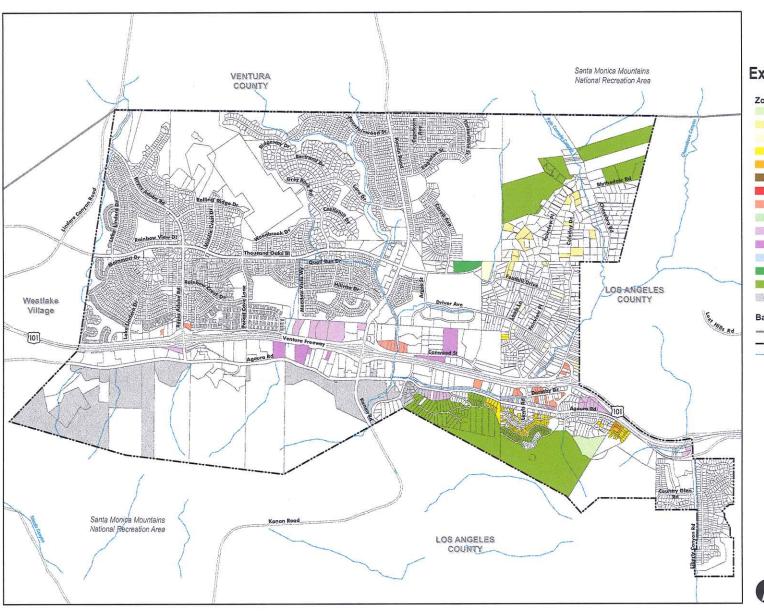
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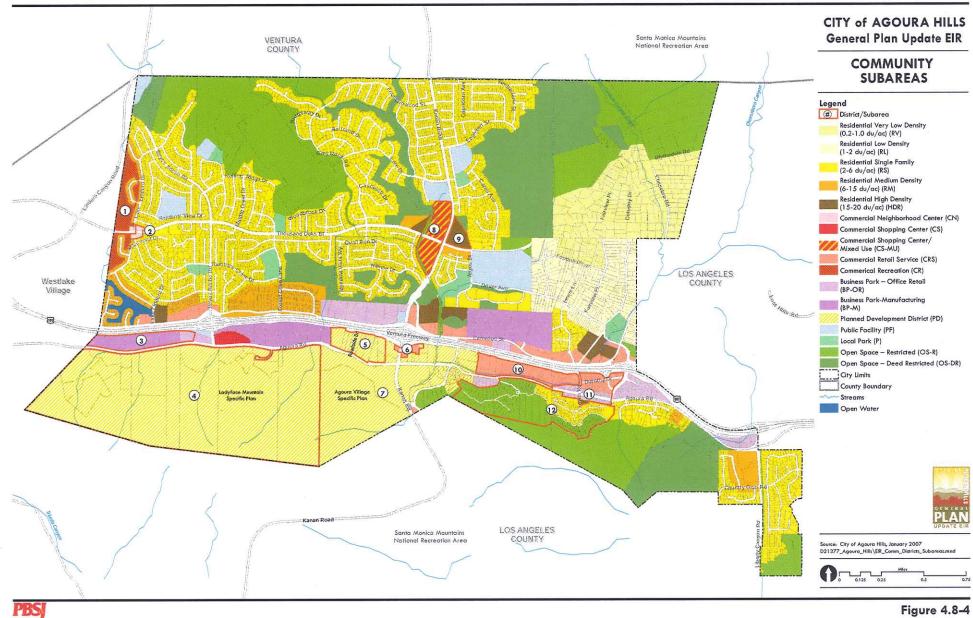


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APPENDIX C

Public Comments Received on the General Plan Update

The following four letters were received on the General Plan Update. These are in addition to the comment letters received on the DEIR during the CEQA-required 45-day public comment period, which are included in the FEIR. One letter is from the National Park Service; one from the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department; one from a resident; and one from the Ventura County Resource Management Agency. The Ventura County Resource Management Agency letter incorporates three memorandums from Ventura County departments, transmitted via the letter.

For the most part, the comments pertain to minor corrections and clarifications. Where relevant, these items have been addressed in the GPU text and figures. In some cases, the comments request that certain information be provided in the GPU, which had already been incorporated into the GPU prior to its release for review in October 2009 and needs no further addressing. In other cases, the information requested is not relevant to the GPU, and so no further action is warranted as part of the GPU process. Changes to the document in response to these comments do not result in any substantive changes to the GPU, nor do they require additional CEQA review in the EIR. Any changes that have been made to the GPU as a result of these letters are included in the "Additional Changes to the Draft Agoura Hills General Plan 2035," provided as an attachment to the staff report.

Two issues identified in the National Park Service letter are addressed below, for your reference.

Zuma Ridge Trail in Agoura Hills

The proposed National Park Service (NPS) Zuma Ridge (Simi-to-Sea) Trail is partially within the City of Agoura Hills. Existing and new trails are addressed broadly in the GPU. Figure CS-3 of the GPU (Figure 4.12-2 of the EIR) shows existing and proposed trails in and adjacent to the City. Currently in the City, the southernmost portion of the Zuma Ridge Trail follows Agoura Road westerly from Dorothy Drive to Cornell Road, where it terminates. The Agoura Village Specific Plan (AVSP), adopted by the City Council in 2008, shows a conceptual continuation of this alignment along Cornell Road to south of the City, as does the Citywide Trails and Pathways Master Plan, adopted by the City Council in 2009. The GPU, and the EIR, reference and follow the Citywide Trails and Pathways Master Plan. The specific additional alignment needed within the City in order to connect with the Zuma Ridge Trail south of the City would be coordinated with the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department and the NPS, and in consideration of the feasibility of being able to acquire permission of property owners and the practicality of trail construction given physical constraints. Goals and policies that address trails in the City are found in Chapter 3, Section C., of the General Plan Update. In particular, Policy CS-5.3 specifically calls for coordination of the City's trail system with regional jurisdictions and other public agencies. Policy CS-5.1 calls for linking the local trail and pathway system to existing and proposed regional trails.

Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor

The boundaries of the Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor, as shown on GPU Figure NR-1, were based on original information prepared by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy staff. The National Park Service's Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) staff suggests widening the corridor based on observations of biological activity. In response, the corridor boundaries have been expanded as the corridor passes over the freeway and just south of the freeway. In particular, the boundary has been widened on the western side, and partially on the eastern side, with the exception of the existing developed area on the east. In addition, Policy NR-4.12 Wildlife Corridors has been amended to include protection and maintenance of areas adjacent to the corridor, as appropriate. This change is predicated on the understanding that, while the corridor boundaries have been identified, the boundaries do not prevent wildlife from passing through adjacent areas.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Planning Division

Kimberly L. Rodriguez Director

December 21, 2009

City of Agoura Hills 30001 Ladyface Court Agoura Hills, CA 93010 Attn: Allison Cook

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ae via

E-mail: acook@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us

Subject: Comments on the City of Agoura Hills Draft General Plan Update

Dear Ms. Cook:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject document. Attached are the comments that we have received resulting from intra-county review of the subject document. Additional comments may have been sent directly to you by other County agencies.

Your proposed responses to these comments should be sent directly to the commenter. with a copy to Laura Hocking, Ventura County Planning Division, L#1740, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.

If you have any questions regarding any of the comments, please contact the appropriate respondent. Overall questions may be directed to Laura Hocking at (805) 654-2443.

Sincerely,

Tricia Maier, Manager

Program Administration Section

Attachment

County RMA Reference Number 09-019-1





PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT Traffic, Advance Planning & Permits Division M E M O R A N D U M

DATE:

November 16, 2009

TO:

RMA – Planning Division

Attention: Laura Hocking

DEC 2 I 2009 ae via evans

FROM:

Ben Emami, Engineering Manager II

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DOCUMENT 09-019

City of Agoura Hills Draft General Plan Update

Lead Agency: City of Agoura Hills

Pursuant to your request, the Public Works Agency -- Transportation Department has completed the review of the Draft General Plan Update for the City of Agoura Hills. This updated General Plan includes a comprehensive update of Land Use and Mobility Goals and policies based on technical assessment and evaluation of land use and traffic data, and a substantive review and update of all other policies based on current information provided by City staff. The updated goals and policies in the entirety of the General Plan have been crafted to assure that they reflect the community's vision for its future. The updated General Plan has been prepared to provide a meaningful guide for the future and fulfills statutory requirements. It is comprehensive, providing a framework for the City's physical, economic, and social development while sustaining natural resources. It is long-range, looking ahead to 2035, while at the same time presenting policies to guide day-to-day decisions.

We offer these comments:

- 1. When future developments are proposed, the projects may have site specific and/or cumulative impact on County roadways. The subsequent environmental document for these projects should include any site-specific or cumulative impact to the County Road Network and local roads. The project proponent will then be required to mitigate any adverse impacts this project may have on the County Road Network. To address the cumulative adverse impacts of traffic on the Regional Road Network, Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees (TIMF) should be assessed on development projects in accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the City of Agoura Hills and the County dated February 12, 1992 (see attached). With payment of the TIMF, the level of service and safety of the existing roads with regards to cumulative impact would remain consistent with the County's General Plan.
- 2. Please provide us a copy of the Final General Plan Update for the City of Agoura Hills for our review and comments, when it becomes available.

Our review is limited to the impacts this project may have on the County's Regional Road Network.

Please contact me at 654-2087 if you have questions.

Attachment: Agreement dated February 12, 1992

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Ventura County Watershed Protection District

Advance Planning Section

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 22, 2009

TO:

Laura Hocking, RMA - Planning Division

FROM:

Brian Trushinski, WPD - Floodplain Management

SUBJECT:

RMA 09-019-1 (Draft General Plan Update – City of Agoura Hills)

The Advanced Planning Section of the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (Floodplain Management) has reviewed the submitted environmental document for the proposed development project and offers the following comment:

 Chapter 5 – Community Safety, Hazards, Figure S-1: In the legend, reference to the Special Flood Hazard Area 100-Year Flood should be changed to reflect the new nomenclature being used in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as the 1% Annual Chance Flood.

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Ventura County Watershed Protection District Water & Environmental Resources Division Water Quality Section

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 28, 2009

TO:

Laura Hocking, RMA- Planning Division

FROM:

Paul Tantet

SUBJECT: RMA 09-019-1 - City of Agoura Hills Draft General Plan Update

I have reviewed the provided materials for the above referenced project, and would like to add the following comment in the countywide response letter:

On May 7, 2009, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Order No. 09-0057, a new Ventura Countywide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer NPDES Permit ("Permit"), which became active on August 7, 2009. Within the provisions of this Permit, are numerous changes to the regulatory framework governing the review and approval process of assessing new development projects for surface water quality concerns under CEQA.

Page 74, Section V. 1. of the Permit, requires additional procedures necessary for considering potential stormwater quality impacts and providing for appropriate mitigation when preparing and reviewing CEQA documents. These procedures include consideration of the following:

- (A) Potential impact of project construction on storm water runoff.
- (B) Potential impact of project post-construction activity on storm water runoff.
- (C) Potential for discharge of storm water from areas from material storage, vehicle or equipment fueling, vehicle or equipment maintenance (including washing), waste handling, hazardous materials handling or storage, delivery areas or loading docks, or other outdoor work areas.
- (D) Potential for discharge of storm water to impair the beneficial uses of the receiving waters.
- (E) Potential for the discharge of storm water to cause significant harm on the biological integrity of the waterways and waterbodies.
- (F) Potential for significant changes in the flow velocity or volume of storm water runoff to cause harm to or impair the beneficial uses of natural drainage systems.
- (G) Potential for significant increases in erosion at the project site or surrounding areas.

It is anticipated that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board will adopt a new permit for the unincorporated county and cities in Los Angeles County in the near future. As such, it is highly recommended that while preparing any CEQA related documents, please keep these new requirements in mind, as they will likely be a requirement of the future Los Angeles County stormwater permit.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

December 15, 2009

Sent via email: acook@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us

Allison Cook Principal Planner Planning Department City of Agoura Hills 30001 Ladyface Court Agoura Hills, CA 93010

DEC 1 5 2009

Dear Ms. Cook:

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS DRAFT GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The Department of Parks and Recreation has reviewed the above project for potential impact on the facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department. We have determined that the proposed project will not affect any Departmental facilities.

Thank you for including this Department in the review process. If you have any trail related inquiries, please contact Andrew Lopez at (213) 639-6058 or anlopez@parks.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Julie Yom Park Planner

JY:tls/response Agoura Hills Draft General Plan update

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c: Parks and Recreation (N. E. Garcia, L. Hensley, J. Rupert, F. Moreno, A. Lopez)



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area 401 West Hillcrest Drive Thousand Oaks, California 91360-4207

In reply refer to: L76

January 8, 2009

JAN 0 8 2010 BY: ac via email

Allison Cook, Principal Planner City of Agoura Hills Department of Planning & Community Development 30001 Ladyface Court Agoura Hills, CA 91301-1355

Dear Ms. Cook:

This letter offers our comments on the October, 2009, City of Agoura Hills Draft General Plan Update (GPU). Agoura Hills is a gateway city for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area with close connection to federal and state parklands. Federal parkland at Cheeseboro and Palo Comado Canyons surrounds the city to the northwest. Paramount Ranch is south of the city. Kanan Road is an important thoroughfare in the mountains and provides access to other park sites, including those managed by California State Parks and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Indeed, the city identifies itself as "Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area" on its letterhead.

The National Park Service appreciates the opportunity to participate in the public review process for the GPU. We provide comments on the effects of private and public land development in the Santa Monica Mountains at the invitation of state and local units of government with authority to prevent or minimize adverse uses. We respect local agencies' mandate to prepare long-range plans that provide for community development in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws. In providing comments, we assume a neutral position and do not support or oppose land development. To this end, we offer the following comments on the DEIR. Overall, we find the policies compatible with National Park Service management for the national recreation area.

Figure NR-1, Open Space Resources

We thank the city for specifically noting the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor in Policy No. NR-12. We recommend the wildlife corridor mapped in Figure NR-1 be expanded to include the area southwest of the Liberty Canyon freeway ramps and be widened where it overlays US 101 to fully include the areas currently used for wildlife crossing. Attachment No. 1 illustrates the recommended areas to include.

The Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor was identified as part of a larger habitat linkage between the Santa Monica Mountains, Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and Sierra Madre Mountains in the 2006 South Coast Missing Linkages Project. The ten-lane U.S. 101 freeway is the primary impediment to wildlife movement into and out of the Santa Monica Mountains; directing wildlife crossings to underpasses such as the one at the northern end of Liberty Canyon Road. In addition, development along the 101 freeway corridor as it traverses the Santa Monica Mountains area has further limited wildlife crossings to this and a few other locations. Thus, providing for wildlife movement through the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor is critical to the long-term persistence of wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains.

NPS biologists have documented, via GPS telemetry, crossings by mountain lions and other wildlife in this corridor. Wildlife may either make a dangerous freeway crossing, or travel underneath via the Liberty Canyon underpass. Another possible location is a culvert that carries a stream under U.S. 101. Bobcats have been photo-documented using this route. Caltrans, in cooperation with the National Park Service, is currently studying the Liberty Canyon area for construction of a wildlife underpass under U.S. 101 to link habitat north and south of the freeway. Given the findings of wildlife movement and the ongoing study for improved wildlife passage, we recommend inclusion of the areas illustrated on Attachment No. 1.

Figure CS-3, Trail Network

We recommend several changes to Figure CS-3, the Trail Network map, as follows.

- We suggest the title for the map should be "Proposed Trail Network" to account for both existing public trails and proposed trails envisioned in the General Plan for inclusion in the public trail network.
- The most current public parkland should to be illustrated on the map. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) ownerships are missing.
- The legend should symbolize the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) as a boundary line, similar to the City Limits symbol. The map's current symbol identifies only lands protected as public parkland. The SMMNRA consists of a 153,250-acre land base prescribed by Congress. Within the boundary is a consortium of public and private ownerships, with 50% of the land base in public ownership, mostly as parklands.
- Park name labels should be added (i.e. Paramount Ranch), or made more specific (replace "Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area" with "Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons").
- The legend should use the term "multiple-use" instead of "all purpose" to identify trails on which hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists may travel. "Multiple-use" is the term applied to such trails in SMMNRA.
- The legend should use the term "Future Public Access, Multiple Use" instead of "Future, All Purpose" for trails shown with the red-dashed symbol. We gather this symbol

represents existing unofficial trails where a physical trail is in place, but the public right-of-way has not been secured, or the trail is on public land but has not been officially opened to the public by a public agency. For example, the Westlake-Paramount Connector illustrated on the map as "Existing, All Purpose" is on private property and has no public right-of-way. Another example is the "Future, All Purpose" trail located on the MRCA's "Abrams" property in the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor vicinity; the trail is present and used, but never officially acknowledged by MRCA as part of the SMMNRA public trail network.

Some trails are incorrectly symbolized as to their on-the-ground status and their use
designation. We suggest meeting with planning staff to bring the city's proposed trail
network into consistency with the SMMNRA GIS Trail Inventory.

Figure CS-3 identifies a proposed trail along Medea Creek, south of Agoura Road. The trail parallels Kanan Road and Medea Creek as it leaves the city limits to the south. The assumption is that such an alignment would provide a connection along the Medea Creek corridor to Paramount Ranch, Malibu Creek State Park, and other parkland to the south in the heart of the mountains. Such a connection would be a critical missing link, and is indeed the general corridor for the Simi-to-the-Sea trail (a.k.a. Zuma Ridge Trail), which would connect parkland in the Simi Hills (north of the city) to parkland in the Santa Monica Mountains, eventually leading to Zuma Beach. This corridor was identified as a missing link in the 1997 Santa Monica Mountains Area Recreational Trails Coordination Project (SMMART).

However, the Kanan Road/Medea Creek alignment is unfeasible because of issues with right-of-way acquisition, sensitive riparian habitat, and trail maintenance (regular flooding of the trail would occur). Alternately, routing the trail to the east along Cornell Road is not feasible owing to adjacent private landownership, incompatibility with the public road easement, and trail user safety. Thus, the proposed city alignment along Medea Creek is limited in its future connectivity, as there are no viable options to connect this trail to other trails to the south and is inconsistent with draft GPU policies CS 5.3 Coordinated Trail Planning and CS 5.5 Sustainable Trails. We have commented on this previously in our letter dated February 12, 2009, regarding the Cornerstone Project (SE corner of Agoura Road and Cornell Road), and on the Agoura Village Specific Plan EIR, dated January 19, 2006. There is a viable option for connecting parkland north of the city to parkland to the south. This is marked in Figure CS-3 as the "Paramount Ranch Connector Trail."

4 B. Visual Resources

We recommend Kanan Road, from US 101 south to the city limits, be identified as a valuable scenic resource in the General Plan. Reyes Adobe Road, Thousand Oaks Boulevard, and Agoura Road are designated as such in the draft plan because they "provide scenic views of the Santa Monica Mountains, including Ladyface Mountain." Given these criteria, Kanan Road also qualifies as a scenic resource. Kanan Road is a significant entry point into the mountains; more so than any other corridor in the city, it is the gateway into the Santa Monica Mountains proper. Protecting this regionally important scenic route should be of primary

importance. Kanan Road is identified as a scenic route in the 2000 Los Angeles County Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan.

5 C. Wildland and Urban Fire Hazards

We recommend policy S 3.9 Fuel Modification include language that development should be sited to not require fuel modification on public parklands. Special attention should be paid to the Old Agoura neighborhood, which abuts federal parkland at Cheeseboro and Palo Comado Canyons. Public laws governing National Park System administration (16 USC Sec. 1-4a) and Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (16 USC Sec. 460kk) do not allow native vegetation and wildlife habitat removal to accommodate adjacent private development.

When establishing the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Congress recognized a national interest in protecting and preserving significant natural, cultural, and recreational resources provided by the Santa Monica Mountains and adjacent coastline. Congress further stated that "the State of California and its local units of government have authority to prevent or minimize adverse uses of the Santa Monica Mountains and adjacent coastline area and can, to a great extent, protect the health, safety, and general welfare by the use of such authority" (Public Law 95-625). We appreciate the city's efforts to craft General Plan policies that are compatible with National Park Service goals for national recreation area resource protection and recreational access.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have questions, please call Melanie Beck, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (805) 370-2346.

Sincerely,

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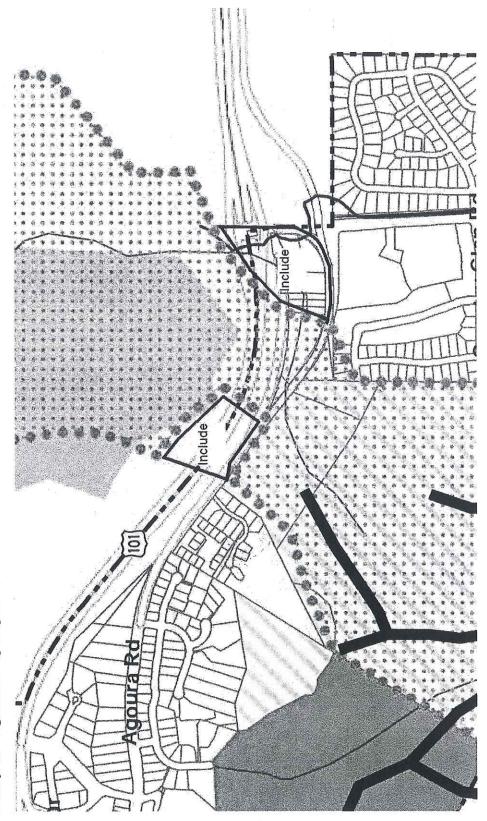
Attachments: 1) Recommended Changes to Wildlife Corridor

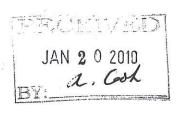
cc: Joe Edmiston, Executive Director, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Ron Schafer, Superintendent, Angeles District, State Department of Parks and Recreation

Executive Officer, District Manager, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains

Attachment 1: Recommended Changes to Wildlife Corridor

Detail from "Figure NR-1 Open Space Resources"





January 19, 2019 Attention Allison Cook, City Council of Agoura Hills and Planning Commissioners.

Re: General Plan Update

It is my understanding that the General Plan for Agoura Hills will be presented this week for review. I have been out of town and understand that comments are still accepted prior to this weeks meeting.

Comments regarding the General Plan Update: I hope that the following will be included and upheld in the General Plan of Agoura Hills.

- 1. The maintenance of open space and rural character of Old Agoura. I would hope in the future that the unique character of Old Agoura will be maintained. This should include the allowance of farm animals and other domesticated animals such as goats, horses, llamas, chickens, ducks, pigs, donkeys etc will be a permanent part of the landscape of Old Agoura. The grandfather clause established in the 1980's to allow our property to remain as horse owned will never be taken away on the whim of a future city council board. My ex-husband and I fought hard to bring to attention the need for a grandfather clause.
- 2. Stop the intrusion of city government on the rural character of Old Agoura by imposing ridiculous parking permit signs (we are not Beverly Hills or Century City) Parking in front of our homes is not an interference with health and safety issues and is a form of passive income to the city not our citizens. If parking permit signs are needed or change in speed limits then this should be presented to the community and voted on so all citizens are part of the decision.
- 3. The maintenance of Dark Skies Ordinance. This Ordinance was also established in the 1980's by our Agoura Hills City Council. My ex-husband and I also brought to the attention of the City the need to maintain our Dark Skies and preserve our ability to see the stars without interference of bright lights from businesses and residences. The bright lights do not serve any purpose except light pollution and does not prevent criminal activity. Dark Sky Ordinances exist in Cities such as Tucson Arizona, San Diego area and many cities throughout this country.

- 4. The city should be more diligent regarding road repairs. The Chesbro Canyon overpass and road towards the freeway 101 heading South is in total disrepair. Patching the roads cheaply in the long run will be more costly to the city and the citizens with misalignment of cars, accidents, and eventual sinkholes. Awaiting future projects adjacent to the overpasses is not an excuse for the City to withhold proper repairs to the road.
- 5. Stop the removal of Oak Trees that are in good condition to make room for developments and replace fine specimens of Oak Trees with many small young saplings. We have an Oak Tree Ordinance to protect the old specimens not get rid of good specimens and replace with new ones which our community will not get to enjoy since fine specimens can take years to develop.

6. Ensure broadcasting of the City Council and PlanningCommision Meetings on the Government Access Channel. The broadcasts should be current and live not blacked out and 2 months behind. This is not an open government and the public remains totally in the dark.

7. Proper announcements of meetings and election candidates not just small paragraphs on the back pages of the Acorn or via computer sites. Perhaps mailings to the residents would be more reasonable.

8. Two-third decisions of the voters regarding major issues such as the Agoura Village.

 Friendly staff at Agoura Hills City Hall that represent our community. Often the secretary that represents the face of our city is not warm and often defensive when asking for simple information.

As a resident of Agoura Hills since 1981, I always was proud of my city hopefully Agoura Hills will remain unique. We may not be able to stop progress but we can be responsible and sensitive in our decision making in future developments.

Sincerely

Meril S. Platzer MD 28404 Foothill Drive Agoura Hills California 91301

Allison Cook

From:

DONALD [SUMM3073@spamarrest.com]

Sent:

Friday, February 05, 2010 12:56 PM

To:

Allison Cook

Subject:

Re: Notice of Public Hearing - General Plan Update

WOULD THIS BE A GOOD TIME TO TALK ABOUT A LEASHLESS DOG PARK...I KNOW THEY'RE ASKING FOR SUGGESTIONS ON HANDLING SUMAC PARK...I KNOW OAK PARK IS OPENING A PARK SOMETIME IN MAY BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, IN ORDER TO GET THERE IT'S QUITE A HIKE...SENIOR CITIZENS AND SENIOR ANIMALS WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO GET THERE....DON SUMMER ..8186422271

On Fri Feb 05 13:00:58 CST 2010, Allison Cook <ACook@ci.agoura-hills.ca.us> wrote:

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> Dear Interested Party: Please see the attached notice regarding the
> General Plan Update. If you have any questions, please contact me.
> Thank you.
> Allison Cook
> Principal Planner
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APPENDIX D

