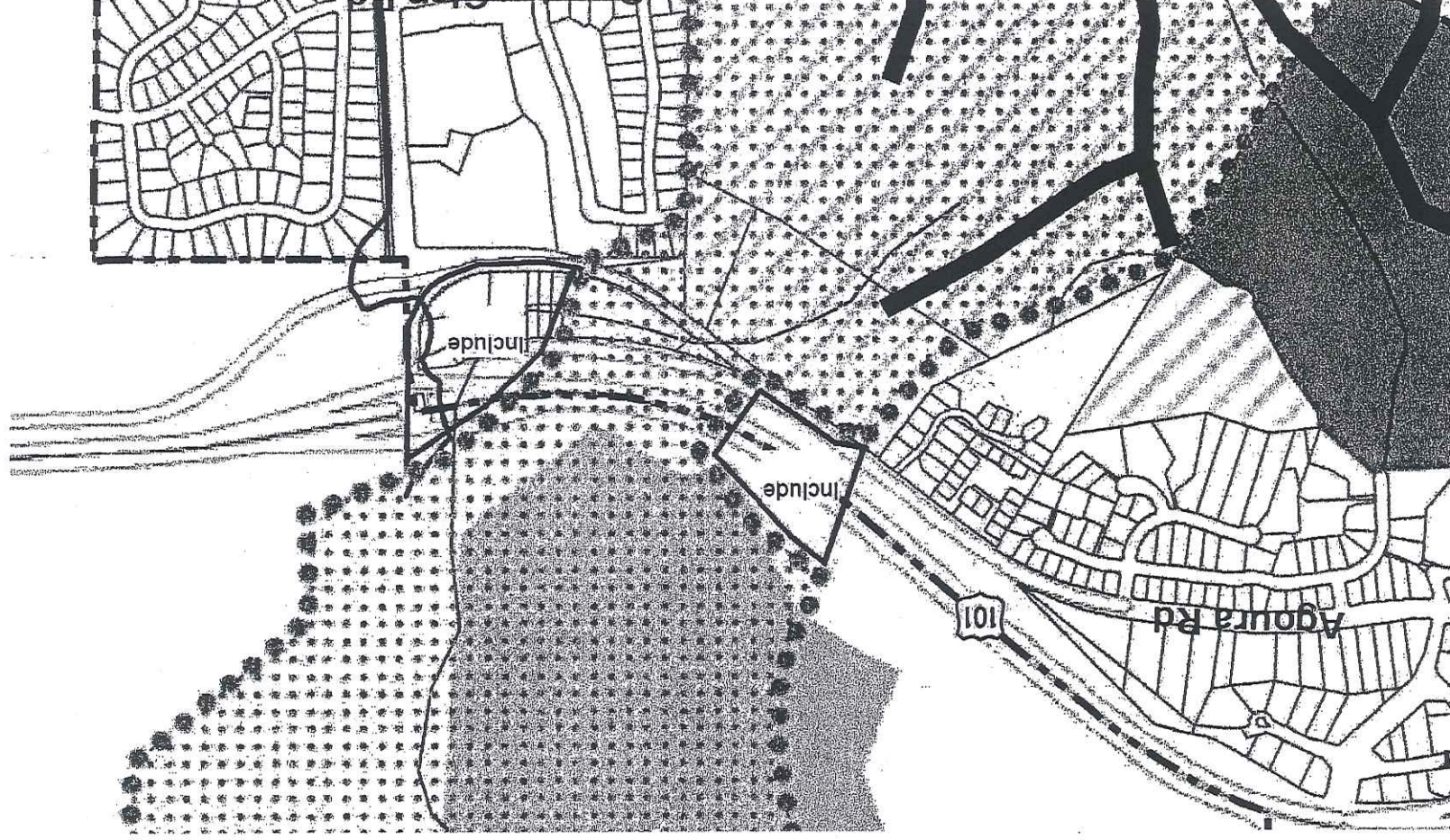
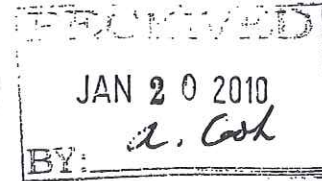


Attachment 1: Recommended Changes to Wildlife Corridor

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 Planning Commission 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.
9. 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

DONALD [SUMM3073@spamarrest.com]
Friday, February 05, 2010 12:56 PM
Allison Cook
Re: Notice of Public Hearing - General Plan Update

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

Interested Party: Please see the attached notice regarding the
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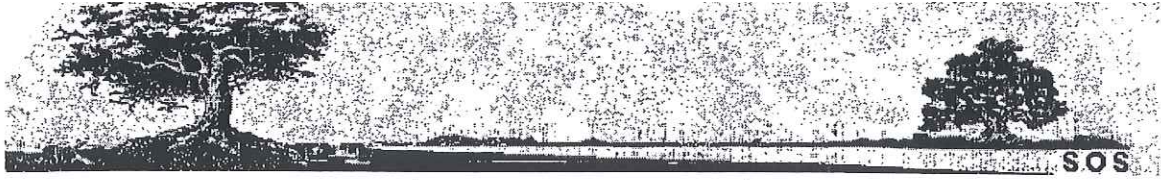
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General Plan comments: July 28, 2009 /updated October 28, 2009 /Feb 18, updated 2010

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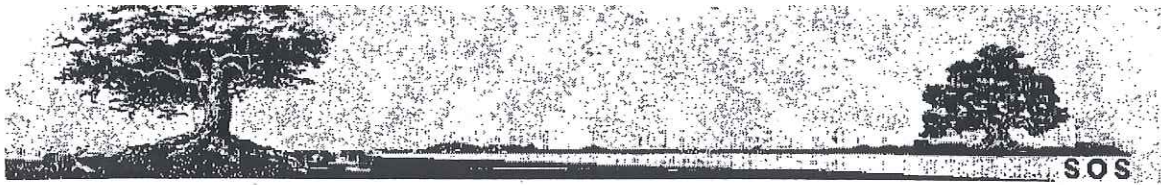
Save Open Space/Santa Monica Mountains suggest several important additions/deletions to the new updated draft Agoura Hills general plan.

Land Use

This is the most important change that the Planning Commission should eliminate. Save Open Space opposes mixed use (up zoning to a higher density our neighborhood shopping centers-Ralph's, Vons and Agoura Deli. Here the intersection traffic level at Kanan and Thousand Oaks Blvd is an "F" at peak tr hours. It routinely can take 3 traffic light changes to get through that intersection in the am peak. Our existing General Plan requires traffic to be a level. Mixed use, which means increased density at these shopping centers, impact traffic significantly because the existing situation is already at a failure level. Please Vote to retain the existing zoning and general plan designation f these 3 neighborhood shopping centers in the Thousand Oaks/Kanan area. It inaccurate when it is stated that there will only be a net of 40 new trips at pea traffic hour because the density is not defined in a corresponding zoning ordinance. No new zoning ordinance changes are yet being considered. Each individual shopping center with the new General Plan designation of Mixed Us could have 40 or more new units. By ITE figures that translates into 600 new trips a day in the three shopping centers. This traffic impact is totally incompatible with the existing "F" level at am peak traffic hour.

Natural Resources

"All" Creek Waterways within the City to have fences moved to edge of chanr This opens up pathways throughout the city for hiking, etc.
Water: One of my main contributions as a member of the original General Pla committee was that the creeks should all remain in their natural state. Now, have the opportunity to do more by returning all watercourses to their natura state with walkways for bikes, pedestrians, and joggers. An excellent exampl where this was done is the lovely Media Creek through Mexican Ranch. Each



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The public was not fenced out like in our outdated Los Angeles County flood control system. In this updated General Plan, all the creeks and drainages need to be shown as pedestrian pathways and returned to their natural states. It won't be that expensive because all it takes is moving the fence in. The pathway is already there. These walkways will promote better pedestrian connectivity and get people out of their cars into a healthier lifestyle. All transportation funds should be put into this walkway/bikeway effort after the Reyes Adobe Bridge is done.

Visual: It's been a remarkable achievement that there only remain 10 of the original 40 or so billboards. Instead of requiring a sculpture, new development approvals should require a donation into a fund for buying out these few remaining billboards from willing landowners. This fund will be used to buy out the few remaining billboards to complement the scenic freeway corridor.

Community Safety

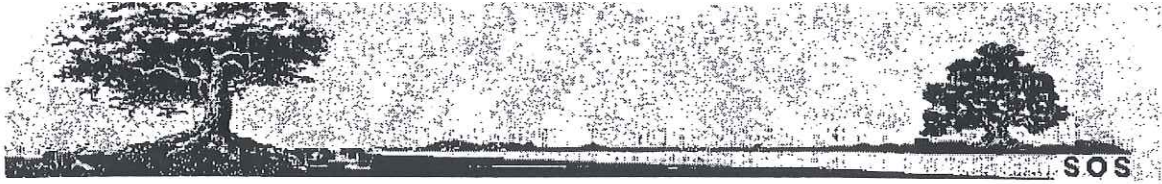
Noise: I am submitting the City of Thousand Oaks noise ordinance. I would like Thousand Oaks rules implemented which will help solve the problem of continuous barking dogs and commercial noise after late hours. Thousand Oaks ordinance helps enhance and protect existing peaceful residential neighborhoods/character. The General Plan Noise Element is too weak. A zoning ordinance amendment is also needed. This will be an easy change just copy the Thousand Oaks General Plan and Zoning Ordinance in regards to Noise.

Traffic Congestion from north 101 bound for east and west on ramps
Fix Kanan Bridge to Hillrise: There is room for an extra lane here. The traffic now warrants taking out all the landscaped medians and any plain median from the bridge north to Hillrise.

***This will also eliminate the backup on the turn lane to Canwood at the light. This will allow a longer back up lane to turn at the light coming from north Kanan to Canwood. As soon as the new Trader's Joe's opens something has to be done because the turning lane is too short.

***This will also open up another lane to go over the bridge to east on ramp to LA.

Kanan- Add one lane to freeway westbound ramps: There is room to add one more lane entering these westbound ramps. (Going west to Ventura County and the loop ramp going east to LA) Then the two lanes of on ramp traffic can merge.



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should not show any improvements planned by our city for Chesebro Bridge that serves rural Old Agoura. The city should not spend any time or money on this issue. Let LA County handle it since the unincorporated area served by this bridge should have been in the city's sphere of influence. Driver should remain a two lane rural road.

Infrastructure

Remove old style debris basins: I am turning in a picture of these on Agoura Road above the massive commercial complexes from Hampton Inn on to the City of Westlake boundary. Huge areas above these debris basins are devoid of vegetation thus facilitating worse erosion. These bare ugly landscapes should be returned to natural conditions. The city should take over the maintenance of these and institute less erosion causing landscapes by restoring native vegetation.

Community/Land Use

Land Use:

Areas along Agoura Road, BP-M and BP-O (leave out area with commercial zoning in Agoura Hills Specific Plan) add private schools to be allowed. A private school is a business and (not like public schools) is legally required to mitigate any traffic impacts etc. This area will already have well functioning on and off ramps at Reyes Adobe and Kanan. Private schools along Agoura Road will not need millions in traffic mitigation.

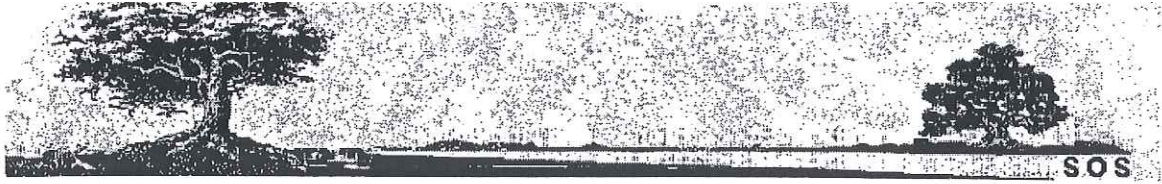
Major Land Use change back to original General Plan:

No Mixed Use at 3 shopping centers at Kanan and Thousand Oaks Blvd is discussed in the first paragraph of this letter.

Specific Plan-Agoura Village.

Since one of the goals in 2009 is reducing green house gases, the land use at Agoura Village should also allow a Senior Agoura Village that is an additional positive land use in this current recession economy. The shops will remain with this new senior residential land use type but also the units need to be limited one car each unit.

The Senior Village near Cal Lutheran is a very successful development which has increased tax revenues from increased spending by these new seniors.



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Please inform me which measures in this letter are being considered. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Wiesbrock, Chair SOS

Enclosures in the original letter: Media Creek (Oak Park) and barren Agoura debris basins, pictures, land use maps for new area for private schools, and Thousand Oaks Noise Ordinance

FEB 17 2010

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February 12, 2010

Re: General Plan Update for the City of Agoura Hills

Attention Allison Cook, Planning Commissioners, and City Councilpersons

Dear Sirs,

We are longtime residents of Agoura Hills prior to city hood established in the year 1982. Our families moved to this area prior to city hood and enjoyed the pristine quality of life of Agoura. We and many families in 1982 looked forward to the establishment of the city that would retain the values of this rural area yet allow sensible development and growth to provide a city that would sustain financially yet remain small and pristine.

Our founding fathers and mothers recognized the value of keeping the unique qualities of Agoura yet allow sensible development to sustain the budget of a city. However with each general plan new laws and regulations are introduced which have changed the original doctrine and raison d'etre (reason to being) why we seceded from Los Angeles Country originally.

You asked for public input on the proposed general plan. Here are our suggestions and wishes for you to consider. We reviewed the lengthy proposals that already exist in the present general plan and possible upcoming changes.

NR 4.2 We should include in this section a clause to maintain clean debris free water courses, parklands and private property owners shall remove debris such as branches, limbs, plant growths from the immediate water channel, This will allow clean water to flow without interruption and reduce storm runoff that occurs yearly with heavy rains and pollution and potential diseases from mosquitoes and flies such as Western Nile virus and other encephalitides.

4.10 We shall readdress the Oak tree ordinance. Our Oak trees are a part of Agoura Hills and the Conejo Valley. We enjoy the Oak trees as well as the other native species such as the Black Walnut tree, Pepper tree, Sycamores etc. However the Oak tree ordinance has to be rewritten. The current policy dictates do not touch under any circumstances yet our older trees need to have the canopies thinned to prevent the branches from breaking. This keeps the trees healthy. We are told not to touch. Yet new developers can completely remove the trees to plant saplings that the community will never enjoy.

Managed trees maintain their health and beauty and homes for our native species of birds and animals and plant growth. We do not need Oak tree consultants and their assistants to dictate this policy. Any certified tree service can provide this function for the city at a reduce cost to the annual budget.

Lady face Specific Plan

Lady face is the jewel of our city. Lady face was supposed to be left alone as the gateway and signature monument to our city. We are now looking at extensive development below the ridgeline of Lady Face Mountain. What would prevent future councilpersons to allow further development up the ridge? This is a slippery slope. Why in our economy can we not look at our empty office buildings and furniture stores and offer at a discounted rate development of new businesses in these localities.

LU 8. Neighborhood Identity

The rustic character of Old Agoura is now under threat by the new strip of commercial development along the scenic highway corridor. We in the last several years have seen an increase in development of commercial buildings along this area. How can we maintain the rustic and unique character of Old Agoura maintaining our non urban infrastructure and keeping of horses and other domestic farm animals? This is incongruous with the proposed trail plan mixing horses with cars, trucks, and road development. This will ultimately destroy Old Agoura and is now destroying the scenic highway corridor. The billboard signs on the Highway which we worked so hard to get rid of have now returned with a vengeance. No where in our travels across the country have we seen highway billboards except in Las Vegas. Most cities have nice monument signs along the freeways and highways to identify businesses. This is clean and prevents driver distraction and maintains the vistas of the surrounding areas. It is interesting that our neighbors Westlake Village and Calabasas do not encourage this trashy appearance. Our first mayor Fran Pavley worked hard to get rid of these obnoxious signs. It is visual pollution and does not encourage businesses to our city.

LU 8. and 16.2

Color palettes should be reconsidered. Our use of earth tones only gives the community a depressing appearance. Also the colors of the natural environment include all the colors of the rainbow, blue is the sky, pink red and yellows exist in minerals, plants, and soil etc..

This color palette reflects personal preference and prevents a home owner from utilizing or developing their property to enjoy. It is a discriminatory regulation and needs to go.

LU 14.5 and 16.8

Compatibility of Residential and Non-Residential uses required in buildings

Integrated housing with non-residential uses is designed to ensure compatibility amongst it uses and public safety including separate access, fire suppression barriers etc...

Old Agoura shares its main access route with Agoura Hills and Indian Hills High Schools and two pre-schools and a day care center. Driver Ave has been a major thoroughfare and is often impassable to the residents. Often it takes 10 minutes to make a simple left hand turn to get to our residences. The borders of Agoura High School and Easterly Road are often bottlenecks and impassable. The residences existed prior to the development of the School. We should demand that School Parking and access be compatible with the local district. We should work with school districts to ensure parking and student drop off are located to minimize impacts on adjoining neighborhoods. There should be a one way flow of traffic that enters and exits the area to avoid impedance of the traffic flow and to ensure the public safety. This will save not only time but lives. One day there will be a tragic accident and then the community will wake up. Then it will be too late.

By the year 2035 your traffic flow indicates at peak there will be 1090 cars traversing Driver Ave. Daily car trips will be 7150 cars. This is unacceptable in a semi rural area where there is no chance of improving Driver due to the terrain

We would recommend a traffic flow pattern that utilizes the arterial Kanan Rd to Thousand Oaks Blvd, extend Thousand Oaks to Easterly and provide slant parking on Thousand Oaks Blvd, slant parking on Easterly on one side of the street only, the east side of the street can be graded. Driver Road should be school side only and the School should build a Parking Structure within the boundaries of the Campus to avoid impedance of their neighbors. Other alternatives are limiting school parking to seniors and or those with grade scores higher than a B average.

The installation of No Parking Signs along Foothill Drive worked for the North-South portion of the street but discriminated against the people who resided on the East-West portion of Foothill Drive. This interfered with the ability to service their properties but did nothing to affect the High School traffic situation. In fact, it is worse. Easterly allows Parking and is impassable on both sides. The residents of Toth, requested No Parking signs, were ignored and this has become the new parking lot for the Agoura Hills High School students. The signs on Foothill have discriminated against the residents and their use of the property.

LU 18.9 Actively involve the community in replanting of trees and other vegetation within our city borders.

LU 29.4 Chesebro Creek Improvement

We need to clean up the creeks and remove the nonnative species.

Impact 4.9-6 Implementation of General Plan Update would generate noise levels that exceed the noise standards established by the city of Agoura Hills Noise Regulation. This is significant and unavoidable, Class I impact.

Trail Fund and issues

We residents have already paid into a trail fund with our taxes. Why is the city now asking individual residents who improve their existing property more than 50% to pay an additional cost to provide a trail in front of their property when the city already has this fund to cover this matter? And there are no trail extensions and or requirements on the South side of the Freeway. Why can't new business provide new trails and put money into the fund?

Variances

The chairman of the planning commission 2009 John O'Meara stated on multiple times on the record that he does not like to grant variances. There is a hefty fee for the application process for approval of a variance. In face of this negative position the city should refund 3/4th of variance fee if the application is denied. This should cover administrative costs to avoid added economic hardship to the applicant.

Government Access Channel

It is interesting to note that the Government Access Channel is not current or even within the last month not available at all. Time-Warner Cable on Channel 10 has been blacked out. How can residents keep abreast on current City policies and activities if no information is available? Not everyone has a computer or the ability to look at the bulletin board in front of City Hall. or time to attend City Council meetings especially in our economic times.

Road repairs and maintenance

Our roads in Agoura Hills are not well maintained. Example for the last 6 years the residents who use the Chesebro bridge and interchange on the 101 freeway going South have experienced the steady decline of the road. The cities failure to adequately repair the roads has become a potential and financial hardship to those who travel on the road such as front end alignments, tire damage, and potential blow out of tires. The cold patch is a sorry excuse to correct the problem. The city took great pains to repair the intersection adjacent to the post office and fire station neither of these roads carry the traffic burden of Chesebro Rd. According to your records, there are 1100 peak car trips daily that utilize this roadway.

Reference 2009 Road study by Fehr and Peers

The delay is to wait until we get money from the State when CalTrans improves the bridge. Our State is currently facing bankruptcy. We have the money in our city budget to pay for these services.

We are concerned citizens of Agoura Hills. We enjoy the unique environment. We want our city to take into account the citizens and work together with our local environment to ensure the best possible community for all. Hopefully you will take into consideration our suggestions. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy McLoren
Meril S. Platzer MD



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Thursday, February 18, 2010 8:27 AM
Allison Cook
William Koehler; Harry Schwarz; John Edelston; Dan Kuperberg; Denis Weber
City of Agoura Hills General Plan 2035, Case No. 10-GPA-01

s. Cook:

mail is being sent to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of Morrison Ranch Homeowners Association in connection with the City of Agoura Hills General Plan and Final Program Environmental Impact Report, Case No. 10-GPA-01 which we are hoping to be included in the public comments.

Morrison Ranch Estates Homeowners' Association Board of Directors has serious concerns about the location and number of units of proposed low income housing in the City of Agoura Hills and its negative effect on our community.

Sincerely yours,
Allison Cook
Board of Directors
Morrison Ranch Estates Homeowners' Association

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APPENDIX C2

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE
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HEARING ON 2-18-10**

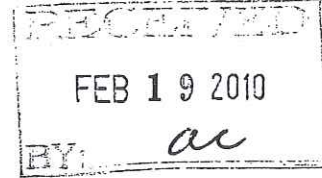
**Public Comments on the General Plan Update/EIR
Following the Planning Commission Hearing 2-18-10**

One letter was received subsequent to the Planning Commission hearing on February 18, 2010. The letter was from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, and dated February 9, 2010, although not received by the City until February 19, 2010. The letter pertains to the Draft EIR, for which the public comment period closed January 25, 2010. In any case, the letter requests that a series of topics be addressed in the EIR. These topics have already been addressed in the Draft EIR, as applicable. Therefore, no additional discussion is necessary in the EIR.



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February 9, 2010

Ms. Sharon Cook, Principal Planner
 City of Agoura Hills
 101 Ladyface Court
 Agoura Hills, CA 93010

Dear Ms. Cook:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, DRAFT GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, AGOURA HILLS (FFER #200900204)

The Draft Environmental Impact Report has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

PLANNING DIVISION:

We have no comments at this time.

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

We have no comments at this time.

FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

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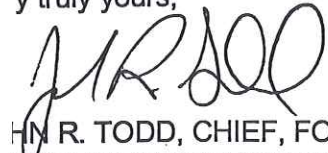
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ALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

Health Hazardous Materials division has no objection with the proposed plan.

ou have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

y truly yours,

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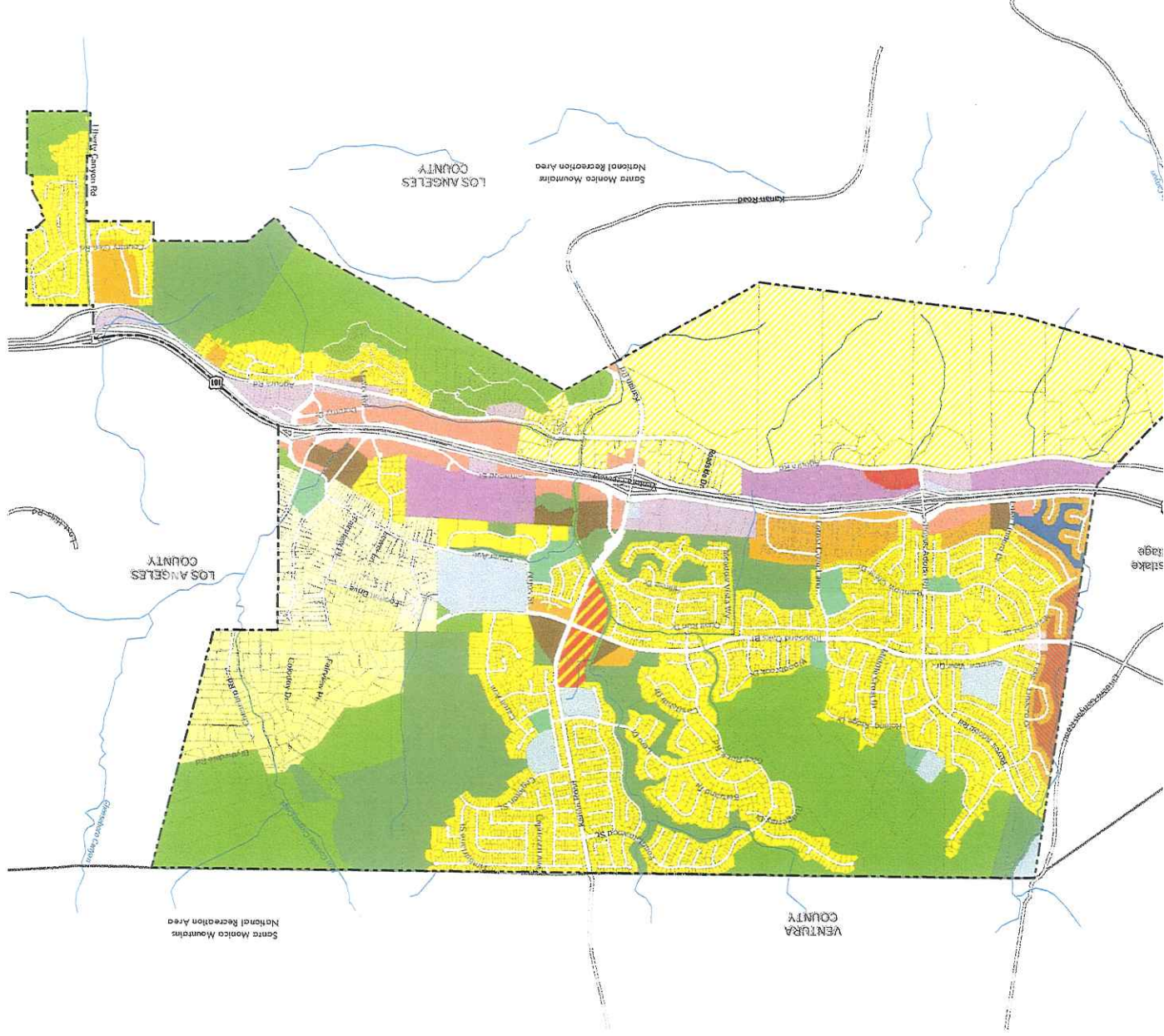
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APPENDIX D

PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN (2009)

- Legend**
- Residential Very Low Density (0.2-1.0 du/ac) (RV)
 - Residential Low Density (1-2 du/ac) (RL)
 - Residential Single Family (2-6 du/ac) (RS)
 - Residential Medium Density (6-15 du/ac) (RM)
 - Residential High Density (15-20 du/ac) (HDR)
 - Commercial Neighborhood Center (CN)
 - Commercial Shopping Center (CS)
 - Commercial Shopping Center/ Mixed Use (CS-MU)
 - Commercial Retail Service (CRS)
 - Commercial Recreation (CR)
 - Business Park - Office Retail (BP-OR)
 - Business Park-Manufacturing (BP-M)
 - Planned Development District (PD)
 - Public Facility (PF)
 - Local Park (P)
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