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Planning Division
Resource Management Agency
County of Ventura

Regarding: Water Service for 485 Central Ave,

To all concerned:

In response to the County's notice of public hearing for areas to be considered for re-zoning to residential high density, including the property at 485 Central Ave, Strickland Mutual Water Company has not been formally contacted as to whether we could or would provide water to such a new development.

We are a mutually owned water company, and such an expansion would affect and would be subject to a vote of our shareholders. Physically, we currently serve 126 connections with something on the order of perhaps 400 residents. The addition of potentially 180 or 190 new residences would severely tax our existing facilities, which physically have no room for expansion in their current location. The current facilities are grandfathered for the existing housing but would not meet Ventura County fire-flow requirements.

Not having received or considered a formal request for service, we cannot at this point provide the County an assurance that Strickland Mutual Water Co. would provide water for new development of the type contemplated.

Separately, it does not appear that the County gave proper notice to persons potentially affected by the proposed change, as residents of Strickland Drive did not receive notice by mail.

Sincerely,

Paul H. McDaniel

Secretary, Strickland Mutual Water Co.

Presented to the Board
Re: Agenda of 7/14/09
Item # 33