

**Wildlife Ordinance Comment Letters received
March 12, 2019**

Last Name	First Name	Organization	Title
Arnheiter	Linda		
Burley	Mark		
Buss	Amy		
Edgell	Erin		
Eklof	Paulette		
Gottwig	Ann		
Grizard	Aileen		
Grizard	Elizabeth		
Hall	Linnea S.		
Houck	Carol		
Lee	Chris		
Martin	Julie		
Meyer	Jeremy		
Miller	Daniel F.		
Miller	Joanna		
Miller	June B.		
Moistner	John & Bev		
Mumo	Anne		
Murawski	Bob		
Muscatel	Cynthia		
Nelson	Regan		
Park	Matty		
Schwartz	Marge		
Sears	Alissa		
Weiss	Warren		
Young	Teri		

Batinica, Meighan

From: Linda Arnheiter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:38 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Please vote YES on Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Movement Corridors

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Thank you,

Linda Arnheiter
[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Batinica, Meighan

From: Mark burley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:55 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Today's vote

To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors

I urge a yes vote on the Wildlife Corridors today.

Mark Burley

[REDACTED]
Santa Rosa Valley
CA 93012

Batinica, Meighan

From: Amy Buss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 2:45 AM
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Thank you,

Amy Buss
[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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Thank you,

Erin Edgell
[REDACTED]
Camarillo, CA 93012

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From: Paulette Eklof <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:34 AM
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Paulette Eklof

[REDACTED]
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Batinica, Meighan

From: Ann Gottwig <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:09 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Surface water feature and my lot

I live at 1851 Brittany Park Rd, Camarillo, CA 93012. I viewed the maps about a month ago and again today. I see that many of the lines that originally effected our valley seem to have been re-drawn and I applaud that. Based on the map the corridor still runs right along the back line of our property and shows a surface water feature touching our property. According to the revised proposed ordinance a surface water feature is defined as:

Surface Water Feature. An area containing a stream, (including intermittent and ephemeral), creek, river, wetland, seep, or pond,.... The term surface water feature does not include ponds, lakes, marshes, wetlands or agricultural water impediments or associated riparian habitat areas that are legally established and human-made.

There is no such surface water feature behind my lot. There is a man-made drainage ditch that only has water in when we receive a large amount of rain to help channel the water to the arroyo to prevent flooding.

The marking of the surface water feature should be removed as it is not accurate and the 100 foot buffer associated with it imposes restrictions that were not in place when we purchased this property. These restrictions impede plans we have for our lot and negatively impact our property value.

Thank you,

Ann Gottwig

Batinica, Meighan

From: Aileen Grizard <a[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:36 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Wildlife Corridors Project

Good Morning,
Please vote no and continue studies of environmental impact. I also feel property owners should be compensated.

Aileen Grizard

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Batinica, Meighan

From: Elizabeth Grizard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:36 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Wildlife corridors project

Dear supervisors,
Please vote no and continue with the studies concerning this project.
Property owners need to be compensate.
Thank you
Elizabeth F Grizard
Sent from my iPhone

11 March 2019

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Via Email Wildlife.Corridors@ventura.org

RE: Support for Habitat Connectivity Overlay Zone

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Habitat Connectivity Overlay Zone.

I am a professional wildlife ecologist with 30 years of experience. I also grew up in Thousand Oaks and Moorpark, and now live and work in Camarillo, so I have 50 years of roots in this County.

Maintaining our few remaining wildlife corridors is critical to having healthy wildlife populations in our local natural areas. In addition, it will help keep this County looking more like the place I grew up in, and less like Los Angeles, which is the ugliest city I have ever seen.

Conservation groups and government agencies have invested years of work and millions of dollars to maintain important wildlife corridors in the California. A network of linkages is being protected across the state. Here in Ventura places like Ahmanson Ranch and Rocky Peak Park were acquired for public recreation and to protect wildlife corridors. More recently nearly 400 acres of Alamos Canyon were acquired including a large wildlife crossing under the 118 Freeway. The result allows wildlife traveling on an existing key corridor to safely cross under the freeway. We need to protect our investment by maintaining these corridors, and we need to ensure that our open spaces and farmlands continue to allow wildlife passage between our protected areas. Wildlife movement is compatible with farms and ranching. We can ensure both will continue thrive with a common sense based solution. I believe that the proposed overlay zone is an excellent solution to the problem and does so with a light regulatory touch.

Thank you for considering this important proposed overlay zone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linnea Hall".

Linnea Hall, Ph.D.
Camarillo, CA

Batinica, Meighan

From: Carol Houck <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:13 AM
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Thank you,

Carol Houck
[REDACTED]
Ojai, CA 93023

Batinica, Meighan

From: Lee, Chris <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:05 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Cc: Leslie Snyder
Subject: Wildlife Corridor

Importance: High

Dear Kind Sirs,

I am requesting that you describe the implications of the proposed wildlife corridor proposal for my home located at 4956 Read Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. I have read the Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Mitchell's ("JMBM") comment letter and I have significant concerns regarding this proposal. I strongly urge that you implement the recommendations in the JMBM proposal. I am not going to forfeit my property and constitutional rights based on a poorly designed ordinance.

You should address the light pollution associated with the tasteless golf driving range if you want animals to be active on that side of the freeway. You have no control over the freeway that is the main impediment to animal movement. Let's be sensible in the formulation and implementation of an ordinance that will have little or no impact on animal movement. Animals are running wild and reproducing in the area surrounding my property.

I look forward to your response. I hope all is well.

Christopher M. Lee

Vice President, Global Regulatory Affairs and Clinical Safety Innovation, Quality & Strategic Execution

Christopher.m.lee@merck.com
[REDACTED]

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Batinica, Meighan

From: Julie Martin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 2:40 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Please vote YES on Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Movement Corridors

Categories: Blue category

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Thank you,

Julie Martin

[REDACTED]
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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From: Jeremy Meyer <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you,

Jeremy Meyer

[REDACTED]
Oxnard, CA 93036

Batinica, Meighan

From: DANIEL F MILLER JUNE B MILLER [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:59 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Wildlife Corridor Vote

Categories: Blue category

We are contacting you in opposition to the proposed wildlife corridor project as it currently stands.

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For a county that prides itself on our agriculture and history this proposal severely restricts the ability for agriculture to be conducted in a profitable manner and would destroy the contributions of several farming families to our heritage.

If you are going to pursue such a significant project, please take more time and do it right.

Sincerely,

Daniel Miller

Batinica, Meighan

From: JoAnna Miller <J [REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:10 AM
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Thank you,

JoAnna Miller
[REDACTED]
, CA 91304

Batinica, Meighan

From: DANIEL F MILLER JUNE B MILLER [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

June Miller

Batinica, Meighan

From: John & Bev Moistner [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Bell Canyon Inclusion

Dear Members, As a resident of Bell Canyon and an advocate for animals I originally thought our inclusion in the corridor was a good thing. Upon further study it does not now appear to me that it is. I personally saw a deer get hit and killed by a car driving too fast down my street which has many blind curves as do most of the streets in the canyon. Encouraging the wildlife to be put in this kind of danger does not make sense when we have so much vacant undeveloped land surrounding our community. The sad fact is people drive too fast without thinking about the wildlife or even our own dogs. Hopefully you will come to the same conclusion. Sincerely, Beverly Moistner

Batinica, Meighan

From: Anne Mumo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Cc: Mina Layba
Subject: Proposed Habitat Connectivity & Wildlife Corridor
Attachments: 03 12 19 VC BOS Wildlife Corridor Rescind.docx.pdf

Importance: High

Categories: Blue category

Good Morning,

Please see attached letter from the City of Thousand Oaks.

Thank you,

Anne Mumo

Administrative Support Supervisor
2100 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
Direct: 805.449.2122
Email: amumo@toaks.org



Batinica, Meighan

From: Bob M <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:44 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: Wildlife Passage Proposal

I fully support the approval of the Ventura Wildlife Passage proposal.

Being the top species on this planet, we have an obligation to other species and that we directly impact in allowing them to sustain their kind and live in their natural habitat.

Once the land is developed for human uses, it will not go back to natural habitat. We need to preserve this protection for theirs and our future.

Please vote yes for this passage on March 12, 2019.

Sincerely,

Bob Murawski
Camarillo, CA

Batinica, Meighan

From: Cynthia Muscatel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 1:20 AM
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Thank you,

Cynthia Muscatel
[REDACTED]
, CA 91361

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From: Regan Nelson <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you,

Regan Nelson

[REDACTED]

Oak View, CA 93022

Batinica, Meighan

From: Matty Park <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 12:26 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Cc: 'Matty Park'
Subject: Please support the proposed zoning overlay for our existing wildlife corridors

Categories: Blue category

Please support the proposed zoning overlay for our existing wildlife corridors. A lot of work and research has gone into this proposal. It's the least we can do to protect the wildlife in our area. It's not too much to ask that developers consider the wellbeing of our local wildlife when they make their plans.

Thank you,
Matty Park

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 93001

Batinica, Meighan

From: Marge Schwartz <[REDACTED]>
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Thank you,

Marge Schwartz
[REDACTED]
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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From: Alissa Sears <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:51 AM
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Alissa Sears
[REDACTED]

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Batinica, Meighan

From: Warren Weiss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:47 AM
To: Wildlife Corridors
Subject: A Preposterous Proposal

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

I have resided in Bell Canyon for the past 30 years. I am at a loss for polite adjectives to describe how preposterous it is to attempt to turn my community into a wildlife corridor.

Bell Canyon is a highly populated residential community that is surrounded by thousands of acres of permanent open space with long-established passageways used by wildlife to avoid contact with humans. Based on the abundance of open space surrounding Bell Canyon, the inclusion of Bell Canyon in the proposed Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor (HCWC) provides no actual benefit for wildlife or humans, rather, it poses a significant danger to both that will inevitably arise from contact with the thousands of residents, including a significant proportion of children, and thousands of vehicles traveling on 13 miles of roads.

The very proposal to merge a community the size of Bell Canyon with a wildlife corridor must give anyone pause. To encourage the passage of dangerous predators through our community presents a threat to the safety of its residents. The objective should be to keep wild animals separated from humans.

The proposed ordinance demonstrates a lack of proper research and forethought. Imposing numerous restrictions on the residents of Bell Canyon is indicative of a proposal that is ill-informed and seriously lacking in background research. Throughout the years, Bell Canyon has not been much of an impediment to the passage of wildlife as there are continuous year-round sightings of coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, raccoons, fox, opossum and other wildlife on the prowl. It is necessary to use vigilance at all times to protect people, especially children, and pets from fatal attacks. There are numerous accounts of children who have had the traumatic experience of seeing their loving pet attacked and eaten by coyotes. To attempt to direct more of these predators through our community through the highly flawed proposed ordinance will surely result in injuries to its residents for which the County will have a hand and likely be sued.

How much more ludicrous could anything be than to turn a highly populated community into a wildlife corridor? Bell Canyon must be removed from the HCWC overlay zone!

Warren Weiss
[REDACTED]
Bell Canyon, CA 91307

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From: Teri Young <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:54 AM
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Teri Young

[REDACTED]
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