Ventura County Planning Commission:*

*It has come to my attention that the planning commission is considering a revised wildlife corridor ordinance. My family owns land in this area which is surrounded by forest. There is absolutely no need for these extreme limitations on private property. Wildlife has an unobstructed path around our property as evidenced by wonderful photos of deer grazing in the valley on our property.*

*This infringement on the use and enjoyment of private property must NOT pass. We are property owners and tax paying citizens and these outrageous and unnecessary regulations must be stopped.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mark Glaza*

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Donna Gold <gramadonna@keppandbeeze.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 5:25 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Bell Canyon concerns

**Categories:** Blue Category

To Whom This May Concern,

We are unable to attend the meeting today concerning the Wildlife Ordinance.

We hope that the concerns and results that occur at this meeting will be sent to the whole community of Bell Canyon as it will affect us considerably.

Thank you,

Ken and Donna Gold

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Tom M. Goldberg <tomg805@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 4:04 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

To the Honorable Clerk,

After careful consideration, I am opposed to this ordinance in its current form due to security issues, mapping inaccuracies, fire danger and the lack of environmental review.

This ordinance is based on regional biological studies that are 13 years old. The result is a set of **flawed maps** that do not achieve the objective of wildlife passage through undeveloped lands.

The mapped corridors unnecessarily pass through residential neighborhoods, commercial and industrial zones, existing agricultural preserves, and 2 college campuses. The maps must be adjusted to avoid these existing areas.

Restrictions on brush clearance required in stream buffers throughout the corridors are a threat to fuel management efforts that are critical to protect adjacent cities from devastating wildfires like the recent Thomas, Hill and Woosley Fires.

The restrictions on fencing and lighting have no consideration for security needs of properties near public access trails, parks, schools, businesses and safety hazards.

I urge you to follow all of the recommendations made by your trusted Planning Commission on 1-31-19. In a 5-0 vote the Commissioners outlined further study and many changes to the ordinance. As this decision is being rushed through without time to rectify the mapping errors, security issues, fire hazards and environmental review, I recommend that you VOTE NO on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Tom M Goldberg

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 10:16 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** FW: Wildlife Corridor

support

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gaye Goodwin <smartyvenus@zoho.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 1:39 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor

Dear Ms Sussman,

I encourage the facilitation of a wildlife corridor for Ventura county, connecting the Santa Monica Mountains with the northern mountain range in order to protect and preserve the mountain lion community and the associated wildlife.

Thank you!  
Gaye Goodwin

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Laura Hanley <laura@upraxisllc.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Zaragoza, John; Supervisor Huber; Batinica, Meighan; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard; pc@cityofventura.ca.gov; Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Private Property Owner Opposed to Wildlife Corridor Impact

Dear Planning Commission Members and Ventura County Supervisors,

I think people are more important than animals.

My great-grandparents settled in the Lockwood Valley in the 1870's. My great-grandchildren are still enjoying the property our family has owned, cared for, and paid taxes on for over 150 years in the Lockwood Valley and as in-holders in the Los Padres National Forest.

We have co-existed with the wildlife in the forest and on our property without issue. The wildlife corridor regulations under proposal place unnecessary restrictions how we use our private property without any clearly needed benefit to wildlife.

Please respect our rights as longtime property tax payers and voters and refrain from applying unneeded regulations.

Sincerely,

Paula Green Duncan

4th generation Ventura County



FEB 25 2019

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Steve Bennett  
Supervisor Bob Huber  
Supervisor Linda Parks  
Supervisor Kelly Long  
Supervisor John Zaragoza  
[Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)

Send to:  
Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

**Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement**

Supervisors:

I am writing to ask that the Board of Supervisors and County Planning **delay the proposed March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance** until Planning can **fully investigate, analyze, and integrate the recommendations** made in the motion from its own Planning Commission.

On January 31<sup>st</sup> the Planning Commission voted **unanimously** to recommend the ordinance but **only after addressing 12 important conditions**. These 12 conditions outline the many issues in the existing ordinance and need to be addressed in full, including changes to the ordinance language, prior to the Board meeting.

The current ordinance contains grave concerns regarding public safety, security, fire prevention, stream buffers and more. There are also still major mapping errors in the current ordinance that must be fixed so the ordinance is accurate, and the County is not exposing itself to a time-consuming and costly process of cleaning this up later.

Staff was asked to address these issues to the Board. I believe staff should ensure these **changes are part of the next draft before the Board of Supervisors reviews the Ordinance**. If that takes more time than now to March 12, just a month away, I'd ask that the Board postpone the hearing on the ordinance and do this fully and completely.

Over 400,000 acres are affected by this ordinance- nearly 30% of Ventura County's land. It is important to do this right and take the time it needs to ensure the wishes of the Planning Commission and the concerns of residents are taken into account.

The Planning Commission sent a strong message to the Board and Planning Staff- the ordinance is only acceptable to move forward with the recommended changes. Please take the time necessary to do this right. **Postpone the March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing until the changes are made.**

Thank you.

Bob Grundstrom  
Newbury Park



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Jean Guyader <jean.p.guyader@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** Supervisor Huber  
**Cc:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Zaragoza@ventura.org; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridor zone

Please protect animal diversity and ecobalance by adopting a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone . Adopting the new zoning will keep critical habitat for California Condors, Coastal California Gnatcatchers, Least Bell's Vireos and neo-tropical song birds from being destroyed.

Best regards,  
Jean Guyader  
11946 Maplecrest St.  
Moorpark, NJ 93021

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Anita Hachard <hachards4@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:36 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

To whom it may concern,

I firmly believe that the wildlife corridors going through Ventura County is a crucial migration route for wildlife in this area.

It's already densely populated and many species need to be able to travel without threats from automobiles and homeowners.

Mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountain range already have an extremely difficult time migrating from east to west mountain ranges let alone the treacherous freeways of the 118 and the 101 and 126 hwy.

The corridors are important if we want to continue to live in an area with abundant wildlife.

Let's not turn this area into the San Fernando Valley!!!

Let's embrace our beautiful wildlife!

Thank you for your time.

Kindly,

Anita Hachard

Sent from my iPhone

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Roy Hales <royhales@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 9:10 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Cc:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance  
**Attachments:** January 31 Wildlife Corr. Letter.docx

Dear Ms. Batinica,

Enclose is our letter in opposition tho the proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Roy Hales



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January 31, 2019

Ventura County Planning Commission  
c/o [Meighan.batinica@ventura.org](mailto:Meighan.batinica@ventura.org)

Dear Ms. Batinica,

I am deeply concerned about the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance that Ventura County is considering. As a long-time resident of Lockwood Valley, I feel that a Wildlife Corridor proposal running through Lockwood Valley in northern Ventura County is totally unnecessary and should be removed from the planned Wildlife Corridor boundaries.

Lockwood Valley is surrounded by 500,000 acres of National Forest in the Mount Pinos Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest. The Mount Pinos Ranger District already addresses the concerns for wildlife protection with already established wilderness areas: the Chumash Wilderness Area, the Sespe Wilderness Area and the Dick Smith Wilderness Area. An additional Wildlife Corridor is not needed in our area.

Our family has owned our residence in Lockwood Valley for over 38 years. We worked hard and at great expense to preserve and maintain the natural beauty and surroundings of the area. We have always kept our property open for the animals that surround the area. During this time, we have never noticed any migration of deer, badgers or mountain lions. According to the warden for the California Fish and Wildlife, the sub-species of mule deer that we have in our area do not migrate, the mountain lions are territorial so they do not migrate and we have never seen badgers. We see evidence of these animals throughout the year, not just during migration times. Therefore, there is no need for a corridor for migration in our area.

We take issue with several of the regulations proposed under the Habitat Connectivity Overlay Zone. Wildland fires are of great concern in Lockwood Valley. The Day Fire of 2006, that burned 163,000 acres, came very close to burning completely through our valley and came within a half a mile of our ranch. Local residents were evacuated for 5 days. The native brush clearance restrictions would have made our property indefensible during a fire. Many residents have a creek going through their property so the vegetation restrictions near creeks that are near homes would make it difficult to protect their homes. We have experienced firsthand what a wildfire can do.

I feel that the Wildlife Corridor was not well thought through and should not include Lockwood Valley at all. The wildlife in our area are already protected by the Forest Service Wilderness Areas, our wildlife do not migrate, we have no freeways in our valley and the inclusion of our particular area of Lockwood Valley in this Wildlife Corridor plan should be eliminated from the plan. As I said before, there are 500,000 acres of National Forest around us. If Lockwood Valley cannot be excluded from the proposed Wildlife Corridor, surely the corridor can be shifted to include less populated areas of our valley.

You were chosen by the constituents of Ventura County to protect and defend the best interests and rights of the citizens of the county. Of course our wildlife should be protected, but not at the expense of the people you represent. I urge you to reconsider and exclude Lockwood Valley, specifically Boy Scout Camp Road, from the Wildlife Corridor Plan.

This proposed new Wildlife Corridor Ordinance that Ventura County is considering is just another example of ordinances that have diminished our property values and reduces the possibilities of maintaining the property that we have worked hard to enjoy.

Please consider our request to amend or reject this proposed ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Roy and Nancy Hales  
12260 Boy Scout Camp Road.  
Frazier Park, CA 93225

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Pam Hannah <ph8888ph@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:59 AM  
**To:** Zaragoza, John  
**Subject:** Please support the wildlife crossing!!

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Supervisors,

02/21/2019

After careful consideration, I am opposed to this ordinance in its current form due to security issues, mapping inaccuracies, fire danger and the lack of environmental review.

This ordinance is based on regional biological studies that are 13 years old. The result is a set of **flawed maps** that do not achieve the objective of wildlife passage through undeveloped lands.

The mapped corridors unnecessarily pass through residential neighborhoods, commercial and industrial zones, existing agricultural preserves, and 2 college campuses. The maps must be adjusted to avoid these existing areas.

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I urge you to follow all of the recommendations made by your trusted Planning Commission on 1-31-19. In a 5-0 vote the Commissioners outlined further study and many changes to the ordinance. As this decision is being rushed through without time to rectify the mapping errors, security issues, fire hazards and environmental review, I recommend that you VOTE NO on this ordinance.

Sincerely,



Mike and Kim Hansen  
Ventura County Residents  
Hansenmkwt@gmail.com



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Linda Harmon <lhart412@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:16 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridors

Ventura County Planning Commissioners,  
I highly support planning for wildlife corridor zones. Such a zone is necessary to help ensure the health of our ecosystems.

Thank you for your service,  
Linda Harmon  
412 N. Fulton St.  
Ojai, 83023

It is my understanding that :  
The zone will protect creeks, reduce night lighting, specify fencing type for new fences, and in critical corridor areas, require clustering of new buildings away from the most threatened part of the corridor so wildlife can still pass through

Sent from my iPhone

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Rosalind Helfand <rozhelpand@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 1:59 PM  
**To:** Supervisor Huber  
**Cc:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Support for the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone

Dear Supervisor Huber,

I grew-up in Simi Valley and my family still lives there. I frequently come to Simi and other places in Ventura County for hiking and recreation, as well as having dinner with my family.

I'm writing to express my support for the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone. I hope you and your fellow Supervisors will vote for it. Like my family, I am concerned about protecting habitat for birds and other animals, and ensuring that their habitat is connected to facilitate their safe movement and survival. Riparian habitat like that in the Ventura River Corridor is a core part of this, as well.

Development and other human activities together with extreme weather systems and more intense fires have created hard conditions for wildlife. We now know that healthy wildlife helps to maintain ecological balance that benefits industries such as agriculture. It also ensures that people will keep visiting the region for recreation and nature getaways. Animals can't be stuck in habitat islands to survive, they need linked land. By protecting both habitat and corridors, the Supervisors will benefit both people and animals. This will also help to reduce pressures on wildlife that lead to human and wildlife encounters, so it is a wise management tool, as well.

Thank you in advance for supporting this zone. We hope it will be a model for the nation and the world!

Yours,

Rosalind Helfand

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Tracey Hendrick <tnbhen@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 5:44 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor support

**Categories:** Blue Category

I would like to voice my support for the wildlife corridor in Ventura County. Please vote in favor of our wildlife tonight. Thank you.

Tracey Hendrick  
191 Brentwood Ave  
Ventura, Ca 93003  
805-642-8661

**To:** Jim Hoffmann <jhoffmann@levinhoffmann.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bell Canyon and Wildlife Corridor zoning

xxoo Cindy 🐘🐘🐘🐘🐘

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Parks, Linda" <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>  
**Date:** January 29, 2019 at 6:29:06 PM PST  
**To:** "cindychoffmann@gmail.com" <cindychoffmann@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** "Terry, Vanise" <Vanise.Terry@ventura.org>, "Ho, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Ho@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Bell Canyon and Wildlife Corridor zoning

Hi Cindy,

It was nice talking with you. I've asked the Planning Staff to respond so I can get back to you. The way the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone (aka "Wildlife Corridor zone") works is that those who don't want to follow the new standards, can no longer get the easy over-the-counter permit. Instead they will need to get what's called a discretionary permit which involves a Planning Director hearing. So while they can still develop in the corridors, the discretionary permit they need requires consideration for the impact to wildlife. Currently there is no consideration to impacts to and that's why over 1,000 structures have been built in the wildlife corridors in the last ten years.

The new standards for the over-the-counter permit apply to fencing, lighting, and setbacks from creeks. While Bell Canyon is in a portion of the wildlife corridor called the Critical Wildlife Passage Area (CWPA), all residential lots in Bell Canyon have been exempted from the additional standards of the CWPA (standards that call for clustering of new buildings so they aren't spread all over the corridor). There are just a handful (6?) large open space and agriculture exclusive lots in Bell Canyon where the CWPA standards apply.

Of the lighting, fencing, and setbacks from creeks that the wildlife corridor zone works to encourage, the staff report points out that Bell Canyon CC&R's already prevent impermeable fencing, which is what the ordinance also tries to prevent, so that section of the ordinance doesn't have any impact to Bell Canyon. (And good for Bell Canyon for already having this requirement!) Lighting is allowed for security, and to light walkways, driveways, sporting and other temporary events, but not light up the sky. That just leaves setbacks from creeks for new structures proposed to be built in Bell Canyon within 200 feet of Bell Creek. The purpose of the setback from creeks is to preserve riparian areas where you see most of the wildlife, however even with that there are exemptions. For example 10% of the creek lot can be cleared each year, and grazing, including by goats, is exempt, and if the property

owner can't live with that, they need to get a discretionary permit. However in no way does the zoning impact the Fire District' brush clearance requirements or prescribed burns.

I'll get back to you tomorrow with what I hear from staff. You can find their report and the ordinance at this link: <https://vcrma.org/habitat-connectivity-and-wildlife-movement-corridors>

--Linda

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Bill Johnson <johnson.bill.r@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 11:47 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

We support the creation of wildlife corridors in Ventura County.  
Bill Johnson & family

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** G. Johnson <surfonit@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:12 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Support of Wildlife Corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

Hi

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for identifying wildlife corridors in Ventura County and designating appropriate land use restrictions to maintain these corridors for future generations of animals and people.

I own land in the Santa Monica Mountains on Deer Creek Road and want to make sure that wildlife populations of deer, bobcat, mountain lion, etc. will remain and hopefully increase in numbers and genetic diversity. Without designated wildlife corridors, migrating animals will be restricted by future development. Also, expensive wildlife friendly migration improvements in transportation corridors will not be constructed unless we can link them to permeant wildlife corridors.

As humans, we already consume some of the best wildlife habitat in Ventura County with urban development. The proposed wildlife corridors will help maintain areas for wildlife to travel between the remaining undeveloped areas. The wildlife deserve it as do our future generations.

Thanks for your support of this important land use policy,

George Johnson  
109 Hueneme Ave  
Oxnard, CA 93035

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Curt Johnson <lcj240@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2019 7:56 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Comment

This Wildlife Corridors proposed regulation is the stupidest thing I have seen yet.  
Why not just call it what it really is: "Brushfire Corridors"?

L.C. Johnson, Oak View



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Eric Kentor <eskentor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:14 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors

I am a resident and home owner in Bell Canyon, and am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the County General Plan and Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance relating to wildlife corridors in the region. I support the adoption of reasonable, common sense environmental regulation. To me, that would require consideration of the unique characteristic of our local natural environment and be designed to help preserve the beauty and biodiversity of our surrounding community, while also recognizing and respecting private property rights.

Much of Ventura County is blessed with natural beauty and magnificent wildlife. This also invariably encourages development within our community. While individual property rights should be honored and respected, reasonable oversight and regulation is also necessary for the long-term public good. We need to be responsible stewards of our environment, in addition to supporting economic prosperity. I support the proposed efforts to further these objectives.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Eric Kentor  
105 Bell Canyon Road  
Bell Canyon, CA 91307

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Eric Kentor  
[eskentor@gmail.com](mailto:eskentor@gmail.com)  
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**From:** Karen Kohles <karenkohles@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:58 PM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Proposed Wildlife Corridor

Dear Ms. Batinica,

I am writing to express my opposition to the zoning of the proposed Wildlife Corridor for Ventura County. My family has owned many acres of land in the proposed corridor for over 150 years. We have enjoyed owning and taking care of the properties for many generations. It is an extremely important part of our lives that we all cherish. All of the wildlife that we have enjoyed watching over the years have had free roam over almost all of our property. Much of our properties are even surrounded by the national forest. We are deeply concerned about the zoning of the wildlife corridor. Much of the land of our private properties is zoned to be in the corridor. This is not necessary or fair to us, the landowners and property tax payers. If you do vote to pass this my family urges you to rezone to leave private land out of it. The animals won't be looking at maps to determine where they should roam so it should not make a difference to them. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Karen Kohles

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Kitty Kohles <kitty@archiveit.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:37 AM  
**To:** steve.benett@ventura.org; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Huber, Bob; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor

Board of Supervisors:

My name is Katharine Kohles and I am a property owner in Ventura County.

As the current ordinance is currently written it encompasses properties that should be excluded as it reaches far beyond the stated purpose.

The general and specific purposes of this proposed ordinance are stated in Section 8104-7.7.

*Section 8104-7.7 - Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone*

*The general purposes of the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors overlay zone are to preserve functional connectivity for wildlife and vegetation throughout the overlay zone by minimizing direct and indirect barriers, minimizing loss of vegetation and habitat fragmentation and minimizing impacts to those areas that are narrow, impacted or otherwise tenuous with respect to wildlife movement.*

*More specifically, the purposes of the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors overlay zone include the following:*

- a. Minimize the indirect impacts to wildlife created by outdoor lighting, such as disorientation of nocturnal species and the disruption of mating, feeding, migrating, and the predator-prey balance.*
- b. Preserve the functional connectivity and habitat quality of surface water features, due to the vital role they play in providing refuge and resources for wildlife.*
- c. Protect and enhance wildlife crossing structures to help facilitate safe wildlife passage.*
- d. Minimize the introduction of invasive plants, which can increase fire risk, reduce water availability, accelerate erosion and flooding and diminish biodiversity within an ecosystem.*
- e. Minimize wildlife impermeable fencing, which can create barriers to food and water, shelter, and breeding access to other individuals needed to maintain genetic diversity.*

The proposed ordinance is very clear in its stated purpose: to maintain “functional connectivity for wildlife and vegetation” and maintain “wildlife movement” in “areas that are narrow, impacted or otherwise tenuous.”

The fact that the proposed ordinance includes Mutau Flats, Lockwood Valley and ALL private property within and surrounded by the National Forest is in opposition to its stated purpose. All these properties are NOT in “areas that are narrow, impacted or otherwise tenuous.” In fact, the opposite is true. These properties are wholly surrounded by massive amounts of National Forest as well as Wilderness. They are but a mere speck of land surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of thousands of National Forest land. To completely understand this issue, view a map with the private properties at issue and the entire Forest that stretches up to 40 miles around it and it is clear that there is an abundance of land for the wildlife and plants to migrate, mate, and feed.

So why would these extremely rural properties be included in the Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone? It seems that perhaps the idea that “if some is good, more is better” is being applied here. The government should always proceed very conservatively when regulating private property, but that isn’t the case here, here the government is attempting to take as much as it can from its citizens. This means there is a secondary purpose at work. It seems as if these properties have been included in the Overlay merely to incumber private property owners, as these properties are so far outside the types of areas stated in the purpose of the proposed ordinance it is unnecessary. Government should take action only when absolutely necessary, there is no necessity in the case of these properties with excessive amounts of government land surrounding them.

The Ventura County Staff were given direction to propose an ordinance with the stated purpose of maintaining functional connectivity for wildlife and vegetation and to maintain wildlife movement in areas that are narrow, impacted or otherwise tenuous. Any and all property that does not meet this definition should automatically be excluded. Whether or not the purpose of the ordinance is being satisfied should be VERY stringently applied to each piece of property in the most careful and thoughtful manner possible BEFORE the ordinance is passed. The government must bear the burden in demonstrating the necessity for including each property, not the property owner in an ad hoc permitting process. This ordinance as currently proposed includes properties that fall well clear of the purpose. For these reasons, Mutau Flats, Lockwood Valley and ALL private property where wildlife movement is unrestricted, such as property that is within and surrounded by National Forest, should be excluded from this ordinance.

Katharine Kohles

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** kevin kohles <kevinkohles@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:59 PM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Proposed Wildfire Corridor

Dear Meighan Batinica,

I have part ownership in properties that would be in the area of the Wildlife Corridor. I am extremely against our properties being in this proposal. It has been owned by my family for generations (over 150 years). The animals that we see occasionally run through our property run free and we do not engage with them. I feel that my family and I should have a right to use our property without added regulations and restrictions on it. I would like you to take Mutau Flats and privately owned property off of Lockwood Valley Road off the project map boundaries. We take pride in our property and we do not want even more restrictions than what we have now on how to use our rightfully owed property.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Kohles

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** vickicooke@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 6:49 PM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** No on Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Revisions

To the Ventura County Planning Commission:

I strongly oppose the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Revisions.

With the abundance of adjacent public lands, there is no need to impose these extreme limitations on private property. The Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Revisions infringes on the use and enjoyment of private property and must not pass!

We are property owners and tax payers and these regulations are absolutely unnecessary.

Please VOTE NO on the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Revisions.

Thank you.

Vicki Kohles-Cooke



# CITY OF MOORPARK

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT | 799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California 93021  
Main City Phone Number (805) 517-6200 | Fax (805) 532-2540 | [www.moorparkca.gov](http://www.moorparkca.gov)

January 19, 2017

Honorable Chair Linda Parks  
County of Ventura Board of Supervisors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Re: January 24, 2017 Consideration of Initiation of Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone**

Dear Honorable Chair Parks and Board of Supervisors,

On January 18, 2017, the City Council of the City of Moorpark considered the proposal by the County of Ventura to initiate a Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone and voted to extend its **support** for this effort by the County.

Wildlife corridors in Ventura County that connect the Sierra Madre Mountains to the Santa Monica Mountains are important to protect the genetic diversity and health of wildlife as it allows for breeding to take place among a larger pool of animals. These corridors pass through unincorporated County land as well as through incorporated cities, including Moorpark.

Policy 15.5 of Moorpark's Land Use Element states, "The City shall require developers to maintain wildlife corridors to allow for the passage of animals between designated open space or recreational areas." However, preservation of the regional wildlife corridors through Moorpark depends on efforts of both the City and County. The establishment of an overlay zone by the County would support the goals and policies of the City's General Plan. Should the County decide to proceed with the establishment of a Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone, the City Council will consider a similar effort for wildlife corridors that extend through Moorpark.

City staff will be available to provide information on wildlife corridors within Moorpark to support the County's effort. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven Kueny  
City Manager

cc: Honorable City Council; Deborah S. Traffenstedt, Assistant City Manager; David A. Bobardt, Community Development Director

JANICE S. PARVIN  
Mayor

ROSEANN MIKOS, Ph.D.  
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MARK VAN DAM  
Councilmember

February 14, 2019

County of Ventura

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Steve Bennett  
Supervisor Bob Huber  
Supervisor Linda Parks  
Supervisor Kelly Long  
Supervisor John Zaragoza  
[Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)

FEB 19 2019

Clerk of the Board

**Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement**

Supervisors:

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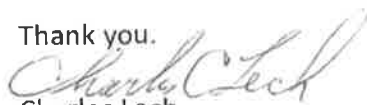
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Staff was asked to address these issues to the Board. I believe staff should ensure these **changes are part of the next draft before the Board of Supervisors reviews the Ordinance**. If that takes more time than now to March 12, just a month away, I'd ask that the Board postpone the hearing on the ordinance and do this fully and completely.

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The Planning Commission sent a strong message to the Board and Planning Staff- the ordinance is only acceptable to move forward with the recommended changes. Please take the time necessary to do this right. **Postpone the March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing until the changes are made.**

Thank you.



Charles Lech  
490 Hillsborough St.  
City of Thousand Oaks



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** MIRYAM LIBERMAN <mliberman1md@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 11:03 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Support SOAR proposals

**Categories:** Blue Category

Please pass proposals as written for improving wildlife corridors in Ventura County. It is extremely well thought out for human co existing with wildlife.

Miryam Liberman MD  
Newbury Park, CA

Sent from my iPhone

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Carol Lindberg <lindbergcd@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 2:09 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** VC Planning Commission Meeting, Jan. 31, Agenda Item 6

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I will attend your meeting, January 31. I urge you to establish wildlife corridors with appropriate regulations in Ventura County.

Studies indicate that habitats must be protected to prevent the extinction of wildlife due fatal accidents or inbreeding. I believe we can find a safe, compatible way for humans and animals to share our planet. I hope you do, too.

Thank you for considering my request.

Carol Lindberg  
5548 Amherst Street  
Ventura, CA 93003  
[lindbergcd@msn.com](mailto:lindbergcd@msn.com)

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 11:41 AM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance - Lockwood Valley  
**Attachments:** March 20 Wildlife Corridor Letter.docx

Hi Shelley, attached is correspondence the Clerk of the Board received regarding the Wildlife Corridor.

Thank you,

*Lori*

**From:** Patti Bedrosian Long <patilong@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 8:26 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>; Parks, Linda <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>; Long, Kelly <kelly.long@ventura.org>; Huber, Bob <Bob.Huber@ventura.org>; John.zaragosa@ventura.org; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor Ordinance - Lockwood Valley

Attached please find the following letter regarding making Lockwood Valley except from the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance.

Dear Supervisors,

I appreciate the opportunity and that I was able to attend the January 31 Commissioners' Meeting.

I am writing to urge you to take Lockwood Valley off of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. Lockwood Valley is a true wildlife corridor. As presented at the February Commissioner's Meeting, even those not living in Lockwood Valley agreed that we should be exempt. However, that leads me to concern for others who live and make their livelihood in other parts of Ventura County. I hope that the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance will be rewritten.

If I brought anything away from the commissioners meeting it is that the real and present danger to mountain lions and other wildlife are major roads and freeways and that farmers and ranchers are not. Also, that people who live for decades in areas with abundant wildlife are experts of living in harmony with critters.

I have been researching areas here in the United States and around the world where tunnels and bridges near major roadways are helping wildlife traverse safely. Here is just one of many Conservationist articles: <https://www.citylab.com/life/2018/07/wildlife-crossings-bridges-tunnels-animals-roads-highways-roadkill/566210/>.

I urge you to find other real solutions to the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance as currently written. Imagine if you knew that you as a home/land/business owner were going to suffer under this ordinance that doesn't even offer the right solution. And that everything you worked your whole life for was now worthless, maybe you wouldn't be able to retire or rebuild if there was a fire.

I am sure this ordinance is well meaning, but I urge you to please rewrite it. It would be wonderful to address the real solutions for the wildlife we all want to protect such as tunnels and bridges near freeways/roadways and fire danger solutions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Long, Frazier Park (Lockwood Valley) CA

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 8:02 AM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: March 12 Wildlife Corridor Meeting  
**Attachments:** March 12 Meeting Letter.docx

Hi Shelley,

Attached is a comment letter regarding the Wildlife Corridor item.

*Lori*

**From:** Patti Bedrosian Long <patilong@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 7:18 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>; Parks, Linda <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>; Long, Kelly <kelly.long@ventura.org>; Huber, Bob <Bob.Huber@ventura.org>; John.zaragoza@ventura.org; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** March 12 Wildlife Corridor Meeting

Attached please find the following letter. Thank you.

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Steve Bennett  
Supervisor Bob Huber  
Supervisor Linda Parks  
Supervisor Kelly Long  
Supervisor John Zaragoza  
[Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)

### Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Long  
Frazier Park (Lockwood Valley), CA

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** ELM <hermetic1@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:58 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor

I commend the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for giving serious consideration to the adoption of a first-of-its-kind Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone. I understand that this measure will be taken up at the Board's March 12 meeting, and, if passed, would protect important wildlife corridors from the Santa Monica Mountains to the Los Padres Forest. I strongly encourage the Board to pass this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Edward Macan  
Eureka, California

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Shan't Markian <beadsourcela@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 11:51 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Categories:** Blue Category

I do oppose for our Bell Canyon properties will go down I oppose 100% Sent from my iPhone





**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

*Steven L. McClary, City Manager*  
401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023

February 12, 2019

Honorable Chair Steve Bennett  
County of Ventura Board of Supervisors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Letter of Support Regarding Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone

Dear Honorable Chair Bennett and Board of Supervisors:

On January 31, 2019, the Ventura County Planning Commission held a hearing for the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Project. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the proposal to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, with some recommendations for changes. The City of Ojai has a history of supporting initiatives that enhance the protection of our environment, and our wildlife. The City of Ojai enthusiastically supports this recommendation.

Wildlife corridors in Ventura County are important to protect the genetic diversity and health of wildlife in many ways. This proposal serves as a comprehensive proposal to advance efforts to protect wildlife and enhance increased connectivity through critical wildlife corridors. These corridors pass through unincorporated County land, and impact incorporated cities, including Ojai. Preservation of the regional wildlife corridors through Ojai depend on efforts of both the City and the County.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve McClary,  
City Manager

CC: City of Ojai City Councilmembers

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# City Council

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January 30, 2019

Robert McCoy  
Mayor

Ventura County Planning Commission  
Hall of Administration  
Ventura County Government Center  
800 South Victoria  
Ventura, CA 93009

Via Email: [Wildlife.Corridors@ventura.org](mailto:Wildlife.Corridors@ventura.org)

## **RE: PROPOSED HABITAT CONNECTIVITY AND WILDLIFE CORRIDOR ORDINANCE**

Dear Ventura County Planning Commission:

On behalf of the City of Thousand Oaks we support the Proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance by the County of Ventura.

The City of Thousand Oaks currently has more than 15,194 acres in its planning area set aside as open space. This natural area includes untouched hillside areas, creeks, oak woodlands and native plants and wildlife, including large mammals such as deer, bobcats, coyotes, and mountain lions. The open space is managed and protected by the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA), which is a joint partnership between the City and the Conejo Recreation and Park District. The City's Open Space Element, which is part of the City's General Plan, specifically acknowledges the importance of wildlife corridors and provides important policy tenants to support their preservation. Under Chapter 2, Section A. Wildlife, the Open Space Element states:

*"Preserving wildlife resources requires preserving land in open space because any form of wildlife must have a habitat. Loss or alteration of habitat is a major cause of various forms of extinction.*

*Another critical function of open space is to provide wildlife movement corridors. Movement corridors are habitat linkages utilized by wildlife species to gain access to preferred foraging, water sources, nesting, and breeding areas. In order to maintain their populations in a healthy condition, animals must have access to these critical areas. In the Conejo Valley, these corridors also function as important access routes around developed areas to undeveloped parcels."*

One policy provision in the Open Space Element is OS -14:

*"To further reinforce the ring of open space planning principle, the City shall support efforts by other government agencies or non- profit organizations to acquire and beneficially manage open space in the vicinity of the Planning Area, and to work to preserve regional wildlife habitat linkages."*

**Ventura County Planning Commission**  
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The City recognizes that regulatory policies which are part of the General Plan are essential for COSCA in supporting planning and land use efforts to support wildlife movement, connectivity, and habitat preservation within the City's open space.

We support the County's Proposed Ordinance Regulating Development Within the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors and the Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zones. They serve as a comprehensive proposal to advance efforts to protect wildlife and enhance increased connectivity through critical wildlife corridors.

Sincerely,



Robert McCoy  
Mayor

c: Linda Parks, VC Board of Supervisors, District 2, Via Fax: 805-373-8396

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 2:18 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement

*Lori*

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**From:** Heather McCormick <mccormickhl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 1:08 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>; Parks, Linda <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>; Long, Kelly <kelly.long@ventura.org>; Huber, Bob <Bob.Huber@ventura.org>; John.zaragosa@ventura.org; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
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Thank you.

Heather McCormick on behalf of Bentley Family Limited Partnership  
Ojai, California



January 31, 2019

Ventura County Planning Commission  
Hall of Administration  
Resource Management Agency/Planning Division  
Attn: Ms. Meighan Batinica  
800 S. Victoria Ave., L#1740  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740  
E-mail: [Meighan.Batinica@ventura.org](mailto:Meighan.Batinica@ventura.org)

Re: Ventura County Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Project PL16-0127

Dear Ms. Batinica:

As the acting California State Geologist with the California Geological Survey, I submit this letter in response to the County of Ventura's (County) proposal to amend its General Plan and its Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, which would establish a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone and a Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zone, both hereinafter referred to as the "Project." If the Project is approved, additional permitting restrictions would apply to certain proposed development projects within the Project's Overlay Zones.

Because the Project's Overlay Zones include areas that have been both classified by the California Geological Survey (CGS) and designated by the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) as containing mineral deposits having "regional or statewide significance" under Public Resources Code section 2761, subdivision (b)(2) (also referred to as "MRZ-2 Zones"), CGS is concerned that the additional permitting restrictions do not appear to protect and conserve mineral resources but may threaten the potential to extract minerals in the Project's Overlay Zones.

Before a lead agency permits a use that would threaten the potential to extract minerals in a classified MRZ-2 Zone, a lead agency is required to provide "a statement specifying its reasons for permitting the proposed use, and shall forward a copy to the State Geologist and the board for review." However, CGS has not received any statement or notice from the County regarding the Project. In addition, CGS has inquired with the SMGB to determine if the SMGB has received any statement or notice regarding the approval of the Project as it concerns those areas designated by the SMGB as an MRZ-2 Zone, and they indicate they have not.

It is the recommendation of CGS that prior to the approval of the Project, the County consider the impacts of the proposed Project on the County's Minerals Management Policies and provide the appropriate statement of reasons for approval pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 2762 and 2763 in light of the Project's impacts affecting those areas within the Project that have been classified and designated as MRZ-2 Zones.

Ms. Meighan Batinica  
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If you have any questions, please contact me at 916-324-2549.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy McCrink". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "M".

Timothy McCrink  
Acting State Geologist

Cc: Jeffrey Schmidt, State Mining Geology and Board  
Fred Gius, CGS

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Teresa Meehan <tameehan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 6:31 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** January 31 Meeting re Wildlife Corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

I am very concerned and very supportive of the proposed wildlife corridor zone and will be watching this live as I will be at work and can't get away to attend this meeting. I do not need to go into detail about how critical this is to myself as a Ventura Native and resident of this great County of Ventura. We can be Ventura, or we can be like Los Angeles.

I do not know that anyone will read this email but I will follow with a formal letter following any results of this meeting and then any review by the Ventura Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully,

Teresa Meehan  
Ventura, CA

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Alison Merkel <peepsandbaby@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:07 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Habitat Connectivity: Support the Wildlife Corridor Zone

Please adopt a first-of-its-kind Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone at your March 12 meeting.

The zoning will protect important wildlife corridors from the Santa Monica Mountains to the Los Padres Forest. The wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon is a critical area link that needs to be restored but efforts like these are also essential to reestablish wildlife corridors across the region.

Due to the damage inflicted on the area by the recent Woolsey fire (that was caused by man), our wildlife is facing incredible challenges to survival.

Please do what you can to ensure the future of our environment.

Thank you,  
Alison Merkel



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Peggy Miller <peggymtr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 3:36 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

I support any proposals to eliminate the poisons that are killing the wildlife in California and particularly here in Ventura county. I also support any means of educating the public about putting out poison that can reach and kill all kinds of wildlife.

I also support any means to help preserve the wildlife as far as vegetation concerns, water and safe corridors.

I live in Simi Valley near the Montgomery fire road and my property is surrounded by a 1700 acre mountain park.

Thank you for addressing this very important issue.

Margaret Miller

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**Subject:**

FW: Wildlife Corridor-Agenda Item 6

**From:** fred mohtashemi [mailto:[fred.mohtashemi@yahoo.com](mailto:fred.mohtashemi@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 5:37 PM

**To:** Batinica, Meighan <[Meighan.Batinica@ventura.org](mailto:Meighan.Batinica@ventura.org)>

**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor-Agenda Item 6

This writing is to Ms. Nora Aidukas who chaired the commission planning hearing of today related to the subject.

Dear Ms. Aidukas:

First, thank you for your professionalism running this hearing. I was one of the speakers but had to leave before it was my turn. So here is the less than 3 minute version of the speech:

I am a retired engineer residing in Bell Canyon. I come from a farm and cattle family, 3 generation, so I literally grew up with wild life and spend most of my time in nature and outdoors which was my primary reason to move to Bell Canyon and my entire life savings put in my home there.

Amongst others, two points I would like to make. One related to additional permit requirements to build in my neighborhood and the other related to lighting restrictions.

I would like to ask this question from whoever came up with this idea and recommendation, have you thought about what impact this permit requirement may have on my property value which is my life savings?

The second point relates to the lighting requirements. As mentioned, I grew up with wildlife, I know their behavior, I know how they move in search of food/water and what times of day or night. I can provide you with footage from my game cameras around my front and backyards showing deer and rabbit feeding right next to a light that shines straight up one of my trees without any concern for the light. Not one deer or one rabbit, but herds of them. So, the question for whoever came up with this recommendation, doesn't that indicate to you that lights like that do not bother wildlife? Do you know that during spring and summer it doesn't get dark until 8 or 9pm and you want me to turn my outdoors lights off at 10pm?

In closing, I appreciate the time, effort and money you put into these recommendations. However, we continue to see people suffer or even die from lack of food and/or shelter in our county. Question for whoever came up with this recommendation, instead, you worry about a bird that falls into a fence post? Thank You.

*Fred M.*

*The Buck Stops Here*

*Say What You Mean-Do What You Say*

*Winners Never Quit-Quitters Never Win*

*Don't Leave For Tomorrow What You Can Do Today*

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Ann Morgan <annlmorgan101@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 10:10 PM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Ventura County Planning Commission:

My name is Ann Morgan. I am a property owner on Boy Scout Camp Road in Lockwood Valley. While I have many concerns with this ordinance I would particularly like to address the following, for the record:

- One major area of concern pertains to **outdoor lighting regulations** in this proposed ordinance.
- Lockwood Valley is a very **rural, remote** part of northern Ventura County. 95% of our roads are dirt roads, only three are even paved, and there are no street lights on any of these roads. Property owners' lights are the only source of light we have. Since most of the parcels are quite large, the amount of light created is not disturbing to our neighbors **or to wildlife. In fact, four property owners, that I know of, in our neighborhood, are astronomy clubs – star gazers.** That's how dark it is, and how unobtrusive our security lights are.
- Requiring a 60 watt bulb or less is insufficient for security purposes.
- Requiring that lights be off by 10:00 - until sunrise - and motion lights not being allowed at all - **this affects our safety.** Most crime is committed during those hours. Outdoor lighting on or near our homes and out-buildings is critical for **our safety and that of our animals.**
- Motion detectors are also necessary to help distract and redirect predators trying to get into our domestic animals' pens.
- There is no need for any outdoor lighting regulations in Lockwood Valley.

Actually, we respectfully ask that you completely remove Lockwood Valley from this proposed ordinance. It is not necessary to include our valley in the corridor because 1) wildlife already passes freely through our properties and ranches, and 2) and most notably, we are surrounded by **over a half million acres of National Forest** just to the West of the Boy Scout Camp, and to the East of Lockwood Valley Road – certainly providing adequate corridors for wildlife.

Thank you

Ann Morgan and Frederick Blackburn

13301 Boy Scout Camp Rd

Frazier Park CA 93225

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February 25, 2019

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

**Amendments to the General Plan and Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to Establish a  
Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone, a Critical Wildlife Passage  
Areas Overlay Zone, and Related Regulations (PL16-0127)**

Dear Chairperson Bennett and Honorable Supervisors:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) commends and supports the County's efforts on the proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone, Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zone, and accompanying Ordinance and regulations.

Only with such embedded planning mechanisms in place can the County be assured of providing adequate long-term habitat connectivity between its ecologically rich natural areas. The public value of these natural resources is too great to leave to chance based on otherwise wholly unguided land use decisions and actions. As presented to your Board with the Planning Commission's recommendations, the wildlife corridor package guarantees great outcomes for the whole County that are balanced with intentionally flexible regulations derived from years of broad public input.

Our staff has been part of that long public process. The process to date has essentially incorporated all of the specific, tangible suggestions made by the package's opponents. The remaining opposition now appears to be more ideological than rooted in specific package deficiencies that could be remedied by your staff.

In July 2018, as the principal State planning agency for the area, the Conservancy adopted a *Tierra Rejada Valley Habitat Linkage Hub Planning Map*. The abutting northern and southern map sections are attached. The Conservancy both then and now concludes that the Tierra Rejada Valley is essential to ensure adequate long term habitat connectivity between the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills and to the Montclef Ridge area. The valley is a critical habitat linkage hub identified as early as 1990 by The Nature Conservancy. We urge the Board to reinstate the Tierra Rejada Valley as a Critical

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Amendments to the General Plan and NCOZ to Establish HCWC/CWPA Overlay Zones  
and Related Regulations (PL16-0127)

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Wildlife Passage Area in the package. In regards to severely threatened regional connectivity, the valley may be the most vulnerable area in the entire County. Reliance on the non-binding greenbelt agreement cannot yield an adequate wildlife corridor outcome.

You have the opportunity to adopt a masterful package of wildlife protection legislation to set an example for the entire country. Delay will certainly cost both the permanent loss of habitat connectivity and County planning funding. The Conservancy urges your adoption of the full legislative package.

Sincerely,

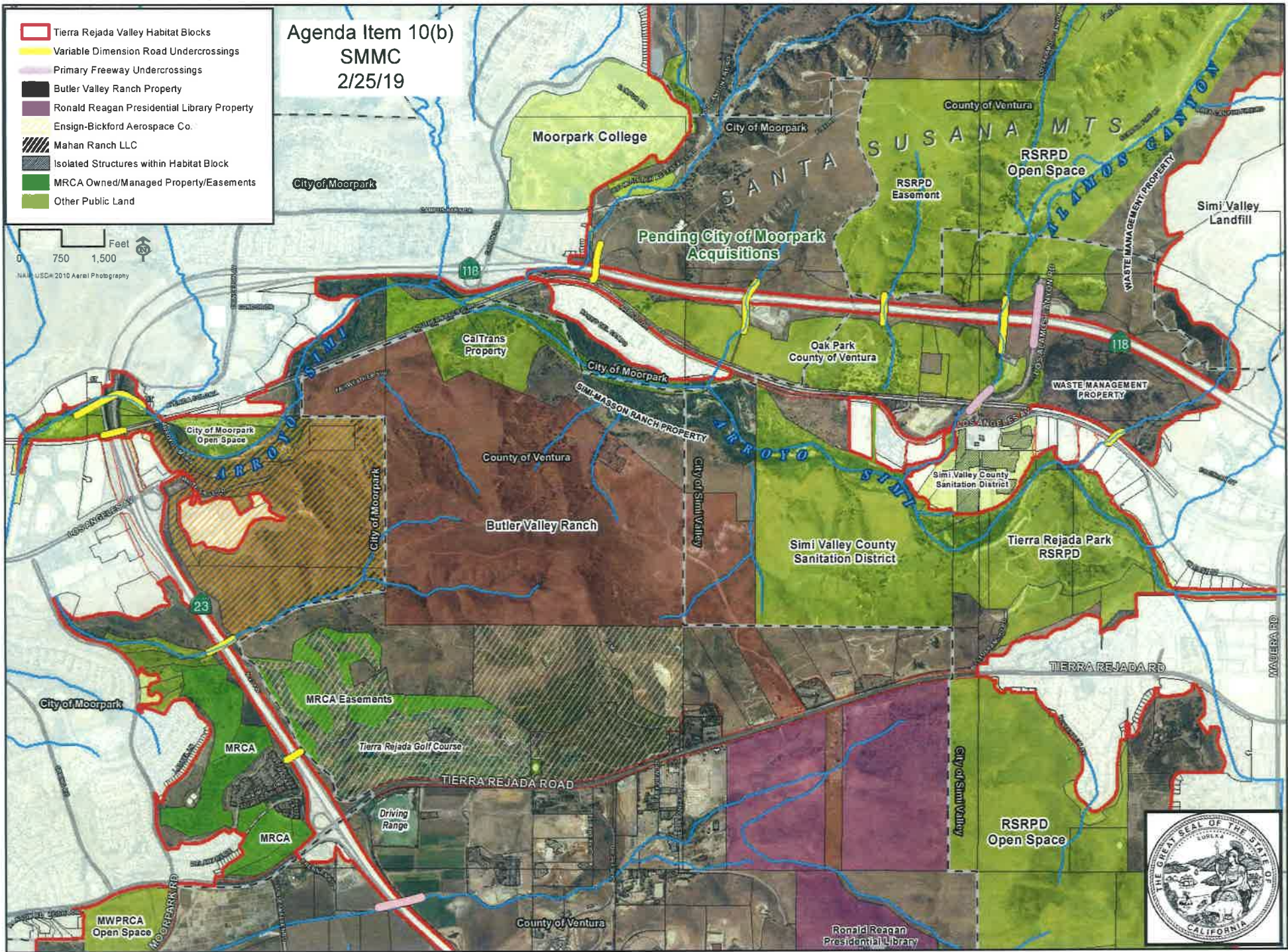


IRMA MUNOZ  
Chairperson

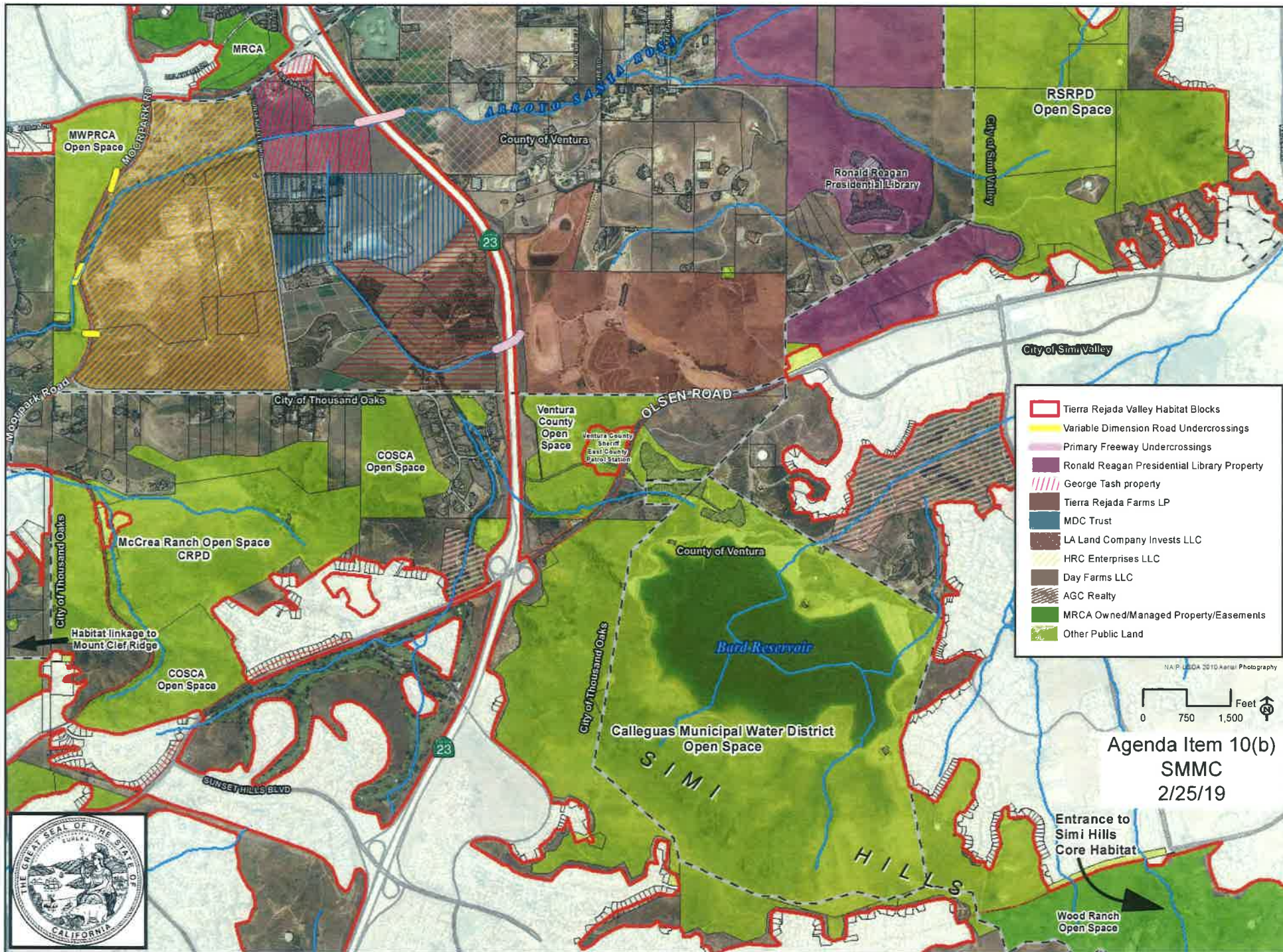
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Agenda Item 10(b)  
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2/25/19

- Tierra Rejada Valley Habitat Blocks
- Variable Dimension Road Undercrossings
- Primary Freeway Undercrossings
- Butler Valley Ranch Property
- Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Property
- Ensign-Bickford Aerospace Co.
- Mahan Ranch LLC
- Isolated Structures within Habitat Block
- MRCA Owned/Managed Property/Easements
- Other Public Land



Tierra Rejada Valley Habitat Linkage Hub Planning Map (North Section)



Tierra Rejada Valley Habitat Linkage Hub Planning Map (South Section)



2/26/2019

Dear Supervisors,

After careful consideration, I am opposed to this ordinance in its current form due to security issues, mapping inaccuracies, fire danger and the lack of environmental review.

This ordinance is based on regional biological studies that are 13 years old. The result is a set of **flawed maps** that do not achieve the objective of wildlife passage through undeveloped lands.

The mapped corridors unnecessarily pass through residential neighborhoods, commercial and industrial zones, existing agricultural preserves, and 2 college campuses. The maps must be adjusted to avoid these existing areas.

Restrictions on brush clearance required in stream buffers throughout the corridors are a threat to fuel management efforts that are critical to protect adjacent cities from devastating wildfires like the recent Thomas, Hill and Woolsey Fires.

The restrictions on fencing and lighting have no consideration for security needs of properties near public access trails, parks, schools, businesses and safety hazards.

I urge you to follow all of the recommendations made by your trusted Planning Commission on 1-31-19. In a 5-0 vote the Commissioners outlined further study and many changes to the ordinance. As this decision is being rushed through without time to rectify the mapping errors, security issues, fire hazards and environmental review, I recommend that you VOTE NO on this ordinance.

Sincerely,

*Carolina Murillo*

Carolina Murillo

Baldwin Rd  
Ojai CA 93023

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Newton, John  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** Zaragoza, John  
**Subject:** Fwd:

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** John Newton <newtoncnslt@msn.com>  
**Date:** 02/25/2019 11:23 AM (GMT-08:00)  
**To:** John.Zaragosa@ventura.org  
**Subject:**

Good Morning Supervisor,

My name is John Newton, a land use consultant who has been before your board a number of times; the most recent when you and the board helped us with the events ordinance allowing up to 90 agriculture promotion, wedding, and community benefit events at Tierra Rejada Farms in TR Valley.

Would you please accept an invitation from Tierra Rejada Farms and Underwood Family Farms to come out to personally view the negative impacts on both of these farming operations by the proposed Habitat Conservation and Wildlife Corridor ordinance that is coming before your Board on March 12th? The recent County approvals of both TRR & UFF conditional use permits for their Ag Promotion and Events activities, which are the necessary uses that provide the financial resources to sustain farming operations, is now severely threatened by the new proposed regulations.

We would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to show you the actual effects of the proposed regulations that would be imposed upon these properties.

Please contact me, or ask your Chief of Staff Lourdes, to contact me to arrange a tour. You will be pleased to have had the opportunity to see these things in the field. It will help you to make a sound, reasoned decision when the ordinance comes before you.

Thank you John,

John Newton  
TRR & UFF Representative

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

# VILLANOVA PREPARATORY SCHOOL



FOUNDED IN 1924 BY THE  
AUGUSTINIAN FATHERS AND BROTHERS

COED RESIDENTIAL AND  
DAY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

January 30, 2019

Ventura County Planning Division  
Attn: Wildlife Corridors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

Dear Members of the Ventura County Planning Commission,

Villanova would like comment on the proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor. While Villanova does not object to the concept of a wildlife corridor, we feel the corridor boundaries as proposed were designed using a "broad brush" approach. For example, the proposed border on our property runs directly through the center of our campus between our classroom building and our gymnasium. This area of pavement and sidewalks is not a wildlife corridor.

We believe the corridor should be reviewed on a parcel by parcel basis so that the corridor will be sufficient to meet the goals of the corridor while not being overly restrictive to property owners. We are willing to meet with the county planners to adjust the proposed corridor borders where they lie on Villanova School property.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy C. O'Sullivan  
Head of School

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Patty Pagaling <transitiontoorganics@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:14 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Cc:** Parks, Linda; Kian Schulman  
**Subject:** comment in support of Wildlife Corridor Zone: Ventura County Planning Commission meeting 8:30 am Thursday January 31

**Categories:** Blue Category

To: Ventura County Planning Commission

I am writing to express my support for the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor project. I am sorry that I will not make it to the meeting, tomorrow morning, Thursday January 31st, 2019.

I want to thank Supervisor Linda Parks for her crucial role in protecting the wildlife corridors that are critical to the survival of wildlife species in our region.

Sincerely,

Patty Pagaling

*Patty Pagaling*  
*Executive Director*  
*Transition to Organics*  
*ph: 805-646-4294*  
*[www.transition-to-organics.org](http://www.transition-to-organics.org)*



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** scott palamar <palamar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Cc:** 'Poison Free Malibu'  
**Subject:** Support for Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor project

**Categories:** Blue Category

Dear Ventura County Supervisors and Planning Commission:

While I have been a Ventura County homeowner and voter for a number of years, I lived a major percentage of my adult life in the Santa Monica Mountains of Los Angeles County. As a volunteer wildlife rescuer there, I have seen the negative consequences of human activity on the fauna and flora of this shrinking wilderness.

So not only do I support the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Project, I believe the *regulations should also apply to existing developments* which currently disconnect habitats and/or impede wildlife movement in significant ways. Wildlife corridors only work if they are contiguous, regardless of what lands they encompass.

Thank you and Regards,

Scott Palamar  
714 Foothill Rd.  
Santa Paula 93060

P.S. Please add my email address to your interested parties list.



Bob Poole  
Director, Production

January 30, 2019

Shelley Sussman  
Senior Planner  
Planning Division  
Resource Management Agency  
Ventura County  
800 S. Victoria Ave. L #1740  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

sent via email: shelly.sussman@ventura.org

**RE: WSPA Comments on Ventura County Proposed Regional Habitat Linkages Ordinance**

Dear Ms. Sussman,

Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft proposed Regional Habitat Linkages Ordinance relating to wildlife habitat corridors. The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) represents 25 companies that explore for, develop, refine, market and transport petroleum and petroleum products in the western United States, including those representing the majority of domestic oil and gas production capacity in California.

This letter is submitted on behalf of our members who hold longstanding vested rights recognized by Ventura County to conduct oil operations in the County. WSPA's members have a strong interest in ensuring that regulatory programs affecting oil and gas operations in the state are administered in a manner that takes into consideration the need for regulatory transparency, certainty and efficiency. Building on previous comments submitted, we hope that the comments and concerns expressed in this letter, and in any letters submitted directly to you by our members, are addressed and incorporated as part of the development of the Regional Habitat Linkages Ordinance (ordinance) proposed by Planning staff.

As previously stated, our members operate in locations that are outside of urban development. Wildlife, including endangered and threatened species such as the California condor, has co-existed alongside oil field operations for many decades. As you are aware, our members work cooperatively with the natural resource agencies to ensure these species will continue to enjoy the ability to roam freely and thrive on these leases and beyond.

On behalf of our members, I want to first share our appreciation for the continuing efforts by County Staff to work collaboratively addressing many of the specific concerns brought forward both in previous WSPA comment letters (e.g., WSPA letter dated August 31, 2018) and in direct ongoing engagement with our individual company members. Progress has been made to help make this proposed ordinance better able to achieve its stated objectives while addressing issues critical to our members' day to day operations.

However, several overarching issues remain unresolved which WSPA continues to have profound concerns with. In our view, these issues call into question the very legal legitimacy of the ordinance based on the following:

- Inadequacy of the County's environmental review of this proposed ordinance,
- Inappropriateness/lack of compelling justification for the County's need to consider this ordinance ahead of and outside of the currently underway VC2040 General Plan updating process; and, most significantly,
- Interpretation of the legal basis for the environmental review exemptions and reasoning the County is citing as justification for not addressing these concerns which are shared not only by WSPA and our members, but also by many other stakeholders falling under the regulations proposed in this ordinance.

#### **CEQA Compliance:**

Contrary to County staff's assertion this proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA review, citing two categorical exemption from the California Public Resources Code: **§ 21083 and § 21084**, WSPA offers the following citations from the California Public Resources Code in support of the necessity for the County to conduct a comprehensive CEQA review of this project:

WSPA believes that the draft ordinance qualifies as a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and thus, needs to comply with CEQA and its review process. Pursuant to **California Public Resources Code § 21065**, "project" is defined as:

*"An activity which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and which is any of the following: (a) An activity directly undertaken by any public agency. (b) An Activity undertaken by a person which is supported, in whole or in part, through contracts, grants, subsidies, loans, or other forms of assistance from one or more public agencies. (c) An activity that involves the issuance to a person of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or more public agencies."*

The draft ordinance would most likely be considered a "project" under CEQA, as it is an activity being directly undertaken by a public agency (Ventura County) and its actions could have the potential, directly or ultimately, to result in a physical change to the environment. Therefore, at a minimum, an initial review of the project and its environmental effects should be conducted.

WSPA believes the County's exemption of itself from CEQA analysis of the proposed ordinance is inappropriate and should be required as stipulated in California's Public Resources Code **§ 21001.1 "Review of Public Agency Projects"**:

*"The Legislature further finds and declares that it is the policy of the state that projects to be carried out by public agencies be subject to the same level of review and consideration under this division as that of private projects required to be approved by public agencies."*

WSPA believes our members' operations involving minerals clearly fall under the category of "environment" as defined in California's Public Resources Code § 21060.5. "Environment" and should be fully considered as such with regard to the proposed ordinance:

*"Environment" means the physical conditions that exist within the area which will be affected by a proposed project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, noise, or objects of historic or aesthetic significance."*

In addition, the actions related to this ordinance could have the potential to result in a physical change to the environment. In short, the ordinance would create two overlay zones in the **Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (NCZO)**. If passed, the ordinance would include changes to outdoor night-time lighting, buffers around surface water features, and buffers around wildlife crossing structures, in addition to other changes. Given these developments, there is potential for significant impacts on the environment for which the County is obligated to analyze pursuant to CEQA. These potential impacts include issues related to aesthetics, public services, utilities, noise, population and housing, mineral resources, and cumulative impacts, all of which are factors that must be analyzed under CEQA. (See CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G.)

Additionally, the County may also be obligated to analyze the impacts that result from the revision of the **NCZO** through this draft ordinance, as well.

Furthermore, while the draft ordinance does set forth the requirement of conducting a "**least damaging alternative analysis**," this does not minimize the need for a CEQA analysis for the reasons described above.

#### **Proposed Least Damaging Alternative Analysis:**

The proposed ordinance states that any planned development permit shall include an approved "**Least Damaging Alternative Analysis**". (Section 8109-4.9.7.) While this analysis would assist in identifying project design alternatives that minimize impacts on biological resources, there is too much emphasis placed at the discretion of the county's biologist regarding this determination. The ordinance serves to self-appoint the county biologist, as sole discretionary approval, without allowance for applicant input/interaction and the ability to challenge the decision. Additionally, the **Least Damaging Alternative Analysis** is no different than what would be required under CEQA (a project alternative analysis), except that it is subject only to the county's biologist opinion. As discussed above, CEQA review should be conducted for this proposed ordinance and as such, CEQA would preempt this **Least Damaging Alternative Analysis**.

#### **Compliance with ESA and CESA:**

Take of endangered fish or wildlife is prohibited by **Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (50 CFR § 17.21)**. "Take" is defined as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct" (16 USC § 1532). "Harass" is further defined as "an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavior patterns" (16 USC § 1532; 50 CFR § 17.3). Take of threatened and endangered species is also prohibited under the **California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish and**



**Game Code § 2080). "Take"** is defined as to "hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill" or any attempt to do so **(Fish and Game Code § 86).**

No information has been disclosed by Ventura County to indicate that the proposed ordinance has been adequately evaluated to determine if "take" or "harassment" of listed wildlife could occur as a result of the proposed project. Specifically, the proposed ordinance has the potential to bring wildlife in closer proximity to homes, businesses, highways, and other features which could result in injury, death, or exposure of wildlife to pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides or other potentially harmful materials.

WSPA suggests that County Planning consult with both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to ensure that potential impacts to wildlife, including the potential for take, have been adequately assessed.

In closing, given the critical nature of the overarching concerns stated above and the specific supporting comments and citations which accompany them,

***WSPA requests that the County immediately delay further public hearings on this proposed ordinance until such time these and the many other stakeholder concerns received by the County can be addressed adequately and appropriately, in terms of process and legally complying with CEQA, CSEA and ESA statutes and procedures.***

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments to you for your consideration of this draft ordinance and we look forward to continuing to work together with County Staff to address our concerns. Should you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (805) 833-9760 or via email at [bpoole@wspa.org](mailto:bpoole@wspa.org).

Respectfully,





January 29, 2019

Ventura County Planning Commission  
Hall of Administration  
Resource Management Agency/Planning Division  
800 S. Victoria Ave., L#1740  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

Subject: Proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Dear Ventura County Planning Commission,

On behalf of the National Wildlife Federation, I would like express support for the Proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. The Federation is one of the oldest and largest wildlife conservation groups in the country, with 6 million supporters nationwide. Our organization provides a voice for wildlife, and is dedicated to protecting wildlife and habitat, and inspiring future generations of conservationists.

"Nature doesn't work without connection," said author Mary Ellen Hannibal, and the science is now clear that wildlife need large landscape connectivity in order to have a future. Our organization has identified reconnecting fragmented habitat as one of the priority areas of focus for our strategic plan, and noted urban sprawl, land use changes, and roads and freeways as significant threats to wildlife nationwide. In California, the Federation works on a number of conservation projects, and our work throughout the state focuses on restoring habitat, connectivity and corridors for wildlife.

Given the increasing and significant threats to wildlife such as development and urbanization, climate change and its related impacts like fire and drought, ordinances such as this proposed one will be key to ensuring a sustainable future for the region's wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter for the wildlife of California.

Beth Pratt

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Beth Pratt".

California Regional Executive Director  
National Wildlife Federation  
(209) 620-6271      [prattb@nwf.org](mailto:prattb@nwf.org)

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Jerami Prendiville <jerami@rebarworks.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:48 PM  
**To:** Parks, Linda; Bennett, Steve; Supervisor Huber; Zaragoza@ventura.org; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wildlife Corridor Zone

Jerami Prendiville  
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o 805-380-4313

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jerami Prendiville <[jerami@rebarworks.com](mailto:jerami@rebarworks.com)>  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor Zone  
**Date:** February 26, 2019 at 2:45:45 PM PST  
**To:** [kelly.long@ventura.org](mailto:kelly.long@ventura.org)

Dear Supervisor Long:

Please protect natural habitat areas for birds and other wildlife by adopting a first-of-its-kind Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor zone at your March 12 meeting.

Adopting the new zoning will keep critical habitat for California Condors, Coastal California Gnatcatchers, Least Bell's Vireos and neo-tropical song birds from being destroyed.

The zoning will protect important wildlife corridors to facilitate the movement, migration, foraging, breeding and dispersal of multiple animal species from the Santa Monica Mountains to the Los Padres Forest, including riparian habitat such as that in the Ventura River corridor.

Thank you.

Jerami Prendiville

Camarillo Resident

rebar works, inc.  
[jerami@rebarworks.com](mailto:jerami@rebarworks.com)

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 4:17 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

*Lori*

**From:** Fred Priebe <fpriebe@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Fred Priebe <fpriebe@roadrunner.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Dear Supervisors,

After careful consideration, the Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of Realtors is opposed to this ordinance in its current form due to security issues, mapping inaccuracies, fire danger, lack of public notice, and lack of environmental review.

This ordinance is based on regional biological studies that are 13 years old. The result is a set of flawed maps that do not achieve the objective of wildlife passage through undeveloped lands.

The mapped corridors unnecessarily pass through existing residential neighborhoods, commercial and industrial zones, existing agricultural preserves, and 2 college campuses. The maps must be adjusted to avoid these existing areas.

Restrictions on brush clearance required in stream buffers throughout the corridors are a threat to fuel management efforts that are critical to protect adjacent cities from devastating wildfires like the recent Thomas, Hill and Woolsey Fires.

The restrictions on fencing and lighting have no consideration for security needs of properties near public access trails, parks, schools, businesses and safety hazards.

We urge you to follow all of the recommendations made by your trusted Planning Commission on 1-31-19. In a 5-0 vote, the Planning Commissioners agreed that further study is warranted and outlined many changes to the ordinance. We feel this decision is being rushed through without time to rectify the mapping errors, security issues, fire hazards and environmental review, and we recommend that you VOTE NO on this ordinance in its present form.

Sincerely,

Fred Priebe

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** sarah priest <sarah@sarahpriest.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 8:17 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Please adopt the wildlife corridor!

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Debbie Prosser <debbieprosser@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 2:18 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife cooridor

**Categories:** Blue Category

I support this endeavor. Please approve this project.

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## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:58 PM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** FW: Adding my vote

**From:** Lori Pye <loripye@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:54 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Adding my vote

Shelley,

I am not able to attend the meeting but sending my vote to support this crucial project!

Thank you,  
Lori Pye

Lori Pye, Ph.D., President  
Viridis Graduate Institute  
Ecopsychology and Environmental Humanities  
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(011)805-889-0169

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Wildlife Corridor

oppose

**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:37 AM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Wildlife Corridor

Additional comment letter

*Lori*

**From:** Long, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:25 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Wildlife Corridor

Best regards,  
Kelly

Kelly Long  
Ventura County Supervisor  
District 3  
1203 Flynn Rd, Suite 220  
Camarillo, CA 93012  
(805) 654-2276

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** John Quilico <johnquilico@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 30, 2019 at 10:31:19 AM PST  
**To:** Kelly.Long@ventura.org  
**Subject:** Proposed Wildlife Corridor

Dear Supervisor Long,

My name is John Quilico and I live in Ventura County. I want to let you know that I strongly oppose the expansion of the Wildlife Corridor and consider it a land grab. My family owns over 135 acres in the Los Padres National Forest and 100% of this private property.



It is absurd to think that animals need corridors this massive. Most of this property is already wide open with no fences or anything that would limit migration. Putting my property in the proposed corridor won't change anything except that it gives the government rights to tell me how to enjoy this property.

I hope I can count on you to represent the private property owners and protect our rights to enjoy our property without government intervention that serves no purpose.

I am looking forward to seeing at the meeting on January 31th and for you to explain in detail how any of this is a good thing for the animals.

Thank you,  
John

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Clerk of the Board

Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
800 S, Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Opposition to proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance

My family and I have raised cattle and farmed in the Apache/Ozena area for 49 years. In that time I have seen a lot of people come and go, but the amount of wildlife has always been the same. We have grown alfalfa hay at Apache Canyon Ranch since 1970. The deer numbers every year are about the same. They stay and feed on the alfalfa year round. The numbers stay steady throughout the year, telling us that they don't migrate somewhere else at certain times of the year. There are coyotes, rabbits, bobcat, mountain lions and bear present, but I have never seen any sign of badgers in this area.

I don't see how making a wildlife corridor in this area is going to help wildlife, since there is not enough development to bother them. Most private land on Highway 33 is surrounded by national forest, leaving strips where wildlife moves across without being bothered. Where private land borders Highway 33, there is very little development in this area. Excluding the few acres that are farmed, it is hard to tell private land from national forest; it all looks the same. Wildlife can move across the private land the same as they do the national forest. Highway 33 is a narrow two lane road that poses no restriction on wildlife movement. There is a vast amount of national forest all around the private land in the Ozena area. There are 28 miles of national forest southwest to the city of Santa Barbara with no private land in between. To the southeast is 27 miles of national forest to Ventura, with very little private land. There is 17 miles of national forest to the north and 34 miles national forest to the east. These areas of national forest have four wilderness areas very close to our private lands. The Chumash Wilderness to the northwest, Sespe Wilderness to the east and southeast, Dick Smith Wilderness to the south and west, and Matilija Wilderness to the south. These wilderness areas have very little human activity with no motorized equipment allowed.

The wildlife in our area is already protected by many county, state, and federal laws and regulations. The California Department of Pesticide Regulations and the local Ag Commissioner's office protects the environment and wildlife by prohibiting, regulating, and controlling uses of pesticides that can be harmful on agricultural land. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board and Central Coast Water Board regulate irrigated lands to prevent water contamination to other lands from irrigation runoff. They also regulate stream bed modifications. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 had led to the creation of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency. These agencies will manage the groundwater levels, which will benefit surface water in our area. The Forest Service manages all cattle allotments and controls the amount of feed left by cattle grazing to insure there is plenty of feed left for wildlife.

The Ozena areas of Ventura County have two roads, Highway 33 and Lockwood Valley Road. Highway 33 is a protected Scenic Highway. Along each side of Highway 33, the zoning is Scenic Highway Protected. It already has some of the same restrictions as the proposed Wildlife Corridor. You can only remove 1000 square feet of brush per year. It has many restrictions on building a home. These restrictions are so severe that there has not been one new home built on Highway 33 from Ozena

Ranger Station north 10 miles to Ventura county line since the adoption of Scenic Highway Protected in the late 1980's. Not one new home on all private land in a 10 mile long area in 30 years!

There have been many attempts to build new homes in this area, but are abandoned when trying to obtain a permit. The costs and regulations are prohibitive. These building and development restrictions lower the value of properties in this area. It also makes selling land impossible. Who would want to buy a property and not be able to do any improvements on it? We don't need another overlay of restrictions on top of what we already have!

In late October 2007, the Zaca Fire had been burning for almost four months and was headed straight for our ranch at Apache Canyon. The Forest Service had planned a back burn at Ozena to burn south to Ventura County line. After three days of attempting to get it to burn, a south wind came up and the fire was near Ventura County line 45 minutes later. That is 8 miles in 45 minutes and missed our ranch by ¼ of a mile. Having restrictions on brush removal makes structures very vulnerable in high wind areas like ours. Ventura County has no fire protection service in Ozena. It takes a fire truck at least one hour to get here from Lockwood Valley or Miner's Oaks. If a home starts on fire here, it will be 100% burned when the fire truck arrives. Under the Wildlife Corridor regulation we cannot re-build if more than 50% of the home is damaged. That rule is an intrusive overreach of County governance.

In past years we had two major burglaries. At our maintenance shop we had a pickup truck stolen and all tool boxes, later we had an 18 wheel hay truck stolen. After installing night lighting, we haven't had trouble. At a time of increasing crime in our area of the county, to have a curfew on lighting, shutting down after 10:00 p.m. just lets the burglars know when to show up. Ventura County has no sheriff's station in this area. If we call Ventura Sherriff Department, it takes them at least 30 minutes to get here, by that time the burglar would be long gone. Security fencing is also necessary for all of the same reasons.

In conclusion, the Wildlife Corridor in this area is not necessary. The Los Padres National Forest surrounds this area, with the Chumash Wilderness, the Sespe Wilderness, the Matilija Wilderness and the Dick Smith Wilderness areas included. The wildlife that inhabits our area does not migrate, and are protected by many County, State and Federal laws and regulations, as is the water. The lighting curfew would allow crime to increase in our area, as law enforcement agencies are not close. The lack of fire protection within a reasonable distance, along with the proposed clearance regulations, would put our properties and assets in jeopardy. All of these items would severely decrease property values and the ability to sell your property. This in turn would affect the counties revenue stream. We respectfully request that you exclude the Ozena/Highway 33 areas from the proposed Wildlife Corridor.

Sincerely,

*Marvin Rahe*      2/19/2019

Marvin Rahe  
Owner, Apache Canyon Ranch

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Irene <ireneraus@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 7:33 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda Item(s) on Mountain Lion Corridors

**Categories:** Blue Category

**Please approve corridors for mountain lions for the generations to come!**

<https://www.mountainlion.org/featurearticleguestcorridors.asp>

### **Mountain Lions on the Map**

“.....Beier’s study revealed that mountain lions will find and discreetly use very narrow strips of land (such as drainage culverts under roads and even dangerous freeway undercrossings) to reach mates in nearby habitat patches.

However, Beier also found that the three major pathways or corridors mountain lions used in the Santa Ana Mountains were all at risk of being blocked by planned suburban development projects.”

Irene Rauschenberger  
Oxnard Resident

Sent from Windows Mail

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Irene <ireneraus@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 1:43 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Fw: Planning and Zoning Permit No. PZ18-500-02 (Special Use Permit), Port Hueneme District permit

**Categories:** Blue Category

Wildlife Corridors Ventura RMA, please consider this:

I've been advocating against this proposal by the Port of Hueneme Harbor District, normally I keep comments short but this issue has a history...and the site needs to be preserved for the generations to come. (Please see below.)

Your comment in opposition is appreciated, as the flora and fauna are all connected. And your help for a sustainable future is very much needed as we are all connected.

Irene Rauschenberger  
Oxnard Resident

PS Sorry for this very late notice, as the deadline to submit comment is **today 5p.m.** (info. below), but better late than never. Send to: Jay Dobrowalski, Associate Planner/ Oxnard Planning

Dept. "[jay.dobrowalski@oxnard.org](mailto:jay.dobrowalski@oxnard.org)"; and the City Mgr. ( [alexander.nguyen@oxnard.org](mailto:alexander.nguyen@oxnard.org) )

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To: Jay Dobrowalski, Associate Planner/ Oxnard Planning Dept.

Re: Planning and Zoning Permit No. PZ18-500-02 (Special Use Permit), Port Hueneme District permit <https://www.oxnard.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/MND-18-02.pdf>

COMMENT (edited):

The Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) on Hueneme and Perkins Rd., Oxnard, "mission is to provide an alternative to imported water, and to provide resources and access to education, and invites the public to visit..." their beautiful facility and wetland gardens. Unfortunately, the AWPF mission is being threatened by the P.H. Harbor District request for an outdoor vehicle storage facility on the adjacent a 33.7-acre site for five years plus ... . This proposal is not compatible with the AWPF mission and the nearby South Winds neighborhood, nor the adjacent Nature and Coastal Conservancies with plans for restoration of the Ormond Wetlands. Historically, the Port has been using less intrusive more suitable locations for vehicle storage; or a parking structure may be an option.

The proposal will industrialize the parcel with thousands (5K+) of cars, metal fencing, high intensity lighting polluting the night sky, and a security tower -- negative ecological impacts, i.e., emissions, toxic runoff in the soils that may migrate into the adjacent wetlands, and may disturb wildlife natural cycles and space for soaring bird habitat -- compounding stresses to an environment already impacted by the Halaco Superfund

site. <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.cleanup&id=0901242#bkgground>

“While some key bird habitats along the immediate coast are receiving much-needed attention from conservation groups like the Coastal Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy and Ventura Audubon (e.g. Ormond Beach), others just inland are receiving virtually none (e.g. agricultural fields). Agricultural easements should be explored to halt the conversion of open space to urban use, and the existing open-space connections between coastal wetlands, the Oxnard Plain .... **Now essentially an urban area, human disturbance to species, particularly at the remaining wetlands remain high**”

<https://hawkwatch.org/learn/threats-to-raptors>

Oxnard’s overdeveloped and industrialized coastline has resulted in limited access to beaches and natural space. The Port’s proposal will encroach on neighborhood redevelopment housing projects and on the dilapidated shopping area-- that would benefit greater from a community oriented project. And, is not consistent with the “J” St. drain linear parkway project for community access to the coastal zone, potentially via the “Gateway Park” vision plan.

See: the UC vision plan preferred location for the Ormond Beach Restoration Plan, 2009, “Gateway Park” access point, prepared by the Cal Poly Pomona Dept. of Landscape Architecture project study. (See the OBRP 10 min. video, scroll to timer (1:23:16)) [http://oxnard.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=38&clip\\_id=1174](http://oxnard.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=38&clip_id=1174)

Critical, is climate change mitigation plans by the AWPf for water **security ... and that of the adjacent Nature and Coastal Conservancies for restoration of the wetlands that provide carbon sequestration, etc., are at this location.** The Oxnard Planning Dept. and the AWPf have the potential to work with environmental entities and educators to create an active, healthier, and more livable community, carrying on the legacy of the Ormond Beach Restoration Plan 2009; and is consistent with efforts since 1983, when Ormond Beach Observers “unified the voice of a number of diverse organizations interested in protecting these wetlands.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean\\_Harris\\_\(environmentalist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Harris_(environmentalist))

Yet, to date the only hint of the Ormond Wetlands on Hueneme Road is “Scenic Coastal Drive” signage!

Ironically, here we are in 2019, and Oxnard’s Planning department response to the Port District proposal is a 120 page Mitigated Negative Declaration claiming no significant effects on the Biological Resources. Evidently this project was denied in 2002; it’s still not in Oxnard’s best interest.

[https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/conservation/Biological\\_Resources\\_Development\\_Permitting.pdf](https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/conservation/Biological_Resources_Development_Permitting.pdf)

**Oppose**, the Port proposal to Oxnard City Planning Dept. comment period was extended, to January 31st. by 5p.m..

Thank you,  
Irene Rauschenberger  
Oxnard Native Resident



# CFROG YOUR OIL & GAS WATCHDOG

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January 28, 2019

Richard Rodriguez, Chair  
Ventura County Planning Commission  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93030

*Submitted via email only*

**Re: Agenda item #6 PL16-0127 / Wildlife Corridors**

Dear Chair Rodriguez and Commissioners,

CFROG works in Ventura County to protect communities, wild places and open spaces from the negative impacts associated with oil and gas extraction and related activities.

In accordance with that mission we support efforts to protect wildlife from impacts associated with existing operations and expansion of oil and gas activities in wild places and open spaces in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Rivers  
Executive Director

Defending communities, wild places & open spaces from the negative impacts of oil & gas extraction.  
PO BOX 114 | OJAI, CA 93024 | 805-556-4001 | [ED@CFROG.ORG](mailto:ED@CFROG.ORG) | [WWW.CFROG.ORG](http://WWW.CFROG.ORG)

*CFROG is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization*

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Anne Rochman <hooyanzatowndog@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:18 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Proposed Wildlife Corridor Zone

**Categories:** Blue Category

To: Ventura County Planning Commission

Re: Proposed wildlife corridor zone

Reserving the land and raising the necessary funds to develop the wildlife corridor is the right thing to do. They have been successful in Europe and the northern United States and it is the very least we do to provide for and protect the wildlife we have dislocated.

Your sincere attention to the rightness of approving the Wildlife Corridor would be a credit to all of us who care about our fellow creatures.

Sincerely,

Anne Rochman  
Anza, California 92539

hooyanzatowndog@yahoo.com



My name is Michele Rodriguez,

My family has been long time tax paying land owners in Ventura county. Since the late 1800's, we have been good stewards of of nature and wildlife on our land. Our family is a very large group of people who have great respect for the area and have developed water sources used by local wildlife . Animals can freely live on and pass thru our properties at will as well as around in the surrounding US Forest . We strongly urge you to vote NO on wilderness corridor proposals that would hurt our rights as well as others to use our PRIVATE lands as we have in the past. Our Great Great grandparents struggled to maintain the Mutah Flats and Lockwood Valley land for future descendants. We are asking to be removed from the wildlife corridor since we are so close the the Lockwood Valley.

Sincerely

Michele Rodriguez

Private land interests Mutah valley, Lockwood Valley etc.

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Bryan Rosen <bryanscottrosen@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 9:21 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** comment in support of Wildlife Corridor Zone: Ventura County Planning Commission meeting 8:30 am Thursday January 31

To: Ventura County Planning Commission

Please support the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor project.

Many thanks to Supervisor Linda Parks for her crucial role in protecting the wildlife corridors that are critical to the survival of wildlife species in our region.

Sincerely,

Bryan Rosen  
673 Cold Springs Rd.  
Montecito, CA 93108



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Lars Rosenblad <Lars.Rosenblad@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:23 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor

Dear Ventura County,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed habitat connectivity and wildlife corridor. I own approximately 70 acres that is in the designated zone, above Box Canyon and Studio Road. I am unable to attend the public comment session, so I would like to provide my comments here. First, I would like to say that I am in favor of a regional approach to wildlife management and I applaud the goals of having a wildlife corridor. However, I do object to the restrictions on the development of my land as currently zoned, as the land was acquired on the basis of having certain development characteristics, and I have been paying taxes on the same basis. It appears that getting approval to build a new structure will be much more difficult and more expensive in the proposed scenario, and could be essentially impossible if Ventura County or my neighbors decide they don't like my project. Given that we have a housing shortage in the region, that does not seem like good policy. In addition, I have some specific comments:

1. I object to having my development rights taken away while existing owners get to keep whatever they have in place as long as it is there when the ordinance passes. This seems like unequal treatment under the law.
2. I am not sure that I understand the definition of a wildlife permeable fence. What kind of fences are allowed? I think that barbed wire fences are allowed based on the FAQs, but the ordinance explicitly disallows "stranded wire".
3. I am concerned that I may not be able to fence my property to prevent trespassing or squatters. What recourse do I have?
4. The requirement about the development being on one side of the lot bisecting line seems bizarre, given that there are no restrictions on the geometry of the line. I assume that this is intended to retain corridors to cross the lot, but it seems like that could be implemented in a more straight forward fashion.

Thanks,  
Lars Rosenblad  
562 254 3628  
APN 648-0-210-085 and others

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 4:17 PM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

*Lori*

**From:** sheree ryan <5rwayranch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>; Parks, Linda <Linda.Parks@ventura.org>; kelly.long@ventura.com; Supervisor Huber <Supervisor.Huber@ventura.org>; meighan.batanica@ventura.org; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
**Cc:** thelees@frazmtn.com  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Steve Bennett said  
Supervisor Bob Huber  
Supervisor Linda Parks  
Supervisor Kelly Long  
Supervisor John Zaragoza  
[Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)

Send to:

Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

**Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement**

Supervisors:

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Thank you.

Tim and Sheree Ryan

Lockwood Valley

661 245-3884

[5rwayranch@gmail.com](mailto:5rwayranch@gmail.com)

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Rick Sanders <rickoshea\_40@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 6:54 AM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

After careful consideration, I am opposed to this ordinance in its current form due to security issues, mapping inaccuracies, fire danger and the lack of environmental review.

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Sincerely,

Richard M Sanders

This property has been in our family since the 1800s and the wildlife has done just fine without unnecessary restriction forced upon us

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 8:46 AM  
**To:** Sussman, Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: Lockwood Valley Wildlife Corridor

*Lori*

**From:** catwterri@aol.com <catwterri@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 17, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Lockwood Valley Wildlife Corridor

Clerk of the Board,

I am asking you to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to remove Lockwood Valley from the Wildlife Corridor. We are surrounded by over 500,000 acres of National Forest and 4 wilderness areas- Chumash, Sespe, Matilija and Dick Smith so taking private land for the Wilderness Corridor is unnecessary. The lighting, fencing and vegetation regulations will affect us from protecting our homes, animals, etc. and create a dangerous situation including fire dangers. It will also devalue our property because any future buyer would be prohibited from changing things on our property so they might not want to buy it. etc. etc.

Terri Santillan

**Batinica, Meighan**

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**From:** Beau Savage <beausavage@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:38 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** wildlife corridors

My wife and I strongly support the wildlife corridor project.

This only makes total sense.

Regards,

Beau Savage  
8183552134  
34 box canyon rd  
canoga park, ca 91304



## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** David Schaar <dwschaar@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:15 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** proposal for wildlife corridors  
**Attachments:** DSC\_9295.JPG

thanks for taking the time to read this.....I am one of the contributors to the lake casitas bald eagle site on facebook. I spend every day in the field with my camera (weather permitting) filming everything from wild pigs to hummingbirds. We cannot take our wildlife for granted. Planning with corridors is essential to keep nature in balance. I have attached a pic of our bald eagles for encouragement.....thanks, Dave Schaar

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Zack Schuler <zack@ninjio.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Huber, Bob; Zaragoza, John; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
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Sincerely,

Zack Schuler  
Moorpark, CA



Zack Schuler  
Founder/CEO  
**NINJIO**  
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## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Poison Free Malibu <poisonfreemalibu@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:59 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Cc:** Poison Free Malibu  
**Subject:** PL16-0127 Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Linkages - SUPPORT

**Categories:** Blue Category

Dear Planning Commission,

We, Poison Free Malibu, are a non-profit environmental group working to protect wildlife from the effects of rat poison. Our focus started in the Santa Monica mountains where predator species including owls, hawks, coyotes, bobcats, foxes, mountain lions and others are exposed to poison at the 90% rate. We now are active at the city, county, and state levels, promoting education and regulatory and legislative efforts to limit rodent poison use.

We are familiar with the challenges mountain lions and other species face due to the unfortunate artificial confinement of their territories by highways and development, especially the resulting lack of genetic diversity. We strongly support whatever measures can be taken to preserve open space for wildlife corridors, allowing animals to find new territories and to interact with neighboring populations.

We note the special considerations proposed for areas in and buffering wildlife corridors, such as limiting nighttime lighting and preserving water features. We are concerned that measures to protect the potentially higher concentration of wildlife in the corridors from close by rodent poison usage is not sufficiently dealt with. This includes residential, commercial, agricultural and other venues where high concentrations of rodent poison in bait boxes are employed. There are at least three measures that can be considered to reduce exposure:

- 1) In the Coastal Zone, the state preemption limitation on local pesticide regulation is superseded by the Coastal Act, and rodent poisons can be banned in corridors and in buffer zones there.
- 2) Governmental bodies including the County, cities, and state and federal agencies can stop the use of rodent poisons on their own properties. This should be requested.
- 3) A vigorous and continuing educational campaign to alert private landowners of the effects of rodent poisons on animals using the corridors should be implemented.

We are pleased that Ventura County has taken the initiative to take real steps to correct the unfortunate man-made and unnatural confinement of wildlife and strongly support this effort.

Kian Schulman RN,MSN  
Poison Free Malibu  
[PoisonFreeMalibu.org](http://PoisonFreeMalibu.org)  
Malibu, CA

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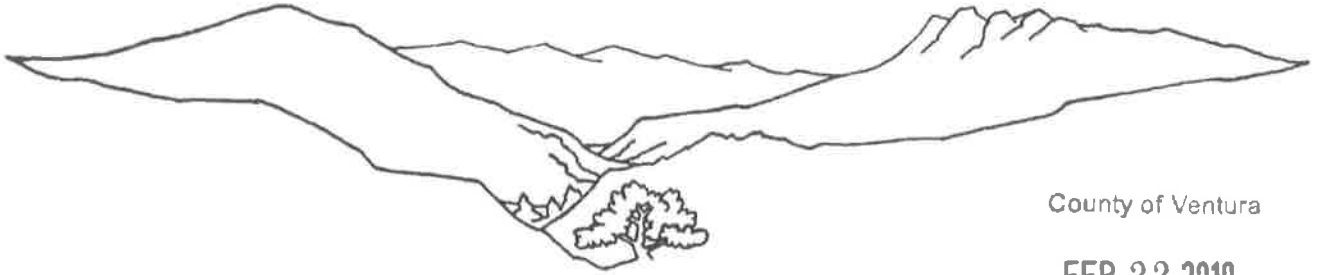
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Thank you.

Clifton Simonson  
Camarillo

# CONEJO OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION AGENCY



County of Ventura

**FEB 22 2019**

Clerk of the Board

February 13, 2019

Clerk of the Board  
Hall of Administration, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

To All Concerned:

Ventura County contains significant core natural resource areas that are primarily conserved within the Ventura and Santa Clara Rivers, Los Padres National Forest, and the Santa Monica Mountains. However, the existing natural resource values within these areas will ultimately be compromised if the habitat linkages between them are not protected.

Development patterns within Ventura County often facilitate fragmentation of existing natural areas. For example, the removal of native habitat or the construction of buildings, roads, and fences can degrade and/or eliminate the functionality of wildlife habitat and movement corridors. This in turn limits the ability of plant and wildlife populations to disperse and move to areas necessary for survival. In order that the diversity, health, and resilience of local wildlife and plant populations are preserved, it is essential that wildlife and plant species are able to reach resources required for their survival (e.g., habitat, food, water, shelter). Scientific research has confirmed that the loss of a species from an ecosystem can disrupt a natural equilibrium that has evolved over millennia. The loss of wildlife movement corridors and the subsequent negative impacts on plant and wildlife species is an urgent and significant biological resource concern, as habitat loss and fragmentation are the most significant threats to biodiversity locally, and worldwide.

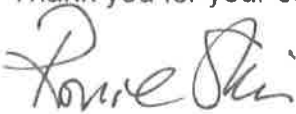
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As such, the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) is in support of the proposed County-initiated amendments to the Ventura County General Plan and Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to establish a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Overlay Zone and a Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zone. These revisions to the County's development review process would establish a consistent evaluation process as well as new standards for projects proposed in known wildlife movement corridors and habitat linkages.

Thank you for your consideration,



Rorie Skei  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency

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## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Norma Spak <zjhayley@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 3:17 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Support

I support the Wildlife Corridors.

Sincerely,  
Norma Spak



January 30, 2019

Honorable Chair Richard Rodriguez  
Ventura County Planning Commission  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

[meighan.batinica@ventura.org](mailto:meighan.batinica@ventura.org)  
[shelley.sussman@ventura.org](mailto:shelley.sussman@ventura.org)

Dear Chair Rodriguez and Honorable Planning Commissioners:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Aera Energy LLC ("Aera") which holds vested rights to conduct oil operations in Ventura County. We wish to provide these comments to you, and request that they be considered revisions to the draft Regional Habitat Linkages Ordinance released by County Planning staff on January 14, 2019.

As an oil operator in the County, Aera is very aware of the presence of wildlife in and around our property. We peacefully co-exist with a number of species who enjoy the ability to roam freely on our leases and beyond. While we appreciate the County's efforts to provide additional 'areas of contiguous natural habitat' for wildlife, we have significant concerns with this ordinance as it stands. Throughout the process, we have worked closely with County Planning staff to address those concerns and greatly appreciate their efforts to coordinate with Aera. This letter summarizes many of the issues discussed with Planning staff, proposed resolutions to mitigate those issues, and Aera's overall concerns with the proposed ordinance.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):**

After a full review of the draft ordinance released January 14, 2019, as well as the Staff Report supporting the adoption of the draft ordinance, Aera continues to believe that the conclusions reached concerning CEQA applicability – from summarily stating this is a ministerial process to identifying categorical exemptions applicable to the project – are incomplete. The Staff Report provides only an abbreviated discussion of the County's conclusion that the ordinance (project) is: (1) ministerial; (2) categorically exempt; and (3) without significant environmental impacts. Aera respectfully requests that County Staff provide additional detail supporting the conclusions concerning CEQA applicability. Without further detail, Aera may have no option but to challenge County Staff's conclusions concerning the application of CEQA to the draft ordinance.



**Proposed corridor boundary concerns:**

While the Planning Staff Report contains additional information in regard to the establishment of the proposed corridor boundaries, several concerns remain as to the methodology used.

1. The boundary lines developed by the Report were created through a pre-2005 landscape permeability analysis, a GIS modeling effort, but still have not been subjected to a thorough field verification effort or even a land use evaluation using up-to-date aerial photography. Furthermore, the original GIS modeling effort was based in part upon data and mapping that was known even at the time to be incomplete and inaccurate. This remains troubling because current land use, development, changes to the landscape, and other potential impediments over the last 15+ years to the proposed corridor have not been evaluated or considered in developing the draft ordinance and will not represent the current, real time state of the habitats that are intended to be the focus of this very ordinance.
2. Aera appreciates the discussion of the methodology for including the lower Ventura River Area in the proposed corridor boundaries. As a participant in the Ventura River Watershed Plan development process, Aera would like to point out that the Watershed Plan was designed and written to be evaluated as a whole, with each section merely being a focused view of a particular topic, but never intended to be used alone in policy or decision making discussions or actions. As such, the County must take into consideration the language in the Watershed Plan regarding existing land use. Figure 3.6.1.1.1 clearly identifies those areas within the lower Ventura River Corridor that are not existing wildlife habitat – yet those very areas are included within the proposed corridor boundaries.

**Recommendations:** Aera continues to recommend that the County re-evaluate the corridor boundaries using current land use and site information. Furthermore, the criteria and supporting data (such as, but not limited to tracking and population studies, biologist field notes, data modeling analysis, and contemporary aerial photographs) used to establish the proposed corridor boundaries should be shared in a public forum in order to promote better land owner understanding and application of the requirements of the proposed ordinance.

**Existing Land Use:**

The proposed corridor boundary overlaps with a variety of existing land uses and activities, from agriculture of various types and methods, high density residential, large lot developments, businesses and a variety of industrial activities. While the Staff Report attempts to address impacts resulting from the proposed ordinance on some types of existing land use, no evaluation or analysis appears to have been made on the impacts on the existing industrial activities within the proposed corridor boundary.

Industrial activities often include large areas that are maintained in a vegetation-free or vegetation-limited state (e.g., parking lots, equipment yards, equipment operating areas, tank facilities, processing facilities, and storage areas). Many existing industrial locations engage in

round-the-clock work, requiring night lighting for both work zones and security. The potential impact of the proposed ordinance on such existing industrial businesses will be costly, restrictive and result in extensive permitting simply to be able to continue to do business.

All areas within the proposed corridor overlay are given the same "value" to wildlife resources. In effect, the proposed ordinance is stating that a parking lot owned by a 24/7 industrial, heavy equipment business provides the same value as a wildlife passage as a riparian streambed or oak woodland grove. However, we all understand that is simply not true: the CEQA process has established a quasi-hierarchy to evaluate the significance of potential impacts on a variety of habitats. In addition, state and federal wildlife resource agencies place a higher monetary/replacement value and subsequent higher mitigation requirement on higher "value" habitats, such as willow groves and streambeds, than on "mixed native/non-native vegetated upland areas" or existing developed sites. By using a broad-brush approach in both the restrictions and requirements within the proposed corridor boundaries, the County has in effect stated that removing a handful of weeds from a 1000 square foot parking lot is the equivalent of clear cutting a 1000 square foot meadow of native flowers.

**Recommendations:** Aera requests that the County conduct a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts of the proposed ordinance on existing industrial land use and activities within the proposed corridor overlay. This evaluation should include, but not limited to, issues such as loss of revenue, loss of vested land use, and cost of permitting the ordinance.

In addition, the County should provide stakeholders with the justification to "value" industrial areas as equivalent to more pristine native areas, such as riparian zones, oak woodlands, and native grasslands. This information may also help landowners understand why particular industrial parcels have been specifically excluded from the proposed corridor boundary, while neighboring parcels are subject to the proposed ordinance requirements.

**Outdoor lighting concerns:**

Section 8109-4.8.2.4(b)(5)(iii) exempts "security lighting on AE zoned parcels for agricultural use" from the need to install or use motion detectors or timers. Industrial storage is often targeted by thieves and vandals and, in most areas throughout the proposed corridor boundary, already fenced and secured, making it highly unlikely that industrial equipment and storage yards are currently being used for wildlife movement.

**Recommendation:** Aera requests that Section 8109-4.8.2.4(b)(5)(iii) be expanded to exempt security lighting on AE and OS zoned parcels from the need to install or use motion detectors or timers.

**Industry Best Practices:**

Aera appreciates the clarification made by the County in the new proposed ordinance language that exempts activities necessary to meet the regulatory standards and requirements placed upon the Oil and Gas industry from other regulatory programs. However, we are still seeking

clarification for how the proposed ordinance will all for continue industry best practices to be applied to existing facilities and activities.

Industry best practices are those non-regulatory specific standards by which operators are measured. These standards have been developed through consultation and discussion with regulatory agencies, such as the Department of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Thermal Resources (DOGGR) and Ventura County Fire Protection District (VCFPD) and, by their very nature, often require an operator to undertake activities above and beyond the minimums established in regulation. Since this standards and practices are not regulations, they would not be exempted from your draft ordinance. This conflict has the potential to create dangerous unintended consequences.

**Recommendations:** Aera requests that the County provide an exemption for industrial best practices performed within existing industrial zones that currently operate under existing discretionary or ministerial permitting.

Aera is dedicated to ensuring that its operations are performed in a manner that is protective of the environment. We would be pleased to work with the County to assist in more improvements within the proposed corridor ordinance – but such improvements must not only work with our current operations, rather than create unnecessary restrictions and hurdles, but must also be supported by data, clearly understood and complete in their analysis and application.

Through its forerunner companies, Aera has been operating safely in the Ventura Community for more than 100 years and is committed to full compliance with all applicable local, state and federal environmental requirements.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and recommendations to you for this draft ordinance and encourage further discussions with Planning staff. Should you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Aera Energy LLC  
Ventura Operations Unit



William Spear  
Manager of Operations  
805-648-8438

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Karen S. <karenjean@prodigy.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:07 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridors

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I would like to add my support for the Wildlife Corridors being considered.

It makes sense to me. I know it will be costly, but in the end, it will save

lives of our few remaining species of local animals. I like that they will learn the trails of safety to get to areas for them to explore and come back again.

It is better than their being in our yards. Better than them getting run over by cars.

I just want to say that I support the idea and hope it will become a reality.

Sincerely,

Karen Spoentgen  
Ventura, CA 93004

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** vahram <vahram@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:18 PM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Cc:** Narine G. Sukyas  
**Subject:** Bell Canyon Resident and Woolsey fire victim concerned about these new regulations

**Categories:** Blue Category

Hello,

We live in Bell Canyon and lost our home during the Woolsey Fire. We had moved to Bell Canyon in the summer of 2018.

While we certainly appreciate the need to protect and conserve wildlife and feel blessed to live in a community that cherishes and respects local wildlife, we are concerned about several aspects of these new proposed regulations:

1) Regarding Section Section 8109-4.8.3.2 - General Exemptions, part D, which reads, "Structures involuntarily damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, landslide, or natural disaster may be rebuilt to their original state and in their original location if (i) less than 50 percent of the structure is damaged or destroyed and (ii) a complete building permit application is submitted to the County within six years of the date that the damage occurred, and the permit once approved is diligently pursued to completion prior to expiration. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the rebuilding of structures following fire, flood, landslide or natural disaster not meeting the above requirements shall comply with the permitting and all other applicable requirements of this Sec. 8109-4.8.."

The aforementioned language makes it sound like only structures with 50% or lesser damage can be restored to their original state (based on these new proposed regulations). As our home was a 100% loss, would we be subject to all of the proposed regulations, including but not limited to, the additional permitting requirements? When would the discretionary permits come into play in such a case, and what would be the financial and time ramifications of such permits?

2) We have three small children; the language around keeping fences permeable by animals poses a serious safety concern for us. As I am sure you know, Bell Canyon has dangerous wildlife such as rattlesnakes, and it is critical that we are able to protect our family from such animals by having mesh wiring all around our perimeter fencing. This is the only way we feel safe letting our children play outside.

3) We are concerned that the restrictions on lighting will further devalue property values. Bell Canyon is already not a particularly well lit place, and has already been through a catastrophic wildfire. The minimal lighting that we have makes the community more inviting and warm, and this would make the situation worse. We also have a large lot that needs to be well lit in order to be safe, usable and enjoyable to us. Without proper lighting, it will not be safe for us to spend any time outdoors during the evening hours.

Given our concerns, which we know are not singular in our community, we hope the commission gives residents who will be affected by these proposed regulations an opportunity to share concerns and ideas in a productive forum. We hope the planning commission properly takes into account that Bell Canyon is a nature loving, yet \*residential\* community and needs to remain as such. We also hope that the commission takes the needs of fire survivors such as ourselves properly into account.

Thanks,  
Vahram and Narine Sukyas  
6 Appaloosa Lane  
Bell Canyon CA 91307  
APN: 8500171125

January 29, 2019

To: Ventura County Planning Commission  
Commissioner Richard Rodriguez  
Commissioner Jim King  
Commissioner Maggie Kestly  
Commissioner Phil White  
Commissioner Nora Aidukas

SUBJECT: Do not pass the dangerous Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Commissioners:

As a Ventura County resident, I have concerns about the implementation of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance. The proposed ordinance places extreme restrictions on fencing, lighting, brush clearance and structures that will compromise the security of families and prevent them from reasonable use of their land.

The expansion of stream buffers from 100' to 200' and the ban on clearing or even thinning flammable brush in these areas is dangerous. The buffer areas include 140,000 acres within the proposed wildlife corridors, directly adjacent to cities and unincorporated communities.

Over 147,000 acres or 35% of the proposed corridors are in State Fire Hazard zones, turning these areas into dangerous *WildFire* corridors.

Over 115,000 acres of this proposed corridor burned in the Thomas, Hill and Woolsey fires. All three of the tragic recent fires started in or directly adjacent to the proposed corridors. These fires scorched over 383,000 acres and burned 3180 structures in three Counties.

These fires devastated wildlife populations and their habitat. Mountain lions and bobcats were lost in the Woolsey Fire. The Santa Monica Mountains lost half of its wildlife habitat in the fire.

The County is rushing this ordinance forward, notifying landowners merely a week before a Planning Commission decision with an inadequate notification letter understating the impact to property owners. Many landowners have no idea this is happening.

I support reasonable efforts to minimize impacts to wildlife movement within the County. However, many of the regulations in the proposed ordinance are legally flawed, scientifically unsupported, unwarranted, and unnecessary

I respectfully ask that you send this ordinance back to Planning staff for further consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature:

*Mary Vanoni*

Name:

*Mary Vanoni*

Address:

*10814 Telephone Rd. Ventura, CA 93004*

*Faimes, Pres. Ventura County CA Women for Ag.*

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## **In support of Wildlife Corridor Ordinance**

### **Suggestions for more internal consistency**

While attending the SOAR presentation explaining the rationale for wildlife corridors, I found myself in full support of the justification and overall goals for this proposed ordinance. It is a simple matter of respect for the integrity of wildlife habitat and wildlife population viability. This respect in turn is a fundamental element in the special character and unique identity of Ventura County. It is as much an important element in land use planning as more traditional zoning standards such as height limits, setbacks, and easements involving the built environment. In effect, this creates a structure of setbacks and easements for wildlife. The vast majority of citizens in this County highly value viable wildlife populations, clearly justifying a well designed wildlife corridor ordinance in service to the public good.

My concerns are a few instances of inconsistency between the rationale and overall goals and some specific provisions of the draft ordinance. These inconsistencies undermine its full effectiveness in terms of protecting and restoring wildlife corridors.

**First**, Article 4, Section 8104-7.7 (c) states a goal to “minimize the introduction of invasive plants.” As was made clear in the presentations, there are numerous examples of situations like Arundo clogging underpasses where these corridors already have a critical invasive plant problem. It is not a matter of “minimizing introduction,” it is matter of restoring habitat. Suggest the language of 8104-7.7 (c) instead read:

**Minimize the introduction of invasive plants and engage in needed mitigation or eradication of existing invasive plant populations which can increase fire risk, reduce water availability, accelerate erosion and diminish biodiversity within an ecosystem.**

**Second**, the propagation characteristics of invasive species are ignored when exempting “Other trees and Vegetation” outside the overlay zone. Especially problem invasive species such as Arundo and Mexican Fan Palms are notorious for wide propagation whether by broken rhizomes carried downstream or seeds spread by birds. Invasive species are a systemic threat, whether or not part of an overlay zone. To be consistent, the exemption permitted use should not be inclusive for the introduction or maintenance of problem invasive species populations anywhere in the propagation areas around the overlay zones.

**Third**, section 8109 -4.8.3.5 (b) language should be changed so as to not have the unintended consequence of being used to block eradication of invasive species. The language prohibiting ANY damaging or removal of native vegetation makes some eradication impossible. The situation with Arundo in riparian habitats comes to mind. It may be eminently responsible from an ecological perspective for some damage to native vegetation to occur in order to access Arundo for effective removal. Again, from an ecological perspective the correct standard should be proper mitigation of damage to native vegetation which may be necessary to vastly improve the overall habitat for native vegetation. Suggest alternative language beginning with:



*RBV-Vanoni, LLC / Rancho Bella Vista*

10814 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93004

phone 805-647-1092, fax 805-647-2805, mvanoni@sbcglobal.net

To: Ventura County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Steve Bennett

Supervisor Bob Huber

Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Kelly Long

Supervisor John Zaragoza

[Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org](mailto:Clerkoftheboard@ventura.org)

Send to:

Ventura County Board of Supervisors

800 South Victoria Avenue

Ventura, CA 93009-1740

**Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement**

Supervisors:

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The current ordinance contains grave concerns regarding public safety, security, fire prevention, stream buffers and more. There are also still major mapping errors in the current ordinance that must be fixed so the ordinance is accurate, and the County is not exposing itself to a time-consuming and costly process of cleaning this up later.

Staff was asked to address these issues to the Board. I believe staff should ensure these **changes are part of the next draft before the Board of Supervisors reviews the Ordinance**. If that takes more time than now to March 12, just a month away, I'd ask that the Board postpone the hearing on the ordinance and do this fully and completely.

Over 400,000 acres are affected by this ordinance- nearly 30% of Ventura County's land. It is important to do this right and take the time it needs to ensure the wishes of the Planning Commission and the concerns of residents are taken into account.

The Planning Commission sent a strong message to the Board and Planning Staff- the ordinance is only acceptable to move forward with the recommended changes. Please take the time necessary to do this right. **Postpone the March 12<sup>th</sup> hearing until the changes are made.**

Thank you.

Mary Vanoni

Manager, Rancho Bella Vista, Somis / Ventura

Feb. 20, 2019

County of Ventura

**Re: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Postponement**

**FEB 22 2019**

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Clerk of the Board

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Thank you



H. William Watkins  
1653 Elmsford Pl.  
Westlake Village CA, 91361

**(iv) measures that will be taken to minimize damage to native vegetation or to ensure adequate mitigation and restoration for unavoidable damage to native vegetation which may be necessary to restore native vegetation habitat.**

**Fourth**, the exemption for temporary or intermittent lighting in 8109-2.8.3.5 (d) for oil and gas exploration and production, for periods between 31 and 90 calendar days in any twelve month period is entirely counterproductive. A series of four or more closely spaced oil and gas sites could completely undermine the integrity of a wildlife corridor by having a permanent presence of totally unregulated lighting on a rotating basis of three month periods in every twelve month period. Why would one industrial use be exempt, being granting special privileges to be outside of accountability for undermining the integrity of wildlife corridors, being elevated above all other industrial uses in having this privilege? At the very least, this lighting should not be exempt but subject to the permitting process to not render a wildlife corridor totally useless on a permanent basis through this loophole.

William Weirick

Member, Ojai City Council

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Joy Wenzlaff <asunjoy2015@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:43 AM  
**To:** Wildlife Corridors  
**Subject:** Wildlife corridors

I support the installation of corridors in Ventura and LA counties.

Joy Wenzlaff  
Ojai, CA 93023  
[asunjoy2015@gmail.com](mailto:asunjoy2015@gmail.com)

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Kathy Williams <kathy@williamsod.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 11:27 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Subject:** Lockwood Valley and Mutau Flats wildlife corridor

Attention Planning Department:

We have property in Lockwood Valley and Mutau Flats (which is directly south of Lockwood Valley and makes up the North Eastern Corner of Ventura County). **Our Mutau Property is surrounded by the Los Padres National Forest and the Sespe Wilderness area is on the southern side.** The only way to reach this area by car is through Lockwood Valley. Therefore **the Mutau Area should be considered to be removed like Lockwood Valley from having any wildlife corridors.** Wild Life has no problems with traveling in this area and therefore we do not need Corridors due to so much government property surrounding us.

Our watershed in Mutau Flats drains into the headwaters of Piru Creek. Lockwood Creek and Piru creek join and drain down into Pyramid Lake. **The wild life has a natural corridor to travel to other parts of Ventura County without government intervention.**

**Our family has grazed and farmed for 150 years in Lockwood Valley and Mutau Flats. Cattleman and Farmers are good custodians of their property** and our animals live in harmony with the wild life in this area. For instant on a droughty year we provide adequate water for our animals and the wildlife. We do not need the government telling and ruling us on how to care for our lands.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Williams  
President Mutau Meadows Inc.  
Email: [kathy@williamsod.com](mailto:kathy@williamsod.com)  
C-661-706-2713

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Jackie Worden <jbworden7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Steve  
**Cc:** Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber; Zaragoza@ventura.org; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Wildlife Corridor Zone Support

Honorable Mr. Bennett,

I applaud the BoS for moving forward with this important planning tool. I am a professional wildlife biologist. I have lived and worked in Ventura County since 1983. I strongly support the concept of a Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor *provided* the location is based on strong science. Although the SCML studies & publications by South Coast Wildlands are the current 'gold standard', they are also over 13 years old. As such, they serve as an excellent basis for fresh analysis in light of current land use patterns and General Plan updates (county & cities).

Best regards,  
Jackie Bowland Worden

## Batinica, Meighan

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**From:** Val Zingaro <valzandjackd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 8:07 AM  
**To:** Batinica, Meighan  
**Cc:** chris@rinconstrategies.com; val@pcmlc.com  
**Subject:** Re: Opposition Letters to Proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance  
**Attachments:** scan0037.pdf

On Thu, Jan 31, 2019 at 8:06 AM Val Zingaro <[valzandjackd@gmail.com](mailto:valzandjackd@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Meighan,

Please find attached opposition letters to the Wildlife Corridor ordinance and confirm receipt. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Valerie Zingaro  
[val@pcmlc.com](mailto:val@pcmlc.com)  
718-483-1995  
805-643-6093

January 29, 2019

To: Ventura County Planning Commission  
Commissioner Richard Rodriguez  
Commissioner Jim King  
Commissioner Maggie Kestly  
Commissioner Phil White  
Commissioner Nora Aidukas

SUBJECT: Do not pass the dangerous Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Commissioners:

As a Ventura County resident, I have concerns about the implementation of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance.

Because the Ordinance was based on studies and models that were done over 13 years ago, they are no longer accurate, and no longer reflect what is needed to create and protect valid wildlife corridors. The corridor pathway through the fully developed Bell Canyon subdivision is evidence of the model's faulty assumptions.

The ordinance imposes an arbitrary 200' buffer to "surface water features" shown on a flawed and outdated U.S. Fish and Wildlife map. Brush clearance, structures, fencing and many uses are restricted within the buffer. There are no biological studies to support the need for doubling the 100' buffer required in the existing Ventura County General Plan.

Due to the County's legally deficient determination that the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA, the County's proposal is rife with potentially significant environmental impacts, unintended consequences, and negative effects to property owners.

The County is rushing this ordinance forward, notifying landowners merely a week before a Planning Commission decision with an inadequate notification letter understating the impact to property owners.

I support reasonable efforts to minimize impacts to wildlife movement within the County. However, many of the regulations in the proposed ordinance are legally flawed and scientifically unsupported, unwarranted, and unnecessary

I respectfully ask that you send this ordinance back to Planning staff for further consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature: 

Name: Valerie Zingaro

Address: Sulphur Mountain Land and Livestock  
See attached map CO. LLC

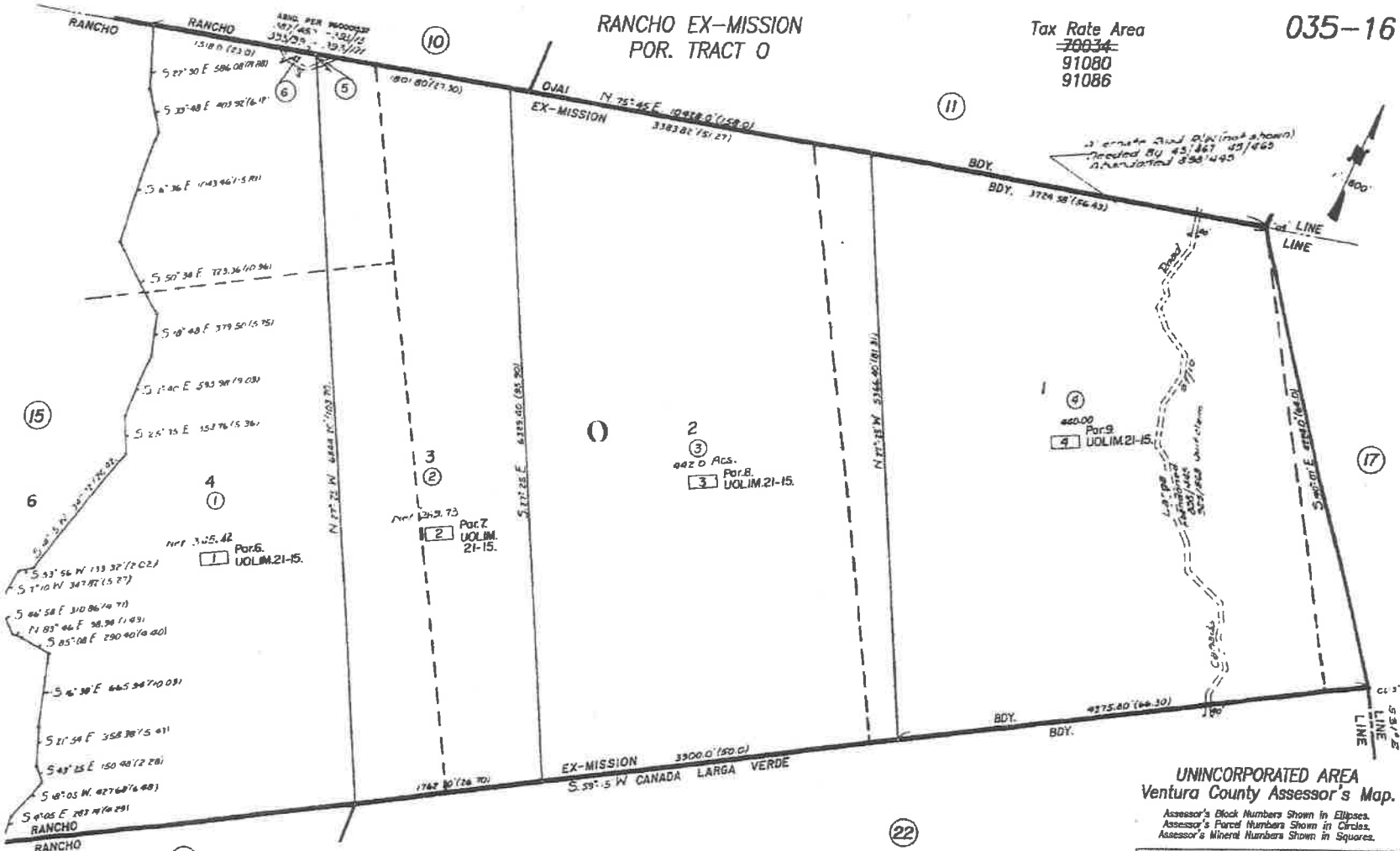


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January 31, 2019

To: Ventura County Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance

Commissioners:

We are the owners of a cattle and horse ranch located within the mapped habitat connectivity and wildlife corridor. Please see the attached map identifying our land. The proposed regulations will have a detrimental impact on our ability to operate our agricultural operations on our privately owned property. It will diminish the value of our property and impose restrictions our on ability to carryout planed development on our land. This ordinance will allow the taking of our property without just compensation. For these reasons and others, we are writing to you in fierce opposition to the proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance. In consideration of our private property ownership rights, we urge you not pass this ordinance.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Valerie Zingaro', is written over the typed name.

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Enc. Map of Property