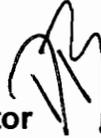


ITEM 9.A.

MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David A. Bobardt, Planning Director



DATE: October 12, 2009 (CC Meeting of 10/21/2009)

SUBJECT: Consider Reconsideration of Vote on Item 9.B. of September 2, 2009 Agenda on Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement by Removing 228.96 Acres from the Greenbelt, Including the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, on the Request of the City of Simi Valley

BACKGROUND

On June 6, 2007, the City Council considered a proposed Sphere of Influence Update for Simi Valley to add 228.96 acres in the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt, including the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, to the City's Sphere of Influence, a first step in annexation. The Council directed staff to send LAFCo a letter of support of this action. On September 2, 2009, the City Council considered the matter of amending the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement to remove this 228.96 acres from the Greenbelt on the request of the City of Simi Valley. The Council voted to take the item off calendar, and directed staff to:

- schedule a future item for Council discussion of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt;
- contact the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks to request they agendaize the Greenbelt for discussion; and
- set up a joint meeting with all three City Councils to discuss strengthening the Greenbelt Agreement.

On October 7, 2009, the City Council voted to reconsider this action, deferring reconsideration to October 21, 2009. The City Council also directed staff to present options for strengthening the Greenbelt Agreement as a separate Action/Discussion item. This report focuses on the reconsideration of Simi Valley's requested amendment to the Greenbelt Agreement. The Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks have voted to amend the Greenbelt Agreement as requested. The County of Ventura has not scheduled this item as of the writing of this report.

DISCUSSION

A copy of the October 7, 2009 staff report is attached. The primary issues in the removal of the 228.96 acres from the Greenbelt center on the approximately 68-acre undeveloped parcel owned by Dr. John Chiu, since the other properties are already substantially developed and would be relatively unaffected by removal from the Greenbelt or annexation by the City of Simi Valley. These issues include 1) application of Simi Valley and County SOAR Ordinances; 2) permitted land uses and other development restrictions by the City of Simi Valley compared to the County of Ventura; and 3) effect of removal of the property from the Greenbelt on the integrity of the Greenbelt.

Applicability of SOAR Ordinances: At the October 7 Council meeting, Sharon Noel presented a letter from Karen Schmidt, Executive Director of SOAR (attached), advocating against removal of the 68-acre parcel from the Greenbelt. The property is currently covered by both the County and City of Simi Valley SOAR Ordinances. The County's SOAR ordinance regulates General Plan amendments in areas designated for Open Space, Agricultural, and Rural land uses, requiring, with limited exceptions, a countywide vote to change the land use designation. The property is currently designated in the County General Plan for Open Space uses. If annexed to Simi Valley, the County SOAR Ordinance would no longer apply.

The Simi Valley SOAR Ordinance (attached) takes a similar approach to Moorpark's SOAR Ordinance. A City Urban Restriction Boundary (CURB) line is established to mark the boundary for urban development. Properties outside the CURB line, with limited exceptions would require a vote of the Simi Valley electorate to extend urban services or allow for urban use of land. Simi Valley's SOAR Ordinance defines urban uses of land as the creation of residential lots less than 10 acres in area, or the establishment of commercial or industrial uses. The subject property is outside of Simi Valley's CURB line. If removed from the Greenbelt and annexed to the City of Simi Valley, it would still be outside the CURB line, protected from urban development. It would not be the only property within the Simi Valley City limits that is outside its CURB line. A map showing Simi Valley's CURB line is attached. The difference between the two SOAR ordinances for the subject property, is that the County SOAR Ordinance would require a vote of the County electorate to change the General Plan land use designation to something other than Open Space, whereas the Simi Valley SOAR Ordinance would require a vote of the Simi Valley electorate to allow urban use of the land.

Permitted Land Uses: The property is currently in the County's Open Space zone. Annexation of the property by Simi Valley would result in a transfer of zoning authority from the County to the City. The City of Simi Valley has already pre-zoned the property for Open Space uses. The minimum lot size in the City's pre-zoning is 40 acres for the 68-acre undeveloped property and the Reagan Library, and 10 acres for the 6 other residential lots. The following table lists generalized land use categories in the County's

open space zone and compares these with permitted land uses in the City of Simi Valley's open space zone:

TYPE OF USE	ALLOWED IN OPEN SPACE ZONE BY	
	VENTURA COUNTY	SIMI VALLEY
Animal Husbandry	Yes	Yes, with CUP
Correctional Institutions	Yes with CUP	No
Crop and Orchard Production	Yes	Yes
Cemeteries	Yes, with CUP	Yes, with CUP
Places of Religious Worship	No	Yes, with CUP
Residences	Yes	Yes
Colleges and Universities	Yes, with CUP	Yes, with CUP
Equestrian Centers	Yes, with CUP	Yes, with CUP
Fire Stations	Yes, with CUP	Yes
Golf Courses, and Driving Ranges	Yes, with CUP	Yes
Government Buildings	Yes, with CUP	Yes
Hospitals	No	No
Law Enforcement Facilities	Yes, with CUP	No
Libraries	No	No
Mobile Home Parks	No	No
Nurseries (with sales facilities >500 s.f.)	Yes, with CUP	No
Organics Processing Operations	Yes, with CUP	No
Public Service Utilities	Yes, with CUP	Yes, with CUP
Recreational Use	Yes, with CUP	Yes, with CUP
Large Animal Veterinary Hospitals	Yes, with CUP	No
Waste Handling Facilities	Yes, with CUP	No
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Yes, with CUP	No

The differences between the permitted uses would have a minimal effect on the subject property, as it is mostly developed, and the one 68-acre undeveloped parcel is greatly constrained in how it could be developed by steep topography and limited access.

In addition to more restrictive uses in Simi Valley's Open Space Zone, the City of Simi Valley has adopted Hillside Performance Standards that would apply to development of the 68-acre parcel. These standards call for no more than one lot per 40 acres on land that exceeds 20 percent slope, strict grading standards on hillside land, and ridgeline preservation. These standards would apply to the 68-acre undeveloped parcel. Even if the underlying zoning were changed in the future to allow greater density on this lot, the Hillside Performance Standards would prevent the development of more than a single residence (with a possible second unit) on this lot. The County does not have comparable regulations.

One other comparison is related to lighting standards. The County's lighting requirement is for lights over 150 watts not to directly illuminate adjacent properties. The City of Simi Valley requires lighting plans that demonstrate light cut-off at the property line, along with other lighting requirements. In this particular case, the City's standards provide greater direction and measurability.

Integrity of the Greenbelt: The Tierra Rejada Greenbelt is currently approximately 2,490 acres. The 228.96 acres proposed for removal from the greenbelt represents 9.2 percent of the total land area in the Greenbelt. Of the acreage proposed for removal, all but the 68-acre parcel (2.7% of the land in the Greenbelt) is already developed, and would not be expected to change, whether in or out of the Greenbelt. As noted above, the topography and access constraints on the 68-acre property, along with the pre-zoning of the this property by Simi Valley, the Simi Valley SOAR Ordinance, and the Simi Valley Hillside Performance Standards, would greatly limit its future development.

In addition, the property adjacent to the Greenbelt in the City of Simi Valley includes approximately 409 acres of protected open space owned by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, as seen in Attachment No. 6. This land, protected as open space, strengthens the open space buffer provided by the Greenbelt. The combination of the adjacent protected open space with the development regulations of the City of Simi Valley would ensure that the buffer is preserved whether or not the subject property is in the Greenbelt.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2009-____, approving an amendment to the boundary of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. October 7, 2009 Staff Report (Without Attachments)
2. October 7, 2009 Letter from Karen Schmidt, Executive Director, SOAR
3. County SOAR (Measure B) Ordinance
4. Excerpt from Simi Valley General Plan – SOAR Ordinance
5. Map of Simi Valley CURB Line
6. Map of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Open Space
7. Resolution No. 2009-_____.

ITEM 9.C.

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA
City Council Meeting

at 10-07-2009
ACTION: Approved staff
recommendation.
by M. Benson

TO: The Honorable City Council
FROM: Steven Kueny, City Manager *SK*
DATE: October 1, 2009 (CC Meeting of 10/7/09)
SUBJECT: Consider Reconsideration of Item 9.B. on September 2, 2009, Agenda and Reconsideration of Vote on Item 9.B. for Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement by Removing 228.96 Acres from the Greenbelt, Including the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, on the Request of the City of Simi Valley

SUMMARY and BACKGROUND

On September 2, 2009, the City Council considered the matter of amending the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement to remove 228.96 acres on the request of the City of Simi Valley and took the following action:

Continued this item off calendar; Directed staff to schedule a future agenda item for council discussion of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement; Directed staff to contact the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks to request they agendaize the Greenbelt for discussion; and Directed staff to then set up a joint meeting with all three City Councils to discuss strengthening the Greenbelt Agreement.

The City Manager sent the attached letters, dated September 14, 2009, to the Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks City Managers advising them of this action. The Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks City Managers replied in the attached letters dated September 23 and September 24, respectively. The Mayors and City Managers of the three cities met on September 30, 2009, to discuss this matter and to clarify remaining concerns about the proposed Greenbelt Agreement. The cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks reiterated their support for strengthening the Greenbelt Agreement.

DISCUSSION

It should be noted that on June 6, 2007, the Moorpark City Council took action to support the inclusion of the 228.96 acres in Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence. (This information was inadvertently omitted from the September 2, 2009 staff report.) Also on

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June 6, 2007, the Council directed staff to work with the cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks and the County to discuss potential changes to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt, including but not limited to wildlife corridors and appropriate land uses by affected City Councils and the Board of Supervisors.

Subsequent to this action, the three City Managers and County Resource Management Agency Director met; and in October 2007, there was a joint meeting of the three City Councils. At the October 2007 meeting, there was no action taken by the three City Councils.

Since that time, the City Managers have met but have deferred proceeding with developing a proposed revision to the Greenbelt Agreement until the County has determined its course of action. It is recognized that all of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt (except the subject property within Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence) is within Moorpark's Area of Interest. Further, any changes to the Greenbelt Agreement cannot include a provision that the County of Ventura would not take land use related actions unless the cities concur. As with a city, the County cannot assign or condition its authority on land use matters.

At the September 2, 2009 meeting, the issue of a wildlife corridor was mentioned. In June of 2006, a wildlife corridor study, "South Coast Missing Linkages Project: A Linkage Design for the Santa Monica - Sierra Madre Connection," was completed by South Coast Wildlands, with funding from various State and Federal Agencies, including the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California State Parks, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service. This study examined existing land uses and travel paths of various animal species between the Los Padres National Forest and Santa Monica Mountains to identify the most viable corridors between these two largely protected wild areas. Wildlife corridor connections help to maintain genetic diversity in animal species thereby better protecting the ecosystems. This study identified two corridors, one through the Rocky Peak area, and one through the Alamos Canyon area, including land in Moorpark east of Moorpark College and through the Tierra Rejada Valley. Attached are maps of the wildlife corridor showing the entire linkage, as well as an enlargement of the Tierra Rejada Valley area, showing the entire Tierra Rejada Greenbelt area to be within the identified corridor.

The City Manager spoke with Supervisor Foy who indicated he intends to request the Board of Supervisors to favorably consider Simi Valley's annexation request and needed Amendment to the Greenbelt Agreement at a Board meeting in October. Supervisor Foy also indicated that except for the current Amendment under consideration for Assembly Uses in the County "Open Space Zoning," he does not foresee other changes to the allowed uses. (Note that the County of Ventura currently has a moratorium for any application for Assembly Uses in the Open Space Zone,

which is due to expire in March 2010. The Cornerstone Church application is exempt from the moratorium because its application was filed before the moratorium was established.)

In light of the Council's action to support the Sphere of Influence in June 2007, Mayor Parvin has requested reconsideration.

Resolution No. 2006-2476 adopted June 21, 2006, sets forth the Rules of Procedures for Council Meetings and Related Functions and Activities. Specifically, the procedures for a Motion for Reconsideration are as follows:

7.12 Motion for Reconsideration:

Any Councilmember who voted with the majority may move a reconsideration of any vote at the same meeting or request an agenda item on the next regular meeting or request a special meeting called to be held prior to the next regular meeting to consider reconsideration of any vote. The agenda item shall appear on Presentation/Action/Discussion as a two-part item, e.g.,

Consider Reconsideration of _____.
Reconsideration of vote on _____.

After a motion for reconsideration has once been acted upon, no other motion for a reconsideration thereof shall be made without unanimous consent of the Council.

If the Council concurs with Mayor Parvin's request, the following actions should be taken:

1. Consider reconsideration of Item 9.B. on the September 2, 2009 agenda;
2. Defer reconsideration of the September 2, 2009 vote to October 21, 2009; and
3. Direct staff to present options for strengthening the Greenbelt Agreement on the October 21, 2009, agenda as a separate Action/Discussion item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider reconsideration of Agenda Item 9.B. from the September 2, 2009, City Council meeting agenda; defer reconsideration of the September 2, 2009 vote to October 21,

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2009; and direct staff to present options for strengthening the Greenbelt Agreement on the October 21, 2009, agenda as a separate Action/Discussion item.

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- Attachments:
- 1 June 6, 2007 Agenda Report
 - 2 Excerpt from June 6, 2007 Minutes
 - 3 October 10, 2007, Joint Minutes and Attachments
 - 4 September 2, 2009 Agenda Report
 - 5 S. Kueny's September 14, 2009 letter to Simi Valley
 - 6 S. Kueny's September 14, 2009 letter to Thousand Oaks
 - 7 City of Simi Valley's September 23, 2009 letter
 - 8 City of Thousand Oaks' September 24, 2009 letter
 - 9 Two (2) Wildlife Corridor Maps
 - 10 Current Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Aerial Map

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ITEM 9.C.

CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA
City Council Meeting

of 6-6-2007
ACTION: Approved staff
recommendation, as
amended
by: M. Benson

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Barry K. Hogan, Community Development Director
Prepared By: David A. Bobardt, Planning Manager

DATE: May 29, 2007 (CC Meeting of 6/6/2007)

**SUBJECT: Consider Tierra Rejada Greenbelt and Proposed Sphere of Influence
Update for City of Simi Valley**

BACKGROUND

On April 18, 2007, Councilmember Parvin requested a future agenda item to discuss the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt and its implications on the proposed expansion of Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence, which would include land in the greenbelt.

DISCUSSION

Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement

In Ventura County, a number of greenbelt agreements between Cities and the County have been established as a means of preserving open space and/or agricultural land between urban areas. The Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement was originally adopted in 1984 by the cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the County of Ventura (Attachment 1). A minor amendment removed about 18.6 acres in the Simi Valley Area of Interest in 1986. Its basic terms for the defined boundaries (Attachment 2) are that each City and the County agree to a policy of non-annexation and to retain the affected land for open space uses. All of the land in the greenbelt area is unincorporated. Besides the Greenbelt Agreement, other policies and regulations affecting land use within the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt area include the County's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, the Countywide Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) Ordinance, the Moorpark SOAR Ordinance, Areas of Interest, Spheres of Influence, and the Guidelines for Orderly Development. The impact of each of these regulations and policies is discussed below.

County General Plan – All of the land area in the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt is designated for open space uses. The County General Plan defines open space by including land that meets the State Government Code definition of essentially unimproved land used

for the preservation of natural resources, managed production of resources, outdoor recreation, and special management for health and safety. In addition to this definition, the County General Plan's open space designation also applies to land that establishes community boundaries to prevent sprawl, promotes efficient municipal services, or contains State or Federal facilities over which the County has no land use authority.

County Zoning Ordinance – Zoning designations for land in the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt include Open Space and Agricultural Exclusive zones, with 10-acre to 40-acre minimum lot sizes. Among the permitted and conditionally permitted land uses in the Open Space and/or Agricultural Exclusive zones are agricultural operations (including greenhouses and agricultural sales), kennels, catteries, equestrian centers, cemeteries, communications facilities, single-family homes, second dwellings, farmworker housing, colleges and universities, government buildings, mineral resource development, organics processing, campgrounds, golf courses and driving ranges, motocross/off-highway vehicle parks, hazardous and municipal waste collection, treatment, storage, and disposal facilities, and large animal veterinary hospitals. A complete list is attached as Attachment 3.

Countywide SOAR Ordinance – The Countywide SOAR Ordinance, adopted in 1998, in general requires through December 31, 2020 a vote of the people to change the County general plan policies for agricultural, open space, and rural land, including the redesignation of land designated for such uses to other uses.

Moorpark SOAR Ordinance – The Moorpark SOAR Ordinance established a physical boundary for the provision of urban services or approval of urban land uses by the City of Moorpark. The entire greenbelt area is outside this urban service boundary, requiring a vote of the Moorpark electorate if the City is to extend its services to any urban development (i.e. greater than 1 unit per 20 acres) in this area prior to December 31, 2020.

Areas of Interest – The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) has defined Areas of Interest to identify logical areas in which there will be no more than one City. Most of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt is in Moorpark's Area of Interest. The exception is an area in Simi Valley's Area of Interest (including the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library) discussed later in this report. Area of Interest boundaries are shown in Attachment 2

Spheres of Influence – Under the Government Code, the LAFCo's for each county are responsible for determining service boundaries for local governments and special districts. Service boundaries are established by first adopting a rational and probable future service area for the jurisdiction, known as its Sphere of Influence. An annexation cannot be approved unless it is found to be consistent with the adopted Sphere of Influence. Under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, LAFCo's have until January 1, 2008, to update the Spheres of Influence for local governments and special districts. Aside from this update process, local governmental agencies can file an application for an update at any time. None of the land within the

Tierra Rejada Greenbelt is presently within any City's Sphere of Influence, although the City of Simi Valley is seeking an expansion of its sphere to include the land in its Area of Interest in the greenbelt. This issue is discussed later in this report.

Guidelines for Orderly Development – Originally adopted by all cities in Ventura County, the County of Ventura, and the Ventura County LAFCo in 1969, and revised in 1996, the Guidelines for Orderly Development clarify the relationship between the Cities and the County with respect to urban planning. These guidelines include policies that urban development should occur within cities whenever and wherever practical. The County will consult with Cities on discretionary permits in the City's Area of Interest, and encourage applicants for urban land uses in City Spheres of Influence to apply to the City for permits (with annexation by the City if approved). These Guidelines are included in Attachment 4.

Although unincorporated, the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt area is served by a number of public agencies. Attachment 5 shows the water districts and school districts serving the area. The entire greenbelt area is within Supervisorial District No. 4.

Proposed Simi Valley Sphere of Influence Update

On April 18, 2007, the Ventura County LAFCo considered a staff-initiated update to Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence. As part of the update, LAFCo staff recommended that approximately 229 acres of land currently in the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt (Attachment 6) be added to Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence. This land includes the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, a few houses on 10-acre lots, and a vacant 68-acre parcel. Relevant sections of the LAFCo staff report are attached (Attachment 7). The reason for inclusion in the Sphere of Influence was to acknowledge that some municipal services were already provided by the City of Simi Valley and the area was within the city's General Plan. Simi Valley's General Plan calls for open space uses on the land.

Because of this policy, and that inclusion in a Sphere of Influence is a step toward annexation, Moorpark Community Development staff sent a letter to LAFCo (Attachment 8) requesting that this addition not be considered until the Greenbelt Agreement issues are addressed. The Thousand Oaks Community Development Department requested a continuance on this matter until its Council could consider the issues and provide direction. LAFCo continued this item until its June 13, 2007 meeting. In addition, the Board of Supervisors has requested staff to prepare an ordinance for their consideration to codify the greenbelt agreement.

The land uses within the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt have changed greatly since the agreement was adopted in 1984. The County has approved the subdivision of large portions of the land into 10-acre lots, which have subsequently been developed with large houses. Other uses have included lighted equestrian facilities, a lighted golf driving range, a paintball park, outside storage, and retail nurseries. The area proposed for inclusion in Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence is primarily developed, and there are no other potential properties within Simi Valley's Area of Interest that could be exchanged for this property in the greenbelt. One large vacant 68-acre parcel in the

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application, owned by California Coastal Financial (see Exhibit 6), is planned for open space by Simi Valley. In a recent meeting of the City Managers of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks, there was consensus that the greenbelt agreement should be revisited, but that the current Sphere of Influence expansion proposal by Simi Valley should not be contingent on such action.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to:

1. Prepare a letter to the Ventura County LAFCo indicating the City of Moorpark is not opposed to the inclusion of the subject property in Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence.
2. Work with staff from the cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the County to discuss potential changes to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement for consideration by affected City Councils and Board of Supervisors.

Attachments:

1. Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement
2. Tierra Rejada Greenbelt
3. County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance Excerpt
4. Guidelines for Orderly Development
5. School and Water Districts
6. Proposed Addition to Simi Valley Sphere of Influence
7. Excerpt from LAFCo Staff Report
8. April 17, 2007 Letter to LAFCo

CTO RESOLUTION NO. 84-143
S.V. RESOLUTION NO. 84-34
MOORPARK RESOLUTION NO. 84-110

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF
MOORPARK, SIMI VALLEY AND THOUSAND OAKS,
AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA ESTABLISHING
A GREENBELT WITHIN THE TIERRA REJADA VALLEY

WHEREAS, a greenbelt can be defined as an area consisting of prime agricultural or other open space land, as defined in Section 35046 and 65560 of the Government Code, which is preserved in agricultural or other open space uses; and

WHEREAS, the area lying generally in the Tierra Rejada Valley west of the City of Simi Valley, north of the City of Thousand Oaks, and south of the City of Moorpark is difficult for any of the Cities or the County to service with sewers, water, police, fire and other municipal services;

WHEREAS, all the community and regional plans designate the Tierra Rejada Valley for agricultural and open space uses and the area is excluded from all city spheres of influence; and

WHEREAS, the City Councils of the Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura hereby find that the lands described below are worthy of retention in agricultural and other open space uses for the overall best interests of the cities, the County and the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Moorpark City Council, Simi Valley City Council, Thousand Oaks City Council and Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby establish this greenbelt for the Tierra Rejada Valley and agree to a policy of non-annexation and retention of open space uses for the properties in the Tierra Rejada Valley as shown on the map attached as Exhibit A of this resolution and generally described as follows:

Bordered on the north by the City of Moorpark, Moorpark Road, the Tierra Rejada Valley Watershed, and the City of Simi Valley; on the east by the City of Simi Valley; on the south by the City of Thousand Oaks and on the west by the Arroyo Santa Rosa and the Las Posas Hills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following implementation measures be established:

At such time as the provisions of the greenbelt agreement are abrogated by the County with regard to any of the remaining area within the boundaries of Waterworks District No. 8, LAFCO shall automatically reconsider the proper location of the City of Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence boundary in this area, subject only to the City amending its General Plan to include such area.

Should the City of Moorpark propose to annex any portion of the territory in the Tierra Rejada Valley located within Waterworks District No. 8, LAFCO shall automatically reconsider the proper location of the City of Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence boundary in this area, subject only to the City amending its General Plan to include such area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Agency Formation Commission is requested to endorse the greenbelt and to continue to act in a manner consistent with the preservation of the aforementioned lands for agricultural and other open space purposes.

THE CLERKS ARE DIRECTED to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Local Agency Formation Commission.

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

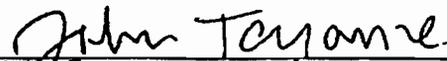
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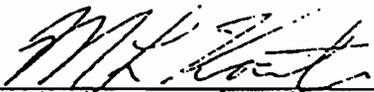
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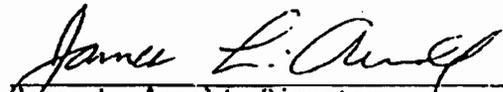

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City of Simi Valley, California

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John Torrance, City Attorney
City of Simi Valley, California

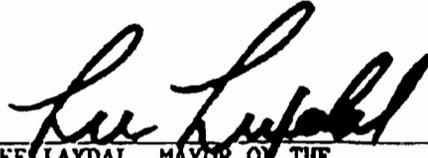
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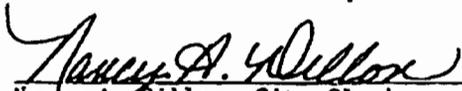
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS

PASSED and ADOPTED on June 5, , 1984



LEE LAXDAL, MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

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Nancy A. Dillon, City Clerk
City of Thousand Oaks, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mark G. Sellers, Acting City Attorney
City of Thousand Oaks, California

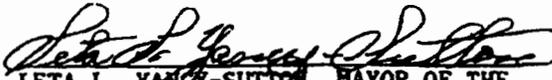
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Grant R. Brimhall, City Manager
City of Thousand Oaks, California

CITY OF MOORPARK

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LETA L. YANCY-SUTTON, MAYOR OF THE
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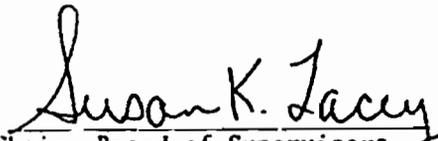
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Doris D. Bankus, City Clerk
City of Moorpark, California



COUNTY OF VENTURA

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, California on February 21, 1984.

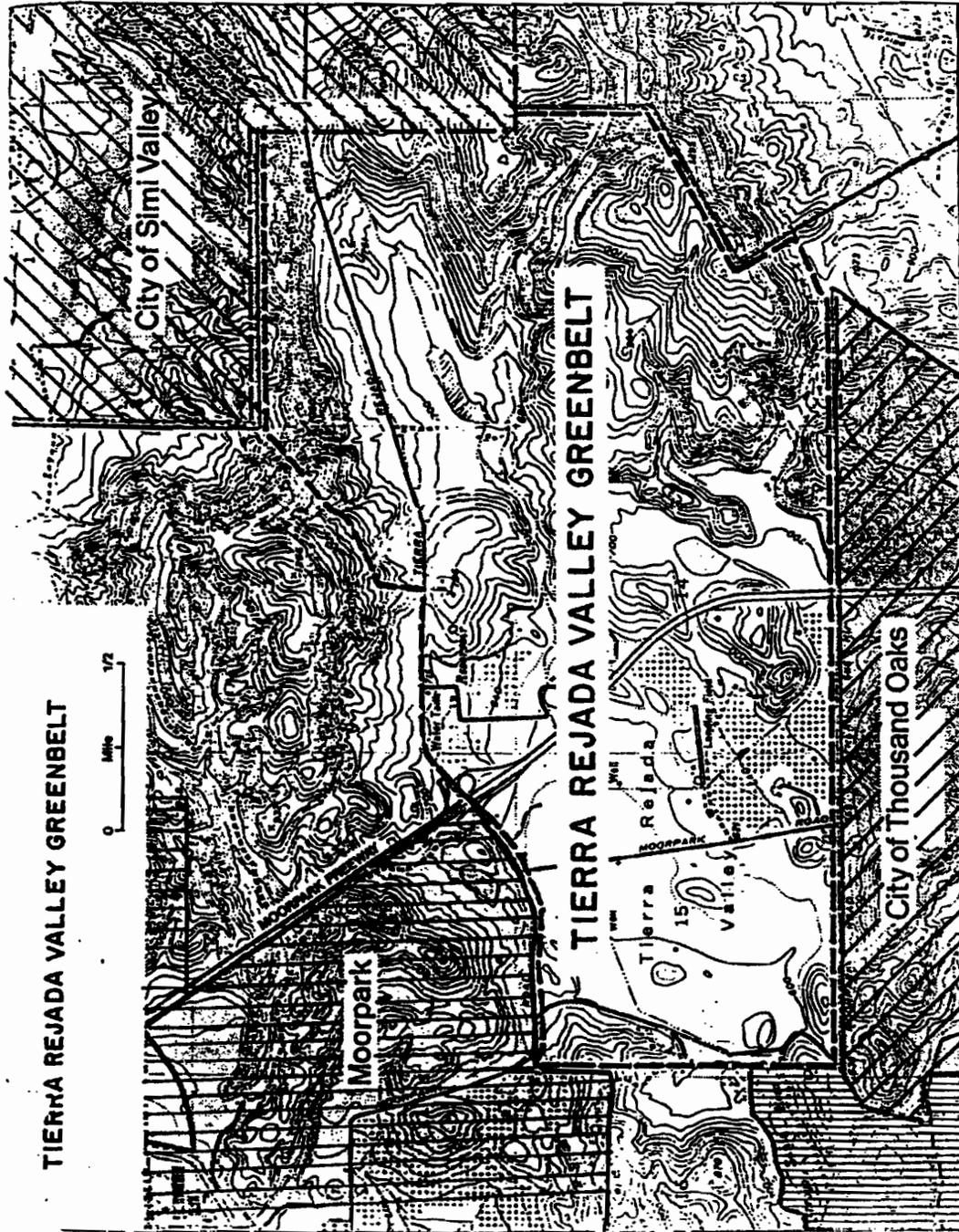

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

RICHARD D. DEAN, County Clerk
County of Ventura, State of
California and ex-officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors
thereof.

By: 
Deputy





STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF VENTURA) SS.
CITY OF MOORPARK)

I, DORIS D. BANKUS, City Clerk of the City of Moorpark, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 84-110 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Moorpark at an ^{adjourned} regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of July, 19 84, and that the same was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Harper, Beaulieu, Prieto, Straughan
and Mayor Yancy-Sutton;

NOES: None;

ABSENT: None.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 2nd
day of July, 19 84.

Doris D. Bankus
CITY CLERK



VENTURA COUNTY NON-COASTAL ZONING ORDINANCE

**DIVISION 8, CHAPTER 1
OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE**

**LAST AMENDED 12-06-05
VENTURA COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION**

ARTICLE 4: PURPOSES OF ZONES

Sec. 8104-0 - Purpose

The categories and purposes of land use zones in Ventura County are established as follows:

Sec. 8104-1 - Open Space/Agricultural Zones

Sec. 8104-1.1 - Open Space (O-S) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for the conservation of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources, to preserve and enhance environmental quality and to provide for the retention of the maximum number of future land use options while allowing reasonable and compatible uses on open lands in the County which have not been altered to any great extent by human activities.

Sec. 8104-1.2 - Agricultural Exclusive (A-E) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to preserve and protect commercial agricultural lands as a limited and irreplaceable resource, to preserve and maintain agriculture as a major industry in Ventura County and to protect these areas from the encroachment of nonrelated uses which, by their nature, would have detrimental effects upon the agriculture industry.

Sec. 8104-2 - Rural Residential Zones

Sec. 8104-2.1 - Rural Agricultural (R-A) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain a rural setting where a wide range of agricultural uses are permitted while surrounding residential land uses are protected.

Sec. 8104-2.2 - Rural Exclusive (R-E) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain rural residential areas in conjunction with horticultural activities, and to provide for a limited range of service and institutional uses which are compatible with and complementary to rural residential communities.

Sec. 8104-2.3 - Single-Family Estate (R-O) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide areas exclusively for single-family residential estates where a rural atmosphere is maintained by the allowing of a range of horticultural activities as well as animals for recreational purposes.

Sec. 8104-3 - Urban Residential Zones

Sec. 8104-3.1 - Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain areas which are appropriate for single-family dwellings on individual lots.

Sec. 8104-3.2 - Two-Family Residential (R-2) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain residential areas allowing two single-family dwelling units or a two-family dwelling unit on lots which meet the minimum area requirements of this zone.

ARTICLE 5: USES AND STRUCTURES BY ZONE

(AM ORD. 4317 - 03-15-05)

Sec. 8105-0 - Purpose

Section 8105-4 and 8105-5 list in matrix form the land uses and structures that are allowed in each zone, under this Chapter, and indicate the type of land use entitlement required to establish a particular use in that zone. Land uses permitted herein may also require additional licensing/permitting from other Ventura County, State of California, or United States government agencies. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

Sec. 8105-1 - Use of Matrices

Sec. 8105-1.1 - Key To Matrices

Except as otherwise provided in Section 8111-1.2.1.6, (specific to the R-P-D zone), the following symbols indicate the type of permit required for uses allowed in each zone:

	= Not Allowed
E	= Allowed, but exempt from obtaining a Zoning Clearance.
△	= Zoning Clearance, or other ministerially approved permit unless specifically exempted.
▲	= Zoning Clearance or other ministerially approved permit with signed waivers.
○	= Planning Director-approved Planned Development Permit
⊗	= Planning Commission-approved Planned Development Permit
●	= Board of Supervisors-approved Planned Development Permit
□	= Planning Director-approved Conditional Use Permit
⊠	= Planning Commission-approved Conditional Use Permit
■	= Board of Supervisors-approved Conditional Use Permit

(ADD. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8105-1.2

Italicized notes appearing in this Zoning Ordinance are editorial in nature and are not a part of the Ordinance or its regulatory scheme. (AM. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99 - grammar)

Sec. 8105-4 - Permitted Uses in Open Space, Agricultural, Residential and Special Purpose Zones

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	TP
AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS									
Animal Husbandry									
Domestic Animals Per Art. 7	E	E	E	E	E				
more animals than are permitted by Art. 7 (3, 19)	□	□	□	□	□				
Reduced Animal Setbacks Per Table 2 (Sec. 8107-2.5.1) (16)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲				
Apiculture * (2, 15)	△	△	△						△
Aquaculture/Aquiculture (15)	□	□	□	□					
Insectaries for Pest Control (3, 6, 15)	See Principal Structures Related to Agriculture								
Vermiculture * (16)									
up to 5,000 sq. ft. of open beds	△	△	△	△	△				△
over 5,000 sq. ft. of open beds	□	□	□	□					
Wild Animals, Not Inherently Dangerous * (16, 19)	□	□	□	☒	☒				
Inherently Dangerous Animals (16)	☒	☒							
Agricultural Contractors' Service And Storage Yards And Buildings (15, 19)	□	□	□						
Crop and Orchard Production (6,12)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Packing, Storage Or Preliminary Processing Involving No Structures	E	E	E	E					E
Timber Growing And Harvesting, And Compatible Uses									
protected trees	Pursuant to Articles 7 and 9								
other trees	E	E	E	E					E
Principal Structures Related To Agriculture (Greenhouses, Hot Houses, Structures for Prelim. Packing, Storage and Preservation of Produce & Similar Structures; Cumulative GFA Per Lot) Except Agricultural Shade/Mist Structures * (See Sec. 8106-6.4 & 8107-20) (15)									
Up to 1,000 sq. ft. (6)	△	△	△	△					△
Over 1,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. (15)	△	△	□						
Over 20,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft.	□	□	☒						
Over 100,000 sq. ft. (6)	☒	☒							
Wineries (Including Processing, Bottling & Storage)(2, 15)									
Up to 2,000 sq. ft. structure	△	△	△						
Over 2,000 to 20,000 sq. ft. structure	□	□	☒						
Over 20,000 sq. ft. structure	☒	☒	☒						
With public tours or tasting rooms	☒	☒	☒						

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	TP
Accessory Uses And Structures * (15)									
Accessory Structures Related to Agriculture and Animal Husbandry/Keeping * (e.g. Barns, Storage Buildings, Sheds; Cumulative GFA Per Lot) (15, 25)									
up to 2,000 sq. ft. (15, 25)	△	△	△	△	△	△		△	△
over 2,000 sq. ft. to 5,000 sq. ft. (15, 25)	△	△	□	□	□	□		□	□
over 5,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. (25)	△	△	☒						
over 20,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft. (25)	□	□							
over 100,000 sq. ft. (25)	☒	☒							
exceeding height limits (25)	□	□	□						
Offices * (7, 19, 25)	See Article 7								
Accessory bathrooms * (See Sec. 8107-1.9) (25)	△	△	△						
Agricultural Sales Facilities * (16, 19)									
Small facilities: up to 500 sq. ft., meeting standards established by Section 8107-6.2 (25)	△	△	△						△
Meeting standards of Sections 8107-6.2.1, 8107-6.2.2, and 8107-6.3.4 (25)	□	□	□						
Large facilities: over 500 to 2,000 sq. ft. (25)	□	□	☒						
Large facilities: over 2,000 to 5,000 sq. ft. (25)	☒	☒	☒						
Wholesale nurseries for propagation: with sales facilities up to 500 sq. ft. (26, 34)	△	△	△						
with sales facilities of over 500 to 2,000 sq. ft. (26, 34)	□	□	☒						
with sales facilities of over 2,000 to 5,000 sq. ft. (26, 34)	☒	☒	☒						
with sales of non-agricultural items or materials not propagated on site. (26, 34)	☒	☒	☒						
Agricultural Shade/Mist Structures * (16, 25, 34)									
up to 1,000 sq. ft. (25)	△	△	△	△					△
over 1,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. (25)	△	△	△	□					
over 20,000 sq. ft. or 15% of lot area (whichever is greater) (25)	△	△	□						
over 15% of lot area (25)	□	□							
Animal Shade Structures (26)									
Up to 500 sq. ft. (26)	△	△	△	△					△
Over 500 sq. ft. to 1,000 sq. ft. (26)	△	△	△	□					□
Over 1,000 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. (26)	△	△	△	□					
Over 10,000 sq. ft. or up to 7.5% of lot area (whichever is greater) (26)	△	△	□	□					
Over 20,000 sq. ft. or up to 15% of lot area (whichever is greater), Permeable Structures only (26)	□	□	□						
Over 15% of lot area, Permeable Structures only (26)	□	□							

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	TP
Over 7.5% of lot area, Impermeable Structures only (26)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmworker Dwelling Units * (15, 25)	△	△	△						△
not meeting standards established by Sec. 8107-26.1 & 2 (25, 32)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal Caretaker Dwelling Units (26)	△	△	△						△
not meeting standards established by Sec. 8107-26.1 & 2 (26, 32)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Storage Per Art. 7 (6, 15, 25)	E	E	E	E					E
Fuel Storage (6, 25)	△	△	△						△
Underground Fuel Storage Permitted By Other County Agencies (25)	E	E	E	E					E
Agricultural Promotional Uses (26)	☒	☒	☒						☒
ANIMAL KEEPING, NON-HUSBANDRY * (6, 2, 15)									
Domestic Animals Per Art. 7	E	E	E	E	E	<input type="checkbox"/>		E	E
More Animals Than Are Permitted By Art. 7 (15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horses And Other Equines Per Art. 7 (15)	E	E	E	E	E	<input type="checkbox"/>		E	E
More Animals Than Are Permitted By Art. 7 (15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kennels/Catteries (2, 15, 19)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Equestrian Centers (16, 19)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	☒				
Wild Animals, Not Inherently Dangerous (15, 19)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inherently Dangerous Animals (16)	☒	☒	☒						
Reduced Animal Setbacks Per Table 2 (Sec.8107-2.5.1) (16)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲	▲
Accessory Structures	See Accessory Structures Related to Agriculture and Animal Husbandry/Keeping; Animal Shade Structures; Animal Caretaker Dwelling Units (32)								
AIRFIELDS AND LANDING PADS AND STRIPS, PRIVATE	☒	☒	☒	☒					
BOARDING HOUSES AND BED-AND-BREAKFAST INNS* (2) (35)	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	
On Designated Cultural Heritage Sites (29, 34)	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	
CARE FACILITIES (SEE ALSO H. & S. C. AND W. & I. C.)									
Day Care Centers (19)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		☒	☒	☒	
Family Day Care Home (28)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
Intermediate: Care Of 7 Or More Persons (2)			☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	
Residential: Care Of 6 Or Fewer Persons	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	⊗	
Care Of 7 Or More Persons (7)			☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	

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CEMETERIES * (See Sec. 8107-27) (15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Accessory Crematories, Columbaria And Mausoleums	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES AND OTHER BUILDINGS USED FOR RELIGIOUS WORSHIP			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CLUBHOUSES (NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) (2)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES * (See Sec. 8107-28) (15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CULTURAL/HISTORIC USES (29)									
Cultural Heritage Sites with Ordinance Deviations (29)	Pursuant to Article 7 and principal or accessory uses								
Historic Repository (29)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Interpretive Centers (29)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DWELLINGS									
Dwellings, Single-Family * (Mobilehomes - See Sec. 8107-1.3)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	⊗	△
Mobilehome, Continuing Nonconforming (15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower Income/Senior Developments Built Pursuant To Art. 16 (13, 19)						⊗	⊗	⊗	
Dwellings, Two-Family, Or Two Single-Family Dwellings							△	⊗	
Lower Income/Senior Developments (Built Pursuant To Art. 16) (13, 19)							⊗	⊗	
Dwellings, Multi-Family								⊗	
Lower Income/Senior Developments Built Pursuant To Art. 16 (13, 19)								⊗	
Qualified Condominium Conversions Pursuant To Art. 19 (14)							⊗	⊗	
Farmworker Housing Complex (31)	⊗	⊗							
Dwellings, Accessory Structures To									
Buildings For Human Habitation: (3, 19)									
temporary buildings during construction * (19)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
second dwelling unit * (2, 11, 15, 33)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Buildings Not For Human Habitation Or Agricultural And Animal Husbandry/Keeping Purposes (E.G. Garage, Storage Building): (3, 15, 19, 27)									
up to 2,000 sq. ft. GFA per lot (3, 6, 19)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
over 2,000 sq. ft. GFA per lot (3, 6, 15, 19)	○	○	○	○	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	
exceeding height limits of main structure (18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	⊗	<input type="checkbox"/>

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accessory bathrooms * (18)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Other Structures (18)									
freestanding light fixtures per sec. 8106-8.6	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
nonmotorized wheeled conveyances, within standards * (19)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
which exceed standards	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
Antennas, Ground-Mounted (Noncommercial) *									
up to 40 ft. in height (16, 19)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
above 40 ft. in height (6)	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
Patios, Paving And Decks Not More Than 30" Above Finished Grade, Per Art. 6 (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Play Structures, Outdoor Furniture, Mailboxes And Similar Structures Exempt From Setback Requirements Of Art. 6 (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Swimming, wading and ornamental pools less than 18" depth capacity (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Soil and geologic testing for water wells, foundations, septic systems and similar construction (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Dwellings, Accessory Uses To									
Keeping Of Animals; Nonhusbandry *									
equines and other domestic animals per art. 7 (19)	E	E	E	E	E	□		E	E
more animals than are permitted by art. 7 (3, 15)	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	□
pet animals in accordance with standards of art. 7	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
more animals than are permitted by art. 7 (3, 15)	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
wild animals as pets (sec. 8107-2.3.1) (15)	△	△	△	△	△	△		△	△
more wild animals than are permitted (16)	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	□
inherently dangerous animals	Not permitted								
youth projects * (16)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲	▲
Commercial uses, minor, for project residents (See sec. 8109-1.2.5) (4)								⊗	
Garage/yard sales (See definition)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Home occupations * (3)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Open storage, per art. 7 * (19) (See Section 8107-15)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
EDUCATION AND TRAINING									
Colleges and universities	⊗		⊗						
Schools, elementary and secondary (boarding and nonboarding)			⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	
ENERGY PRODUCTION FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES (3)	⊗	⊗	⊗						

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FENCES AND WALLS 6' HIGH OR LESS PER ART. 6	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Over 6' High Per Art. 6 (18)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
FESTIVALS, ANIMAL SHOWS, AND SIMILAR EVENTS, TEMPORARY OUTDOOR (35)	□	□	□						
FILMING ACTIVITIES * (2, 15)									
Permanent	Not permitted								
Temporary	□	□	□	□					
Occasional For Current News Programs/ Noncommercial Personal Use	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Occasional Per Sec. 8107-11.1	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Occasional With Waivers Per Sec. 8107-11.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲			
Occasional, Not Meeting Standards (18)	□	□	□	□	□	□			
FIREWOOD OPERATIONS (3, 12)	□	□	□						
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (2)	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
Correctional Institutions	☒		☒						
Fire Stations	□	□	□	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
Law Enforcement Facilities	□		□	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
Public Works Projects Not Otherwise Listed As Uses In This Section Constructed By The County Or Its Contractors	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
GRADING (A PWA Grading Permit May Still Apply) (7)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Within An Overlay Zone	Pursuant to Article 9								
HOSPITALS								☒	
LIBRARIES			☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
MAINTENANCE, ROUTINE/MINOR REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS, NO STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
MINERAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT * (1)	☒	☒	☒						
Mining And Accessory Uses * (1)	☒	☒	☒						
Less Than 1 Year In Duration (1, 22)	□	□	□	□					
Public Works Maintenance, Less Than 1 Year in Duration (1, 22)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Reclamation Plan (22)	Following a public hearing where a reclamation plan is required per SMARA in conjunction with a land use entitlement								
Mining, Agricultural Site * (22)	▲	▲							
Oil And Gas Exploration And Production (7)	□	□	□	□					

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Drilling, Temporary Geologic (Testing Only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>
MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES * (18)	E								
MOBILEHOME PARKS *			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
MODEL HOMES/LOT SALES: 2 YEARS *			<input type="checkbox"/>						
More Than 2 Years			<input type="checkbox"/>						
ORGANICS PROCESSING OPERATIONS (COMPOSTING, VERMICOMPOSTING, CHIPPING AND GRINDING) (24)									
Biosolids Composting Operations * (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Commercial Organics Processing Operations * (24)									
Small-Scale (up to 200 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>
Medium-Scale (over 200 cubic yards to 1,000 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
Large-Scale (over 1,000 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PIPELINES/TRANSMISSION LINES, ABOVEGROUND *	<input type="checkbox"/>								
PUBLIC SERVICE/UTILITY FACILITIES (27)									
Small Utility Structures (17)	E								
Excluding Office And Service Yards (28)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Public Service/Utility Offices And Service Yards, When Located On Lots Containing The Majority Of The Agency's Facilities (28)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
RECREATIONAL, SPORT AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES									
Botanic Gardens and Arboreta* (35)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Camps * (8) (35)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Campgrounds * (8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Community Centers				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
For Farm Workers And Nonprofit Farm Community Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Fields, athletic, without buildings, With Or Without Night Lighting (7, 19, 27)				<input type="checkbox"/>					
Without Night Lighting (18, 27)	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Geothermal Spas (7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Golf Courses And/Or Driving Ranges, Except Miniature Golf (15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Motocross/Off-Highway Vehicle Parks *(17)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								

*There are specific regulations for this use; see Article 7.
Italicized numbers refer to amendment history at end of use matrices.
Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	TP
Parks (6)	△	□	△	△	△	△	△	⊗	
With Buildings	□	⊗	□	□	□	□	□	⊗	
Periodic Outdoor Sporting Events (7)	□								
Recreational Vehicle Parks *	⊗		⊗	⊗					
Recreation Projects, County-Initiated (5)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Caretaker Recreational Vehicle, Accessory * (5)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	
Retreats, Without Sleeping Facilities * (8)	□		□	□					
With Sleeping Facilities (8)	⊗		□	□					
Shooting Ranges And Outdoor Gun Clubs (4)	■								
SIGNS PER ARTICLE 10 UNLESS EXEMPT FROM ZONING CLEARANCE PER SEC. 8110-3 (7)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
SOIL AMENDMENT OPERATIONS (16)	□	□	□						
STORAGE OF BUILDING MATERIALS, TEMPORARY * (3)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
TREES AND NATIVE VEGETATION: REMOVAL, RELOCATION OR PRUNING (7, 12)									
Protected Trees, And Vegetation In Overlay Zone*	Pursuant to Articles 7 and 9								
Other Trees And Vegetation	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
USES AND STRUCTURES, ACCESSORY (OTHER THAN TO AGRICULTURE, ANIMALS OR DWELLINGS)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	□
Freestanding Light Fixtures Per Sec. 8106-8.6	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Organics Processing Operations *(24)									
On-Site Composting Operations (not related to normal farming activities) *(24)									
Small-scale (up to 10 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Medium-scale (over 10 cubic yards to 200 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	△	△	△	△	△			□	△
Large-scale (over 200 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	□	□	□	□				□	
Waste Handling, Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities (24)									
Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities And Hazardous Waste Collection, Treatment and Storage Facilities * (24)	⊗								
Recyclable Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities * (24)	E								

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	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	TP
Not meeting standards established by Section 8107-36.3.7 * (24)	<input type="checkbox"/>								
Soil And Geologic Testing For Water Wells Foundations, Septic Systems And Similar Construction (19)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Stockpiling Of Construction Related Debris and/or Fill Material for Non-agricultural Operations (28)									
Less Than 1,000 Cu. Yds. (28)	△		△	△					
1,000 Cu. Yds Or More (28)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Swimming, Wading, And Ornamental Pools Less Than 18" Depth Capacity (19)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Patios, Paving And Decks Not More Than 30" Above Finished Grade, Per Art. 6 (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Play Structures, Outdoor Furniture And Similar Structures Exempt From Setback Requirements Of Art. 6 (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Open Storage Per Art. 7 *	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Parking/Storage Of Large Vehicles (Per Requirements Of Sec. 8106-8.2.B) (16)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
To A Use Requiring A PD Permit Or CUP (2)	Pursuant to Article 11 Sec. 8111-6.1								
Dwelling, Caretaker									
VETERINARY HOSPITALS FOR LARGE ANIMALS *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
WASTE HANDLING, WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING FACILITIES (24)									
Disposal Facilities, Hazardous Waste * (24)	■								
Disposal Facilities, Oilfield Waste * (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Disposal Facilities, Solid Waste * (24)	■								
Recyclables Collection And Processing Facilities *(24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Recyclables Collection Centers * (24)	△		△	△	△	△	△	△	
Temporary Collection Activities *(24)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	
Waste Collection And Processing Activities To Mitigate An Emergency *(24)	Pursuant to Sec. 8107-36.3.12								
Waste Processing Facilities And Transfer Stations * (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
WASTEWATER/SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES									
Individual Sewage Disposal Systems	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
On-Site Wastewater Treatment Facilities (19)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Community Wastewater Treatment Facilities (19)	■	■	■	■				■	

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	TP
WATER PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, & DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES: (6)									
4 Or Fewer Domestic Service Connections (Privately Operated)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
5 Or More Domestic Service Connections (Privately Operated)	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
For Agricultural Purposes (Privately Operated)	△	△	△						
Well Drilling For Use Only On Lot Of Well Location	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

**There are specific regulations for this use; see Article 7.
Italicized numbers refer to amendment history at end of use matrices.
Legend: see Section 8105-1.1*

C. 1996 GUIDELINES FOR ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT

Preface:

In a cooperative effort to guide future growth and development, the cities, County and Local Agency Formation Commission have participated in the creation of these "Guidelines for Orderly Development." The following guidelines are a continuation of the guidelines which were originally adopted in 1969, and maintain the theme that urban development should be located within incorporated cities whenever or wherever practical.

The intent of these guidelines is to clarify the relationship between the cities and the County with respect to urban planning, serve to facilitate a better understanding regarding development standards and fees, and identify the appropriate governmental agency responsible for making determinations on land use requests. These guidelines are a unique effort to encourage urban development to occur within cities, and to enhance the regional responsibility of County government.

These guidelines facilitate the orderly planning and development of Ventura County by:

- Providing a framework for cooperative intergovernmental relations
- Allowing for urbanization in a manner that will accommodate the development goals of the individual communities while conserving the resources of Ventura County
- Promoting efficient and effective delivery of community services for existing and future residents
- Identifying in a manner understandable to the general public the planning and service responsibilities of local governments providing urban services within Ventura County

General Policies:

1. Urban development should occur, whenever and wherever practical, within incorporated cities which exist to provide a full range of municipal services and are responsible for urban land use planning.
2. The cities and the County should strive to produce general plans, ordinances and policies which will fulfill these guidelines.

Policies Within Spheres of Influence:

The following policies shall apply within City Spheres of Influence (Spheres of Influence are created by LAFCO, as required by State law, to identify the probable boundaries of cities and special districts, realizing that spheres may be amended from time to time as conditions warrant):

3. Applicants for land use permits or entitlements for urban uses shall be encouraged to apply to the City to achieve their development goals and discouraged from applying to the County.
4. The City is primarily responsible for local land use planning and for providing municipal services.
5. Prior to being developed for urban purposes or to receiving municipal services, land should be annexed to the City.
6. Annexation to the City is preferable to the formation of new or expansion of existing County service areas.
7. Land uses which are allowed by the County without annexation should be equal to or more restrictive than land uses allowed by the City.
8. Development standards and capital improvement requirements imposed by the County for new or expanding developments should not be less than those that would be imposed by the City.

Policies Within Areas of Interest Where a City Exists:

The following policies apply within Areas of Interest where a City exists, but outside the City's Sphere of Influence (Areas of Interest are created by LAFCO to identify logical areas of common interest within which there will be no more than one City):

9. Applications for discretionary land use permits or entitlements shall be referred to the City for review and comment. The County shall respond to all comments received from the City.
10. The County is primarily responsible for local land use planning, consistent with the general land use goals and objectives of the City.
11. Urban development should be allowed only within Existing Communities as designated on the County General Plan.

12. Existing Communities as designated on the County General Plan should financially support County-administered urban services which are comparable to those urban services provided by Cities.

Policies Within Areas of Interest Where No Cities Exist:

13. The County is responsible for local land use planning and for providing municipal services.
14. Urban development should only be allowed in Unincorporated Urban Centers or Existing Communities as designated in the County General Plan.
15. Urban development in Unincorporated Urban Centers should only be allowed when an Area Plan has been adopted by the County, to ensure that the proposed development is consistent with the intent of the Guidelines.

Definitions for Implementing Guidelines for Orderly Development:

“Urban Development”:

Development shall be considered urban if it meets any of the following criteria:

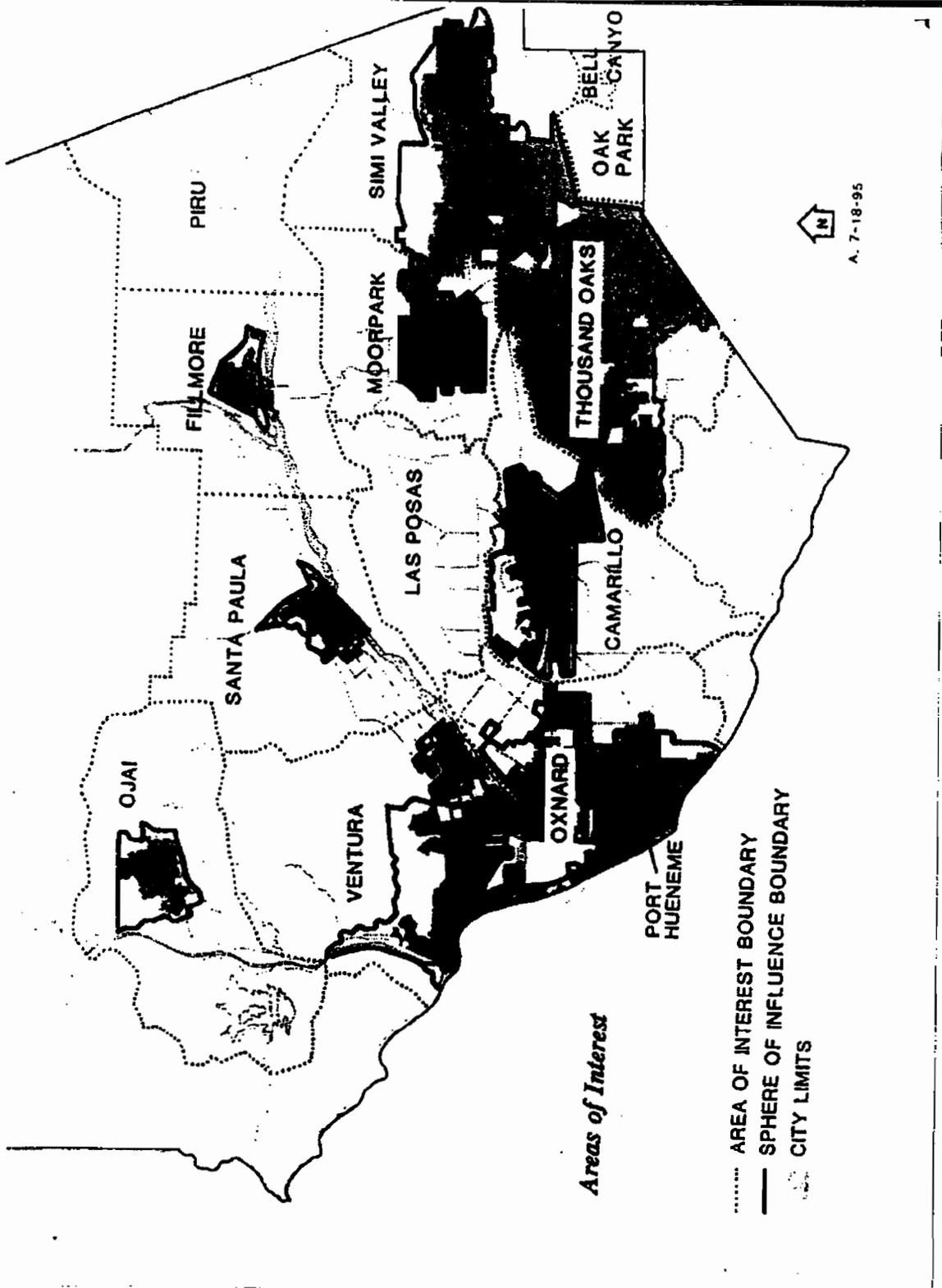
- o It would require the establishment of new community sewer systems or the significant expansion of existing community sewer systems;
- o It would result in the creation of residential lots less than two (2) acres in area; or
- o It would result in the establishment of commercial or industrial uses which are neither agriculturally-related nor related to the production of mineral resources.

“Existing Community”:

Existing Community is a land use designation of the County General Plan which identifies existing urban residential, commercial, or industrial enclaves located outside Urban designated areas (i.e., cities or Unincorporated Urban Centers). An Existing Community may include uses, densities, building intensities, and zoning designations which are normally limited to Urban designated areas but do not qualify as Unincorporated Urban Centers. This designation has been established to recognize existing land uses in unincorporated areas which have been developed with urban building intensities and urban land uses; to contain these enclaves within specific areas so as to prevent further expansion; and to limit the building intensity and land use to previously established levels.

“Unincorporated Urban Center”:

Unincorporated Urban Center is a term of the County General Plan which refers to an existing or planned urban community which is located in an Area of Interest where no city exists. The Unincorporated Urban Center represents the focal center for community and planning activities within the Area of Interest, and may be a candidate for future incorporation.





STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 18, 2007

Agenda Item 9

TO: LAFCO Commissioners
FROM: Everett Millais, Executive Officer *EM*
SUBJECT: Sphere of Influence Review and Update
City of Camarillo
City of Moorpark
City of Simi Valley
City of Thousand Oaks

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Adopt the attached resolution making determinations and updating the sphere of influence for the City of Camarillo.
- B. Adopt the attached resolution making determinations and updating the sphere of influence for the City of Moorpark.
- C. Adopt the attached resolution making determinations and updating the sphere of influence for the City of Simi Valley.
- D. Adopt the attached resolution making determinations and updating the sphere of influence for the City of Thousand Oaks.

DISCUSSION:

For each city and special district LAFCO must determine and adopt a sphere of influence. A sphere of influence is defined as "... a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the commission." (Government Code §56077) Notwithstanding this definition, LAFCOs are now required

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to "...review and update, as necessary, the adopted sphere not less than once every five years." (CA Government Code §56425(f))

In order to prepare and update spheres of influence LAFCO must first conduct municipal service reviews (MSR or MSRs). On March 21, LAFCO accepted the municipal service review for nine cities in Ventura County, including the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. The recommendations now being made relate to the mandate to, as necessary, review and update the spheres of influence for the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks.

The recommendations relating to sphere of influence updates for the cities are based on the following five considerations:

1. The spheres of influence for the cities in the County have not been comprehensively reviewed in over 20 years. When sphere of influence maps were originally prepared large scale base maps were used and the sphere lines were often drawn with felt-tip markers. In other words the mapping of sphere of influence lines was not precise. When the original mapping occurred spheres of influence were not intended to be used for definitive land use regulations such as what has subsequently occurred with SOAR and related ordinances.

In 2002, as LAFCO embarked on the MSR and sphere update process, all of the sphere maps were transferred to geographic information system (GIS) data that enables precise mapping. As this occurred a number of minor discrepancies between city boundary lines, assessor parcel lines and spheres of influence have been found and are now proposed to be corrected. Further, however, there are areas where spheres do not match city boundaries or parcel lines and were approximated based on natural features such as ridge lines, flood plains, etc. These mapping inaccuracies have been further compounded as the various SOAR ordinances generally reference the poorly mapped spheres of influence. As a result, CURB lines for those cities with CURBs, including the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, are often poorly defined and mapped. Whenever practical an attempt has been made to utilize GIS to refine and correct obvious mapping errors and to minimize the instances where sphere lines are not defined. There are still instances, however, where the sphere of influence does not follow city boundaries and/or parcel lines. Precisely mapping these areas will depend on future assessment mapping, usually based on survey work necessary for land divisions and subdivisions. The mapping and decisions about SOAR areas and/or CURB boundaries are the responsibility of the individual cities.

2. The Ventura LAFCO has adopted a number of policies relating to sphere of influence. These policies are contained in the Commissioner's Handbook and are

reiterated in Attachment 1. In particular, there was focus on the polices relating to having sphere of influence lines coincide with city boundaries, lines of assessment (parcel lines), SOAR and CURB areas, and defined natural features if they can be precisely mapped.

3. As a part of the sphere of influence update process, if a City is currently providing basic services outside the existing sphere of influence the recommendations include adding these areas into the sphere as much as feasible given other constraints. Since 1994 cities and special districts may not provide services outside their boundaries, unless the area served is within their sphere of influence. The ability to provide services outside the sphere of influence is now extremely limited and, as a result, spheres of influence have even more meaning relating to service provision. Prior to 1994, however, many cities extended infrastructure and agreed to serve areas without regard to their sphere of influence. In some cases services were extended after 1994 due to ignorance of the law, but cannot now be disconnected.
4. Sphere of influence updates are considered as "projects" under CEQA and LAFCO is the lead agency for these projects. For the sphere update process, if sphere of influence changes could be determined to be generally or categorically exempt, or if a simple negative declaration could be prepared without any detailed environmental analysis, the change is being recommended. However, in instances where sphere of influence changes would require detailed or substantial analysis to comply with CEQA, possibly including mitigated negative declarations or EIRs, then such changes are not being recommended. In such instances it is more proper, including both the cost and usefulness of the analysis, to allow a city to be the CEQA lead agency for major sphere changes in conjunction with future sphere amendment and annexation applications that also include land use entitlements (e.g. pre-zoning).
5. LAFCO staff met with the staff of each city to review the existing sphere of influence, discuss changes and solicit input. The four points noted above were the basis for all changes discussed, but in some instances some of these points conflicted. For example, if aligning the sphere with a city's CURB would trigger substantial environmental analysis by LAFCO, such a change is not being recommended. Based on these reviews, LAFCO staff believes each of the four cities are in concurrence with the recommendations now being made.

Sphere of influence updates must occur at noticed public hearings. Accordingly, proper notice has been made as required by law. In addition, the Commission must by law consider and prepare a written statement of its determinations with respect to four factors. Each of these factors and further details applicable to each city are discussed in the following sections.

City of Simi Valley

The City of Simi Valley sphere of influence generally follows the existing City boundary, but also includes some areas outside the current City boundary that are included in the City's General Plan. For some of these areas the sphere of influence does not follow property or parcel lines. Compounding some of these discrepancies is the fact that the City's CURB, established well after the existing sphere of influence, does not always follow either the existing City boundary or the existing sphere of influence. The City's CURB also meanders across property and parcel lines. In areas where the existing sphere of influence and/or the CURB do not follow property or parcel lines detailed survey work will be required in order to precisely map both the sphere of influence and the CURB. Due to the need for detailed survey work, the sizes of many of the affected parcels, and the City's desire to not reduce its sphere so that it is in a better position to comment on any development proposals filed with the County, no sphere of influence changes are being recommended to correct what will continue to be mapping issues affecting several large properties. At such time as development may be proposed for the affected properties, the City will be the lead agency and detailed survey work will be required, possibly including actions by both the City and the County to allow for the subdivision of land. As this occurs, and via sphere of influence amendment applications by the City, the sphere of influence can be precisely mapped and corrected by LAFCO.

As a part of the sphere of influence update for the City of Simi Valley, the Reagan Library property and seven adjoining properties are being recommended to be included in the sphere. The reason is that the City is currently providing services to the Library and to the adjoining developed parcels and is the only potential service provider for the three parcels that are undeveloped (two of which have road access and graded pads for homes). The City provides sewer service to this area directly, provides water service via Waterworks District No. 8, a dependent district governed by the City of Simi Valley City Council, and, via agreement with the County, provides police services for events at the Library. In addition, Presidential Drive, the sole access to the Library and the six adjoining residential lots, is maintained by the City, even though it is partially outside the City boundary. Detailed information about each parcel affected is shown in the following table:

Parcel No.	Owner	Size (acres)	Use
500-0-400-355	Ca Coastal Financial Funding	67.889	Open space (undeveloped)
500-0-400-365	The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation	99.980	Presidential Library
500-0-400-575	Ahmad & Kristine J Ibrahim	10.00	Single family residence
500-0-400-585	Catherine M. Clermont	10.55	Single family residence
500-0-400-555	Presidential Estates Venture LLC	10.00	Undeveloped (graded pad)
500-0-400-545	Satya N. & Suchitra Sahu Trust	10.00	Single family residence
500-0-400-535	Curtis Zubrin Trust	10.00	Undeveloped (graded pad)
500-0-400-525	Karen S. Flannery Trust	10.55	Single family residence

While these properties should be in the City's sphere of influence due to where and how services are provided, and while the City may ultimately want to annex the Library and the adjoining parcels, it should be noted that this entire area is also in the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt. This Greenbelt is a result of a joint resolution adopted in 1984 by the County of Ventura and the cities of Simi Valley, Moorpark and Thousand Oaks (Attachment 2). The Greenbelt resolution was predicated on the fact that the area in the Greenbelt was all outside the sphere of influence of any city and was difficult to serve with water, sewer and other municipal services. Even though LAFCO was not a formal party to the Greenbelt Agreement the resolution specifies that areas within Waterworks District No. 8 (a dependent district of the County in 1984) that might be served should result in a change in the sphere of influence for the City of Simi Valley, provided the area is also covered in the City of Simi Valley's General Plan.

Clearly, circumstances have changed since 1984. The development of the Reagan Library and the adjoining lots and the extension of services by Waterworks District No.

8, now controlled by the City of Simi Valley, and the provision of other services by the City, are cause for changing the sphere of influence and for a future revision of the Greenbelt Agreement. This is further bolstered by the fact that this area is now also included in the City of Simi Valley General Plan, with all the parcels designated "Open Space."

An action by LAFCO to include this area in the City's sphere of influence will not change any of the services now provided or the zoning. The area will remain subject to the County's General Plan and zoning until annexation may occur. However, the sphere update should trigger a review and amendment of the Greenbelt Agreement by all parties, as originally contemplated, and should lead to the annexation of the area into the City of Simi Valley. It should be noted, though, that current LAFCO policies require the Greenbelt Agreement be amended first before the annexation of any area in a Greenbelt.

In addition to including the Reagan Library area in the City's sphere, the update also includes a number of minor mapping changes to align the sphere with the City boundary and/or parcel lines wherever it was apparent they were intended to match.

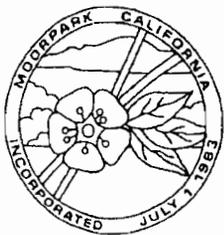
For California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) purposes, the City of Simi Valley's sphere of influence update is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. This is the "general rule" exemption, meaning that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The recommended sphere of influence accounts for areas already being served by the City, but is otherwise basically the same as the existing sphere of influence. The area being added to the sphere is designated open space in the County General Plan and is also designated open space in the City's General Plan, and the City's General Plan for open space is more restrictive than the County's. Thus, no land use changes will result from this update. The sphere update should result in a revision to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement, this Agreement is solely a statement of local policy that does not control land use, and provides for a sphere of influence change based on a change to services and the City's General Plan.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(e) it is recommended that the Commission consider and adopt written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- (1) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The sphere of influence update for the City of Simi Valley accounts for areas already being served by the City, but is otherwise basically the same as the existing sphere of influence. The area being added to the sphere is designated open space in the County General Plan and is also designated open space in the City's General Plan, and the City's General

Plan for open space is more restrictive than the County's. Thus, no land use changes will result from this update.

- (2) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – To the extent that two of the residential lots in the area to being added to the sphere of influence do not now have connections to facilities controlled by the City, such service connections will be required prior to development. No other changes in public facilities or services provided by the City will result from this sphere of influence update.
- (3) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the adequacy of the services provided by the City of Simi Valley.
- (4) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The sphere of influence update will not affect the social or economic community of interest in the area.



City of Moorpark

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: PLANNING - BUILDING AND SAFETY - CODE COMPLIANCE

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April 17, 2007

Mr. Everett Millais, Executive Officer
Ventura County LAFCo.
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1850

**Re: April 18, 2007 Agenda Item 9C
City of Simi Valley Sphere of Influence Update**

Dear Everett,

On behalf of the City of Moorpark, I am requesting that the Commission not amend the Sphere of Influence for the City of Simi Valley at this time to include the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and adjacent properties. These properties are restricted from annexation by the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement, adopted by the Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the County of Ventura. Inclusion in the Sphere of Influence is the first step toward annexation.

The City of Moorpark is concerned about the process whereby the Sphere of Influence amendment is being considered prior to a successful amendment of the Greenbelt Agreement. We request that any change to the Sphere of Influence involving land within the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt not be approved unless the Greenbelt Agreement is first amended to address such property. Please let me know if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Barry K. Hogan
Community Development Director

C: Honorable City Council
Honorable Planning Commission
Steven Kueny, City Manager
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In response to Mayor Hunter, Ms. Traffenstedt stated there were no speakers.

MOTION: Mayor Hunter moved and Councilmember Parvin seconded a motion to set and advertise public hearings before the Planning Commission on June 26, 2007 and City Council on July 18, 2007, for consideration of the development agreement, concurrent with other related entitlements. The motion carried by voice vote 4-0, Councilmember Millhouse absent.

- C. Consider Tierra Rejada Greenbelt and Proposed Sphere of Influence Update for City of Simi Valley. Staff Recommendation: 1) Prepare a letter to the Ventura County LAFCO indicating the City of Moorpark is not opposed to the inclusion of the subject property in Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence; and 2) Work with staff from the cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the County to discuss potential changes to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement for consideration by affected City Councils and Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Hogan gave the staff report.

A discussion followed among the Councilmembers and staff regarding changing the semantics of the letter to show "support of", rather than "not in opposition" to, the inclusion of the subject property in Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence; requesting a list of allowable uses for Green Belt and other open spaces in the County; consideration of future discussions to consider a possible conservation easement for the Green Belt to protect open space and wildlife linkage crossings; and the possibility of requesting a moratorium on any more changes in the Greenbelt area until all issues are resolved.

In response to Mayor Hunter, Ms. Traffenstedt stated there were no speakers.

MOTION: Councilmember Parvin moved and Councilmember Mikos seconded a motion to: 1) Prepare a letter to the Ventura County LAFCO indicating the City of Moorpark is in support of the inclusion of the subject property in Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence; and 2) Work with staff from the cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the County to discuss potential changes to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement including, but not limited to, wildlife corridors and appropriate land uses, by affected City Councils and Board of Supervisors. The motion carried by voice vote 4-0, Councilmember Millhouse absent.

- D. Consider the Second Supplement to the Moorpark College Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report. Staff Recommendation: Direct staff to send a comment letter to the Ventura County Community College District.

MINUTES OF THE EAST COUNTY CITIES JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF MOORPARK • CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS

October 10, 2007

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Presidential Learning Center
40 Presidential Drive, Simi Valley, California

AGENDA
ITEM

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by City of Simi Valley Mayor Miller

II. ROLL CALL:

A. City Council of Simi Valley Present: Mayor Paul Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Steven T. Sojka, Council Members Barbra Williamson, Glen T. Becerra, and Michelle S. Foster.

Absent: None

Staff: Mike Sedell, City Manager; David Hirsch, City Attorney; and Al Boughey, Director of Environmental Services

B. City Council of Moorpark Present: Mayor Patrick Hunter, Mayor Pro Tem Keith F. Millhouse, Council Members Roseann Mikos, Ph.D., Janice S. Parvin, and Mark Van Dam.

Absent: None

Staff: Steve Kueny, City Manager; Joseph Montes, City Attorney; and Barry Hogan, Deputy City Manager/Community Development

C. City Council of Thousand Oaks Present: Mayor Andrew P. Fox, Mayor Pro Tem Jacqui V. Irwin, Council Members Dennis C. Gillette, Claudia Bill-de la Peña and Thomas P. Glancy.

Absent: None

Staff: Scott Mitnick, City Manager; Amy Albano, City Attorney; and John Prescott, Community Development Director

AGENDA
ITEMIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Miller introduced Ventura County Supervisors Linda Parks and Peter Foy who were in attendance. He stated that Dawn Mortara and Ed Krasner had submitted speaker cards in support of the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt, but did not wish to speak.

1. Barbara Kerkhoff, Somis, CA, commended the City Councils for coordinating this meeting and their dedication to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt. She requested action be taken to strengthen the Greenbelt, and that the City of Moorpark initiate a formal agreement with the County of Ventura for a Las Posas Valley Greenbelt, and distributed handouts for the City Council Members (Exhibit A).
2. John F. Kerkhoff, Somis, CA, stated the strongest regulations should be enacted to protect open space and agriculture.

Mayor Miller requested that Simi Valley City Manager Sedell give a brief overview of the purpose of this meeting. City Manager Sedell stated that the goal of the meeting was to provide a learning process so when individual Councils discuss the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt, all cities would have the same background information.

IV. PRESENTATION ON RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Kirby Hansen, Special Project Consultant, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, reported on the educational opportunities that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library offers.

Ms. Hansen stated that the Annenberg Foundation granted the Library 10 million dollars to create the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center to promote civic responsibility through civility and respect in politics and government. The program will teach students from K – 12 through college on the importance of participating in the democratic process and working together.

Ms. Hansen informed the audience of upcoming events being held at the Library, including lectures, exhibits, holiday programs, an upcoming Republican Presidential Debate, and plans being formulated to celebrate Ronald Reagan's Centennial birthday in February 2011.

Mayor Miller thanked Ms. Hansen for the presentation, and the report was received and filed.

AGENDA
ITEMV. PRESENTATION ON TIERRA REJADA VALLEY GREENBELT

Chris Stephens, Director, Ventura County Resource Management Agency, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt's status and current activities (Exhibit B). He discussed adoption, boundaries, and purpose, and stated that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) endorsed the Greenbelt Agreement.

Mr. Stephens reviewed the permitted land uses for open space and agricultural zoning designations in the County. Further, he discussed the proposed annexation of the Presidential Library and adjacent parcels to the City of Simi Valley. He stated the tasks needed to be accomplished by the City of Simi Valley prior to LAFCO's approval of the annexation.

Mayor Miller requested questions from the City Council Members. Discussion ensued regarding: details of the prior approved County advisory Measure A; permitted uses and facilities in the Greenbelt; the County code enforcement process; the compatibility of the illumination approved for the driving range project with the concept of open space and protection of wildlife corridors, and the term of that project's conditional use permit; the County's position on a letter from the City of Moorpark requesting the County consider adopting a more restrictive open space land use designation and zoning within the Greenbelt; other projects that are anticipated to come forward in the Greenbelt; the notification and comment process for discretionary permits; the need for better communication between cities on sphere amendment and annexation proposals; if a Countywide vote of the people is required to amend the County SOAR ordinance; whether the County has a ridgeline protection ordinance; the suggestion that the Cities consider annexing the Greenbelt to better control development; disappointment with County control of the Greenbelt area; the process to be followed to work with the County on strengthening the Greenbelt; the difference between the Santa Paula and the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt agreements, and the recent implementation of fines and a priority system for the County code enforcement program.

City Manager Sedell reviewed the annexation process for the Presidential Library and adjacent properties. He mentioned that LAFCO recommended and approved a Sphere of Influence change, and the Simi Valley City Council supported proceeding with an annexation process. He reported the process would include: outreach to the property owners; a Greenbelt Agreement amendment among the Cities; environmental review and application filed with a pre-zoning map; review from both the Simi Valley Planning Commission and City Council; an application to be filed with LAFCO; a

**AGENDA
ITEM**

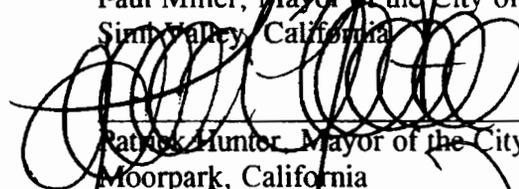
public review process; a vote of the property owners in the annexed area; and filing with the State Board of Equalization. City Manager Sedell stated that the open space zoning for the annexation area would be retained.

There being no further questions, the report was received and filed.

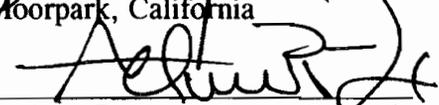
VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned through acclamation.



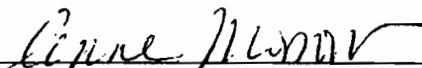
Paul Miller, Mayor of the City of
Simi Valley, California



Patrick Hunter, Mayor of the City of
Moorpark, California



Andrew P. Fox, Mayor of the City of
Thousand Oaks, California



Anne Morrow, Deputy Director/City
Clerk of the City of Simi Valley, California

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT Status and Current Activities

Presentation to the

*East County Cities Joint Council Meeting
Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
October 10, 2007*

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

- ◆ Initially Adopted in 1982.
- ◆ Current Resolution Adopted in 1984.
- ◆ Boundaries of the Greenbelt Area have remained constant since 1984.

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

The Purpose:

Retain the Greenbelt Area "in agricultural and other open space uses for the overall best interests of the cities, the County and the State."

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

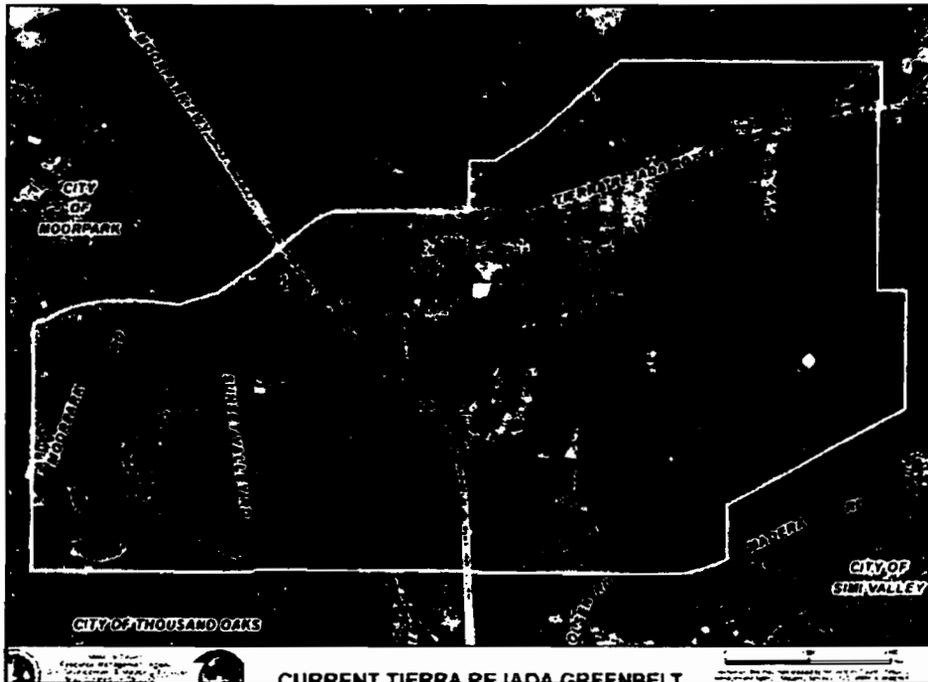
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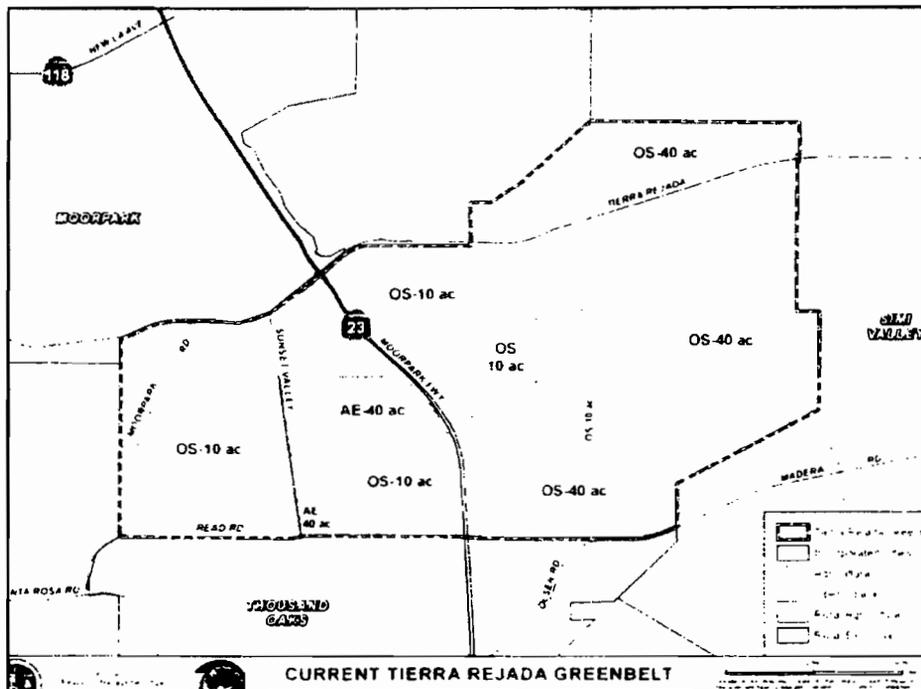
Establishment of "a policy of non-annexation and retention of open space uses for the properties in the Tierra Rejada Valley."

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

Further Action:

A request that the Local Agency Formation Commission "endorse the Greenbelt" and "continue to act in a manner consistent with the preservation of the lands for agricultural and other open space uses."





TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

- ◆ Includes 2,490 Acres of land designated as Open Space in the County General Plan.
- ◆ Current Zoning:
 1. Open Space -10 ac = 1,131 Acres.
 2. Open Space -40 ac = 1,251 Acres.
 3. Agricultural Exclusive = 108 Acres.

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

Current Permitted Land Uses/Activities:

- ◆ Reagan Presidential Library
- ◆ Single Family Homes/Second Dwellings
- ◆ Agriculture/Wholesale Nurseries
- ◆ Equestrian/Horse Boarding
- ◆ Driving Range
- ◆ Agricultural Promotional Activities

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

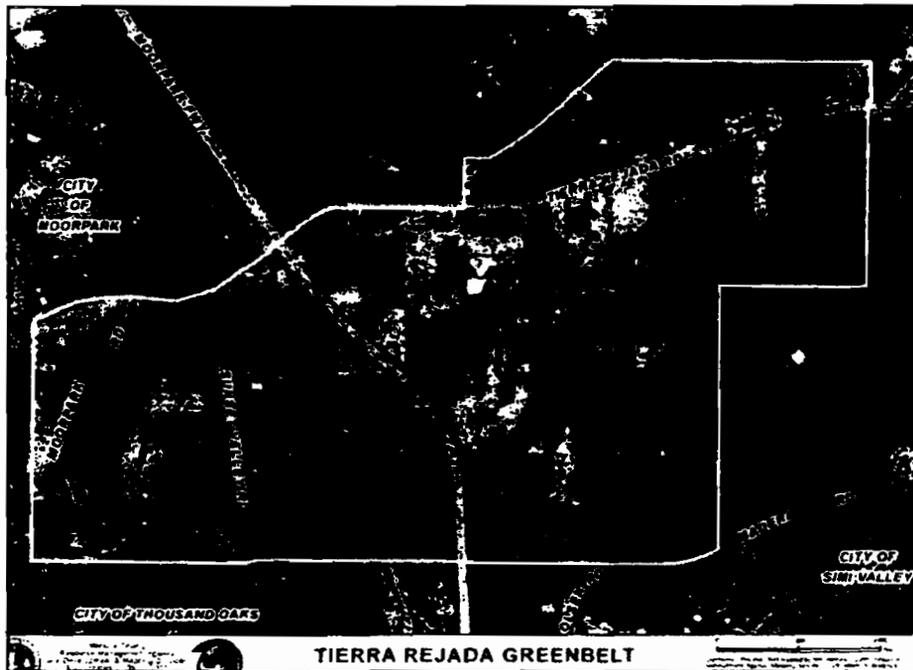
LAFCO recently approved a revised Sphere of Influence for the City of Simi Valley.

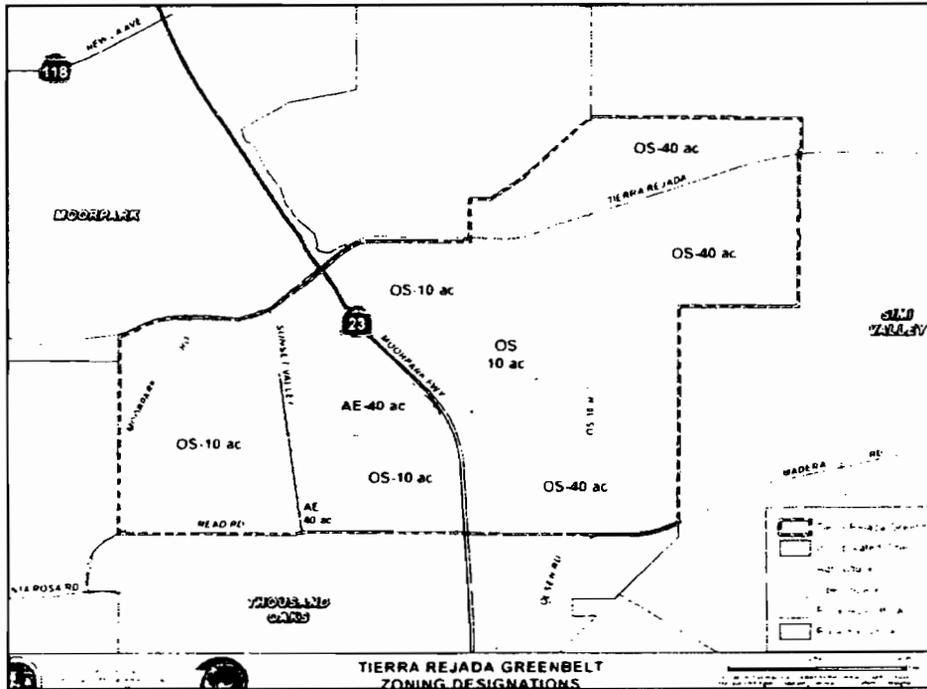
LAFCO policy requires the City of Simi Valley work to revise the Greenbelt Agreement prior to its approval of the final annexation.

TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

Proposed Annexation to the City of
Simi Valley:

- ◆ Reagan Presidential Library and adjacent parcels.
- ◆ Approximately 230 Acres of Land.





TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

Post-Annexation

- ◆ Includes 2,302 Acres of land designated as Open Space in the County General Plan.
- ◆ Zoning:
 1. Open Space - 10 ac = 1,131 Acres.
 2. Open Space - 40 ac = 1,021 Acres.
 3. Agricultural Exclusive = 108 Acres.

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: David A. Bobardt, Planning Director 

DATE: August 18, 2009 (CC Meeting of 9/2/2009)

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement by Removing 228.96 Acres from the Greenbelt, Including the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, on the Request of the City of Simi Valley

BACKGROUND

On July 3, 2009, the Community Development Department received a request from the City of Simi Valley to amend the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement by removing 228.96 acres in the City of Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence from the greenbelt, including the 99.98 acre Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and seven other properties. No other property in the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt is in Simi Valley's Sphere of Influence or Area of Interest. Exhibits showing the area proposed for removal from the greenbelt are included with the attached draft Resolution. The request has been made to allow the City of Simi Valley to annex this property. An amendment to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement is required before the Ventura County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) would consider the annexation; it requires approval by the Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks, as well as the County of Ventura.

DISCUSSION

The Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement, as adopted in 1984 by the Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks and the County of Ventura calls for a policy of non-annexation and retention of open space uses in a defined area of approximately 2,650 acres between the three cities. The area proposed for removal by the City of Simi Valley includes the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, four homes on ten-acre lots, two vacant graded ten-acre lots and one 67.88 acre undeveloped lot. This area currently receives water and sewer service from Simi Valley. Proposed annexation of this

property by Simi Valley was presented to the Councils of the three cities at a joint meeting on October 10, 2007 as an information item.

Simi Valley staff is proposing Open Space (OS) pre-zoning for the property, similar to current zoning under the County, with 10-acre minimum lot sizes for the six residential lots and 40-acre minimum lot sizes for the library and adjacent 67.88 acre undeveloped lot. Pre-zoning sets the zoning that would take effect upon annexation. This zoning would preclude further subdivision of all land except the library site, which is not likely to be subdivided in the future. On August 5, 2009, the Simi Valley Planning Commission recommended to their City Council approval of the pre-zoning and application request for annexation. A Negative Declaration was prepared for the pre-zoning and annexation by Simi Valley staff.

Removal of the area from the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt would not result in a change in land use or land use regulations on the property and it would not affect the integrity of the rest of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt. The remainder of the greenbelt would be entirely within Moorpark's Area of Interest, giving Moorpark notice and opportunity to consult with the County on all discretionary development proposed in the greenbelt area.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed removal of the property from the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt would not result in any physical change to the environment as the land uses and land use regulations for the property would not be affected. The City of Simi Valley is currently providing water and sewer service to the properties and this would not change. Therefore, this action is exempt from environmental review under the general rule that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to projects where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2009-____, approving an amendment to the boundary of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No. 2009-_____.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT AGREEMENT BY REMOVING 228.96 ACRES FROM THE GREENBELT, INCLUDING THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, ON THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

WHEREAS, a greenbelt can be defined as an area consisting of prime agricultural or other open space land, as defined in Section 35046 and 65560 of the Government Code, which is preserved in agricultural or other open space uses;

WHEREAS, the cities of Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, and Simi Valley and the County of Ventura have adopted a joint resolution which has established a greenbelt within the Tierra Rejada Valley for agricultural and open space uses and that area is excluded from all City spheres of influence;

WHEREAS, the greenbelt established for the Tierra Rejada Valley is generally described as the area lying in the Tierra Rejada Valley west of the City of Simi Valley, north of the City of Thousand Oaks, and south of the City of Moorpark, and within the County of Ventura as shown on Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Simi Valley City Council intends to request approval from the Local Agency Formation Commission of Ventura County to annex territory within the greenbelt for the purpose of providing urban services to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and adjoining properties as shown on Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the policies of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Ventura County do not allow for approval of an annexation proposal from a city that is in conflict with any greenbelt agreement except under exceptional circumstances and encourages that greenbelt agreements be amended by all parties involved prior to the filing of any proposal that may be in conflict with agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the amendment to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt will not result in a change of land use for the subject site; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the Planning Director's determination that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK,
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the amendment to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt map as shown on Exhibit B will not result in a change of land use for the subject site as described in the proposed Simi Valley Zone Change Z-S-643. Simi Valley Zone Change Z-S-643 is proposed to pre-zone the subject parcels so that the zoning designation, density, and lot sizes will remain the same as under the current zoning designations of the County of Ventura. The pre-zone designations are depicted on Exhibit C.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that the amendment to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt as shown on Exhibit B reflects the revised boundary of the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt.

SECTION 3. The City requests that the Local Agency Formation Commission endorse the Greenbelt as shown on Exhibit B and to continue to act in a manner consistent with the preservation of the aforementioned lands for agricultural and other open space purposes.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 2009.

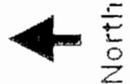
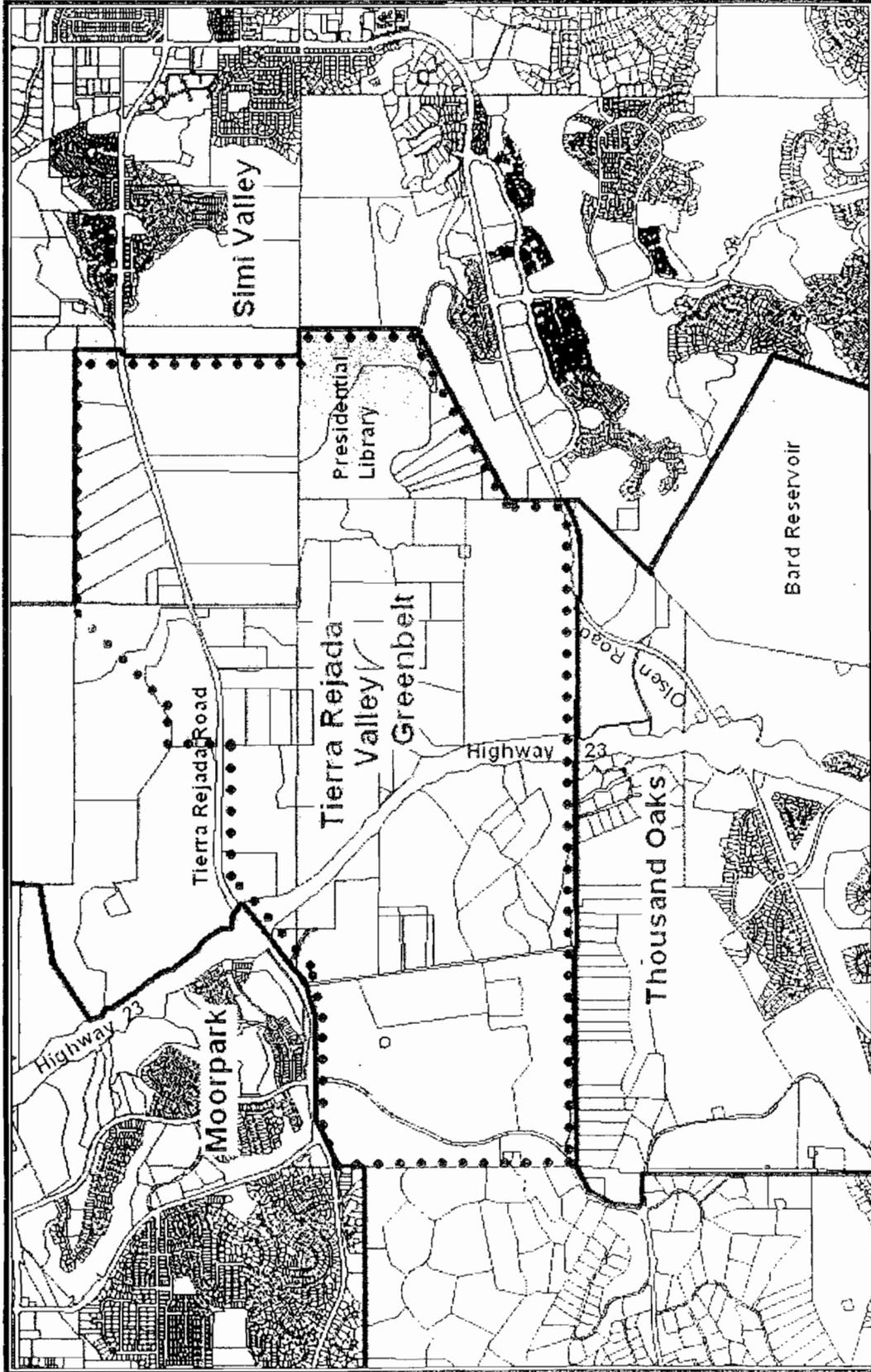
Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk

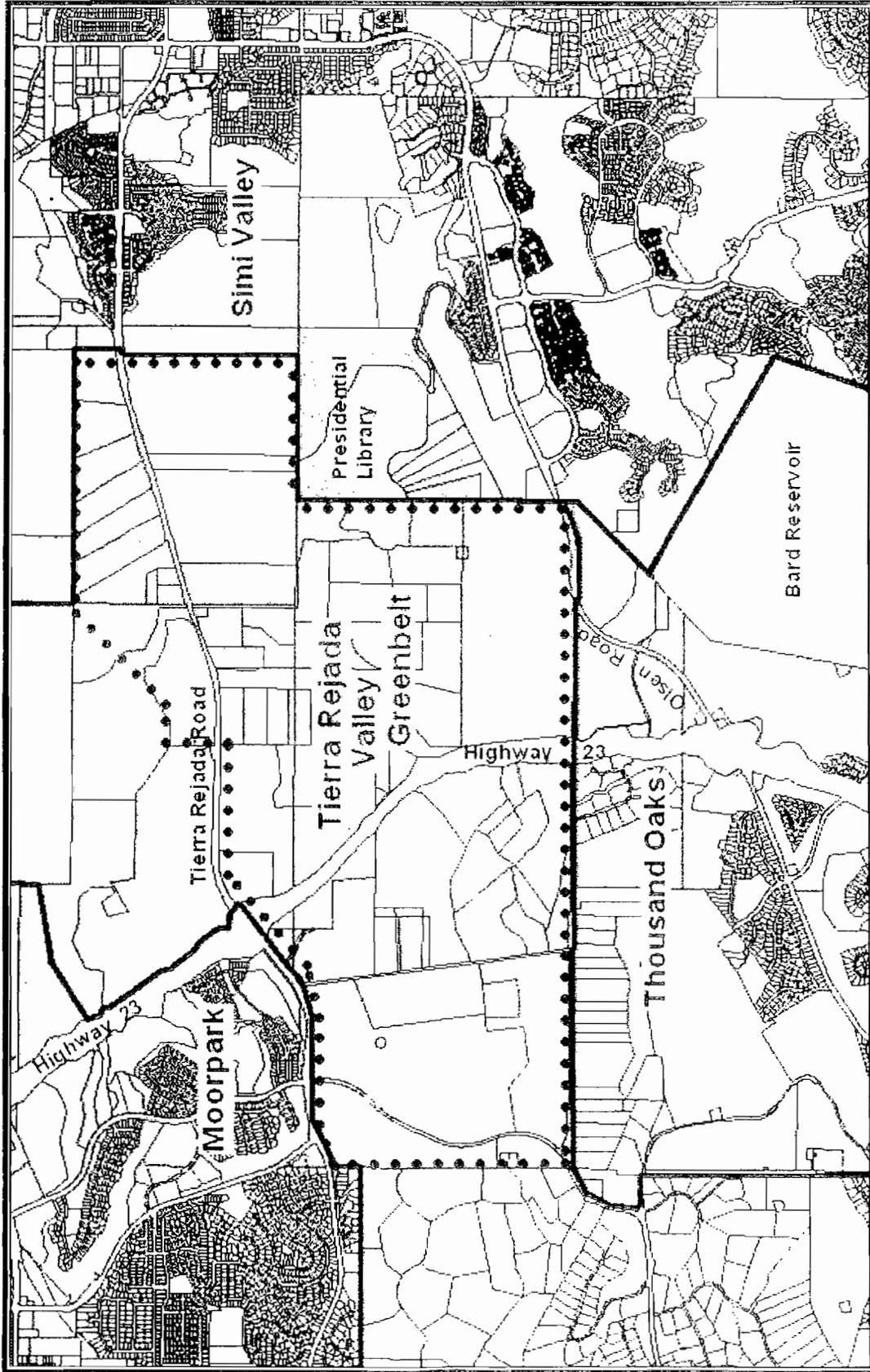
Exhibit A: Tierra Rejada Greenbelt (Existing)
Exhibit B: Tierra Rejada Greenbelt (Amended)
Exhibit C: Proposed Zoning

Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt (Existing)

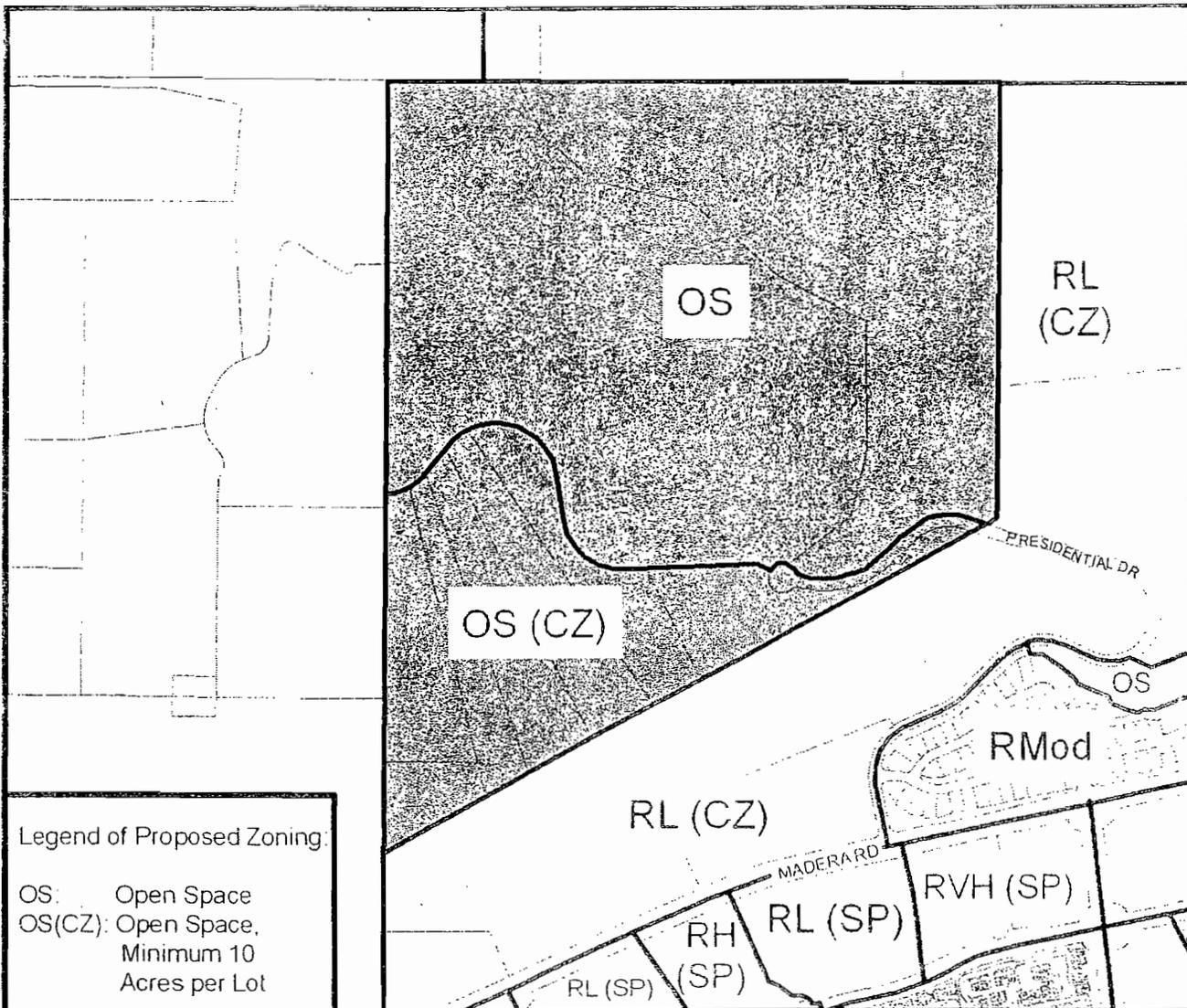


1 Mile

Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt (Amended)



1 Mile



Legend of Proposed Zoning:

OS: Open Space
 OS(CZ): Open Space, Minimum 10 Acres per Lot

Reagan Library Reorganization

APNs:
 500-0-400-35 through -36
 500-0-400-52 through -57





City of Moorpark

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California 93021 (805) 517-6212 fax (805) 532-2528

September 14, 2009

Mike Sedell, City Manager
City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Re: Amendment to Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement

Dear Mr. Sedell:

As recently discussed, the Moorpark City Council on September 2, 2009 considered and continued the referenced matter. The Council's specific action is as follows:

The item is continued off calendar; directed staff to schedule a future agenda item for Council discussion of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement; directed staff to contact the cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks to request they agendaize the Greenbelt for discussion; and directed staff to then set up a joint meeting with the three cities to discuss strengthening the Greenbelt Agreement.

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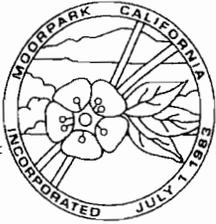
Please let me know if further clarification is needed on the Moorpark City Council's September 2, 2009 action.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Steven Kueny
City Manager

c: Honorable City Council
David Bobardt, Planning Director



City of Moorpark

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California 93021 (805) 517-6212 fax (805) 532-2528

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City of Thousand Oaks
2100 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

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Sincerely,

Steven Kueny
City Manager

c: Honorable City Council
David Bobardt, Planning Director



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

Home of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

September 23, 2009

Mr. Steve Kueny, City Manager
City of Moorpark
799 Moorpark Ave.
Moorpark, CA 93021

Dear Steve:

Subsequent to receipt of your letter of September 14, and our phone conversation with Scott Mitnick, I discussed with our Mayor the Moorpark City Council's concern regarding the Simi Valley sphere of influence detachment from the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt. While our City Council recognizes the concerns of some of your Council Members over the protection of the Greenbelt area, our City Council believes that they have provided every assurance possible that all of the territory being detached will have (once annexed into Simi Valley) as much, if not greater, legal protection than if it remained as a part of the existing Greenbelt in the County.

Our City Council has been discussing this annexation for over two years and our Council Members were under the clear impression that both the Thousand Oaks and Moorpark City Councils had been satisfied through previous discussions that there is absolutely no intention to change any existing land uses in the annexed (detachment) area. This was further highlighted this past week in the City Council's discussion and action when they unanimously approved the annexation application and pre-zoned the area to exactly duplicate the County zoning.

While I do not need to restate all of what has been communicated in the past, this proposed annexation is solely intended to reflect logical jurisdictional boundaries (according to LAFCO guidelines), and to embrace the vast majority of services to the area that are already being provided by our City (i.e. sewer, water, traffic, and emergency police services). It is also in our Sphere of Influence, a recent LAFCO action that all of our City Councils were aware of, which was recognized at the time as a precursor to annexation.

In recognition of your Council's concern, we would suggest that the three City Managers get together within the next two weeks with our respective Mayors to discuss any concerns that may still exist regarding this annexation/detachment. We would also respectfully request that your City Council place this back on your agenda at your earliest convenience after our Mayors meet, in order that LAFCO may consider the item at their November meeting (which is their last meeting this year).

Mr. Steve Kueny
September 23, 2009
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I am hopeful that this proposal will serve to resolve any remaining concerns that Members of your City Council may have, and that we can continue the great relationships that our East County Cities have developed over the past decade. Thank you in advance for an expeditious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mike Sedell
City Manager

cc: City Council
City Attorney
City of Thousand Oaks



City of Thousand Oaks

SCOTT MITNICK
CITY MANAGER

September 24, 2009

Mr. Steven Kueny, City Manager
City of Moorpark
799 Moorpark Avenue
Moorpark, CA 93021

Re: Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement

Dear Steve:

Thank you for the attached letter of September 14, 2009 which conveyed Moorpark City Council's action on September 2, 2009 with respect to City of Simi Valley's proposed revision to the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement and related interest in annexing the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and surrounding seven parcels. The City of Thousand Oaks now has a better understanding of Moorpark's concerns and interests.

As a reminder, on June 12, 2007, Thousand Oaks City Council expressed its support for Simi Valley's proposal to remove these parcels from the existing Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement. By extension, Thousand Oaks City Council expressed its willingness to support the future annexation of these parcels into City of Simi Valley. At the same time, however, Thousand Oaks City Council did express a strong desire to make sure that the remaining Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement is strengthened.

On October 13, 2009, staff will provide an update to City Council on this matter. City Council will be asked to formally act on Simi Valley's proposal to amend the existing Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement.

In recognition of the Moorpark City Council's concerns articulated on September 2, 2009, City of Thousand Oaks will gladly participate in the upcoming September 30, 2009 meeting among the three Mayors and City Managers from Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks to discuss any remaining concerns/issues associated with this subject matter.

The City of Thousand Oaks looks forward to continued cooperation among all three East County cities on this and other issues of mutual interest.

Sincerely,


Scott Mitnick
City Manager

Attachment

c: City Council
City Attorney
Mike Sedell, Simi Valley City Manager

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Executive Summary - I.
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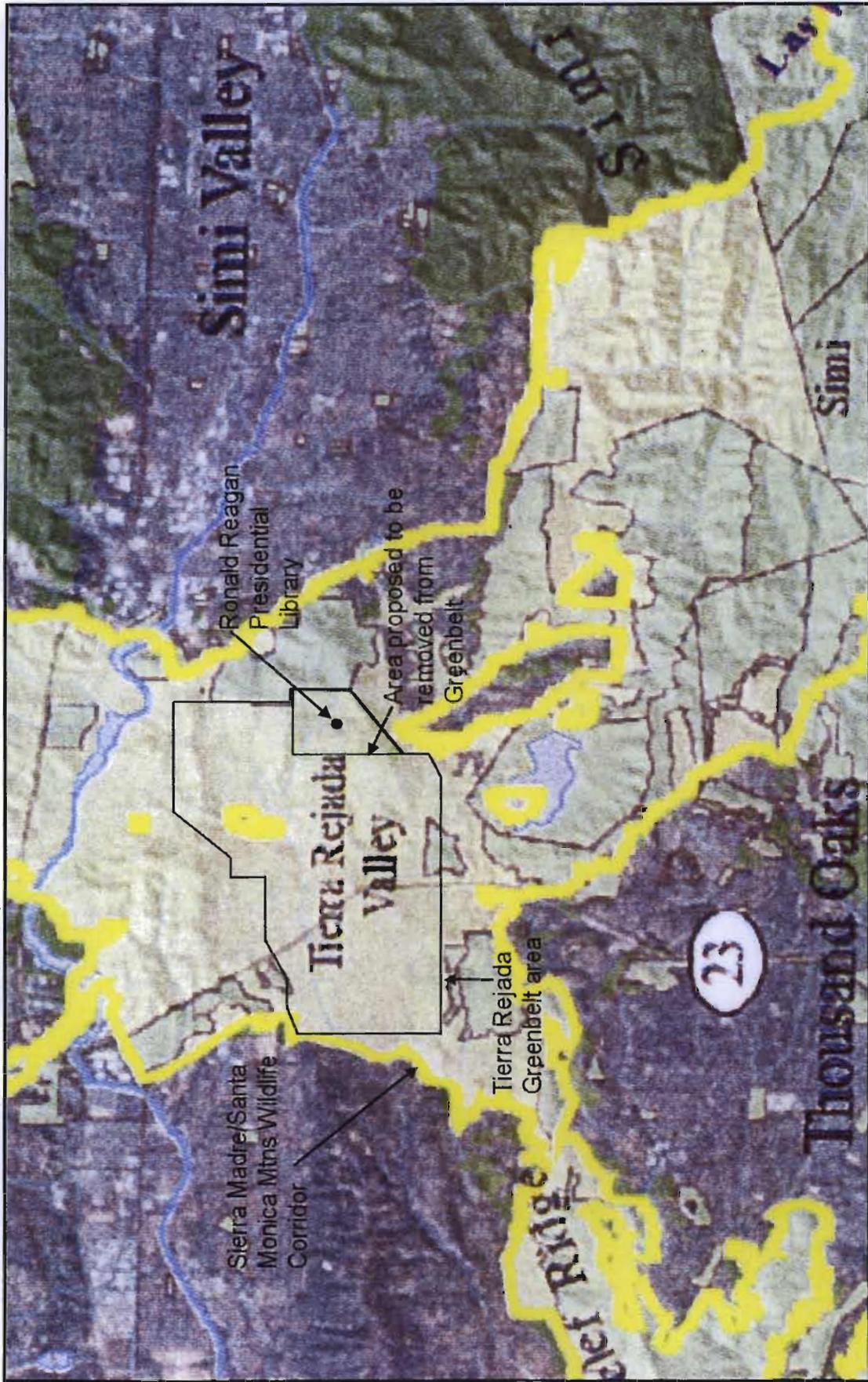
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- Important Habitat Areas
- Hydrography
- Lakes & Reservoirs
- County Boundary
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CURRENT TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

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October 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Annexation Request from City of Simi Valley

Mayor Janice Parvin
799 Moorpark Avenue
Moorpark CA 93021

Dear Mayor Parvin,

SOAR asks that your Council consider the intent of the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement which calls for the preservation of open space and agricultural lands in the Tierra Rejada Valley. The benefits of preserving these lands include establishing boundaries to stop sprawl, having cities that are distinct and separate from each other, protecting wildlife and natural habitat, and enhancing our quality of life by providing a respite from urbanization.

The request by the City of Simi Valley to annex the Reagan Presidential Library and the six adjoining residential lots is justified in part by the fact that the City of Simi Valley already provides urban services to the developed properties. These services pre-date the implementation of SOAR and the City Urban Boundary Restriction (CURB) line. However, the 68-acre parcel to the east of the Reagan Library which is also part of the annexation request does not receive water or sewer service from the City of Simi Valley.

This 68-acre parcel remains undeveloped open space and is part of, and consistent with, the adjoining open space lands the Greenbelt Agreement is intended to protect from urbanization. We also understand that this parcel, unlike the others being requested for annexation, would require a vote of the people to extend urban services, in accordance with the CURB requirements of SOAR.

While the City of Simi Valley indicates they would continue the Open Space zoning on the 68-acre parcel if it were to be annexed into the City, State law indicates that annexations are to be done for purposes of development. If the City has no development purposes for this land, there is no need for the City to incorporate it into its city boundaries.

It is SOAR's position that this 68-acre parcel should not be annexed into the City of Simi Valley. We believe the intent of the greenbelt protection is to protect open space and agricultural land in the Tierra Rejada Valley from being annexed into cities and developed. We believe the Greenbelt Agreement, which calls for this parcel to remain in the unincorporated county,

C: ACC/CM/PD/File 1

CC ATTACHMENT 2

Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Annexation Request from City of Simi
October 7, 2009
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should outweigh the policy consideration of LAFCo that calls for logical boundaries that are straight lines instead of meandering. While this policy has merit, it should not prevail over the more important goal of preservation of the open space land in the greenbelt.

We believe the City of Simi Valley is amenable to our proposal to only annex the Presidential Library and the six adjoining residential lots, and to keep the 68-acre open space parcel in the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt.

We encourage the City of Moorpark to continue your City's efforts to work with the East County cities and the County of Ventura to strengthen the Tierra Rejada Greenbelt Agreement, and we request that you consider our proposal regarding the City of Simi Valley's annexation request.

Sincerely,



Karen Schmidt
Executive Director

cc: Mike Sedell, Simi Valley City Manager
Scott Mitnick, Thousand Oaks City Manager

COUNTY OF VENTURA

S.O.A.R.

**Measure 'B'
Ordinance**

To the Honorable Registrar of Voters of the County of Ventura: We, the undersigned, registered and qualified voters of the County of Ventura hereby propose an initiative measure to amend the Ventura County General Plan. We petition you to submit this measure to the Board of Supervisors for adoption without change, or for submission of the measure to the voters of the County of Ventura at a general or special election. The measure provides as follows:

COUNTY OF VENTURA MEASURE
SAVE OPEN-SPACE and AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES
~~*INITIATIVE~~
FULL TEXT OF ORDINANCE

The people of the County of Ventura do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

- A. In concert with the currently existing Ventura County General Plan, adopted May 24, 1988, and as amended through September 16, 1997, we believe that the protection of existing agricultural, open space and rural lands is of critical importance to present and future residents of the County of Ventura.
- B. Agriculture has been and remains the major contributor to the economy of the County of Ventura, directly and indirectly creating employment for many people, creating enormous actual income which multiplies through the community and generating substantial tax revenues for the County.

Specifically, the General Plan provides as follows:

“Agriculture plays an important role in the National, State, and County economy. Ventura County is one of the principal agricultural counties in the State ranking tenth in 1987, with a total income of over 610 million dollars and ranking seventeenth in farm earnings out of 3,175 counties nationally. This high productivity is made possible by the County’s abundance of the natural resources required for agricultural production; primarily soils, water, climate and topography.”
[General Plan, ¶1.6, page 20].

- C. More recent data confirms the importance of agriculture to the County of Ventura. Ventura County is one of the principal agricultural counties in the State ranking eleventh in 1996 with a total income of over 851 million dollars and ranking fourteenth in farm earnings out of 3,175 counties

nationally.

- D. The County of Ventura with its unique combination of soils, micro-climate and hydrology, has become one of the finest growing regions in the world. Vegetable and fruit production from the County of Ventura and, in particular, production from the soils and silt from the Santa Clara and Ventura rivers have achieved international acclaim, enhancing the County's economy and reputation and standard of living.
- E. Open space likewise contributes to the welfare of the County, as recognized in Section 3.2 of the General Plan, not only through the productive use of the land for grazing and other non-irrigated usage, such as forest lands, rangelands, and agricultural lands not designated Agricultural, but through the preservation of unique natural resources including, but not limited to, areas required for the preservation of plant and animal life, habitat for fish and wildlife, areas required for ecologic and other scientific study purposes, rivers, bays estuaries, coastal beaches, lakeshores, banks of rivers and streams and watershed lands. Open space contributes to the public health and safety additionally by setting aside from development those lands which require special management or regulation because of hazardous or special conditions such as earthquake fault zones, unstable soil areas, flood plains, watersheds, areas presenting high fire risks, areas required for the protection of water quality, and water reservoirs and areas required for the protection and enhancement or air quality. Open space promotes the formation and continuation of cohesive communities by defining the boundaries and by helping to prevent urban sprawl. Open space promotes efficient municipal services and facilities by confining urban development to defined development areas.
- F. As importantly, the Rural designation under the General Plan serves not only to buffer intense urban usage from agricultural and open space lands, but it fosters small scale agricultural production while allowing for low-density and low intensity land uses and is a critical component in accommodating the full range of residential environments.
- G. Urban encroachment into Agricultural, Open Space and Rural designated areas will impair agriculture and threaten the public health, safety and welfare by causing increased traffic congestion, associated air pollution, and potentially serious water problems, such as pollution, depletion, and sedimentation of available water resources. Such urban encroachment would eventually result in the unnecessary and expensive extension of public services and facilities as well as inevitable conflicts between urban and open space and agricultural uses.

- H. The unique character of the County of Ventura and quality of life of County residents depend on the protection of a substantial amount of open space lands. The protection of such lands not only ensures the continued viability of agriculture, but also protects the available water supply and contributes to flood control and the protection of wildlife, environmentally sensitive areas, and irreplaceable natural resources.
- I. The purpose of this initiative* is to ensure that Agricultural, Open Space and Rural lands are not prematurely or unnecessarily converted to other more intensive development uses. Accordingly, this initiative* ensures that until December 31, 2020, the general plan provisions governing Agricultural, Open Space and Rural land use designations, as amended herein, may not be changed except by vote of the people. In addition, the initiative* provides, subject to limited exceptions, that any lands designated as Agricultural, Open Space or Rural on the County of Ventura's General Plan "General Land Use Maps" (North Half and South Half) adopted by the Board of Supervisors May 24, 1988 as revised through September 16, 1997 will remain so designated at least until December 31, 2020, unless, prior to December 31, 2020, the land is redesignated to another land use category by vote of the people, or redesignated by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Ventura pursuant to the procedures set forth in this initiative*.
- J. With limited exceptions, this initiative* allows the Board of Supervisors to redesignate Agricultural, Open Space and Rural lands only if certain findings can be made, including, among other things, that the land is proven to be unsuitable for any form of utilitarian use, and redesignation is necessary to avoid an unconstitutional taking of property without just compensation.

Section 2. General Plan Amendment.

- A. The Save Open-space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) Initiative** hereby reaffirms and readopts the Agricultural, Open Space and Rural designations and the goals and policies as they specifically apply to said designations set forth at Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Ventura County General Plan, "Goals, Policies and Programs," adopted May 24, 1988, and as amended through September 16, 1997.
- B. In addition, this initiative* General Plan Amendment hereby reaffirms and readopts the Agricultural, Open Space and Rural designations of the County of Ventura General Plan as reflected on the "General Land Use

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Maps" (South Half of County and North Half of County) adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 1988, and as revised through September 16, 1997 which maps are referenced in the "Introduction" section describing the "Form and Content" of the document entitled "Ventura County General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs" adopted May 24, 1988, and as amended through September 16, 1997. Said Maps are incorporated herein by reference.

- C. The text of the Ventura County General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs adopted May 24, 1988, as amended through September 16, 1997, shall be amended to add to the Introduction portion at the end of the provisions entitled "General Plan Amendments", at page 7, a new subsection which provides:

LIMITATIONS ON GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL, OPEN SPACE AND RURAL DESIGNATIONS.

Pursuant to the provisions of the SAVE OPEN-SPACE and AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES (S.O.A.R.)-INITIATIVE^{*} the following shall obtain until December 31, 2020:

- a) The provisions setting forth the Agricultural, Open Space and Rural land use designations, and the goals and policies as they specifically apply to those land use designations in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this General Plan shall not be further amended unless such amendment is approved by vote of the people or by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the procedures set forth herein.
- b) Those lands designated as Agricultural, Open Space or Rural on the "General Land Use Maps" adopted by the Board of Supervisors for Ventura County on May 24, 1988, and amended through September 16, 1997 shall remain so designated unless redesignated to another general plan land use category by vote of the people, or redesignated by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the procedures set forth herein.
- c) The Board of Supervisors, following at least one public hearing for presentations by an applicant and the public, and after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, may place any amendment to land use designations of Agricultural, Open Space or Rural, or any provision, goal or policy as set forth in subsection "a", above, on the ballot pursuant to the mechanisms provided by State Law.
- d) The Board of Supervisors without a vote of the people may reorganize,

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reorder, or renumber individual provisions of the General Plan, as well as the provisions herein, in the course of ongoing updates of the General Plan in accordance with the requirements of state law. Additional technical, non-substantive language modifications may be made to the General Plan with reference to Agricultural, Open Space or Rural designations for clarification and internal consistency provided such modifications are consistent with the Findings and Purpose of the initiative^{*} creating these provisions.

- e) The Board of Supervisors, without a vote of the people, may redesignate Rural designated properties to either Agricultural or Open Space, or may redesignate Open Space to Agriculture pursuant to the provisions for making such amendments set forth in state law and Board adopted policies.
- f) The Board of Supervisors, without a vote of the people, may redesignate Agricultural designated properties to Open Space if the Board of Supervisors makes all of the following findings supported by substantial evidence:
 - i) The land proposed for redesignation has not been used for agricultural purposes in the past 2 years and is unusable for agriculture due to its topography, drainage, flooding, adverse soil conditions or other physical reasons;
 - ii) The land proposed for redesignation is immediately adjacent to areas developed in a manner compatible with the uses allowed under Open Space;
 - iii) Adequate public services and facilities are available and have the capacity and capability to accommodate the Open Space uses allowed;
 - iv) The proposed redesignation is compatible with agricultural uses, does not interfere with accepted agricultural practices, and does not adversely affect the stability of land use patterns in the area; and
 - v) The land proposed for redesignation does not exceed 40 acres for any one landowner in any calendar year, and one landowner may not obtain redesignation pursuant to this subdivision (f) more often than every other year. Landowners with any unity of interest are considered one landowner for purposes of this limitation.
- g) The Board of Supervisors, without a vote of the people, may redesignate

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Agricultural, Open Space or Rural properties provided the Board complies with the following two conditions:

- i) The Board makes a finding based upon the advice of the County Counsel that the designation of the property effects an unconstitutional taking of the landowners' property; and
 - ii) In permitting the redesignation, the Board allows a less restrictive designation to be applied to the property only to the extent necessary to avoid the unconstitutional taking of the landowner's property.
- h) The Board of Supervisors, without a vote of the people, may amend the provisions of the General Plan which apply to the Agricultural, Open Space or Rural designations, as set forth in subsection "a", above, for the express purpose of further protecting and preserving resources identified in the General Plan, provided that said amendment(s) are consistent with the Findings and Purpose of the initiative* adopting these provisions of the General Plan.
- i) In recognition of the urban nature of the Piru community and to provide essential flexibility to the Board of Supervisors to address the special needs of that community, the Board of Supervisors, without a vote of the people, may amend the land use designations on the General Land Use Map, as set forth in subsection "b", above, for land located within the Piru Redevelopment Area or land described by the following Assessor Parcel Numbers.

056-0-180-01	056-0-180-08
056-0-180-02	056-0-190-05
056-0-180-06	056-0-190-06
056-0-180-07	056-0-190-09

The total land represented by this subsection "i" is set forth on Exhibit "A"

- j) The Board of Supervisors, without a vote of the people, may amend the land use designations on the General Land Use Map, as set forth in subsection "b", above, to any Existing Community designation for land which, prior to the effective date of the initiative* setting forth these provisions, is found to contain lawfully established urban building intensities or urban land uses, to the minimum extent necessary to validate such pre-existing uses consistent with the Findings and Purpose of the

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initiative* adopting these provisions of the General Plan.

- k) Following December 31, 2020, redesignations of then existing General Plan designations may be occasioned by the Board of Supervisors without a vote of the people. Until then, approval by a vote of the people is accomplished when a General Plan amendment is placed on the ballot through any procedure provided for in the Election Code, and a majority of the voters vote in favor of it. Whenever the Board of Supervisors adopts an amendment requiring approval by a vote of the people pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the Board's action shall have no effect until after such a vote is held and a majority of the voters vote in favor of it.

Section 3. Implementation.

- A. Upon the effective date of this initiative*, the General Plan Amendment shall be deemed inserted in the Ventura County General Plan, Goals, Policies and Programs document as an amendment thereof; except, that if the four amendments of the mandatory elements of the general plan permitted by state law for any given calendar year have already been utilized in 1998, prior to the effective date of this initiative*, this General Plan amendment shall be deemed inserted in the County General Plan on the first day of January of the following calendar year.
- B. The provisions of this General Plan Amendment shall prevail over any revisions to the County of Ventura's General Plan as amended through September 16, 1997, which conflict with the initiative*. Upon the adoption date all General Plan amendments, rezonings, specific plans, tentative or final subdivision maps, parcel maps, conditional use permits, building permits or other ministerial or discretionary entitlements for use not yet approved or issued shall not be approved or issued unless consistent with the policies and provisions of this General Plan Amendment initiative*. Other than for the exceptions provided herein, upon the effective date of this General Plan Amendment initiative*, the County and its departments, boards, commissions, officers and employees shall not grant, or by inaction allow to be approved by operation of law, any general plan amendment, rezoning, specific plan, subdivision map, conditional use permit, building permit or any other ministerial or discretionary entitlement, which is inconsistent with the purposes of this General Plan Amendment initiative* unless in accordance with the provisions of this General Plan Amendment initiative*.

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Section 4. Exemptions for Certain Projects.

This General Plan Amendment shall not apply to or affect any development project that has obtained as of the effective date of the General Plan Amendment a contractually vested right or vested right pursuant to state or local law.

Section 5. Severability.

This measure shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion of this measure is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this measure. The voters hereby declare that this measure, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof would have been adopted or passed even if one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts, or portions are declared invalid or unconstitutional. If any provision of this initiative* is declared invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity shall not affect any application of this measure that can be given effect without the invalid application. This initiative* shall be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this initiative*. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this measure shall be interpreted by the County and others in a manner that facilitates the confinement of urban uses thereby protecting agricultural, open space and rural lands, and preventing urban sprawl.

Section 6. Amendment or Repeal.

Until December 31, 2020, this General Plan Amendment initiative* may be amended or repealed only by the voters at a general election.

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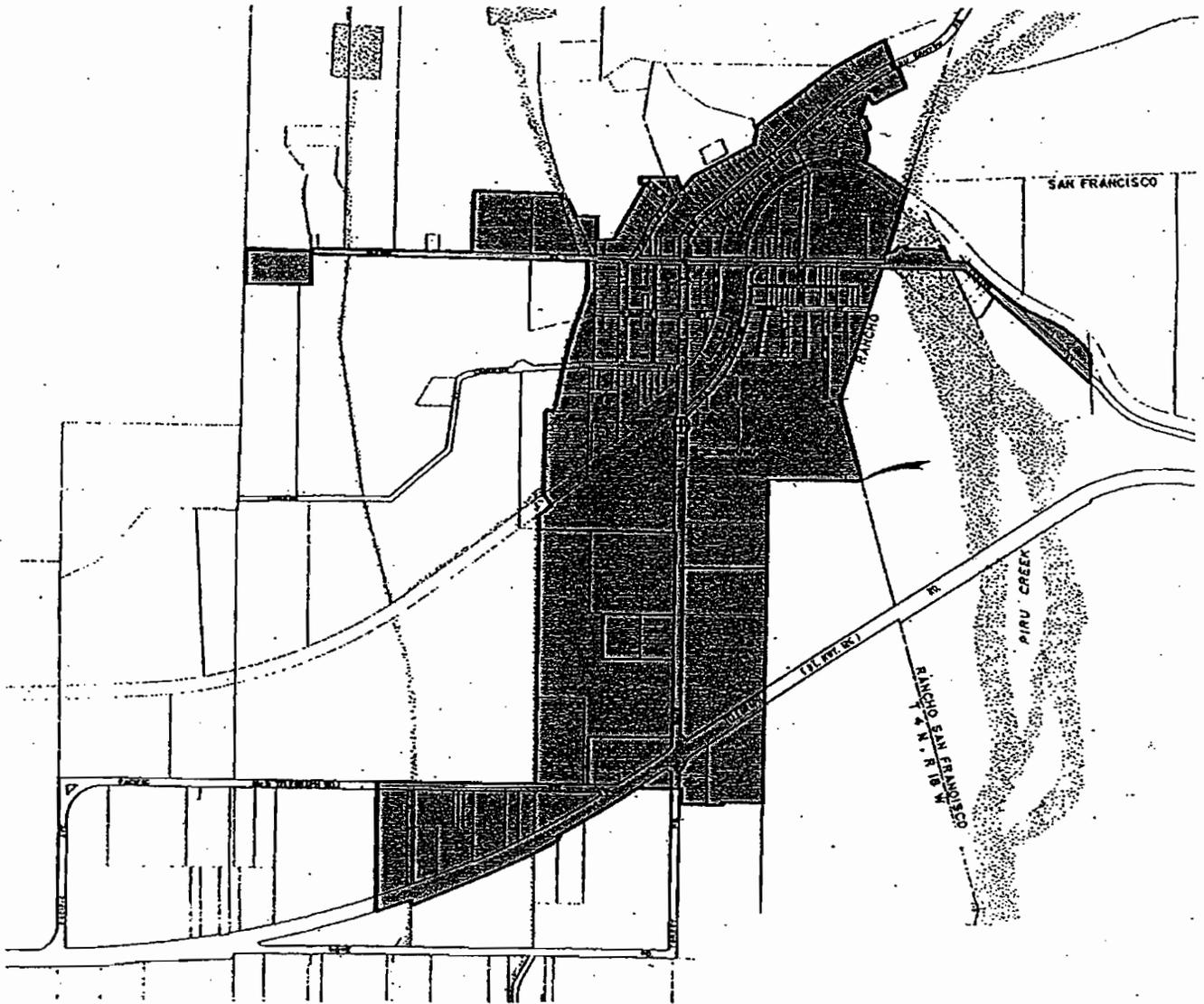


EXHIBIT "A"

3.5 SIMI VALLEY CITY URBAN RESTRICTION BOUNDARY

1. Introduction

The electorate of the City of Simi Valley have, through the initiative process, adopted an urban growth boundary line denominated the Simi Valley City Urban Restriction Boundary (Simi Valley CURB line). Its purpose, principals, implementation procedures, and methodologies for amendment are set forth in this General Plan Amendment.

2. Purpose

- A. The protection of existing agricultural, open-space, viewshed, and watershed lands surrounding the City of Simi Valley is of critical importance to present and future residents of the City of Simi Valley. Agriculture has been and remains a contributor to the economy of the City of Simi Valley and a major contributor to the economy of the County of Ventura, directly and indirectly creating employment for many people and generating substantial tax revenues for the City.
- B. In particular, the City of Simi Valley and surrounding area, with its unique viewsheds, watershed lands and proximity to unique soils, micro-climate and hydrology, is a gate-keeper to one of the finest growing regions in the world. Vegetable and fruit production from the County of Ventura and in particular the importance of the Calleguas water shed area, Arroyo Simi, Tierra Rejada Valley, and alluvial plains adjacent to the City have achieved international acclaim, enhancing the City's economy and reputation.
- C. Continued urban encroachment into agricultural, open-space or watershed areas will impair agriculture and threaten the public health, safety and welfare by causing increased traffic congestion, associated air pollution, and potentially serious water problems, such as pollution, depletion, and sedimentation of available water resources not only for the City but for its jurisdictional neighbors. Such urban encroachment would eventually result in both the unnecessary, expensive extension of public services and facilities and inevitable conflicts between urban, agricultural and open-space uses.
- D. The unique character of the City of Simi Valley and quality of life of City residents depends on the protection of a substantial amount of open-space, rural and agricultural lands particularly outside of its City limits. The protection of such lands not only ensures the continued viability of agriculture, but also protects the available water supply and contributes to flood control and the protection of wildlife, environmentally sensitive areas, and irreplaceable natural resources. As importantly, adopting a

City Urban Restriction Boundary around the City of Simi Valley would promote the formation and continuation of a cohesive community by defining the boundaries and by helping to prevent urban sprawl. Such a City Urban Restriction Boundary would promote efficient municipal services and facilities by confining urban development to defined development areas.

The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that the objectives of preservation of agricultural production open-space, viewsheds and protection of environmentally sensitive habitat are inviolable against transitory short-term political decisions and that agricultural, viewshed, watershed and open-space lands are not prematurely or unnecessarily converted to other non-agricultural or non-open-space uses without public debate and a vote of the people.

3. Principals

Continued urban encroachment into agricultural and watershed areas will impair agriculture, negatively impact sensitive environmental areas, intrude on open-space irrevocably changing its utility, diminishing the quality of life and threatening the public health, safety and welfare by causing increased traffic congestion, associated air pollution, alteration of sensitive lands in flood plains and causing potentially serious water problems, such as pollution, depletion, and sedimentation of available water resources not only for the City of Simi Valley but for its jurisdictional neighbors. Such urban encroachment would eventually result in both the unnecessary, expensive extension of public services and facilities and inevitable conflicts between urban and open-space and agricultural uses.

The unique character of the City of Simi Valley and quality of life of City residents depend on the protection of a substantial amount of open-space, watershed, viewshed, and agricultural lands. The protection of such lands through the implementation of this Amendment not only ensures the continued viability of agriculture, but also protects the available water supply and contributes to flood control and the protection of wildlife, environmentally sensitive areas, and irreplaceable natural resources. As importantly, adopting an Urban Restriction Boundary around the City of Simi Valley will promote the formation and continuation of a cohesive community by defining the boundaries and by helping to prevent urban sprawl. Such an Urban Restriction Boundary will promote efficient municipal services and facilities by confining urban development to defined development areas.

4. Implementation

- a. The City of Simi Valley hereby establishes and adopts a Simi Valley City Urban Restriction Boundary (Simi Valley CURB). With minor exceptions as set forth in subsections i through iv below, the Simi Valley CURB shall be established coterminous with and in the same location as the Sphere of Influence line established by the Local Agency Formation Commission, as it exists as of January 1, 1998. The CURB line may be altered or modified pursuant to the Amendment Procedures set forth below. Although established in generally the same location as the Sphere of Influence line the CURB is not intended to and shall in no way inhibit the Local Agency Formation Commission from changing or altering the Sphere of Influence line in accordance with state law. The two lines, although coincidentally coterminous as of one point in time are independent one from the other in legal significance and purpose. While the Sphere of Influence line may be altered by the Local Agency Formation Commission, the City Urban Restriction Boundary shall not be changed except as herein provided.

The CURB line shall follow the Sphere of Influence line, but shall additionally encompass the following properties, highlighted on Figure 3.2:

- i) A small parcel approximately 20 acres in size on the north edge of the sphere of influence line, north, northwesterly of the Simi Valley Sanitary Landfill, being the extension of a planned cemetery, shown on Figure 3.2 as Parcel 1.
 - ii) A small parcel approximately 30 acres in size south easterly of the parcel described in "i", above, adjacent to and immediately outside of the Specific Plan Boundary for the Alamos & Brea Canyon Specific Plan Area, and part of the Alamos Canyon/Big Sky ranch, and an extension of the northern branch of the Alamos Canyon, shown on Figure 3.2 as Parcel 2.
 - iii) Two small parcels approximately 50 acres in size, combined, north of Presidio Drive and east of Tapo Canyon Road, being part of the Development Agreement adopted by Ordinance No. 830 on or about November 21, 1994, as the Marrland Subdivision, which parcels are shown on Figure 3.2 as Parcels 3 and 4.
 - iv) A small parcel of approximately 75 acres in size east of Runkle Reservoir in the Area described in the Burro Flats Specific Plan Area, along and south westerly of the southerly extension of Sequoia Ave./Runkle Hall Road, shown on Figure 3.2 as Parcel 5.
- b. Until December 31, 2020, the City of Simi Valley shall restrict urban services (except temporary mutual assistance

with other jurisdictions) and urbanized uses of land to within the Simi Valley City Urban Restriction Boundary, except as provided herein and except for the purpose of completing roadways designated in the circulation element of the Simi Valley General Plan as of January 1, 1998, construction of public potable water facilities, public schools, public parks, or other government facilities and for incidental and necessary development off-site improvements such as flood control catchments or diversions, provided such off-site improvements are conditioned to minimize to insignificance any environmental impact. Other than for the exceptions provided herein, upon the effective date of this Amendment the City and its departments, boards, commissions, officers and employees shall not grant, or by inaction allow to be approved by operation of law, any general plan amendment, rezoning, specific plan, subdivision map, conditional use permit, building permit or any other ministerial or discretionary entitlement, which is inconsistent with the purposes of this Amendment unless in accordance with the Amendment Procedures of Section 5 of this Amendment.

- c. "Urbanized uses of land" shall mean any development which would require the establishment of new community sewer systems or the significant extension of existing community sewer systems; or, would result in the creation of residential lots less than 10 acres in area; or, would result in the establishment of commercial or industrial uses which are neither agriculturally-related nor related to the production of mineral resources.
- d. The City of Simi Valley General Plan Land Use Map is amended to reflect the existence of the Simi Valley Urban Restriction Boundary, as shown on Figure 3.2 of the Land Use Element.
- e. The City Urban Restriction Boundary, as defined herein, and as reflected on Figure 3.2, may not be amended, altered, revoked or otherwise changed prior to December 31, 2020, except by vote of the people or by the City Council pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 5 of this Amendment.

5. Amendment Procedures

Until December 31, 2020, the foregoing Purposes, Principles and Implementation provisions of this initiative may be amended only by a vote of the people commenced pursuant to the initiative process by the public, or pursuant to the procedures set forth below:

- a. The City Council, following at least one public hearing for presentations by an applicant and the public, and after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, may amend the City Urban Restriction Boundary described herein and illustrated on Figure 3.2, to comply with state law regarding the provision of housing for all economic segments of the community, provided that no more than 10 acres of land may be brought within the City Urban Restriction Boundary for this purpose in any calendar year. Such amendment may be adopted only if the City Council makes each of the following findings:
 - i) The land is immediately adjacent to existing compatibly developed areas and the applicant for the inclusion of land within the Urban Restriction Boundary has provided to the City evidence that the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, the Community Services Department, applicable water and sewer districts, and the School District with jurisdiction over such land have adequate capacity to accommodate the proposed development and provide it with adequate public services; and
 - ii) That the proposed development will address the highest priority need identified in the analysis by which the City has determined it is not in compliance with State Law, i.e., low and very low income housing; and
 - iii) That there is not existing residentially designated land available within the City Urban Restriction Boundary to accommodate the proposed development; and
 - iv) That it is not reasonably feasible to accommodate the proposed development by redesignating lands within the Urban Restriction Boundary.
- b. The City Council following at least one public hearing for presentations by an applicant and the public, and after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, may amend the Urban Restriction Boundary described herein and designated on the attached Amended General Plan Planning Area Land Use Map based on substantial evidence in the record, if the City Council makes each of the following findings:
 - i) Application of the provisions of subsections b or c of these amendment procedures are unworkable and failure to amend the Urban Restriction Boundary would constitute an

unconstitutional taking of a landowners property for which compensation would be required or would deprive the landowner of a vested right; and

- ii) The amendment and associated land use designations will allow additional land uses only to the minimum extent necessary to avoid said unconstitutional taking of the landowner's property or to give effect to the vested right.
- c. The City Council following at least one public hearing for presentations by an applicant and the public, and after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, may place any amendment to the City Urban Restriction Boundary or the provisions of this initiative on the ballot pursuant to the mechanisms provided by State Law.
- d. The City Council may reorganize individual provisions, including the provisions of this initiative, renumber or reorder the General Plan in the course of ongoing updates of the General Plan in accordance with the requirements of state law.

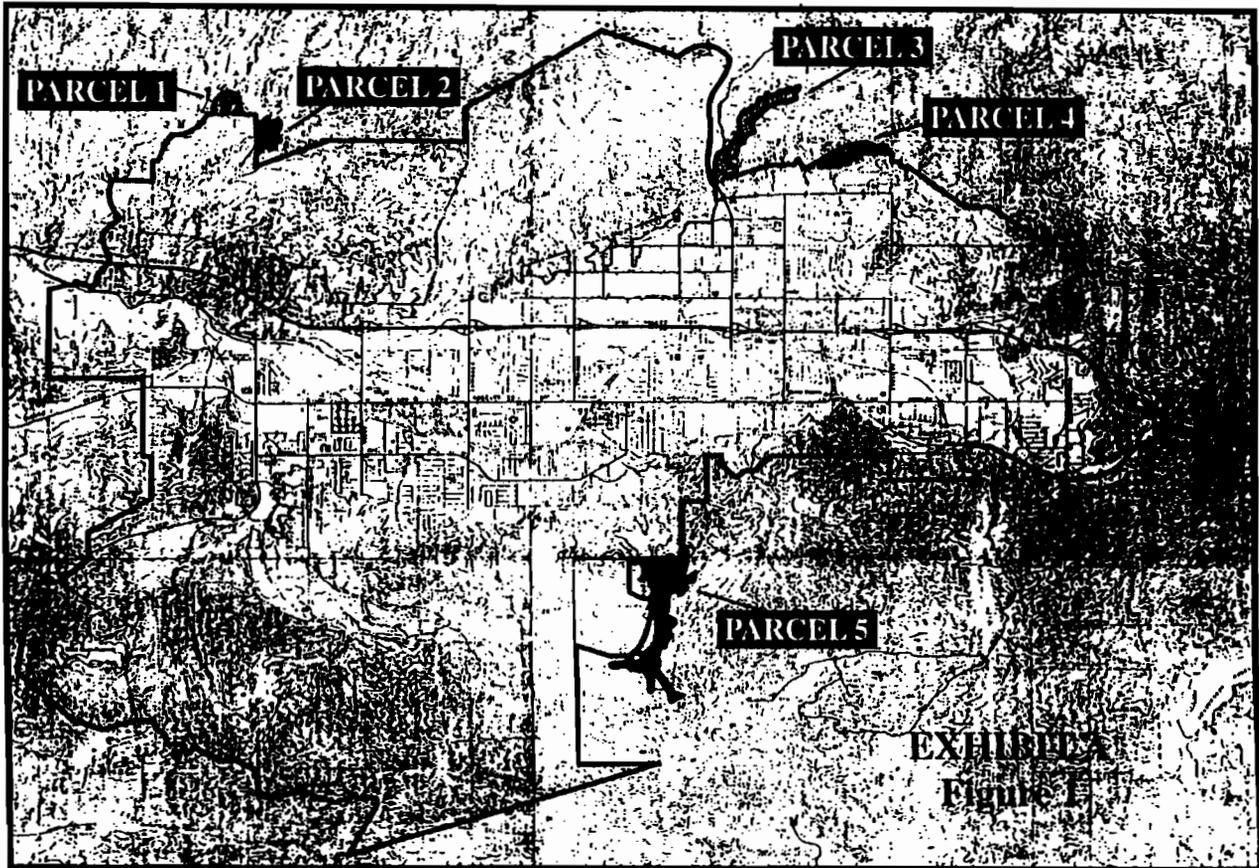
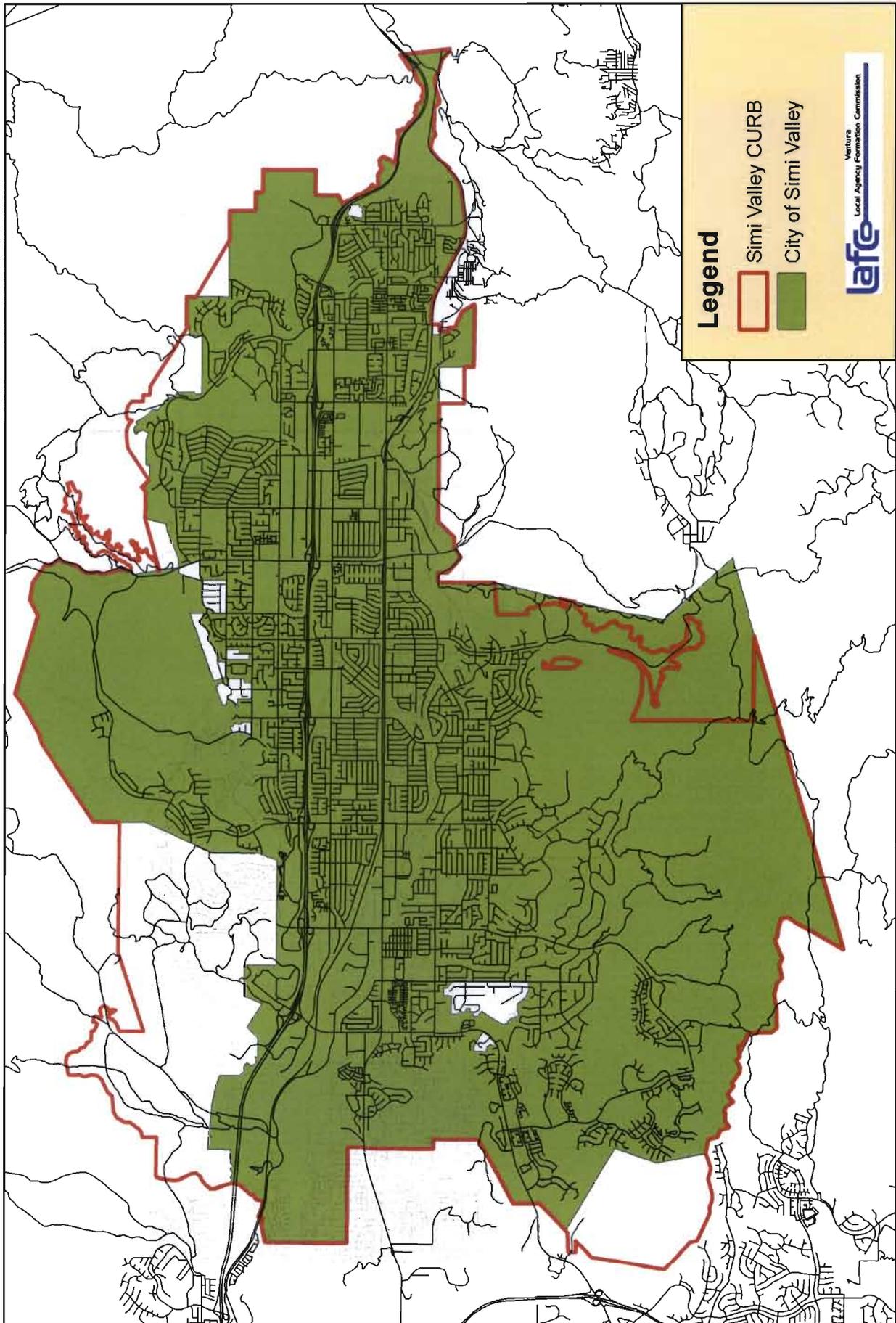


Figure 3.2: Simi Valley City Urban Restriction Boundary Line



CC ATTACHMENT 5



OPEN SPACE PROPERTY OWNED BY RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT AGREEMENT BY REMOVING 228.96 ACRES FROM THE GREENBELT, INCLUDING THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, ON THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

WHEREAS, a greenbelt can be defined as an area consisting of prime agricultural or other open space land, as defined in Section 35046 and 65560 of the Government Code, which is preserved in agricultural or other open space uses;

WHEREAS, the cities of Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, and Simi Valley and the County of Ventura have adopted a joint resolution which has established a greenbelt within the Tierra Rejada Valley for agricultural and open space uses and that area is excluded from all City spheres of influence;

WHEREAS, the greenbelt established for the Tierra Rejada Valley is generally described as the area lying in the Tierra Rejada Valley west of the City of Simi Valley, north of the City of Thousand Oaks, and south of the City of Moorpark, and within the County of Ventura as shown on Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Simi Valley City Council intends to request approval from the Local Agency Formation Commission of Ventura County to annex territory within the greenbelt for the purpose of providing urban services to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and adjoining properties as shown on Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the policies of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Ventura County do not allow for approval of an annexation proposal from a city that is in conflict with any greenbelt agreement except under exceptional circumstances and encourages that greenbelt agreements be amended by all parties involved prior to the filing of any proposal that may be in conflict with agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the amendment to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt will not result in a change of land use for the subject site; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the Planning Director's determination that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the amendment to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt map as shown on Exhibit B will not result in a change of land use for the subject site as described in the proposed Simi Valley Zone Change Z-S-643. Simi Valley Zone Change Z-S-643 is proposed to pre-zone the subject parcels so that the zoning designation, density, and lot sizes will remain the same as under the current zoning designations of the County of Ventura. The pre-zone designations are depicted on Exhibit C.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that the amendment to the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt as shown on Exhibit B reflects the revised boundary of the Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt.

SECTION 3. The City requests that the Local Agency Formation Commission endorse the Greenbelt as shown on Exhibit B and to continue to act in a manner consistent with the preservation of the aforementioned lands for agricultural and other open space purposes.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2009.

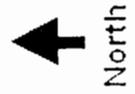
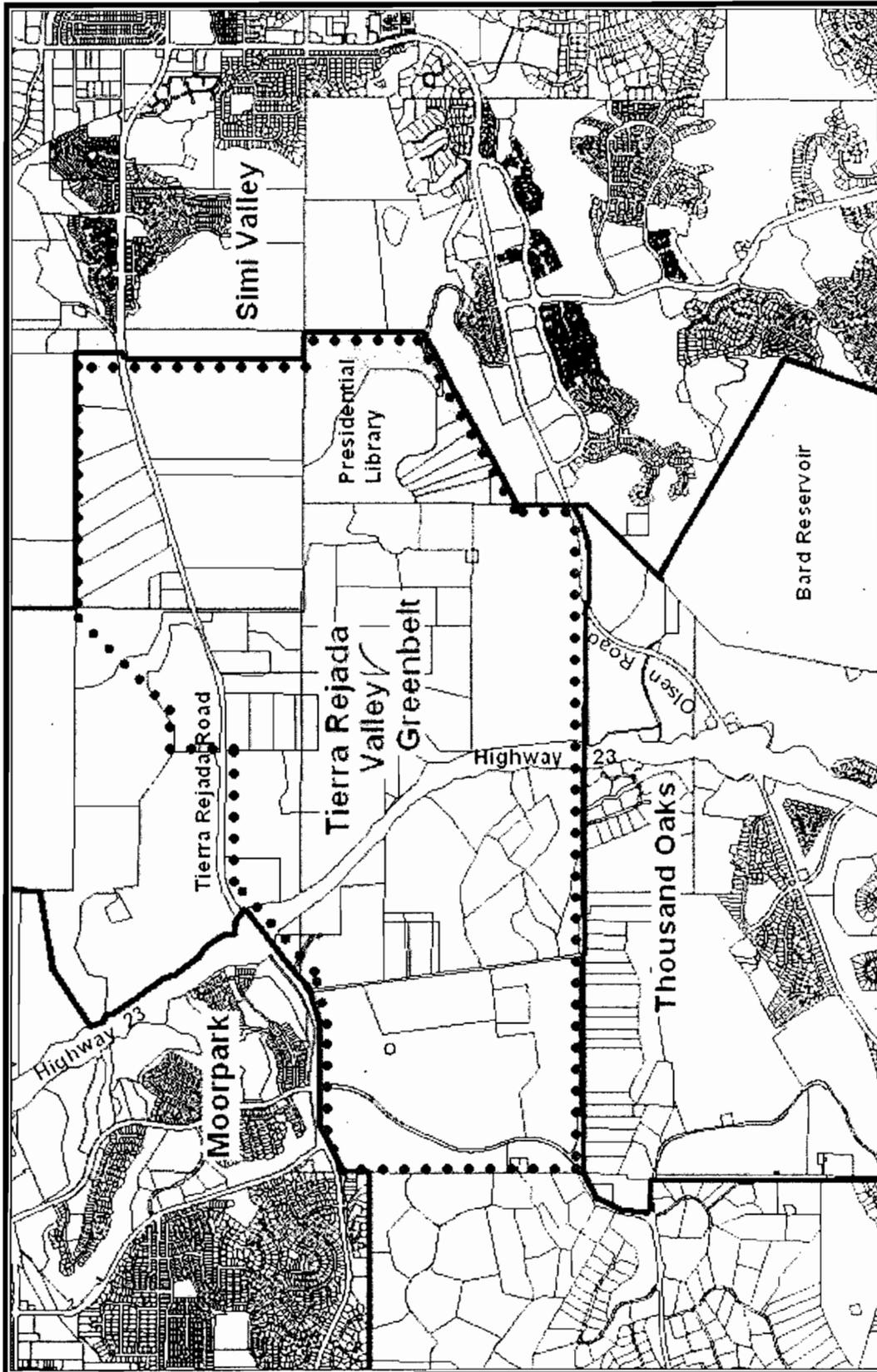
Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

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Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk

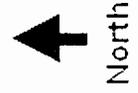
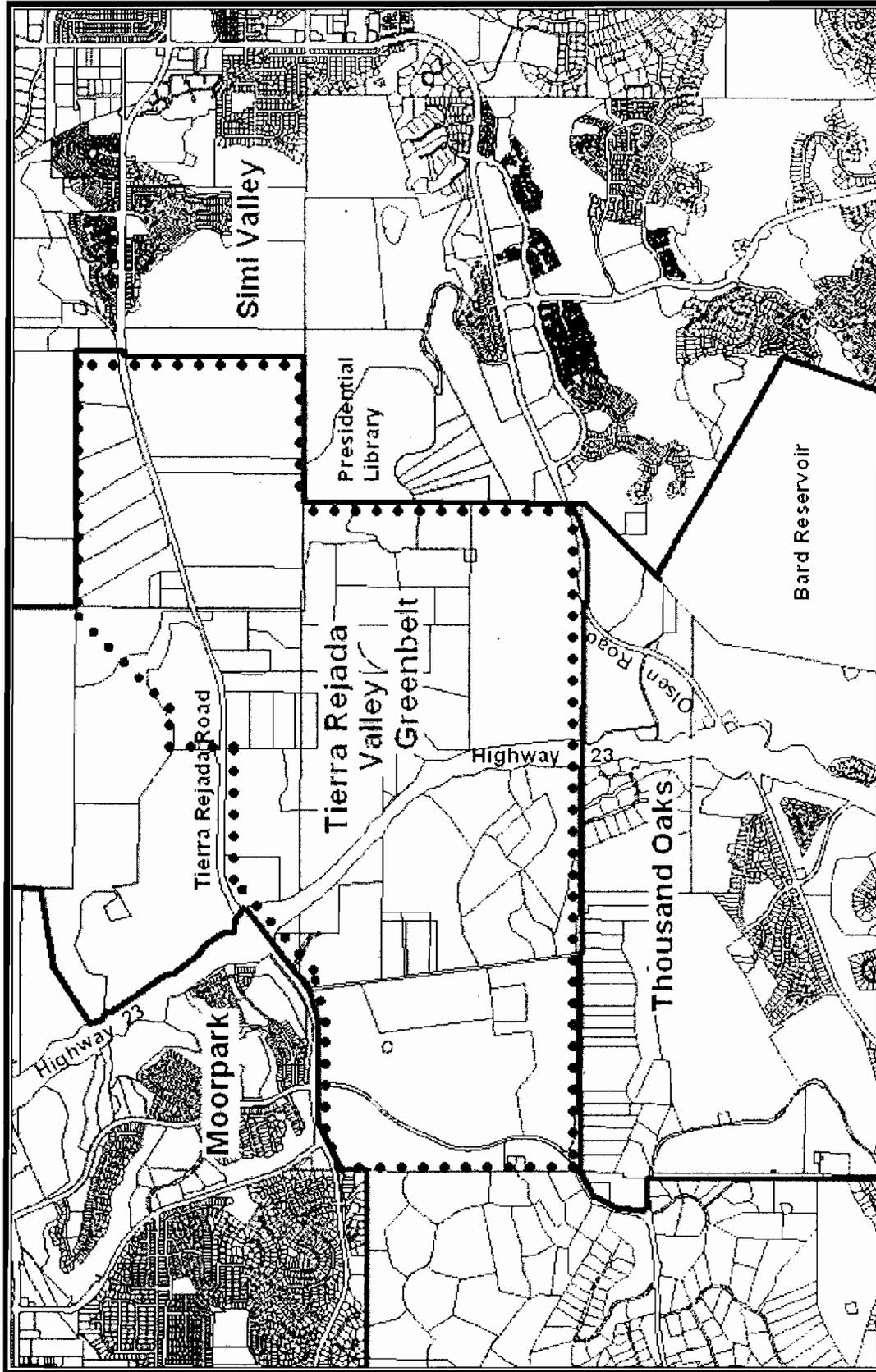
Exhibit A: Tierra Rejada Greenbelt (Existing)
Exhibit B: Tierra Rejada Greenbelt (Amended)
Exhibit C: Proposed Zoning

Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt (Existing)



1 Mile

Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt (Amended)



1 Mile

