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October 22, 2009

Norma Camacho, Director
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California
93009-1600

Subject: Request for Consent to Annexation of a Portion of Santa Paula Creek to the City of Santa Paula

Dear Ms. Camacho:

The City of Santa Paula is requesting the consent of the County to annex a portion of Santa Paula Creek owned by the County to the City of Santa Paula.

The City is preparing to file an application with the Ventura County LAFCO to annex the East Area 1 Specific Plan Area to the City. East Area 1 is located between Santa Paula and Haun Creeks and north of Telegraph Road. LAFCO staff has requested that the City include 15 parcels containing Santa Paula Creek adjacent to East Area 1 and the current city limits to avoid the creation of an unincorporated island with the annexation of East Area 1. Please see the attached correspondence from the Ventura County LAFCO and the highlighted comment at the bottom of page 1 of this letter.

Also attached is an aerial photograph identifying the 15 parcels that would be annexed to the City with East Area 1. The City is proposing to zone these parcels Open Space Passive (O). This zone was established by the City of Santa Paula to accommodate land that is intended to remain undeveloped, such as properties in the Santa Clara River bed, Santa Paula Creek, and undevelopable slopes and natural landmarks. Permitted uses are limited to flood control channels and other waterways, bridges, and hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. With application of this zone, annexation of these parcels will have no effect on the maintenance of existing improvements by the Watershed Protection District or any future improvements for flood control and drainage purposes.

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Having the County's consent to annex these parcels will facilitate LAFCO processing of the City's application. For this reason, the City is requesting the County consent to the annexation of the parcels in Santa Paula Creek. I have attached a consent to annexation document for the County's use.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's request. Please contact contract planner Joyce Parker Bozylinski at 241-5680 or myself at 933-4214 ext. 244 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Janna Minsk, AICP
Planning Director

Enc.

CCC: Peter Sheydayi, Deputy Director Design and Construction (without attachments)



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