

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF AGOURA VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit a copy of the Draft Agoura Village Specific Plan (AVSP) to the City Council. The Agoura Village Specific Plan (AVSP) is the result of a long range planning effort launched by the City to initiate the revitalization, appropriate use, and beautification of the Agoura Village. The AVSP encompasses the area along Agoura Road, generally west of Kanan Road and east of Cornell Road. Roadside Drive and Highway 101 border much of the area to the north and open space borders the south.

The vision for Agoura Village is to create a welcoming, pedestrian friendly atmosphere that captures the character of Agoura Hills. The Village would become a destination, shaped into an identifiable and inviting place, with an intimate streetscape lined with unique storefronts, and would become a comfortable place to gather, shop and stroll. Both vertical and horizontal mix of land uses will help achieve a dynamic center. A horizontally mixed-use project will incorporate stand alone residential uses next to stand alone commercial, office and entertainment uses on a given site, while a vertical mix of uses will contain residential and/or office located above retail or commercial within the same building.

To achieve this vision, the Specific Plan outlines land use and development standards; design guidelines; street beautification elements; and public improvements, infrastructure and public services to be implemented in the Agoura Village. Additionally, the AVSP establishes methods of plan implementation and administration.

The Agoura Village Task Force was created in June 2002 to help guide the development of the plan for the Agoura Village. The Task Force is comprised of representatives of the City Council, Planning Commission, property owners and businesses. The Task Force has been meeting periodically to provide input on the plan.

The Draft AVSP is now available for public review. The Task Force and City staff will be holding a public workshop/open house on October 11, 2005 in the City Council Chambers to receive public input on the document and to respond to any questions. A Planning Commission hearing on the Draft EIR has been tentatively planned for December 1, 2005. Staff anticipates that formal hearings regarding approval of the AVSP by the Planning Commission and City

Council would occur early in 2006. Please refer to the attached Agoura Village Specific Plan and EIR Schedule for a tentative outline of upcoming milestones and meetings.

This presentation of the Specific Plan at this time is intended to provide the City Council with an update on the AVSP prior to the public workshop and does not require any formal action. However, staff will be glad to discuss any questions the City Council may have at the City Council meeting.

Attachments:

1. Draft Agoura Village Specific Plan, August 29, 2005
2. Schedule, September 2005