

Letters of Support

County of Ventura
Planning Commission Hearing
PL16-0127
Exhibit 23 – Comment Letters

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Terre Ashmore
P.O. Box 511
Frazier Park, CA 93225
October 22, 2018

Meighan Batinica
Ventura County Planning Commission
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Ms. Batinica,
Please include this, my letter of support FOR the proposed Wildlife Corridor Ordinance in the Lockwood Valley region to be publicly debated October 25 at 8:30 am in the Board Room, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.

I have lived in Lockwood Valley; lived, and worked at the Boy Scout Camp on Boy Scout Camp Road and volunteered at Chuchupate Ranger Station on Lockwood Valley Road. The prospect of a designated wildlife corridor for Lockwood Valley is a blessing and a windfall. I'm stunned that anyone would object! [Op Ed: Lockwood Valley residents protest Ventura County wildlife corridor", The Mountain Enterprise, Sept 21, 2018.] The two Lockwood Valley residents (Gary and Lois Lee) who authored this Letter To The Editor, do not speak for everyone. They do not speak for me.

The unfettered beauty of Lockwood Valley is breathtaking: the awesome thunderstorms, the canopy of stars, the wild terrain, the Pinon Pine forest, and oh yes - the wildlife.

Gary and Lois Lee rationalize 'there is no migrating wildlife in Lockwood Valley because the Lees haven't seen it... what migrating animal heralds its presence? I am an amateur animal tracker. I've seen or tracked bear, cougars, deer, hares, elk, gray squirrels, coyote, reptiles, amphibians, insects, birds and yes - even badger, in Lockwood Valley.

Migratory species are linked to the environment they make possible. Mites living in the nostrils of migratory hummingbirds pollinate a local wildflower: penstemon. Dismiss one species and dismiss them all. Fully one third of observed wildlife has some migratory pattern.

There's also cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, dogs horses and a preserve for exotic birds and hybrid wolves. Domestic animals get eaten, wild animals are hunted, and people move to Lockwood Valley to live in the wildlands. It evens itself out.

Boy Scout Camp Three Falls (where the Lees are Directors) is the very wildlife

setting scouts travel from big cities, to experience. What a stewardship opportunity!

Lockwood Valley welcomes naturalists, stargazers, campers, geologists, botanists, young and old alike: everyone who hungers for a wild place to get away, too.

Lockwood Valley is a wildlife corridor. Preserve it; protect it; do the right thing. establish a wildlife corridor for our beloved Lockwood Valley.

Sincerely,
Terre Ashmore

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OpEd: Lockwood Valley residents protest Ventura County wildlife corridor

By Gary and Lois Lee, LV

The wildlife corridor ordinance proposed by Ventura County motivated us to write a letter to the county planning commission. Their meeting on this matter has been rescheduled because of public outrage. It is now scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 500 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.

This ordinance is a major problem for residents of not only Lockwood Valley, but for private property all the way to

the Santa Monica Mountains. It will infringe on the rights of residents — big time.

This ordinance would set aside a corridor for migrating wildlife to pass through.

It regulates vegetation near creeks, restricts fencing and lighting on our property, inhibits our rights to build, setting aside half of our land for wildlife so it can't be built upon — and that is just the start. This is adapted from our open letter to Meighan Batina of the Ventura County Planning Commission.

As long-time residents of Lockwood Valley, we 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 long-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 2019, the Lee family will have resided in Lockwood Valley for 100 years. During this time, we have never noticed any migration of deer, badgers or mountain lions. According to the warden for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the subspecies of mule deer that we have in our area does not migrate. The mountain lions are territorial, so they do not migrate, and we have never seen badgers. We see evidence of lions and deer 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 burned 163,000 acres.

It came very close to burning completely through our valley and came within a half a mile of our ranch. Local residents were evacuated for five days.

The proposed native brush clearance restrictions would have made our property indefensible during a fire.

Many residents have a creek running 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.

The regulations regarding fencing are also detrimental to our residents.

Every year we are subjected to a huge influx of snow-play visitors from the Los Angeles area.

Perhaps because there are limited public areas for snow play, numerous visitors spill onto private properties in this rural area. If we are not able to adequately fence our property, we will not be able to protect our private property.

In the past, our family has raised poultry on our ranch. If a resident has any livestock, horses, cows, goats, etc., he must

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OpEd: VC wildlife corridor

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be allowed to fence them in and keep predators out.

Lighting our property is a necessary protection. Crimes in our area, especially burglaries, have increased in the past few years. Often, residents also have security lights to protect their animals.

Our neighbor, the Boy Scouts of America Camp Three Falls, must keep safety lights on all night for their campers, for safety reasons.

The building restrictions in the wildlife corridor plan will also adversely impact the local residents. Being unable to build on areas of our property would decrease property values and limit our residents' plans to build their homes and maintain existing buildings in the future.

The wildlife corridor was not well thought through and should not include Lockwood Valley at all.

To summarize, the wildlife in our area are already

protected by the U.S. Forest Service Wilderness Areas. Our wildlife do not migrate. We have no freeways in our valley and our particular area of Lockwood Valley should be eliminated from the plan.

Surely 500,000 acres of national forest around us should cause you to reconsider. 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.

The Planning Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors were chosen by constituents of Ventura County to protect and defend the best interests and rights of the citizens. Our wildlife should be protected, but not at the expense of the people represented.

Urge our representatives to reconsider and to exclude Lockwood Valley, including Boy Scout Camp Road, from the wildlife corridor plan.

A monstrosity in Lake of the Woods?

September 17, 2018
Dear Editor:

Today I was quite disturbed when I saw the framework going up for the new cell tower in Lake of the Woods. It appears the new tower will not be one of the common pine trees or metal poles with equipment hanging off of it as I had anticipated, but is more like a large radio tower like those atop Frazier Mountain. I was at first quite offended that our neighbor, the Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, would allow the company to put up such a monstrosity.

I called the church and some of its leaders to learn more about this plan. I was pleased to be informed by one of the church leaders that the tower will actually resemble something like a bell tower when it is complete. All the equipment will be internal and the paint scheme will match the church.

I imagine many others are concerned with the appearance

of the tower and would like to know this information as well. I wanted to alert our neighbors not to be alarmed. Austin Mielke
Lake of the Woods

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January 14, 2019

Dear Members of the Ventura County Planning Commission:

Thank you for your courage and forward thinking in creating wildlife corridors in Ventura County. We applaud you for recognizing that this is the right thing to do in spite of inevitable resistance from special interest groups and individuals. In an increasingly crowded and fragmented world, too often the interests of species other than our own are disregarded. Ultimately, this short term thinking and imbalance in our planning process costs our own species.

The Unitarian Universalist Association's seventh principle calls for "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." On behalf of the Seventh Principle Environmental Action Team and the Social Action Coordinating Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, we would like to add our collective voice to support wildlife corridor zoning. Your leadership in this space will mean that species affected by habitat fragmentation will

- be less vulnerable to natural disasters such as fire--they will have a place to go
- benefit from increased genetic diversity and thus avoid health problems caused by inbreeding
- have a greater chance of adequate food supply and shelter
- have opportunities for their young to disperse and for seasonal migrations to continue occurring
- have a fighting chance of avoiding extirpation (local extinction).

For people, the benefits include reduced people/animal conflicts such as vehicle collisions and unwelcome wildlife intrusions into human populated areas. There is also the more subtle but significant benefit of knowing that we are saving the lives of those that cannot speak for themselves. Finally, we are teaching our children to value the living world beyond the walls of urban development.

Habitat corridors integrate fragmented areas that are isolated from each other through urban development. As the natural spaces on which wildlife depend continue

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to dwindle, allowing for wildlife corridors is one crucial step we can take to preserve wildlife in the midst of human society. “Let them go somewhere else” is an attitude that does not work in an era when the term “environmental justice” applies to both human and non-human living things.

We are hopeful that you will be responsible stewards of the wildlife with which we share our environment, and protect the last remnants of natural habitat connectivity.

Sincerely,

Edith L. Ball

Edith Ball
Chair, Social Action Coordinating Committee
Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 3:13 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Please

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Categories: Red Category

Support letter - please add to all lists/piles! Thanks.

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

From: Roseanna Bellino-Strickland <rozey2000@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Please

Please keep our animals safe by passing provisions that will protect them.

Peace-
Roseanna
805-419-4165

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: support the wildlife corridor

Hi Meighan,
One of several letters in my box today. Please add all to IP list, g drive, and exhibit.

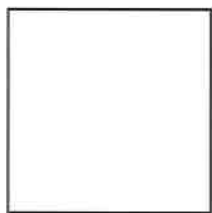
Thanks!

From: dianne bennett <diannebennettblue@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: support the wildlife corridor

I support the wildlife corridor zoning being proposed with linkages and other protections of mountain lions and other wild animals in Ventura County.

Thank you
Dianne Bennett

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*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all*

Emily Dickinson

Dianne Bennett
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Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: I support the proposed Wildlife corridor

Support ltr – I entered contact info. on the IP list

From: Susan Brinkmeyer <suebrinkmeyer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Cc: Kitty Merrill <kitty_merrill@hotmail.com>
Subject: I support the proposed Wildlife corridor

Hi, Shelley. I am writing to put in my two cents in support of the proposed wildlife Corredor as explained in the following post on the SOAR website

<https://www.soarvc.org/new-wildlife-corridor/>

Thanks so much for all your hard work.

In gratitude,

Sue

Sue Brinkmeyer

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:07 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Lori

From: Kim Charnofsky <charnofskyk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 9:55 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I recently learned from the SOAR newsletter that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors is moving forward to create a "first-of-its-kind wildlife corridor zoning." As a Ventura County resident of 22 years, I would like to express my support for this new wildlife corridor zoning, that would be new to Ventura County. I think it's a great idea.

I also think it is long overdue for our beautiful county to have such zoning. The information about wildlife corridors has been available from biologists for many, many years, and in other communities, has been considered and incorporated into various plans over the years.

I worked as an urban planner and environmental analyst in the late 1980s and early 1990s. If you would like to consult a planning document that was well-researched and has specific guidelines for wildlife corridors, I urge you to review the San Diego North City Future Urbanizing Area Framework Plan that the planning consulting firm I worked for created for the San Diego Planning Department during that time period, almost 30 years ago. The document contains specific recommendations about wildlife corridors and linkages among open space areas. As I was one of the primary authors of the sections on the environment, I can attest to the research and discussion that went into the recommendations. While some of the specific science may have been updated in recent years, the ideas are still relevant.

I am pasting in the link and a view of the cover and you can google the document if you are interested in reviewing. Just search on "corridor" within the document to find references.

Thank you for your consideration of these ideas. Let's move forward!

Sincerely,

Kim Charnofsky
7118 Wolverine St
Ventura CA 93003

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Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 8:59 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Can you please confirm Wildlife Migration Corridor in Camarillo Springs.

I would put this in the support pile. Can you please add to the IP list and the g drive file?

Thanks,
Shelley

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

From: Elizabeth Cheever <cheever2@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 7:47 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Can you please confirm Wildlife Migration Corridor in Camarillo Springs.

Hi Ms. Sussman,

I'm part of a group of four hundred something concerned residents working with Brian Morris. I think you might have spoken to him recently concerning Camarillo Springs. He gave me your email address. I'm a resident here in Camarillo Springs and I am deeply concerned for our wildlife that live here. My husband inherited this home on 25 Margarita Ave. and the only reason we moved here is because we love seeing and being near all the wildlife. We have Canadian Geese, Egrets, Road Runners, a multitude of different kinds of birds including two small birds that are endangered and deer grazing almost daily. A family of raccoons often come to our door to greet us. The mountain lions roam down on the golf course in the evening. Recently, I was sitting by my open windows when I heard a deer running by then its cry out as a mountain lion caught it. Another resident has video of a mountain lion on his patio. We rarely see them but the neighbors on the mountain side have seen them sitting up on the rocks behind their house. I've heard their haunting cry echo through the valley and we've seen the remains of the deer they've killed on the golf course. One neighbor found a mountain lion's foot prints in his front yard. We know more have come down from the mountains since the last fire storm too.

You probably are aware that Richards from Beverly Hills, the owner of the golf course has threatened the residents here, that if the Camarillo City Council doesn't allow them to build here, Richards said he'd surround the golf course with a chain link fence. The Developing company, New Urban West has also used that threat repeatedly and many of the residents feel if they don't yield to their plans of building 300 or more houses on the golf course there will be a chain link fence put up in front of their homes, separating this valley and golf course from the mountains. I'm concerned about how the earth moving machines, the toxins and more homes or a fence would harm the wild life here. They have made this area their generational home long before any people arrived. I feel like we are stewards over the animals' land - here to protect them from extinction. For years the people here have lived side by side with them as they go about safely roaming above and on the golf course. The animals obviously feel this is their land. I can see that by how the Canadian Geese graze on the grass without moving an inch as the golf carts come toward them. It's the people with their funny contraptions that have to move to the side.

I'm wondering if you can tell me if Camarillo Springs is part of a Wildlife Migration Corridor with Restrictions? If it is, is there a way for me to get a map showing that? Also, is it possible for me to get any information on any restrictions that would apply? I'd really appreciate it if you could share anything your'e aware of with me. I'm hoping to gather some tools to stop greed and bullying from robbing the animals of their lives.

I'd love to talk with you if you have the time. My home phone number is 805-482-6050. My cell number is 805-479-1488.

Thanks So Much!

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 8:50 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Support letter – I added to the IP list.

From: Edward Cruz <ed@thecruzers.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 8:21 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Dear Ms. Sussman,

My family and I would like to express our strong support for Ventura County to establish a stable, prescriptive method of wildlife corridor protection and expansion, through wildlife corridor zoning.

I have personally witnessed a mountain lion desperate to traverse an area crowded with people and buildings, just to get to water. Establishment a policy foundation of corridors, lighting mitigation, fencing standards, and other means, is a basic, necessary step for our county. A piecemeal approach relying on individual permit reviews is clearly not appropriate.

The South Coast Missing Linkages Report, which I'm sure you are aware of, clearly denotes both the critical need and practical means for protecting the wildlife that is such a critical part of our wealth, our stewardship, and even our local identity.

Thank you very much.

Edward Cruz

Newbury Park
ed@thecruzers.com

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife corridor

Support letter

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

From: Geoffrey Dann <gdann@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2019 5:06 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife corridor

Shelley -

I support the wildlife corridor project.

I'm on an email list associated with the UU church of Ventura.

Thanks for coordinating.

geoff

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

From: Cherie Doherty <praysinghim@live.com>

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 12:44 PM

To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>

Subject: Wildlife corridor

I fully support the Wildlife Corridor Zoning plan.

Cherie Doherty

175 Tarkio st

Thousand Oaks 91360

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 5:24 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife corridor

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

From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:06 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Wildlife corridor

Hi, there are several more coming. 😊

Lori

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

From: Anne Duval <amduval64@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 7:37 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife corridor

I wanted to encourage the Board to support measures to ensure a wildlife corridor to protect wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Thank you,

Anne Duval
Ventura

Sent from my iPad

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:13 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Please add to your list.

Thanks,
Shelley

From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Hi, one more for your records.

Lori

From: Dulanie La Barre <dulanie@groundoperations.net>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 1:17 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Cc: Bennett, Steve <Steve.Bennett@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Hello Supervisors:

I hope I am not too late to weigh in on the Wildlife Corridor Zoning, and please add me to any email list regarding this topic.

The first thing I think of when I hear of a wildfire is the animals. Humans have information about which way to run. Wildlife doesn't. And their few choices are increasingly cut off by our insistence to live in previously wild places.

We just lost P-64, the mountain lion being tracked was found dead beside a creek with burned paws. Officers had to shoot one in Southern California last week that was raiding a chicken coop, desperate for food. EVERY death is significant in their dwindling gene pool. This is important to the quality of a balanced and diverse environment in Ventura County.

I am so proud of you members of the Board of Supervisors for considering this investment. I strongly urge you to use funds now and make this happen before the opportunity evaporates.

Dulanie Ellis-La Barre
805-640-1133/cell 805-798-0158
206 So. Blanche St., Ojai, CA 93023

Our nettlesome task is to discover how to organize our strength into compelling power. — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: wildlife corridor LTE Acorn Jan6 2019 - Invitation to edit

Support letter.

From: Lauren Gill (via Google Docs) <drive-shares-noreply@google.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 3:03 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: wildlife corridor LTE Acorn Jan6 2019 - Invitation to edit

Lauren Gill has invited you to **edit** the following document:



wildlife corridor LTE Acorn Jan6 2019



Dear Shelley,

I sent this letter to Kyle Jorrey, editor of the Thousand Oaks Acorn yesterday, January 6, 2019.

I have volunteered with Linda Parks toward the passage of SOAR and I continue to volunteer with Beth Pratt of the National Wildlife Federation toward the completion of our 101 Wildlife Crossing at Liberty Canyon. The wildlife corridor overlay zone is essential and absolutely the right thing to do! Please feel free to call on me.

Lauren Gill

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Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 10:15 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife corridors

Support letter. I'll add to the interested parties list.

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

From: Anita Hachard <anita.hachard4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 10:20 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife corridors

To Shelley Sussman,

I read the article through SOAR regarding the new wildlife corridors through Simi Vally and Moorpark. I believe it is important for the wildlife in our area to be able to move freely throughout the open space corridors from the Santa Monica mountains to the mountains to the east into Simi and beyond. The mountain lions need to move freely as to not inbreed and it's devastating to read about the ones that are hit and killed on the freeway river of cars. It's been too long that nothing has been done. They are able to build these wildlife bridges in other countries why can't we be successful here in California, in Thousand Oaks. I'm hoping one will be built in my lifetime. These animals need our help and soon. Thank you for your time. I appreciate the efforts the Ventura County Board of Supervisors are putting into seeing this through as is the NPS and the California State Parks as well as The Nature Conservancy.

Kindly,
Anita Hachard
Thousand Oaks, Ca.

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Shirley Haggstrom <shaggstrom58@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: Wildlife Corridor overlay zone

This email is to indicate my support for the Wildlife Corridor overlay zone being considered at your meeting on December 6, 2018.

Congratulations on being cognizant of the present status of our wildlife and looking forward to preservation solutions. I have seen wildlife corridors work in other countries on television. These safe paths are one of the several ways that we learn to live with and appreciate the many kinds of wildlife we are fortunate enough to see in real life.

As a Board member of the Temescal Canyon Association in Pacific Palisades, I am very much aware of the wildlife corridor that is being constructed in Liberty Canyon and we will have the architect make a presentation at our December 3 Annual Meeting.

Please vote to support the Wildlife Corridor overlay zone.

Thank you,

Shirley Haggstrom

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife corridor zone

Support letter. Please add to all lists and piles.

Thanks!

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

From: Julie <julesluvsyellow@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife corridor zone

Hi Shelley Sussman,

I fully support the wildlife corridor zoning. There should be more regulations on builders in those zones and more extensive environmental reviews. Honestly I believe there should limited or no development in those zones.

Julie Harding

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 9:12 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: House lighting

Support letter

From: loraharney805 <loraharney805@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: House lighting

I wish the new trend of surrounding yards with flood lights that point into wildlife areas would also be banned. These home owners are putting in these light to deter wildlife. Not only does this impede nighttime movement of wildlife, it is impacted neighbors. These lights can be seen for miles especially those up on a hill. It is a trend that needs regulation before we all have flood lights shining in our houses and yards.

Lora Harney

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife corridors

Support letter - please add to all files

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

From: Christina Kennedy <clkisalways@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife corridors

The creation of wildlife Corridors is not only a wonderful idea but a necessity. What makes living in this county so unique is the open space for wildlife and the abundant opportunities for getting out in nature which is a true necessity for all human beings in my opinion.

The original habitats of this area, the animals, deserve the same opportunities as we do to live in a safe and healthy environment. I hope these corridors are created and protected. Thanks for listening.

Christina Kennedy
Member of SOAR, Ventura Land Trust, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, Sierra Club

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor

I hope I haven't sent this one yet...I got a little distracted. ;(

From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:07 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor

Lori

From: Kira Krukowski <kmkrukow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 7:38 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor

Good morning,

I am writing to express my support for the Wildlife Corridor that is being proposed. It is vital for our beautiful wildlife and I appreciate you listening to the people who wish to preserve nature.

With respect,
Kira Krukowski
805-358-0033

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor

Support letter

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

From: Vel Linden <vel.linden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 7:19 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor

Please provide wildlife corridor zoning.

Vel Linden

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: wildlife corridors

Support letter

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

From: Brent Meeker <meekerd@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 10:30 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: wildlife corridors

I strongly support the requirement that building permitting include providing for wildlife corridors as advocated by SOAR.

Brent Meeker
104 Catalina Dr
Camarillo CA 93010

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 5:23 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

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

From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:06 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Lori

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

From: Maria <mmonica2@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2018 12:37 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Hello.

My husband and I fully support protection for all forms of animal wildlife in zoning corridors that allow for free and safe movement of animals in their territories. We ask the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to enact standards to limit all forms of encroachment by humans on wildlife habitats.

Thank you for your attention,
Maria and Tom Monica

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: wildlife corridor

Support letter – I added name to IP list

From: Mark Poulson <mpoulson47@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: wildlife corridor

Ms. Sussman,

I hope you will help to get the Wildlife Corridor built.

I know saving endangered animals, including humans, seems like trying to swim upstream sometimes, but we can help in our own backyards by doing things like this corridor.

Thank you for your time,

Mark Poulson

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: wildlife corridor

Support letter

From: Lynn Pugh <venlynnie@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: wildlife corridor

My family and I whole-heartedly support enacting and protecting wildlife corridors so that animals can pass unrestricted from one area of Ventura and LA Counties to another; keeping them safely away from roadways (where so many are killed) and housing tracts/businesses. We are the ones who have encroached on and destroyed their home ranges - and we humans need to learn to share space with them, not push them out.

Ron and Cara Lynn Pugh
Ventura, CA 93003

Batinica, Meighan

From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 9:01 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Another comment letter for the Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Lori

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

From: juneau11@roadrunner.com <juneau11@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2018 1:13 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Please support Wildlife Corridor Zoning. Not only must the County protect the remaining large areas of open space but it is critically important to protect the wildlife that inhabit our beautiful County.

Sincerely,

Marlayn M. Riley
1076 Sunnycrest Avenue
Ventura, CA 93003
juneau11@roadrunner.com

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor

Another support letter. Please add name/email address to interested parties list.

Thanks/Shelley

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

From: Louise Roberts <conejocreek@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor

We are voicing our strong support of the Ventura County wildlife corridor overlay zone. We must protect and preserve the survival of wildlife in our open spaces in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

Louise and Mike Roberts
Santa Rosa Valley

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife road passing

Support letter - I added to IP list

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

From: Barbara Gmx <barbara.roll@gmx.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 1:10 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife road passing

Excellent initiative!

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife corridor

Support letter - I'll add to the interested parties list.

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

From: Julie Schiowitz <alajuliego@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 5:11 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife corridor

Yes! Yes! Yes, to the corridor!! It's about time, other states and countries are way ahead of us.

We must help our wildlife thrive!

Thank you,

Julie Schiowitz
4057 Blackwood St.
Newbury Park
805-796-7178

Sent from my iPhone

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: proposed Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Support letter - I added name to Interested parties list

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

From: Laura Seasongood <lseasongood@me.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 10:46 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: proposed Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Dear Ms. Sussman:

I am writing in support of the proposed Wildlife Corridor Zoning. Each year more of the wildlife corridor is being narrowed and blocked off with new structures. Between 2005 and 2016, 1,163 over-the-counter permits were issued to build in the wildlife corridors. More impermeable fences, roads, and buildings are continuing to be built causing wildlife to disperse into residential areas, inbreed, or be hit by cars. This is unnecessary and brutal, and leaves no natural legacy for our future generations. Once these creatures are gone, there is no way to bring them back. We must remember our responsibility as stewards of the land. As long as builders follow guidelines, all can have what they need without destroying life.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Laura Seasongood
Moorpark, CA

Sent from my iPad

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

From: Robert Shakman <bob@shakman.net>

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 1:06 PM

To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>

Subject: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

Dear Board of Supervisors: I am writing in support of wildlife corridor zoning. This is a logical progression of the open space planning Ventura County has notably accomplished and which the voting public has strongly supported. Thank you for your work to date on wildlife corridor zoning. I hope it will continue and be successful in assisting the survival of our wildlife. Robert A. Shakman, M.D., Ventura.

Batinica, Meighan

From: Song, Wansun <Wansun.Song@cit.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 14, 2018 4:59 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: In Support of Wildlife Corridor

Hi. I'm writing to support the adoption of a first of its kind Wildlife Corridor overlay zone. Our wildlife needs the ability to roam across the 101 freeway.

Wansun Song

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Batinica, Meighan

To: Sussman, Shelley
Subject: RE: VC - NEW WILDLIFE CORRIDOR ZONE

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

From: Michele Taylor <michele@virsitil.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: VC - NEW WILDLIFE CORRIDOR ZONE

Dear Shelley,

Thank you for your interest in the Wildlife Corridor. :-)

I strongly support this and believe it's the right thing to do.
I am so excited!!!!.

Our wildlife and parks are a big part of why people love and want to visit Ventura.

Thank you
Michele Taylor

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 1:50 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife Corridor

Hi Meighan
Support letter – please add to all the lists! Thanks!

From: Cassandra Tondro <cassandra@tondro.com>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife Corridor

Hi Shelley,

I heard that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors is going to decide soon about a wildlife corridor. I encourage you to vote "yes" on this important project to protect our native wildlife.

Thank you!

Best regards,
Cassandra Tondro

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Cassandra Tondro
art with a conscience
Ventura, CA, US

Phone 805.918.7140 Pacific time
Website tondro . com

From: Norma Twilla <nctwill@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2018 1:05 PM

To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>

Subject: Wildlife Corridor Zoning

I'm a registered voter living in Moorpark & just got a SOAR newsletter that featured an article on the new corridor. I am very impressed. This zone will be vital & shows a foresight not always demonstrated by government. (No offense.)
Keep up the good work!

Norma C Twilla

Batinica, Meighan

To: Sussman, Shelley
Subject: RE: In Favor of the Wildlife Corridor Zoning

From: Maleea Usell <usellfamily@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 11:28 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: In Favor of the Wildlife Corridor Zoning

To Whom This May Concern:

I'm a resident of Ventura County and would like to state my family's strong support for the Wildlife Corridor Zoning. We moved to this area in 1996 because we love the protected open space, trails, and the wildlife that lives here. With increased commercial/residential development and recent wildfires, the habitat that supports indigenous wildlife is quickly disappearing. We would love to do what we can to preserve the wildlife that remains, and this proposal is a great idea. I respectfully ask that you please support this proposal. The wildlife, wilderness, and our quality of life depends on it. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Maleea Usell
5229 Via Andrea
Newbury Park, CA 91320
805/405-3737

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 5:23 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Wildlife crossings

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

From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:06 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Wildlife crossings

Lori

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

From: Linda Walker <lindawalker2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 3:19 PM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Wildlife crossings

Sent from my iPad Please put wildlife crossings over freeways or other impediments so the animals can roam freely.
Canada has built animal crossings. Why can't we? Linda Walker

From: Julie Ward <julithjulie@roadrunner.com>

Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 8:13 PM

To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>

Subject: Support for the new Wildlife Corridor Zoning

I enthusiastically support this new zoning effort to stem the increasing loss of wildlife. Good for the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County for taking a leadership role in wildlife protection.

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: WILDLIFE CORRIDOR AND PESTICIDES

Support letter –

From: Barb Williams <barbsk80@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 1:19 PM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: WILDLIFE CORRIDOR AND PESTICIDES

Shelly,

I applaud the County in attempting to protect our wildlife, which will be addressed by the Planning Commission Public Hearing – Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone on January 31 at 8:30am. We have been encroaching on their habitat for years and must now stop development of homes in areas where the animals now live or use as their wildlife corridors. The mountain lion population in Ventura County has been impacted to the point that interbreeding now threatens their survival. PLEASE support the protection of our wonderful wildlife. Stop the development of their habitats and BAN anti-coagulant pesticides.

I ask the County to look into the development of the Camarillo Springs Golf Course by New Urban West Inc. They want to build 300 homes in an area that is home to the mountain lions, geese, bobcats, and many others. The development will impact the flood plain that gathers the rain and allows it to permeate through the golf course to replenish ground water. Their plan takes the runoff to Conejo Creek, which then is wasted when it goes to the ocean at Point Mugu. Their modeling of the flooding is seriously flawed since their models were driven with estimated data from other watersheds and did not use any actual data. They did not use the rain data from the USGS rain gauge on Conejo Mountain. This development seriously impacts the wildlife of the western Santa Monica Mountains and especially Conejo Mountain. The Camarillo Springs Golf Course is not only a wildlife habitat, but it is one of the last wildlife corridors for wildlife to get from the southern side of US 101 to the northern side for breeding purposes and in the future their survival.

In addition, I ask the County to ban anti-coagulant pesticides. These pesticides are harming our wildlife and pets. The use of anti-coagulant pesticides to get rid of rodents has killed many pets and even some of our protected wildlife like the mountain lions. Snap traps are the best way to get rid of rodents. Even if a pet or wildlife eat the trapped rodent, they will not get any of the anti-coagulant pesticides in their systems. Our cats and dogs are still predators and will eat the rodents. The mountain lions have had a lot of their habitat burned and will eat the rodents when they cannot get their normal food of small animals and deer. Malibu has been very active in banning these pesticides and Ventura County can help protect our wildlife by banning the anti-coagulant pesticides.

Thank you,
Barbara Williams
Camarillo Springs

"It has been said, 'time heals all wounds.' I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind, protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens. But it is never gone." Rose Kennedy

Batinica, Meighan

From: Sussman, Shelley
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 4:03 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: FW: Support for wildlife corridor zoning

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From: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2018 8:07 AM
To: Sussman, Shelley <Shelley.Sussman@ventura.org>
Subject: FW: Support for wildlife corridor zoning

Lori

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

From: paty winters <patywinters@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2018 7:32 AM
To: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard <ClerkoftheBoard@ventura.org>
Subject: Support for wildlife corridor zoning

As a resident of Ventura County, I am voicing my support for the proposed wildlife corridor zoning in Ventura County.

Thank you.

Patricia Winters
985 Loma Vista pl
Santa Paula CA 93060

Sent from my iPhone

Letters of Opposition

County of Ventura
Planning Commission Hearing
PL16-0127
Exhibit 23 – Comment Letters

Supervisor Peter Foy
Chair
Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

Commissioner Richard Rodriguez
Chair
Ventura County Planning Commission
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RE: Opposition to proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance

Dear Supervisor Foy and Commissioner Rodriguez,

I am signing this letter in opposition of the proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance. The regulation as written is a dangerous and intrusive overreach by the county government that undermines the economic vitality of our county, threatens the safety of residents in the unincorporated areas and violates the rights of property owners to enjoy and use their property.

The draft ordinance subjects 164,000 acres of unincorporated county lands to a myriad of new regulations by turning regional wildlife corridors into an overlay zone. This places yet another layer of regulations and zoning requirements on land that is already some of the most restricted and regulated in the state. Locally owned, small businesses will have yet another hoop to jump through in order to perform even the most basic activities like lighting and securing their property.


By placing severe and restrictive limits on security fencing and lighting, including a lighting curfew after 10 pm, the County will be putting residents at risk during a time of increasing crime in the unincorporated areas of the county. What's more, the County will be denying residents their basic civil right of enjoying and being secure in their property after dark.

Most disturbingly, the County will require property owners in three areas designated as Critical Wildlife Passage Areas (Tierra Rejada Valley, Oak View and Simi Hills) to draw a line down the middle of their property and forbid them from building new structures, including a home or barn, or any new uses, like pools, corrals or even landscaping, on half of their property unless they perform an insanely expensive and time-consuming environmental review process.

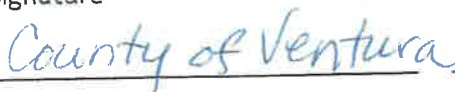
This is essentially in order to accomplish the priorities of a small group of activists. A direct taking of property for public benefit should only be done when absolutely necessary and even then should include compensation to the property owner.

Wildlife already crosses through people's back yards. Instead of focusing on the real barriers to wildlife passage, the County has chosen instead to further punish property owners who are just trying to live in the unincorporated areas of the county. This proposal, which will impact the economy, public safety and property, for marginal gains, needs to be rejected and sent back to the drawing board.

Sincerely,


Signature


Name


Company


City

Cc: Meighan Batinica, meighan.batinica@ventura.org
Rosa Gonzalez, clerkoftheboard@ventura.org

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This is essentially hijacking private property in order to accomplish the priorities of a small group of activists. A direct taking of people's property like this for a public benefit should only be done when absolutely necessary and even then should include appropriate compensation to the property owner.

Wildlife already pass through county, including through people's back yards. Instead of focusing on the real barriers to wildlife passage, namely freeways and busy roads, the County has chosen instead to further punish property owners who are just trying to live and work in the unincorporated areas of the county. This proposal, which will impact the economy, public safety and property rights for marginal gains, needs to be rejected and sent back to the drawing board.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name

Company

City

Cc: Meighan Batinica, meighan.batinica@ventura.org
Rosa Gonzalez, clerkoftheboard@ventura.org

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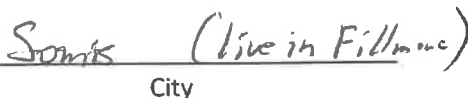
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Rather than address all of the concerns we see in the proposed ordinance and how it might effect various property owners, I will focus on specifically how the proposed ordinance will effect our property located at 3052 E. Telegraph, Fillmore. A part of our property is included in the proposed Wildlife Corridor.

Safeguarding of crops from wild animals and reporting requirements

Our commercial lemon crops are sold by our local packing house to Sunkist. A few years ago, Sunkist initiated a requirement that any farms which supply citrus to Sunkist must closely monitor their properties and must complete a very detailed report and undergo an annual audit regarding the property, document the growing conditions, maintain a record of any visitors to the property, detail the fertilizing schedules, etc. The report must also document any sightings of wild animals (listing the type of animal and date of sighting) on the property and document whenever animal waste is seen on the property. Sunkist does not want wild animals roaming through orchards as their feces and urine might potentially contaminate the soil and/or the crops.

The proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance is encouraging wild animals to transit through commercial farms. By doing so, crops may be damaged or contaminated and we as farmers may be unable to sell our crops through well-established, commercial distribution channels.

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Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 7:13 PM
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Subject: Concerns with Wildlife Corridor and Dark Skies proposals

To the Planning Commission,

The proposed Wildlife Corridor legislation severely impacts our land and property rights! How does the County Planning Commission entertain such illogical ideas that are negative on so many levels. I maintain that with thoughtful reconsideration, people who are passionate about the well-being of wildlife will find positive solutions to obtain safe passage across our dangerous highways. A wise solution *would not* include adverse and inconsiderate possession of landowners' properties, and *would* take into consideration that wildlife that cross our property will still face, as they do currently, the perils of Hwy 126 traffic.

The Dark Skies initiative is another example of government overreach that has not been thought out carefully. Motion detection lights are strategically placed for a reason - to deter PEOPLE who do not belong there. The animals are not bothered at all. We have video footage of bears, our resident raccoon, and other random animals passing through. We don't mind them, and they don't mind being exposed to the night-time light. However, humans with no-good intentions would be deterred by the technology... and that's the point of security!! You must not take our security away.

Please listen carefully and respectfully to VC CoLab's objections on both of these discussion items as they are speaking intelligently on our behalf.

Sandy Butts
Fillmore, CA

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
Eleanor Roosevelt

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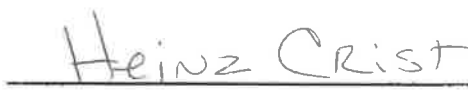
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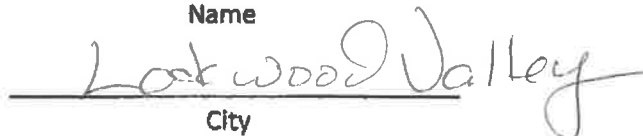
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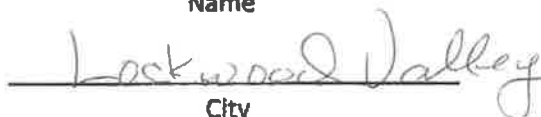
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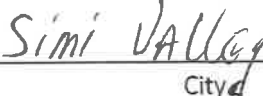
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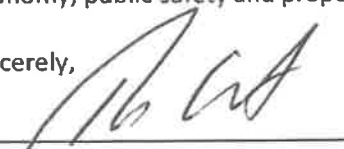
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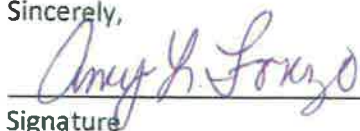
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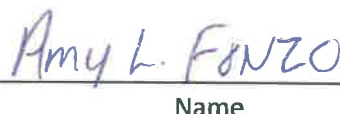
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October 1, 2018

Ventura County Planning Commission

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Dear Ms. Batinica,

We are deeply concerned about the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance that Ventura County is considering. As long-time residents of Lockwood Valley, we 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.

In 2019, our family will have resided in Lockwood Valley since 1994. 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 burned right to our front door. Local residents were evacuated for 5 days. The native brush clearance restrictions would have made our property indefensible during a fire. We already pay a state fire fee and there are very few insurance companies that will currently insure homes in our area. If we cannot defend our homes by the mandated brush clearance the insurance companies will either cancel our insurance or the premium will become astronomical.

The regulations regarding fencing are also detrimental to our residents. If we are not able to fence or replace fencing on our property our fear that our dogs, cats, geese and ducks and more importantly our Grandchildren can be attacked by the bears, mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes and raccoons that are indigenous to Lockwood Valley. The fencing protects us from them and in turn keeps these animals from being killed if they attack us on our property. We have never had to injure an animal on our property but would not hesitate to if an animal was attacking a child or a pet. .

Lighting our property is a necessary protection as crime in our area, especially burglaries, has increased in the past few years. Due to budget cuts our police department does not work a 24 hour shift, leaving us without police presence at night. Residents also have security lights to protect their animals. Our neighbor, BSA Camp Three Falls, must keep their lights on all night for their campers for safety reasons.

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We 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 we 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. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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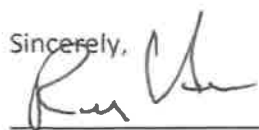
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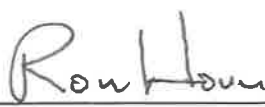
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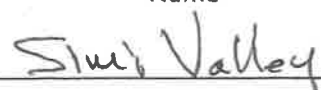


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From: Lynn Gray Jensen <execdirector@colabvc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:44 PM
To: Prillhart, Kim; Stephens, Chris
Cc: Sussman, Shelley
Subject: Wildlife Corridor Ordinance - Questions and comments

Chris and Kim,

First, we are asking when you will be sending a response to our comments and whether you have an estimated timing for an updated draft ordinance?

Second, we are requesting that you send us a pdf of the powerpoint slides that were presented at the public August Stakeholder meeting that showed revised language, including the allowance of barbed wire fencing. These slides have not been downloaded to the County Wildlife Corridor website.

Third, we wanted to let you know that we had a meeting with The Nature Conservancy group yesterday to discuss the South Coast Missing Linkages map and some of the issues we see. We were particularly concerned with the Bell Canyon and Box Canyon subdivisions being included in the Overlay Zone. After reviewing the 1-24-17 staff report to see what the Board voted on we were reminded of the language on page 8 of the report stating: *"Land located within the unincorporated County contains both a General Plan land use designation and a zoning classification. Due to the large number of zoning classifications (65) within Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Movement Corridor, further analysis of zoning and allowed uses will be key to determining applicability of regulations developed for this project. **However, that analysis will be focused on two zoning classifications allowed within the General Plan Open Space designation: the Open Space (OS) and the Agricultural Exclusive (AE) zones.**"*

CoLAB recommends that all lands that are not designated open space, with either (OS) or (AE) zoning in the general plan be entirely removed from the overlay zone. We do not believe that an exemption from regulations would be sufficient to protect these designations that were approved by the Board of Supervisors after consideration of the uses to be allowed on those lands. Lands designated Agricultural, Existing Community, Rural, Residential, Commercial and Industrial in the General Plan were clearly not the focus of the Planning Division when this project was presented to and approved for further consideration by the Board of Supervisors. The level of human activity and uses allowed in these designations conflict with government mandated wildlife movement corridors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Lynn

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September 12, 2018

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**RE: Draft Regional Habitat Linkages Ordinance Plan as it affects
Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL), Ventura County, California**

Dear Ms. Sussman:

I am the President of North American Land Trust (NALT). NALT is a land conservation organization formed in 1991 and currently holds over 500 conservation easements in 20 states throughout the United States. It is recognized as a not-for-profit corporation in Pennsylvania, and as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Further, NALT is a Sponsor Member of the Land Trust Alliance and has affirmed that organization's *Standards and Practices*. NALT's mission is "To promote long-term stewardship of our natural and cultural heritage by implementing successful private land conservation projects and promoting innovative land conservation techniques."

NALT's Ownership Interests within the proposed Regional Habitat Linkages

As you may know, we have recorded two conservation easements in Ventura County, California under Section 815 et seq. of the California Civil Code. These are "recorded ownership interests" in the context of the proposed Habitat Linkages Ordinance. The conservation easements collectively cover 2,395.75 acres of land owned by The Boeing Company and include the Assessor's Parcel Numbers listed below:

685-0-051-100	685-0-060-135	685-0-130-145
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685-0-051-150	685-0-060-295	685-0-140-395
685-0-051-180	685-0-060-305	685-0-140-405
685-0-051-200		

Protection of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory by conservation easements granted to NALT ensures that the ecological values of the property are preserved in perpetuity. This is particularly important because the property is home to a number of sensitive species and serves as a wildlife corridor that connects existing parks and other legally restricted lands throughout the region. Wildlife corridors have a key role in biodiversity



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Dear Ms. Batinica,

The Boy Scouts of America, Ventura County Council is concerned about the Wildlife Corridor pending ordinance and regulations. The Boy Scouts have ran a Boy Scout Camp in the Lockwood Valley for 85 years (this year). In that time the Scouting has impacted the lives of over 100,000 youth that care about their environment. Preserving and caring about their environment has been a large part of what Scouting represents. Having the Wildlife Corridor being placed on any of Boy Scout Road or Lockwood Valley (in northern Venutura County) would take-away much of the conservation projects, nature, environmental science, soil & water projects, including mammal and reptile study in the area (end of Boy Scout Road). The Wildlife Corridor proposed area should be removed from the planned boundaries.

There are a number of reasons placing the Wildlife Corridor boundaries over Camp Three Falls would impact enjoyment, study and environmental appreciation of 1,000's of youth and adults:

1. Inhibiting the addition of structures (fences, walls and buildings) including new nature, environmental STEM Centers, shooting ranges and a dining hall would prevent youth from learning and studying – much less the inherent growth and/or safety of the Camp Three Falls participants. Much of what is collected and studied in these fields are brought to these centers for additional learning and instruction. Safety in the shooting ranges for walls & fences are there for protection of the Scouts AND the animals.

The Council is considering a horse program (from surveys taken) with corrals for a 'horsemanship' merit badge program. Youth, especially from the city, thrive when they are get to ride and be around a horse. The ordinance with 'no fencing' would be hard to start a horse program.

The Council needs to maintain the current growth of the Camp (including these buildings and structures) to maintain it's income and operating status year-round. Gates and fences are also needed for protection and security of intruders that hike the nearby trails.

2. Outdoor lighting is needed at the camp for safety purposes including at night for camping, showering and safety in getting around camp. There are also night classes that will be soon implemented in evening free-time activities related to night swims, and range shooting.

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3. Restriction of Vegetation Removal (native brush clearance restrictions) would pose a hazard to the camp and safety of the Scouts, leaving the area indefensible and structure and campsite vulnerable. There have been fires in the area (2006) that came very close to the camp. Scouts, adult leaders and staff are very careful during fire restricted times to limit Scouts campfires (which has been a majority of the summer). A fire in the area would be a major blow to the whole camp. We have a creek going through the middle of the camp. Vegetation restrictions would make it hard to protect the camp and it's current buildings.

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The Wildlife Corridor proposal and restrictions was not well thought through and should not include Lockwood Valley. If Lockwood Valley cannot be excluded from the proposed Wildlife Corridor, a possible shift in area to include less populated areas of our valley.

We feel this is in our best interest and the interests of the 1,000s of youth and adults that enjoy Camp Three Falls in a year-round educational progressive program. I urge you to reconsider and exclude Lockwood Valley, specifically Boy Scout Camp Road, from the Wildlife Corridor Plan. Thank you for your consideration!

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From: Dale King <daleking@wildblue.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Batinica, Meighan
Subject: Wildlife Corridor

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez,

I am highly opposed to the "Wildlife Corridor". First of all, the wildlife corridor will give Ventura County the right to control more than half of my property. My property has been cleared since I purchased it. When the Day Fire of 2006, which cost more than 100 million dollars to suppress according to the US attorney's office, burned two sides of my property, I had zero damage because of my brush clearance. My well on my property is located in the proposed wildlife corridor and it would have been destroyed without my brush clearance. I need full access to my well for maintenance and visual inspections. We have stricter building codes enforced by the County in our region for high winds, snow loads and, high fire risks. We pay the same rate of taxes as any other citizen of Ventura County but, we get less services such as fire departments, hospitals and, road maintenance. It is time Ventura County stops treating us like an unwanted step child and starts helping us and giving us something for our tax dollars instead of take, take, take! This wildlife corridor will only cost the county and taxpayers more money as firefighting costs and, the risk of wildfires which destroy wildlife, will increase. Southern California Edison should be putting electrical lines underground in order to prevent fires like the Thomas fire. Ventura County should be working with Edison and builders to increase solar energy, which I use on my property. Ventura County should be collecting and saving run off water for everyone and the wildlife's use and, not letting it run into the ocean. Can we work on some benefits for our citizens?

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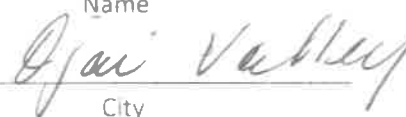
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From: Elaine Krankl <e@sinequanonwines.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 1:52 PM
To: Batinica, Meighan; clerloftheboard@ventura.org
Subject: FW: Opposition to proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance
Attachments: scan0403.pdf

Dear, Meighan Batinica,

My name is Elaine Krankl and I am writing on behalf of both my husband Manfred Krankl and myself, I have enclosed my signed letter in opposition to the proposed Wildlife Corridor ordinance.

We strongly oppose the proposed Critical Corridor Proposition as this is above and beyond any reasonable or necessary overlay. We own a working farm in addition to vineyards and operate a well-regarded winery called Sine Qua Non located next to beautiful Lake Casitas.

Over the years since we acquired the property in 2003 we have made substantial investments of hard work, time and finances.

We have invested in Ventura County for both our lifetime and the generations that will follow us, always with the focus of being good stewards to the land that we have been fortunate enough to call home to both our family and business.

We received approval from the County of Ventura for our operation with a CUP which included an: Environmental Impact Study, Negative Declaration, Final NOD and Land Use Agreement. We are now under the impression that the proposed Critical overlay is in conflict with the permitted use of our property. We are concerned that the approach by the County of Ventura has been less than forthcoming as we received no direct notification from the County or the agencies representing the proposed Wildlife Corridor Critical Area located in the Ojai Valley. I feel that the lack of transparency is possibly intentional to avoid landowner opposition.

The proposal would devalue our property and make it very difficult to function as an Agricultural operation. Please consider the negative impact to the people that have worked hard to maintain the diverse beauty of the Ojai Valley and overall County of Ventura.

Thank You,

Elaine Krankl

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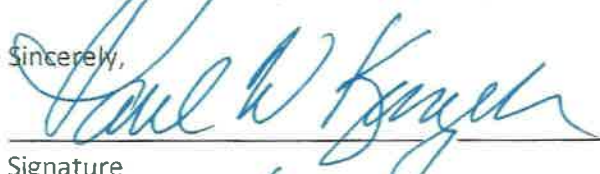
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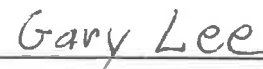
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Dear Ms. Batinica,

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.

In 2019, my family will have resided in Lockwood Valley for 100 years. 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.

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Lighting our property is a necessary protection as crime in our area, especially burglaries, has increased in the past few years. Often, residents also have security lights to protect their animals as well. Our neighbor, BSA Camp Three Falls, must keep their lights on all night for their campers for safety reasons.

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Gary Lee
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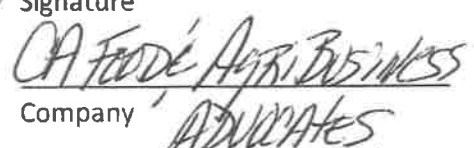
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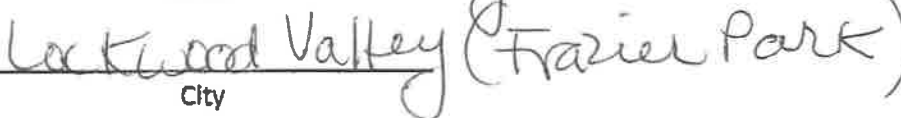
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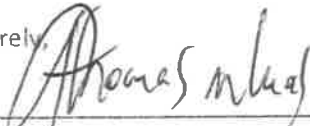
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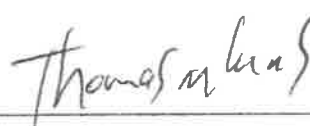
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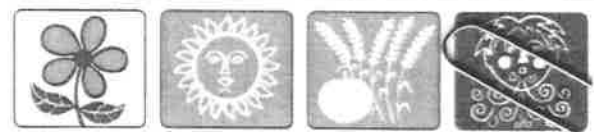
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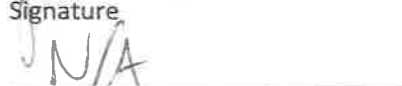
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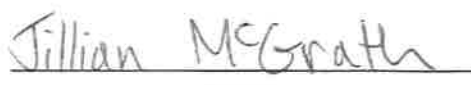
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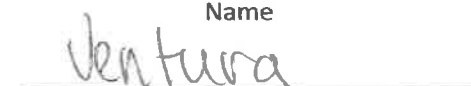
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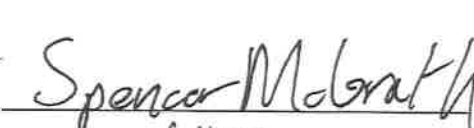
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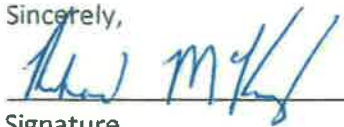
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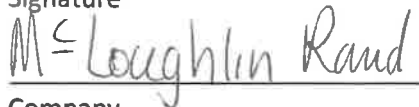
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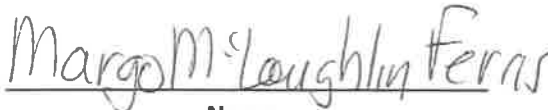
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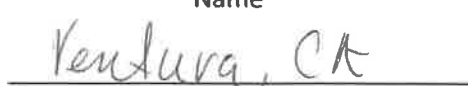
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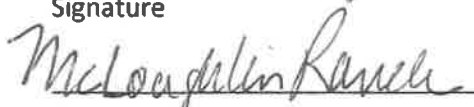
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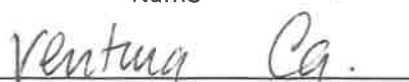
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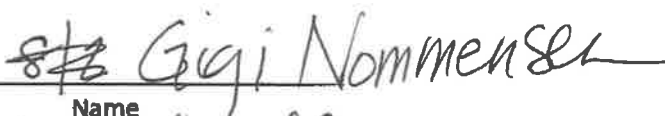
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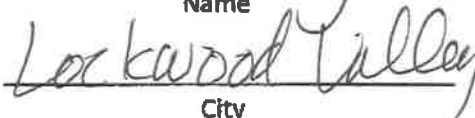
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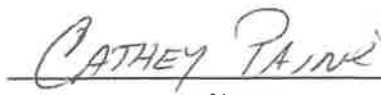
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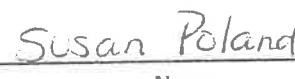
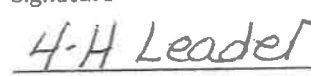

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Re: WSPA Comments on Ventura County Proposed Regional Habitat Linkages Ordinance

Dear Ms. Sussman,

Thank you 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 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. 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 County Planning staff.

As oil operators in the County, 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.

Before discussing specific concerns related to the draft proposed ordinance, it is important to be mindful of a variety of activities, procedures and restrictions characteristic of member operations reflecting how these companies conduct their day-to-day business in environmentally sensitive ways.

Here is a partial listing of available member operations-actions intended to support regional wildlife:

- Preserving riparian vegetation around creeks, streambeds and drainages
- Preserving oak trees in support of this major food source for deer
- Minimizing lighting outside of critical facilities and equipment

- Providing a buffer for wildlife against high density development by the nature of the existence of oilfields
- Controlling/preventing public access
- Limiting fencing within the oilfield (except perimeter, as required by DOGGR and the County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance)
- Increasing vegetative acreage with native grasses through erosion control and restoration; including creating new habitat in areas no longer used and continuous vegetative canopies along waterways.
- Removing non-native, invasive vegetation
- Conducting biological project monitoring (e.g. wildlife).
- Controlling traffic and traffic speeds within the oilfield
- Prohibiting off-road driving within the oilfield
- Requiring employees and contractors to undergo environmental sensitivity training including an overview of wildlife present on leases and operator efforts to protect them (e.g., preventing adverse human-wildlife interaction such as no feeding/disturbing of wildlife).
- Pre-planning for projects inclusive of biological surveys to determine potential wildlife use of the area.
- Prohibiting brush clearing during peak nesting bird season and adherence to other Migratory Bird Treaty Act obligations (protecting active nests from disturbance); and,
- Prohibiting pets within oilfield project areas.

While we appreciate the County's efforts to provide additional 'areas of contiguous habitat' for wildlife, we have significant concerns with this proposed ordinance. As it is currently written, the draft ordinance not only creates major conflicts with current operations but also appears to not be based on the most up-to-date defensible fact-based science, in addition to conflicting with recommendations set forth by state agencies overseeing oil and gas production facilities.

Given where it stands, this proposed ordinance needs considerable reworking and our members are fully committed to helping the County achieve a best possible outcome, whereby both wildlife and critical domestic energy production can continue the healthy longstanding coexistence enjoyed for so long.

Below is a summary of our current concerns and initial recommendations. The recommendations offered herein by WSPA are intended to spur discussion with staff to collaborate towards a revised ordinance that addresses industry concerns. WSPA reserves the right to revise its concerns and offer additional recommendations based on continuing discussions with the County on this important issue.

CEQA Omission

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 Public Resources Code Section 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.” (See also 14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15378.)

The draft ordinance would 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 must be conducted.

As briefly noted above, 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.)

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. 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.

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 biologist’s 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. As such, 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.

Regulatory Standards

The currently proposed ordinance creates significant inconsistencies between and contradicts requirements, standards and general best management practices currently in place through other regulatory programs. For example, while the regulations provide operating requirements which are exempt from the County ordinance, the Department of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) also provides additional oil industry standards as a model that often go beyond their regulations. Since these are “standards” and not regulations, by your very definition, they would not be exempted by this draft ordinance. The conflict between contradictory agency expectations will create significant difficulties for our members and needs to be addressed in the revised ordinance.

Proposed Corridor Boundary Concerns

WSPA has concerns about the process used by the County to develop the proposed corridor boundaries. It is our understanding that both Aera and VC COLAB have requested information regarding the criteria used by County Planning and County GIS to create the proposed corridor boundaries. In previous County-hosted workshops, County staff has stated that the proposed corridor boundaries were obtained directly from the 2005 South Coast Missing Linkages Report (Report), without modification or update, and that no additional criteria or standards were used in creating the corridor boundaries.

As you are aware, the boundary lines developed by the Report were created through a landscape permeability analysis, a GIS modeling effort, and did not undergo a thorough field verification effort. Instead, aerial photographs from the late 1990’s and early 2000’s were used to develop the corridor maps provided in the Report. As stated by Planning staff in both of the 2017 County-hosted public workshops on the draft ordinance, the 2005 Report maps have not been updated to reflect current land use or site conditions. As such, current land use, development, changes to the landscape and other potential impediments to the proposed corridor have not been evaluated or considered in developing the draft ordinance.

In June 2005, Ventura County Planning Division issued the “Roads and Biodiversity Project: Guidelines for Safe Wildlife Passage”. This guidance document provides valuable information regarding the process for identifying a wildlife corridor, including how a “movement corridor” is defined and how to determine if such a “movement corridor” exists on a particular property. This guidance document also references the creation of a County developed “wildlife movement corridor rapid identification tool.” The County has not indicated whether the process outlined in the guidance document or the “wildlife movement corridor rapid identification tool” has been used in the development of the proposed ordinance and the corridor boundaries.

To help land owners, business owners and other stakeholders better understand the intent and impacts of the proposed corridor, the County should provide answers to following questions:

1. Has the County completed an evaluation by a qualified biologist on each parcel included within the proposed corridor?
2. Has the County evaluated whether each parcel included within the proposed corridor meets the definition of a "wildlife movement corridor"?
3. How can we access the "wildlife movement corridor rapid identification tool"? We were unable to locate a "wildlife movement corridor rapid identification tool" on the County's website. This would be an invaluable tool for land owners to evaluate potential impacts resulting from the draft ordinance and WSPA requests that the County make this tool available for use.

Proposed Corridor Boundary Recommendations

WSPA recommends that the County re-evaluate the corridor boundaries using the guidance and tools already developed and approved by the County, along with current land use and site information. In the interest of full disclosure, the County should also provide answers in a public forum for interested parties to the above questions to promote better land owner understanding of the intent and functionality of the proposed corridor and ordinance.

Outdoor Lighting Concerns

The proposed ordinance exemptions for outdoor lighting (Section 8109 – 4.8.3.2) are extremely restrictive and do not address the needs of industrial facilities that operate continuously or outside of normal working hours. No allowance is made to meet the lighting requirements of routine industrial work associated with operating equipment that runs continuously in rural, semi-rural, and urban areas. Such industrial work lighting must comply with both California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) standards and the California Code of Regulations standards for worksite lighting. In addition, the proposed ordinance requires the installation of driveway and walkway lighting that do not comply with Cal/OSHA minimum standards, as the proposed corridor boundaries include many areas where such industrial work occurs. WSPA believes that the proposed ordinance creates conflicting and confusing requirements. No mention is made to exempt any activities pertaining to oil and gas operations or development emergency task lighting. Furthermore, oil and gas operations must be able to conduct 24-hour surveillance, equipment checks and inspections.

Outdoor Lighting Recommendations

The County should expand the lighting exemptions to include activities pertaining to oil and gas operations or development (i.e., routine monitoring and surveillance, drilling, well work, security lighting for critical facilities such as gas plants, CA-OSHA Process Safety Management, PSM facility)

Fencing Standards Concerns

Section 8109 – 4.8.7.4 of the proposed ordinance describes the various exemptions for Wildlife Impermeable Fencing. These exemptions do not mention or exempt any fencing necessary for

public health and safety reasons, as recommended by other regulatory agencies (i.e., DOGGR, Cal/OSHA, State Lands Commission, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management). Furthermore, the proposed requirements for Wildlife Impermeable Fencing conflict with the Ventura County coastal and non-coastal zoning ordinances, which state that the oil industry must “securely fence” all active well sites, machinery and associated facilities” and that “fences must meet all Division of Oil and Gas regulations.” Rather, to resolve the conflicts, fencing standards within existing oil operations should only meet all DOGGR regulations. These standards are described below:

1. Chain link fencing of not less than 11-gauge, not less than 5 feet high, not greater than two inch nominal mesh, topped with 3 strands of barbed wire;
2. Posts must be strong enough to withstand both people and livestock from pushing the fence over and must restrain entry of wildlife; and
3. No gap in or under the fence large enough for a child to crawl through.

Fencing Standard Recommendations

WSPA recommends that the proposed ordinance be revised to include exemptions to the Wildlife Impermeable Fencing standards for all oil and gas operations and facilities. All areas within the corridor map overlay that are identified as “oil and gas operating leases” by DOGGR should be clearly marked as exempted from the fencing requirements and be clearly noted throughout the ordinance as exempt where appropriate.

Vegetation Management Concerns

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Vegetation Management Recommendations

WSPA recommends that oil and gas operations on leases recognized by DOGGR be included in the exemption for work on access roads and drainage structures.

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To address these serious future impacts, WSPA recommends that all areas within the corridor map overlay that are also identified as “oil and gas operating leases” by DOGGR be exempted from the vegetation removal restrictions in the draft ordinance and be clearly noted throughout the ordinance as exempt where appropriate.

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Section 8109-4.8.1 of the draft ordinance states that any “grading or excavation that involves a cumulative area” greater than 500 square feet must obtain discretionary permitting. Portions of the proposed corridor overlap large areas of on-going oil and gas operations, existing facilities and equipment. Requiring a discretionary permit to continue to conduct existing work and operations within and between existing equipment and facilities is restrictive will bog down review and approval, increase costs, conflicts with both the County’s Grading Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance requirements for oil field grading and make decisions appealable. We do not believe this is the intent of County Planning Staff in drafting this ordinance.

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Surface Water Features Recommendations

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

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Dear Supervisor Long

Thank you for sending out the update. This wildlife corridor will destroy our property values, let alone our right to use of our own land. If the county wants this corridor they should purchase the property for fair market value. I urge you to vote against it. I know Lockwood Valley is not well populated and you don't get many votes but this project is just wrong. There is so much National Forest around us the animals come and go as they please.

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On Oct 8, 2018, at 3:57 PM, Supervisor Kelly Long <Kelly.Long@ventura.org> wrote:



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Re: Comments on Ventura County's Draft Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to
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Critical Wildlife Passage Overlay Zones

To Whom It May Concern:

The following comments are submitted on behalf of Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) regarding Ventura County's Draft Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Development within the Regional Habitat Linkages and the Critical Wildlife Passage Overlay Zones (Draft Ordinance). We are aware the Committee is working to revise the Draft Ordinance in order to ensure it complies with the wishes of local property owners, goals of conservationists, and the law. As an advocate for property rights, PLF would like to comment on several aspects of the Ordinance we believe the Committee should consider as it redrafts the Ordinance.

Pacific Legal Foundation is the oldest donor-supported public interest law foundation of its kind. Founded in 1973, PLF provides a voice for those who believe in limited government, private property rights, balanced environmental regulation, individual freedom, and free enterprise. Thousands of individuals across the country support PLF, as do numerous organizations and associations nationwide.

Since 1973, PLF has litigated in support of property rights and has participated as counsel in major property rights case heard by the United States Supreme Court in the past three decades, including *Knick v. Township of Scott*, No. 17-647 (2018); *Koontz v.*

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St. Johns River Water Mgmt. Dist., 133 S. Ct. 2586 (2013); *Sackett v. U.S. Env'tl. Prot. Agency*, 566 U.S. 120 (2012); *Palazzolo v. Rhode Island*, 533 U.S. 606 (2001); and *Nollan v. California Coastal Comm'n*, 483 U.S. 825 (1987).

PLF is particularly interested in preventing government overreach. We received several inquiries from Ventura County residents who were concerned the Draft Ordinance would take their property without just compensation. To avoid this issue going forward, the County should pay particular attention to the following areas of law: (1) the County should ensure that the Ordinance does not violate the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and (2) the County should be aware of the nexus and proportionality requirements that a government entity must meet when it exacts property rights in exchange for building permits.

The Fifth Amendment to the United States provides that "private property [shall not] be taken for public use, without just compensation" and applies to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment. *Palazzolo*, 533 U.S. at 617. This protection means that state and local governments cannot encroach upon or interfere with property rights without paying just compensation to the landowner.

A taking of private property can occur in different ways. First, a physical invasion on real property categorically warrants compensation. *Cf. Loretto v. Teleprompter Manhattan CATV Corp.*, 458 U.S. 419, 421 (1982) (physical occupation of property requires compensation). Second, a taking can occur when a regulation substantially interferes with the right to own or use property. This type of taking, a regulatory taking, occurs when the economic impact of a regulation undermines the investment-backed expectations of the property owner at the time he acquired the property. *See Penn Cent. Transp. Co. v. New York City*, 438 U.S. 104, 124 (1978).

Here, the Draft Ordinance required property owners in the Critical Wildlife Passage Areas to refrain from conducting certain activities on half of their land in order to benefit wildlife. Sec. 8109 – 4.9.3 stated, "any proposed structure or use . . . shall be sited exclusively in one of the two contiguous areas created by a line bisecting a single lot into two sections of equal areas (halves)." Proposed Ordinance Sec. 8109 – 4.9.3. Additionally, the Draft Ordinance restricted property owners' ability to enhance the safety and security of their property, like lighting and fencing. It is possible that as drafted, the Ordinance could have imposed a regulatory taking on property owners; as

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such, the County would have had to provide property owners with just compensation for the use of their property.

Additionally, the Ordinance allowed the County to “exact” property rights from a property owner seeking a permit. For example, it appears that the Draft Ordinance required those who wish to build a new structure on their property to agree to only build on half of their property in exchange for a building permit. Requests like these must meet the “essential nexus” and “rough proportionality” requirements of *Nollan* and *Dolan*. See *Nollan v. Cal. Coastal Comm’n*, 483 U.S. 825, 839 (1987); *Dolan v. City of Tigard*, 512 U.S. 374, 391 (1994). The “essential nexus” requires that the County show that a condition is related to the impact of a landowner’s proposed development. See *Nollan*, 483 U.S. at 839. To satisfy the “rough proportionality” requirement, the County must show the exaction is proportionally related to the harm caused by the development. See *Dolan*, 512 U.S. at 391.

The County will have to show that the exaction of a wildlife corridor in exchange for a building permit will satisfy the *Nollan* and *Dolan* requirements. That means the County will have to demonstrate that an individual development does in fact impact wildlife movement. And the County will have to show that the burden placed on the landowner, unable to use one half of his property, is proportional to the benefits of setting aside that amount of property for a wildlife corridor.

We hope that the Committee will consider these important property principles as they continue forward with the development of this Ordinance.

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From: Zack Schuler <zack@ninjio.com>

Date: September 4, 2018 at 3:27:25 PM PDT

To: Jacqui Irwin <jacqui.v.irwin@gmail.com>

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Subject: Powerpoint deck that outlines everything they are planning on doing.

Hi Jacqui- Attached is the PowerPoint deck that lays out what they are proposing. Before forwarding, please read the text in yellow

My rejections:

1. **NO HOMEOWNER IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD RECEIVED ANY NOTICE ABOUT ANY OF THIS. WE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT THROUGH THE GROUP OPPOSING IT. THAT'S NOT RIGHT!!!!**
2. My home appears to be in the Critical Wildlife Passage Area. What this means, **is that they are going to cut my property in half**, and forbid me from disturbing the other half. Here's the million dollar issue. The property that they would take has a dirt bike track on it. **My house is in escrow right now for 200K over our asking price.** Their main reason for him buying the home: **The dirt bike track (that would have to be knocked down flat so weeds can grow on it.)** The track was approved by the county back in 2011. When I disclose this to the buyer, which I have to, my house will go from 3.7M (in escrow at that now), to a guy who backs out. My agent then said the house value would be about 2.5M. **This is a 1.2M loss for me.** That simply isn't right
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Jacqui- **Is there anything that you can personally do to step in and make this insanity stop?** I'm happy to have some restrictions in the area so it doesn't become overdeveloped (those are already in place) and additional restrictions would be fine, **but taking half of my land away from me is unfathomable, especially bad since I was never notified.** They are trying to slip this past all of us.

Thanks for reading.

Zack

Dear Mr. Schuler,

This email is a follow-up to our phone call on September 11, 2018 regarding the County of Ventura's draft ordinance related to habitat connectivity and wildlife movement. You had questions about the degree to which the proposed ordinance might impact your property at 1590 Esperance Dr. in the Tierra Rejada Valley. I'm glad I was able to be of assistance and address some of your concerns.

Following our conversation, I consulted with County management regarding your additional request for a written summary. As I mentioned, the ordinance is still in draft form and subject to revision by County staff as well as by the Ventura County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Unfortunately, I am unable to provide a written summary of the ordinance provisions we discussed at this stage in the process.

As a property owner within the habitat connectivity and wildlife movement corridors, you will receive a postcard notifying you of the hearing date and the website location for the staff report, which will include the draft ordinance. Given that you are no longer residing at this property, please provide me with your current mailing address so I can ensure that you receive notification.

You mentioned that you had reviewed the draft ordinance that was available on the project website in early August. It has since been removed because it continues to be revised. However, I have attached it here for your convenience.

Thank you.

Shelley Sussman

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RE: Regional Habitat Linkages Draft Ordinance

Dear Ms. Sussman,

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

As an oil operator in the County, Aera is very aware of the presence of wildlife in and around our properties. We peacefully co-exist with a number of species that enjoy the ability to roam freely throughout the Ventura Oil Field 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 in its current draft form.

We believe that the currently proposed ordinance creates significant inconsistencies between other regulatory programs. It also contradicts requirements, standards and general best management practices currently in place through these very regulatory programs. For instance while your draft ordinance provides limited exemptions for regulatory requirements, the Department of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Thermal Resources (DOGGR) program approach also incorporates additional oil industry standards, best management practices, various notices to operators, guidance, and policy materials ("standards") that operators are measured against. By their very nature, these standards often incorporate an operator undertaking activities above and beyond the minimums established in regulation (e.g. "conditions of approval"). Since these "standards" are not regulations, your very definition would not exempt them from the draft ordinance and would potentially result in dangerous contradictions with unintended consequences.

Below is a summary of our current concerns and initial recommendations. Aera's initial recommendations outlined below are intended to provide a starting point for collaborative discussions with staff in an effort to develop revised ordinance language that addresses Aera's concerns while ensuring the intent of the draft ordinance is honored. In addition to our

comments, Aera agrees to and aligns with the submitted comments made by Western States Petroleum (WSPA) per their letter dated August. 31, 2018. Aera reserves the right to revise its concerns and offer additional recommendations based on continuing discussions with the County on this important issue.

Proposed corridor boundary concerns:

Aera requested a copy of the criteria used by County Planning and County GIS to create the proposed corridor boundaries. Per County staff, the proposed corridor boundaries were obtained directly from the 2005 South Coast Missing Linkages Report (Report), without modification or update, and that no such criteria were used by County Planning in developing the draft ordinance or in creating the corridor boundaries. Based on a review of publicly available information and/or discussions with County representatives, Aera offers the following concerns:

1. It appears that the boundary lines developed by the Report were created through a landscape permeability analysis, a GIS modeling effort, but were not subjected to a thorough field verification effort. Instead it appears that aerial photographs from the late 1990's and early 2000's were used to develop the corridor maps provided in the Report. When Aera staff discussed this with County Planning staff, it was explained that the County did not "update" the 2005 Report maps with current land use or site conditions. This is troubling because current land use, development, changes to the landscape, and other potential impediments 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. The County Planning website provides links to two Missing Linkages design reports: (1) Sierra Madre-Castaic and (2) Santa Monica-Sierra Madre. Data and/or maps detailing the proposed Ventura River wildlife corridor could not be located in either of these reports nor in any other report available on the South Coast Wildlands website (scwildlands.org). Furthermore, the proposed Ventura River wildlife corridor could not be found in the California Essential Habit Connectivity Project, which was commissioned by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and Caltrans in 2010 as a result of AB2785 (2008) and SB85 (2007). You will recall both bills required the CDFW to map essential wildlife corridors and habitat linkages.
3. In June 2005, Ventura County Planning Division issued the "Roads and Biodiversity Project: Guidelines for Safe Wildlife Passage". This guidance document provides valuable information regarding the process for identifying a wildlife corridor. The following excerpts are provided for the County's consideration:
 - a. In order for an area to be considered to be "movement corridor"
 - i. The area must be "defined by a qualified biologist" (p. 4); and

- ii. "As required by the *Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines*, a qualified wildlife biologist will assess the project area to determine if a wildlife movement corridor(s) exists within the project site and/or the surrounding area" (p. 6). (*emphasis added*)
- b. Pages 6-7: To be a wildlife movement corridor, an area must:
 - i. Link two or more patches of isolated habitat;
 - ii. Conduct animals to areas of suitable habitat without excessive risk of directing them into a "mortality sink"; and
 - iii. Allow individuals of the target species to use the corridor frequently enough to facilitate demographic and genetic exchange between populations.
- c. Page 7: "a wildlife movement corridor rapid identification tool is being developed. This tool will be used [to] assist consulting biologists in determining if [a] project will impact a corridor and to what degree."

Recommendations: Aera recommends that the County re-evaluate the corridor boundaries using current land use and site information and provide answers in a public forum for interested parties to promote better land owner understanding. Moreover, to further evaluate the potential impacts of the draft ordinance, Aera requests that the County provide a clear explanation of:

1. How (e.g. what scientific/technically defensible approach was used) the wildlife corridor map boundaries were developed;
2. Who within the County was responsible for developing the map boundaries;
3. What qualifications and/or training such individuals responsible for developing the map boundaries identified; and
4. What consultation, if any, the County had with other agencies concerning the proposed boundaries.

Finally, Aera would request that the County provide the criteria and supporting data (such as, but not limited to: tracking and population studies, biologist field notes, data modeling analysis, and aerial photographs) used to develop the Ventura River portion of the proposed corridor which directly impacts our operations.

Outdoor lighting concerns:

The draft ordinance does not exempt industrial/equipment operation and activities. OSHA regulations (found at 29CFR 1926 Subpart D) and Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations set minimum lighting requirements for worksite lighting. Work areas must be provided with a minimum of 3-5 candle feet of light, depending on task and location. For large, exterior work areas, this greatly exceeds the allowed lumen restrictions in the draft ordinance. In addition, the draft ordinance only exempts temporary construction and emergency task lighting. It does not address the lighting requirements of routine industrial work and activities or the operational needs of monitoring equipment that runs continuously. Similar lighting restrictions of driveways and walkways in industrial or work areas does not comply with OSHA minimum standards. The draft ordinance appears to directly conflict with other existing regulations applicable to our

workforce and will create an unworkable situation whereby the very validity of the ordinance concerns such contradictory obligations may very well need to be challenged.

Recommendation: Based on Aera's current understanding of the draft ordinance and the contradictory requirements, and to ensure the safety of our workers and the surrounding community, Aera recommends that the County exempt all parcels with industrial equipment, industrial work activities and areas with continuously operating equipment from the lighting restrictions in the draft ordinance.

Fencing standards:

Section 8107-5.6.22 of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (NCZO) states that the oil industry must "securely fence" all active well sites, machinery, and "associated facilities" and that "fences must meet all Division of Oil and Gas regulations."

The DOGGR regulations provide the following standards for "secure fencing":

1. Chain link fencing of not less than 11-gauge, not less than 5 feet high, not greater than two-inch nominal mesh, topped with 3 strands of barbed wire;
2. Posts must be strong enough to withstand both people and livestock from pushing the fence over and must *restrain entry of wildlife*; and
3. No gap in or under the fence large enough for a child to crawl through.

Recommendation: Aera recommends that all areas within the corridor map overlay that are also identified as "oil and gas operating leases" by DOGGR be exempted from the fencing requirements in the draft ordinance and be clearly noted throughout the ordinance as exempt where appropriate.

Vegetation management:

Aera's review of the draft ordinance's vegetation management obligations identified a number of potentially concerning requirements that require additional consideration and further revision:

1. Section 8109-4.8.1 of the draft ordinance exempts "vegetation removed by a public agency as required by, or consistent with regulations to protect public health and safety" and "includes but is not limited to vegetation removed to properly maintain vehicle sight distances, drainage, or flood control facilities." The draft ordinance does not exempt the exact same work when performed by private parties or land owners to achieve the exact same objectives. The County relies on oil field operators to maintain access roads, maintain drainage structures, and protect downstream locations from flood and erosion issues. Maintenance of roads and drainage structures on an operating oil field is not an infrequent activity – it is a necessary part of daily oil field operations. Failure to maintain access roads and drainage structures places equipment, facilities and our very landscape at significant risk. By not exempting vegetation removal performed by oil and gas operators in furtherance of compliance with ongoing standards to maintain sites, ongoing operations will be significantly

curtailed or restricted. Moreover, vital vegetation clearance needed to maintain appropriate buffer to minimize the likelihood of ignition sources may be delayed or curtailed.

Recommendation: To address these serious potential impacts and ensure worker and public safety, Aera recommends that oil and gas operations on Leases recognized by DOGGR be included in the exemption for work on access roads and drainage structures.

2. The draft ordinance will require land owners to obtain a "Planning Director-approved planned development permit" (a discretionary permit) for "any vegetation removal conducted within a surface water feature 200-foot buffer area" that is in excess of that which is required by the Ventura County Fire Protection District (VCFPD) ordinance or any VCFPD approved fuel modification plans.

In 2013, Aera and Vintage Production California LLC (now California Resources Corporation) worked cooperatively with the VCFPD to create the Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Wildfire Action Plan for Oil and Natural Gas Operations (Plan). The Plan contains guidance and recommendations to assist VCFPD meet their "strategic goal [of] protecting [oil and natural gas] facilities and infrastructure" and provides "industry specific information...that will help protect oil field workers." The Plan outlined VCFPD's expectations of the oil and natural gas industry which include providing VCFPD with defensible space and maintaining and upgrading roads and bridges.

The RSG Plan calls for "large, cleared areas around wells, tanks and other facilities" and "eliminating weeds and brush around pipelines." It also requests that oil facilities create "turnouts or turn around" areas on our access roads. Between 2013 and 2018, Aera has worked cooperatively with VCFPD to create defensible spaces and access roads around our operations that exceed fire code minimums. As a result, during the Thomas Fire, several fire responders credited the fact that the Fire did not spread into Ventura Avenue neighborhoods between Seneca and Canada Larga directly due to Aera's diligence in maintaining large areas of defensible space.

The guidance and recommendations in the RSG Plan exceed the requirements of the VCFPD ordinances, particularly in regard to creating defensible space and adequate equipment access. Furthermore, not all areas where oil and natural gas operations occur are part of a VCFPD fuel modification plan. As such the guidance and recommendations in the County's own RSG Plan would not appear to meet the criteria for exemption under the draft ordinance as currently written.

Furthermore, vegetation removal within the Ventura River riparian corridor is already regulated by CDFW, Ventura County Watershed Protection District and, in many cases, by the Army Corps of Engineers, and extensive permitting is required.

Aera believes that the vegetation removal restrictions in the draft ordinance will unnecessarily increase risk to public safety and exposure to wildfire danger. We believe it is unacceptable to disregard existing standards and programs (e.g. RSG Plan) in favor of draft ordinance language that has the potential to threaten the safety of our employees, our operations and that of our community.

Recommendation: With respect to the vegetation removal limitations and proposed exemption discussed above, Aera recommends that “oil and gas operating leases” as designated by DOGGR be exempted from the vegetation removal restrictions in the draft ordinance and be clearly noted throughout the ordinance as exempt where appropriate.

Dirt Disturbance:

Section 8109-4.8.1 of the draft ordinance states that any “grading or excavation that involves a cumulative area” greater than 500 square feet must obtain discretionary permitting. Portions of the habitat connectivity and wildlife corridor (corridor) and surface water feature buffer area overlap large areas of Aera’s on-going operations and many of our existing facilities and equipment. Requiring a discretionary permit to continue to conduct existing work and operations within and between existing equipment and facilities is restrictive and Aera does not believe this is the intent of County Planning Staff in drafting this ordinance.

Recommendation: To address these inadvertent impacts to businesses and land owners, Aera recommends that the County exempt all parcels with active industrial equipment, industrial work activities, and areas with continuously operating equipment from the dirt disturbance restrictions in the draft ordinance.

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It is unclear whether the draft ordinance standards will apply within 200 feet of surface water features as defined by the County’s GIS layers or the NWI map overlay. To eliminate confusion and to fully analyze potential impacts, Aera requests that the County provide maps of the surface water features and buffers for all areas of the proposed corridors.

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Aera is dedicated to ensuring that its operations are performed in a manner that is protective of the environment. We have voluntarily engaged in and funded efforts to improve the Ventura River corridor, including a 7-acre *Arundo* removal project; participation in CFDW cowbird reduction projects; restoring tributaries with native vegetation; revegetating idle areas of the Lease with pollinator friendly native plants; increasing ground water recharge; and actively reducing sediment loading to the Ventura River. We would be pleased to work with the County to assist in more improvements within the proposed corridor – but such improvements must work with our current operations, rather than create unnecessary restrictions and hurdles.

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 look forward to 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



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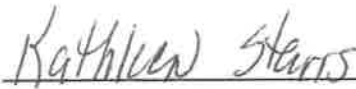
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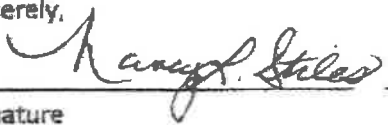
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October 10, 2018

Ventura County Resource Management Agency
Planning Division
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Ventura, CA 93009-1740
ATTN: Sussman, Senior Planner

Dear Ms. Sussman:

RE: Ventura County - Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Project and Existing
Restrictive Biological Easements

Please be advised that I met with Chief of Staff Mr. Pettit of the CEO's office and Ms. Hilton Buehner, Assistant County Counsel regarding the preexisting biological easement recorded on our property on October 8, 2018.

Here is the background of that easement.

We completed a parcel map for our property in 2012. This was after considerable time and funds were expended coming up with a compromise to mitigate any, and all, impacts development would have on local wildlife. An A B easement was created.

From the enclosed/attached documents you can see the first proposed wildlife corridor map from your planning department. It was 400 feet wide and ran the length of our property, taking out of any development 13 acres of a 56 acre piece and bifurcating Parcel 3 almost completely. We went to the Resource Conservation District office in Somis for assistance in developing an alternative. The second enclosed map is the result, reducing the easement from 400 feet to 100 feet and burdening three acres instead of 13. They also developed a plant palette with floral compatible with local wildlife. This proposal was included in the final recorded easement. That easement overlays all the parcels created by Parcel Map 5490. The easement was recorded on each parcel, restricting them. An example as been enclosed, the recorded document for Parcel 4. Be advised if we do undertake alternative A (creating a fast channel next to the existing flood way and planting according to the recorded palette) it will cost an estimated \$100,000 to complete.

I am asking, per my meeting with Mr. Pettit and Ms. Buehner, that existing biological easements be codified in the proposed wildlife ordinance now being drafted by your office. That properties

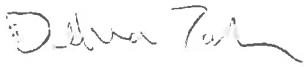
already burdened by such easements should be exempt from further developmental restrictions within the new ordinance. That these easements are, in fact, the required biological mitigation.

I ask that my proposal be part of the record and that it be considered for inclusion in the proposed ordinance and that it be included in the Planning Commission packet.

If you have questions, please do contact me. I will be sending this out via email and snail mail to all parties CC'ed below.

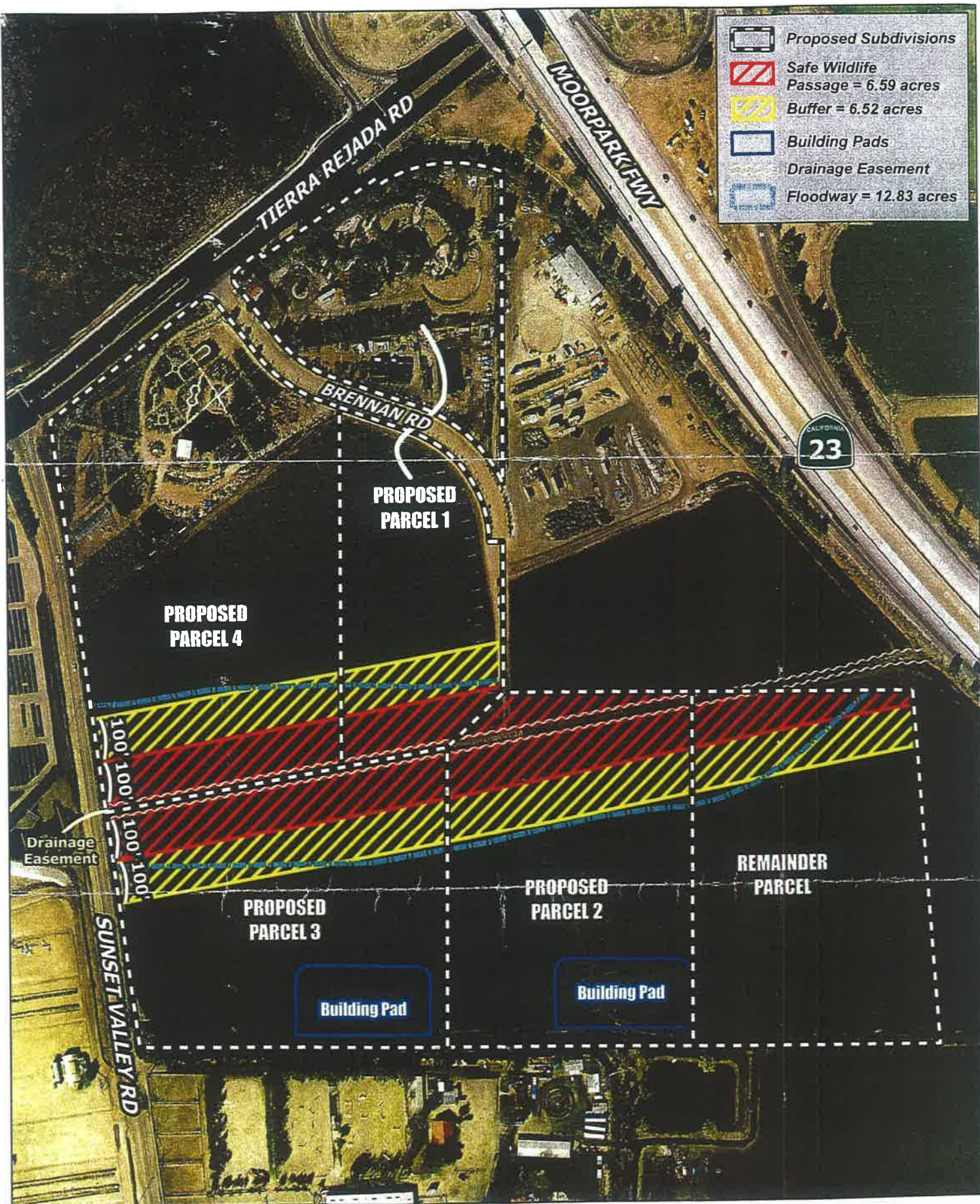
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra Tash", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Debra Tash

CC: Mike Pettit Chief of Staff CEO Michael Powers, Charmaine Hilton Buehner County Counsel, Kim Philhart Planning Director, Supervisor Linda Parks, Supervisor Steve Bennett, Supervisor Kelly Long, Supervisor John Zaragoza, Supervisor Peter Foy, Supervisor-Elect Bob Huber



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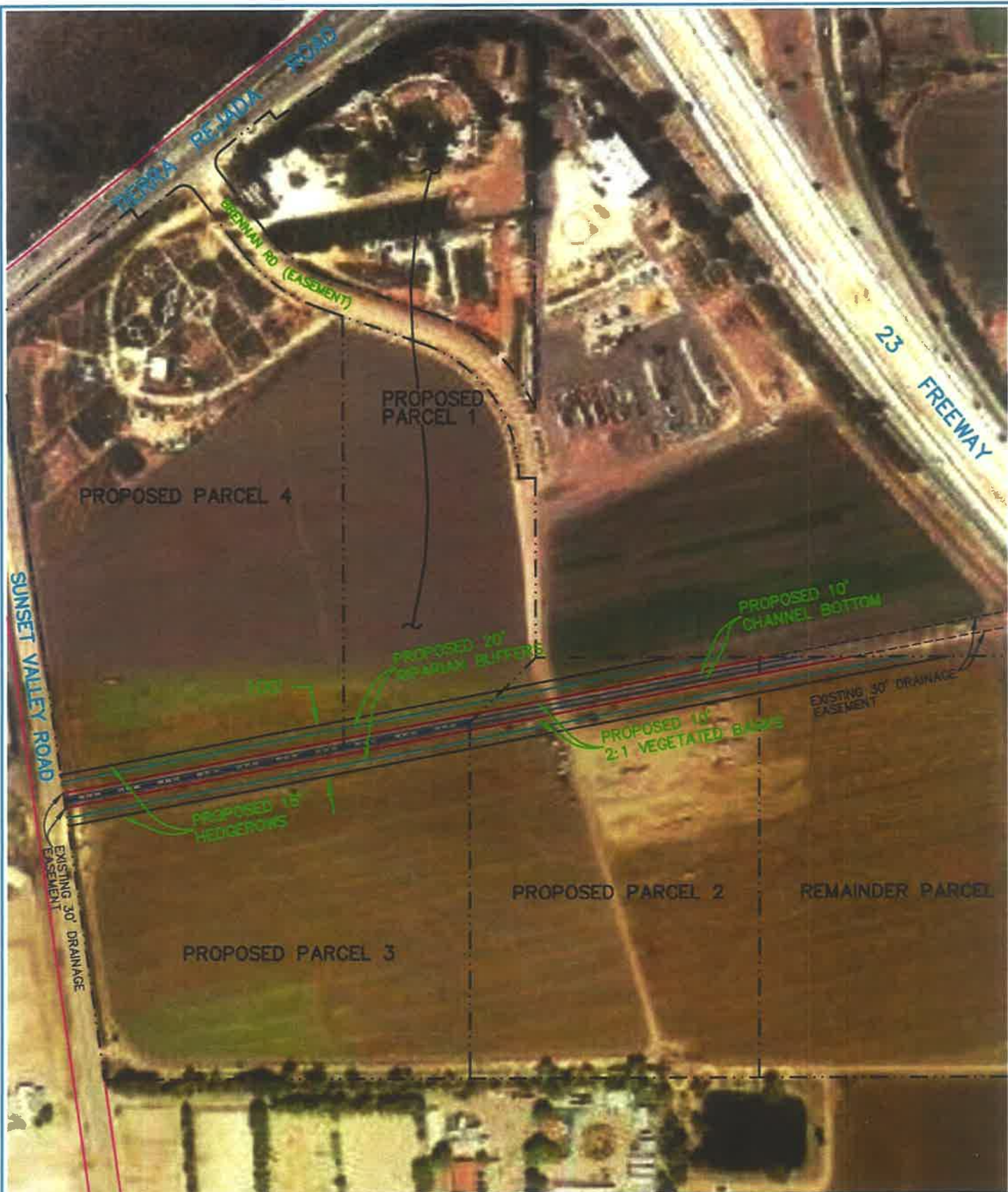


SD08-0037 Proposed Subdivision Biological Restrictive Covenants

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RESTRICTIVE AREA
U. S. DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
SERVICES RECOMMENDATION

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ATTN: Michelle Glueckert D'Anna

ASSESSOR PARCEL NOS.: 500-0-392-015 and a portion of 500-0-392-085

CASE NO: SD08-0037

DATE OF PERMIT APPROVAL: May 27, 2010

**DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF PROPERTY -
BIOLOGICAL RESTRICTIVE COVENANT (Parcel 4)**

This Declaration and Agreement to Restrict the Use of Property with a BIOLOGICAL RESTRICTIVE COVENANT) RESTRICTIVE COVENANT as hereinafter set forth ("RESTRICTIVE COVENANT") is made by the Property Owner: George Tash and Debra B. Tash, Trustees of the George Tash and Debra B. Tash Inter Vivos Trust Agreement dated 11/25/1985 and Fully Reinstated 5/19/1999 ("OWNER"). OWNER promises and agrees to restrict the use of the PROPERTY described below in accordance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT.

1. **PROPERTY:** OWNER is the record owner of the following described real property consisting of:

Parcel 4, in the County of Ventura, State of California, as shown on parcel map No. 5490 filed in Book 69, Page 49-51 of Parcel Maps in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

2. **RESTRICTED AREA:** OWNER agrees to restrict the use of a certain portion of the PROPERTY, the description of which is attached as EXHIBIT A (TEXT) and EXHIBIT B (MAP) (the "RESTRICTED AREA"), in accordance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

3. **PROJECT:** OWNER has applied to the County of Ventura, Planning Division, ("COUNTY") for a Parcel Map No. 5490 ("PROJECT"). The proposed PROJECT will create four new parcels and a designated remainder parcel.
4. **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PROJECT:** The PROJECT was tentatively and conditionally approved by the Planning Director on May 27, 2010, with Condition No. 13 that state(s) as follows:

The Property Owner must comply with Mitigation Measure BIO1 (either Option 1 or Option 2) of the MND, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for this project (Staff Report Exhibit 6).

Mitigation Measure Option 1: As a condition to the Parcel Map, a wildlife passage (WP) shall be protected from development and a buffer shall protect the WP from light, noise and other disturbances as described below.

Wildlife Passage – The WP areas shall be 100 feet wide on both sides of the Watershed Protection District's drainage easement along the length of the Arroyo Santa Rosa through the Parcel Map (see Figure 1 – Biological Mitigation Measure Option 1). In these areas, all development is prohibited and only in-ground crop production or landscaping/restoration with native plants is permitted. Fences and walls are also prohibited within the WP. In addition, outdoor lighting on the subject properties shall not be projected into the WP areas.

Development is defined here as the construction, placement or erection of any solid material or structure; and grading, paving, removing, dredging, or disposal of any materials.

Buffers – There shall be Buffers 100 feet wide bordering the entire length of both sides of the WP areas (see Figure 1 - Biological Mitigation Measure Option 1). If development occurs within a Buffer, a hedgerow of shrubs, native to Ventura County and reaching at least 8 feet in height at maturity, shall be planted along the entire distance of the boundary between the WP and the Buffer on the parcel where the development is occurring. (Note: Certain types of development within the buffers may be prohibited by the Watershed Protection District, where the Buffers overlap the floodway.) The plant palette for the hedgerow must consist of a selection from the following shrubs or similar native shrubs: coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), California rose (*Rosa californica*), elderberry (*Sambucus Mexicana*), and various native species of willow (*Salix* spp.). Other trees, shrubs, or herbs may be added to the plant palette, as long as the species selected are native to Ventura County, and the overall design of the hedgerow effectively screens the WP.

Concurrent with recordation of the Parcel Map, a restrictive covenant approved by the Planning Director stating the terms and conditions of Mitigation Measure Option 1 shall be recorded.

Mitigation Measure Option 2: Mitigation Measure Option 2 may be implemented (1) in lieu of Mitigation Measure Option 1 prior to recordation of the Parcel Map or (2) after the Parcel Map is recorded, to modify the conditions to the Parcel Map described under Mitigation Measure Option 1 above. All of the following conditions must be satisfied to implement Mitigation Measure Option 2:

- (1) The property owner must provide to the Planning Division for approval a plan that is in substantial conformance with the Wildlife Habitat Development Plan (WHDP) prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as set forth in Attachments 1, 2, and 3 (the "Plan"). Specifically, the vegetated bank, riparian buffer, and hedgerow in the Plan must be at least 45 feet in width on each side of the finished channel bottom along the length of the Arroyo Santa Rosa through the Parcel Map and shall exclude any roads required by the Watershed Protection District to access the channel (the "Protected Area"). In addition, the plant palette for the Protected Area must include only plants native to Ventura County.
- (2) Prior to approval of the Plan, the property owner must obtain all necessary permits to perform work within or near the channel and to implement the Plan, including but not limited to a Ventura County Watershed Protection District Watercourse or Encroachment Permit.
- (3) To demonstrate to the Planning Division that the work to implement the Plan has been completed, including widening the banks of the channel and planting the vegetated bank, riparian buffer, and hedgerow, the property owner must provide to the Planning Division photo-documentation and as-built plans.
- (4) The completed Protected Area must be maintained according to the approved Plan.
- (5) Development shall be prohibited in the Protected Area.
- (6) A Restrictive Covenant approved by the Planning Division stating the terms and conditions of Mitigation Measure Option 2 must be recorded. If Mitigation Measure Option 2 is implemented in lieu of Mitigation Measure Option 1, then the Restrictive Covenant must record concurrently with the Parcel Map. If Mitigation Measure Option 2 is implemented after the Parcel Map and the Restrictive Covenant required by Mitigation Measure Option 1 has recorded, then the Restrictive Covenant required by Mitigation Measure Option 2 must record once the Planning Division has confirmed that the Plan has been implemented pursuant to condition (3), above. After the Restrictive Covenant for Mitigation Measure Option 2 is recorded, the Restrictive Covenant for Mitigation Measure Option 1 may be released.
- (7) The terms and conditions of Mitigation Measure Option 2 must be made conditions of the Parcel Map.

5. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PROPERTY:

Development is defined herein as the construction, placement or erection of any solid material or structure; and grading, paving, removing, dredging, or disposal of any materials.

Wildlife Passage (WP) – Within the WP described in Exhibit A and illustrated in Exhibit B, all development is prohibited and only in-ground crop production or landscaping/restoration with native plants is permitted. Fences and walls are also prohibited within the WP. In addition, outdoor lighting on the subject properties shall not be projected into the WP areas.

Buffers – Prior to development within the Buffer described in Exhibit A and illustrated in Exhibit B, the OWNER shall apply for a Zoning Clearance (Requiring Special Review) and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that a hedgerow of shrubs, native to Ventura County and reaching at least 8 feet in height at maturity, has been planted along the entire distance of the boundary between the WP and the Buffer on the parcel where the development is occurring. (Note: Certain types of development within the buffers may be prohibited by the Watershed Protection District, where the Buffers overlap the floodway.) The plant palette for the hedgerow must consist of a selection from the following shrubs or similar native shrubs: coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), California rose (*Rosa californica*), elderberry (*Sambucus Mexicana*), and various native species of willow (*Salix* spp.). Other trees, shrubs, or herbs may be added to the plant palette, as long as the species selected are native to Ventura County, and the overall design of the hedgerow effectively screens the WP.

The above-described terms and condition(s) shall be referred to herein as the "RESTRICTIONS."

6. **NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PROPERTY:** The recordation of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT is to inform the present and future owners of the PROPERTY, in whole or in part, of the RESTRICTIONS which are binding and enforceable upon them.

AGREEMENT

7. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This RESTRICTIVE COVENANT is effective upon its recordation.
8. **RECORDATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT REQUIRED FOR PROJECT APPROVAL:** OWNER acknowledges and agrees that without the imposition of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, the PROJECT cannot be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 15000 et seq., specifically that the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the PROJECT could not have been certified by the COUNTY and therefore, the PROJECT could not have been approved by the COUNTY. Accordingly, this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT is a necessary prerequisite for the COUNTY'S approval of the PROJECT.

9. **COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION No. 5 (Restrictions on Use of Property):** OWNER agrees to comply with each and every RESTRICTION set forth in Section No. 5 as stated above.
10. **MODIFICATIONS, CHANGES, AMENDMENTS, AND TERMINATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT:** The terms of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, including but not limited to the RESTRICTIONS, may only be modified, amended, terminated, or revoked by the prior written authorization and consent of the COUNTY Planning Director ("CONSENT TO AMEND OR TERMINATE"). To be effective, a CONSENT TO AMEND OR TERMINATE must be executed by the COUNTY Planning Director or his/her designee and recorded in the Official Records of the COUNTY. Any attempt to modify, amend, terminate, or revoke any the RESTRICTIVE COVENANT or the terms thereof without an effective CONSENT TO AMEND OR TERMINATE shall be deemed a violation and material breach of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT subject to the provisions of Section 14 below.
11. **COUNTY AS BENEFICIARY OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT:** The OWNER hereby designates COUNTY as a beneficiary of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT with all legal and equitable rights to enforce the terms of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT as well as any agreement made with OWNER to remedy a violation. The COUNTY may use any legal and/or equitable means available to it to enforce the terms and conditions of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT including but not limited to those means authorized herein. The OWNERS also agrees that the COUNTY may also recover its costs of enforcement of any violation of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT from the OWNER.
12. **PROPERTY ACCESS:** To ensure ongoing compliance with this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, the OWNER hereby authorizes and gives permission to the COUNTY, as well as its employees, contractors, and agents, to enter upon the PROPERTY in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times with notice to the OWNER. In order to prevent, terminate, or mitigate a violation of the terms of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, the COUNTY, as well as its employees, contractors, and agents, may enter upon the PROPERTY in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times without prior notice to the OWNER where such entry is necessary as reasonably determined by the COUNTY.
13. **RESTRICTIVE COVENANT RUNS WITH LAND:** All terms and conditions set forth in this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT shall constitute covenants, equitable servitudes, and restrictions which shall run with the land, and shall be binding and enforceable upon the OWNER and all his/her/its heirs, successors in interest and assigns of the PROPERTY forever. The RESTRICTIVE COVENANT shall be enforceable by COUNTY. The term "OWNER" as used herein shall include OWNER'S heirs, successors in interest and assigns of the PROPERTY.

14. **VIOLATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT:** Any violation of any term or condition of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT shall be deemed a breach thereof and a violation of the Ventura County Ordinance Code ("COUNTY CODE") and of the PROJECT'S terms and conditions. Any rights, remedies, and sanctions provided by the COUNTY CODE for violations of the COUNTY CODE, including but not limited to possible criminal prosecution, shall apply to violations of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT at the discretion of the COUNTY. Each day a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate violation.

OWNER, including any heir, successor and assignee, is responsible for any and all violations of the RESTRICTIVE COVENANT regardless of who caused the violation or how it was caused.

OWNER has the affirmative duty to notify the COUNTY of any violation of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT within 3 business days of OWNER's discovery of a violation.

15. **SANCTIONS AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS:** If the County has reasonable cause to believe that there is a violation of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, COUNTY will provide written notice to the OWNER of the violation ("NOTICE"). OWNER shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of such NOTICE to either: (1) completely remedy the violation to the satisfaction of the COUNTY Planning Director; (2) formulate a remedy and/or restoration plan, which shall include a specific time line to complete the remedy, in writing for COUNTY Planning Director review and approval ("REMEDY PLAN"); or (3) file an appeal of such NOTICE in accordance with the Appeals procedures in the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance section 8111-7 et seq, as amended from time to time.

In the event the violation(s) is not be remedied or if the PROPERTY is not restored to its original, pre-violation condition, the COUNTY may require OWNER to offset the damage caused by the violation(s) by making in-lieu monetary payments, which are to be determined by the County, to a County administered property restoration fund or by agreeing to place a RESTRICTIVE COVENANT on other property he/she/it owns in the County or by undertaking and completing any other reasonable means to offset the damage caused by the violation(s), including but not limited to those set forth in the COUNTY CODE, or any combination of these remedial actions.

If the violation is not completely remedied within thirty (30) days of the NOTICE, or in accordance with and within the time frame set forth in the County-approved REMEDY PLAN, or if appealed, within thirty (30) days of a denial of his/her/its initial appeal, then the COUNTY may, at its sole discretion, undertake to enforce this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT and/or REMEDY PLAN by any legal and equitable means available including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Filing a civil action seeking to enjoin the violation, enforce the terms of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT or REMEDY PLAN, enjoin any activity on, or use of the

PROPERTY that is inconsistent with the purpose of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, compel full restoration of the PROPERTY and/or compel compliance with the RESTRICTIVE COVENANT, REMEDY PLAN, COUNTY CODE or any applicable law;

- b. Revoking any related COUNTY issued permits or land use entitlements if applicable;
- c. Seeking an abatement order pursuant to the COUNTY CODE or any other applicable administrative proceeding;
- d. Recording a Notice of Non-Compliance in accordance with the COUNTY CODE;
- e. Imposing civil penalties and fines as authorized by state law and/or COUNTY CODE, including recordation of a lien against the PROPERTY;
- f. Referring the violation to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution;
- g. Recovering COUNTY costs of enforcement of the violation, including recordation of a lien against the PROPERTY for those costs; and/or
- h. Seeking any other legal or equitable causes of action, remedies and/or sanctions authorized by law, including but not limited to those provided in the COUNTY CODE.

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- 16. **NOTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT:** In addition to being recorded, the terms and conditions of this RESTRICTIVE COVENANT shall be explicitly included in any instrument of transfer, conveyance, or encumbrance of the PROPERTY or any part thereof.
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To OWNER:

George Tash and Debra B. Tash
5777 Balcom Canyon Road
Somis, CA 93066

To COUNTY: VENTURA COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION

800 S. Victoria Avenue L#1740
Ventura, CA 93009
Attn: Planning Director
FAX: 805-654-2509

Any party may, from time to time, by written notice to the other, designate a different address, which shall be substituted for the one specified above.

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Attachments:

Exhibit A – Legal Description of PROPERTY

Exhibit B – Map of RESTRICTED AREA (SD08-0037)


Attachment 2 – WHDP Cross Section

Attachment 3 – Plant Palette for the WHDP, prepared by NRCS

References (NOTE: Documents are on file with the Planning Division, Case No. SD08-0037):

Figure 1 – Biological Mitigation Measure Option 1

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Kim L. Prillhart, Director
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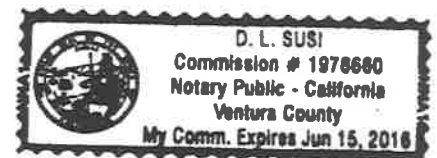
On July 25, 2012, before me, Denise L. Susi, Notary Public, personally appeared Kim L. Prillhart, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature D. L. Susi (Seal)

Signature of the Notary Public



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BIOLOGICAL RESTRICTED AREA
EASEMENT (OPTION 1)**

PARCEL "A" (SAFE WILDLIFE PASSAGE)

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CONTAINING: 335,940 sq. ft. or 7.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SUBJECT TO: ALL COVENANTS, RIGHTS, RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

EXHIBIT "B": ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

PARCEL "B" (BUFFER ZONE)

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EXCEPT ALL OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL "A".

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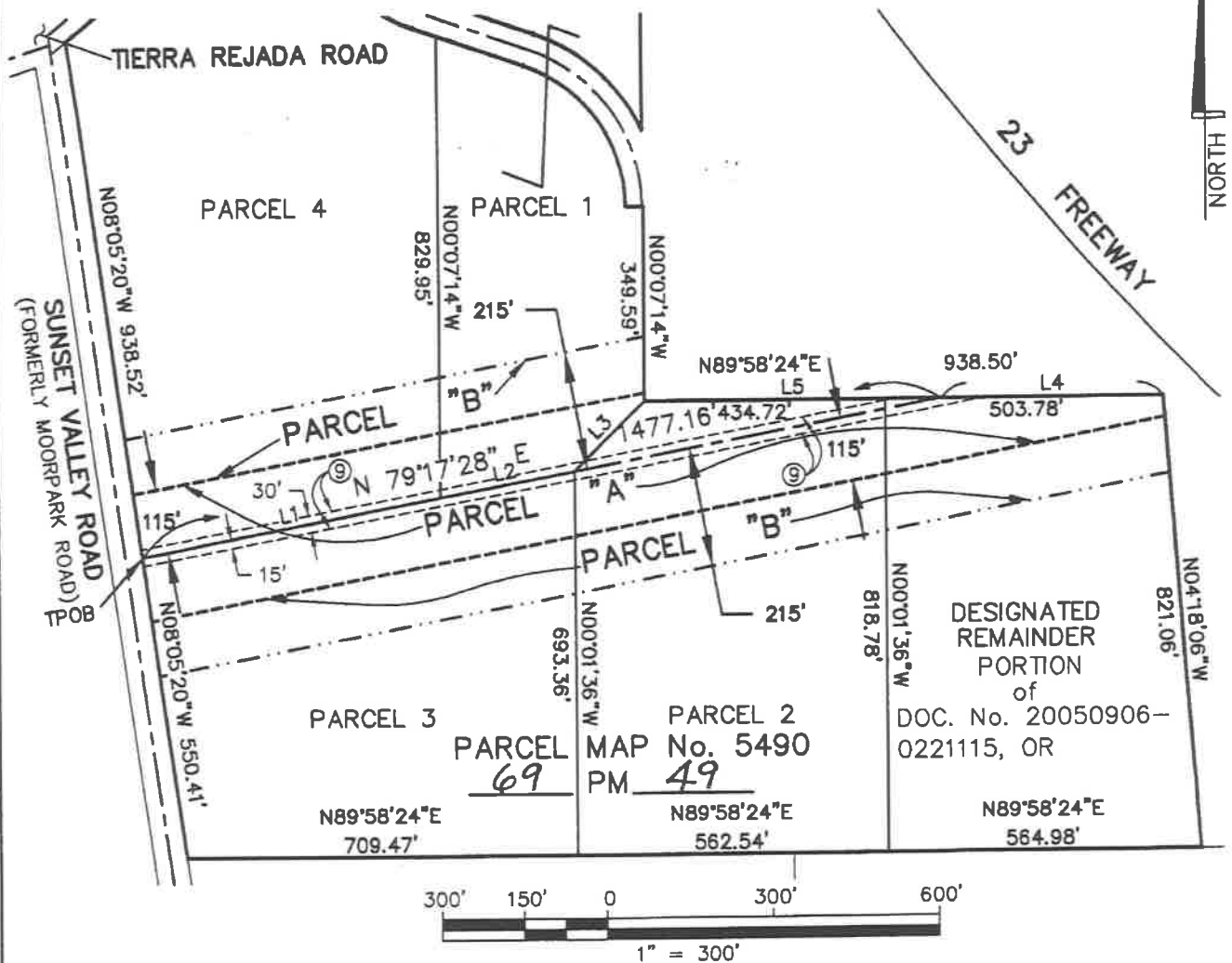
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FRANK J. SOBECKI
PLS 5975

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EXHIBIT "B"



LINE TABLE		
COURSE	BEARING	LENGTH
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PARCEL "A" - SAFE WILDLIFE PASSAGE
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DRAWN BY: FJS
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EASEMENT (OPTION 2)**

PARCEL "A" (WILDLIFE HABITAT DEVELOPMENT AREA)

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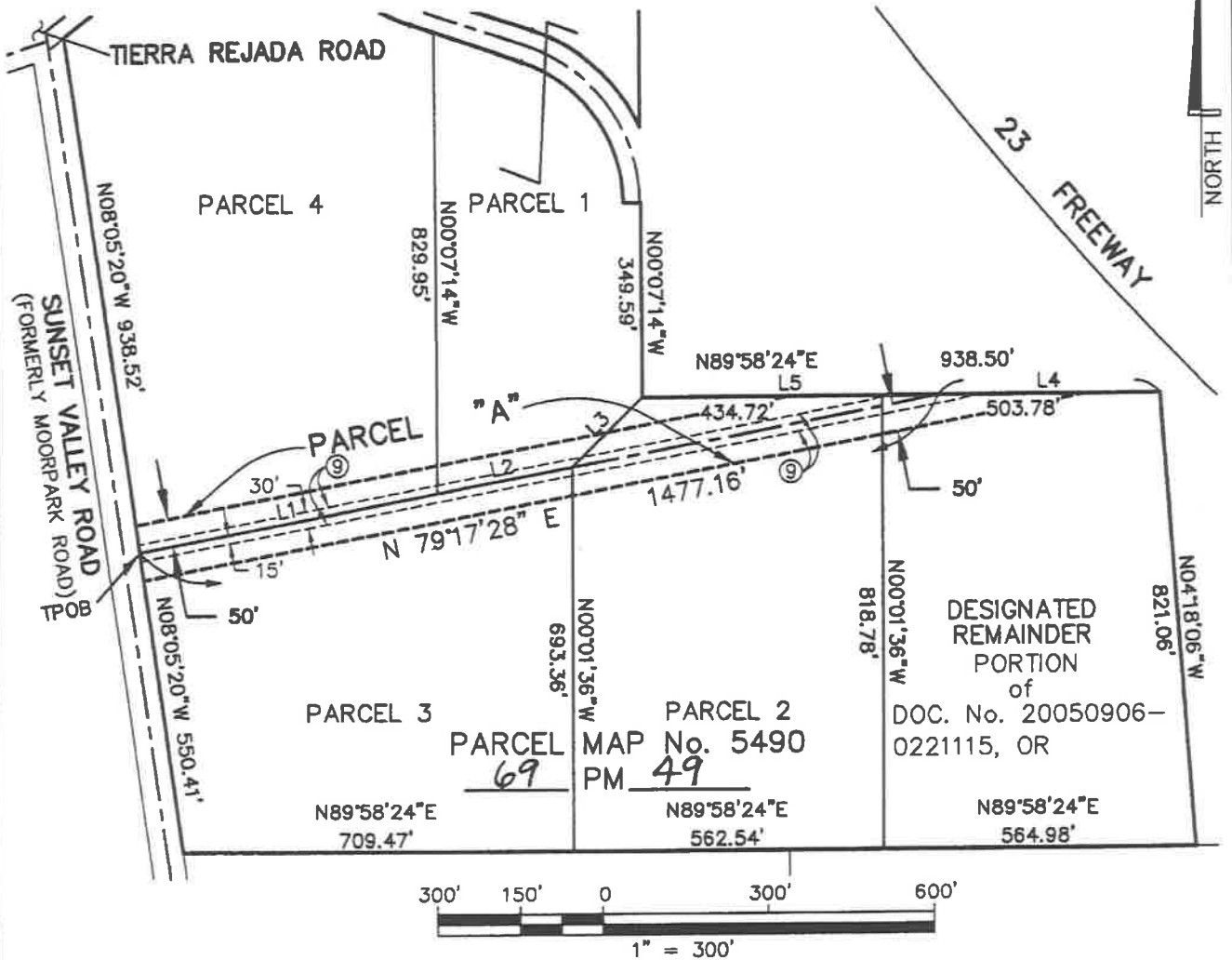


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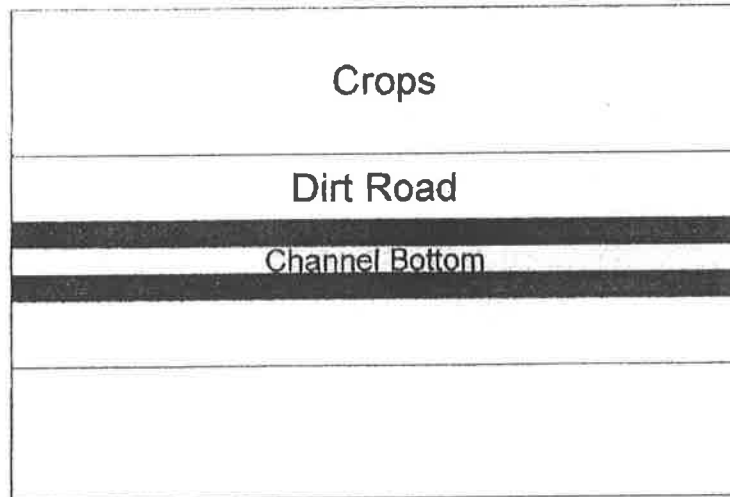
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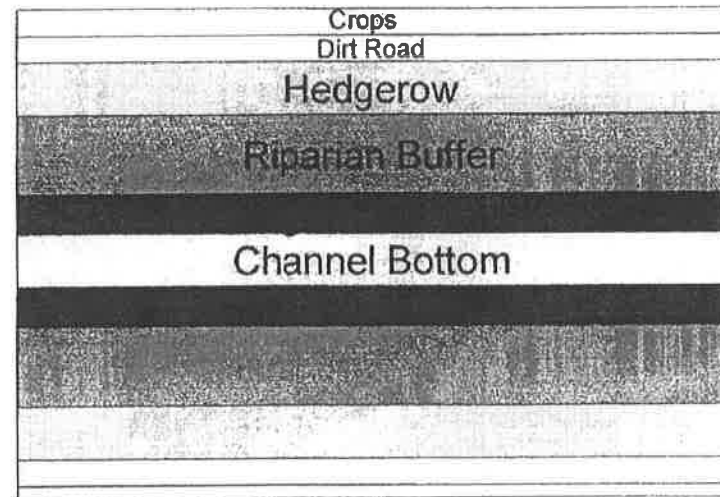
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Plan subject to change based on engineering analysis and subject to local, state, and federal laws

Plan View - Existing

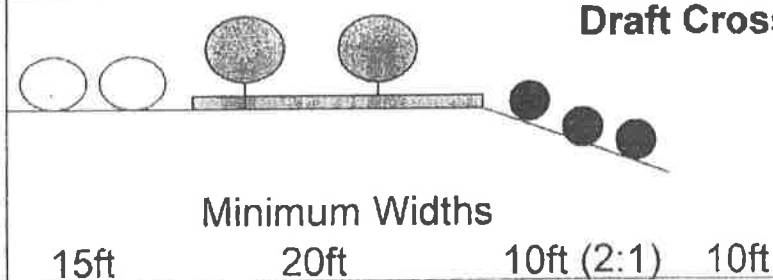


Plan View - Draft Plan



Scales approx

Draft Cross Section



Mirror image on other side. Total minimum of 100ft wide. Plant species would be locally native. Specific species, to be determined in consultation with NRCS biologist

Attachment 2

**Plant Palette for the George Tash
Wildlife Habitat Development Plan (WHDP)**

Sept 2009

Potential plant species by zone (See Plan View below):

Vegetated Bank

Common Name	Scientific Name	Source	Spacing
Mulefat	<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Cutting	3
Narrowleaf Willow	<i>Salix exigua</i>	Cutting	3
Arroyo Willow	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Cutting	5
Red Willow	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Cutting	5

Riparian Buffer

Common Name	Scientific Name	Source	Spacing
Fremont Cottonwood	<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Cutting or Container	10
Black Cottonwood	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Cutting or Container	10
California Sycamore	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Container	10
California Walnut	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Container	10
Coast Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Container	10
Valley Oak	<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Container	10
Mexican Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	Container	7
Coffecberry	<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Container	7
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Container	7
Creeping Wild Rye	<i>Leymus triticoides</i>	Seed or Sod	-
Deergrass	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Container	3
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Seed or Container	2
CA Blackberry	<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	Container	2
Giant Wild Rye	<i>Leymus condensatus</i>	Container	3
CA Grape	<i>Vitis girdiana</i>	Container	8

Hedgerow

Attachment 3

Common Name	Scientific Name	Source	Spacing
Coyote Bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Container	7
Black Sage	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Container	4
Purple Sage	<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	Container	4
California Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	Container	5
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Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Container	7
Bladderpod	<i>Isomeris arborea</i>	Container	4
Mulefat	<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Cutting or Container	5
Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus spp.</i>	Container	7
Lemonadeberry	<i>Rhus integrifolia</i>	Container	7
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Lupine	<i>Lupinus spp.</i>	Seed	-
Poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	Seed	-
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Seed	-

Note there will be no planting in the channel bottom.

Spacing of plants will be determined once the final plant palette is selected. Planting should be done Nov-Jan. Plant following weed control. Establish and irrigation system prior to planting.

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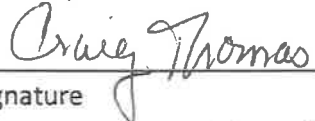
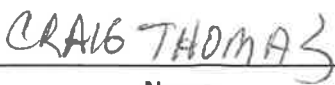
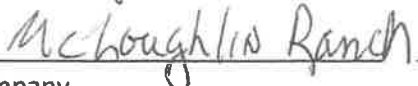
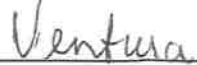
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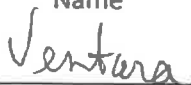
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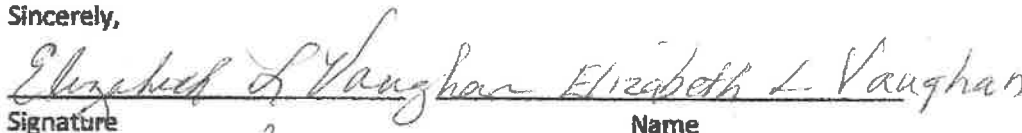
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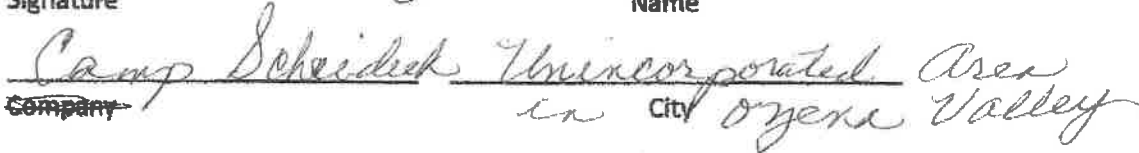
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Supervisor Foy:

My wife and I have lived in Westlake Village, Ventura County, for the last 30 years. Our daughter and son-in-law bought property on Boy Scout Camp, Lockwood Valley, 25 years ago. They have worked hard to maintain and improve the property. We have seen our granddaughter enjoy her horse and the wonderful people.

The proposed Wild Life Trail boundary line goes right through the center of their house. This causes serious problems.

It endangers the fire hazard when native plants can be closer to the house than the county fire department allows.

Endangers the farm animals when lighting is limited. It also would not be safe for individuals to check on farm animals at night, or coming home in the dark.

Repairs and improvements are limited. Reducing value of the property.

If a fire would burn their house, they probably could not rebuild.

This corridor makes no sense, when the National Forest is one quarter a mile away. This affects dozens of people. It substantially reduces the value of their property.

My son-in-law is a retired deputy, as well as Doug across the road. There are other retired deputies, firemen and paramedics that live close. They risked their lives to protect your property and you take theirs away.

We and others who have made investment in property are directly affected and stand to lose.

This proposal is criminal!

Thank you,

Martha Watkins
Bill Watkins

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September 13, 2018

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Subject: Regional Habitat Linkages and Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zones;
Proposed Ordinance and County mapping

Dear Ms. Sussman,

Supervisor Parks office notified Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains, a recognized non-profit Conservation Organization, regarding a meeting that occurred at your offices in August regarding a proposed ordinance pertaining to Regional Habitat Linkages and Critical Wildlife Passage Areas Overlay Zones. Due to the short notice, I was unable to attend. SOS is therefore submitting these written comments for the County's consideration and hopefully modification of the proposal. Please make sure that this letter and attachments are provided to all Planning Commissioners prior to the October 25, 2018 hearing. I would also appreciate your following up with me before the hearing regarding the content of this letter and any possible changes that you may be making to your presentation to the Commission based on the material we are providing to you and/or to answer any questions you may have.

I understand that attorney Alyse Lazar, who often represents SOS, submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding this issue when it was first considered by the Board in January 2017 specifically requesting that portions of the Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley area, which are currently undeveloped, be studied for inclusion in these overlay zones. Since that time, it appears that no efforts have been made by the County to even consider much less include any of the Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley undeveloped lands for these new zoning overlay designations. We

request that this omission be rectified. Similarly, land that is located on the site of the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory land must also be included in the County's mapped areas.

The County's identification of its significant and critical wildlife corridors/passages only includes a portions of the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory, when the entire site should be included on the County's maps. The entire area provides thriving and important habitat not only for mountain lions but an abundance of wildlife that require this additional protection from the County. This area provides undeveloped land linking inland Los Padres National Forest land to the Santa Monica Mountains. Any future development in the area must be covered by the County's proposed ordinance. In the 2006 South Coast Wildlands Report, this land was identified as a "habitat linkage" area and continues to serve in this capacity.

Portions of the Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley area are within the boundaries of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and/or its Comprehensive Plan Area, including the western hillside parcels of Lake Sherwood which have not yet been developed. Even though the Lake Sherwood development was approved by the County despite its inconsistency with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, wildlife monitoring in this area which has occurred for decades provides compelling evidence that this area be provided with greater protection by the County prior to any grading or construction of any new housing and appurtenant structures requiring County approval. Please see attached tracking maps prepared by the National Park Service. Map 1 clearly show that mountain lions P10,12, 13,14, and possibly P15 have all been tracked as using the undeveloped areas of Lake Sherwood as their "home ranges" (please see enlarged portion of this map with the Sherwood area circled in white). Map 2 shows use of this land as well as the Santa Susana Field Laboratory land by many of the other mountain lions being tracked by the National Park Service.

The SSFL land and the Sherwood land as well as various adjacent parcels to the west in Hidden Valley meet the criteria specified in the proposed ordinance's definition of "Critical Wildlife Passage Areas". They are within a "regional habitat linkages area" namely the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area where mountain lions, deer, foxes, hawks and a plethora of other wildlife forage and habitat. There is a "presence of undeveloped lands within this geographical location that connects to core habitats at a regional scale". There is a proximity to ridgelines that dominate these areas. While much of the native habitat area that existed on Lake Sherwood has been destroyed/displaced by the existing development, the undeveloped hillside areas are still virtually intact as no grading/construction activities have yet commenced.

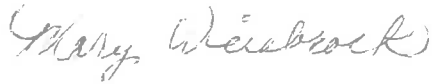
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Excluding both of these areas from designated critical wildlife passage areas will foreseeably shrink the existing wildlife habitat and movement corridors to the detriment of protected species.

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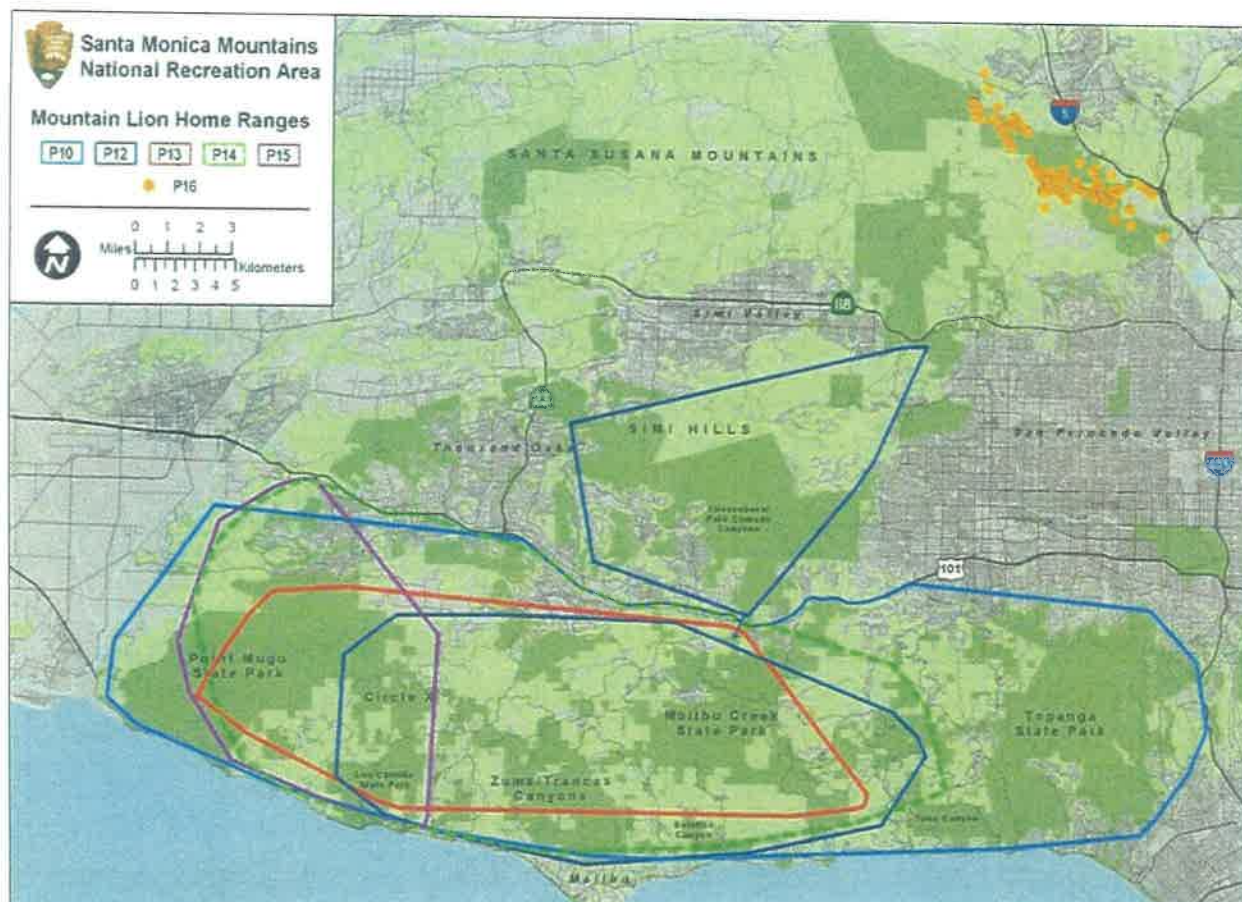
If you require additional information and would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Wiesbrock".

Mary Wiesbrock

Cc: Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks
Attorney Alyse M. Lazar



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