

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

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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

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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.

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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

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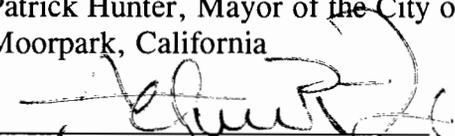
public review process; a vote of the property owners in the annexed area; and filing with the State Board of Equalization. City Manager Sedell stated that the open space zoning for the annexation area would be retained.

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.

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

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Patrick Hunter, Mayor of the City of  
Moorpark, California

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

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

# CERTIFICATES OF AGRICULTURE OF VENTURA COUNTY

Which large Agriculture  
is not "Protected" by a Greenbelt?

VENTURA -  
SANTA PAULA  
1967 & 2006

SANTA PAULA -  
FILLMORE  
1980

FILLMORE-PIRU  
2000 by Ordinance

VENTURA -  
OXNARD  
1983

OXNARD -  
CAMARILLO  
1982

SANTA ROSA  
VALLEY  
1985

TIERRA REJADA  
1982

Las Posas  
Valley  
1988, 1994, 1998, 2000  
and 2005 ..When??

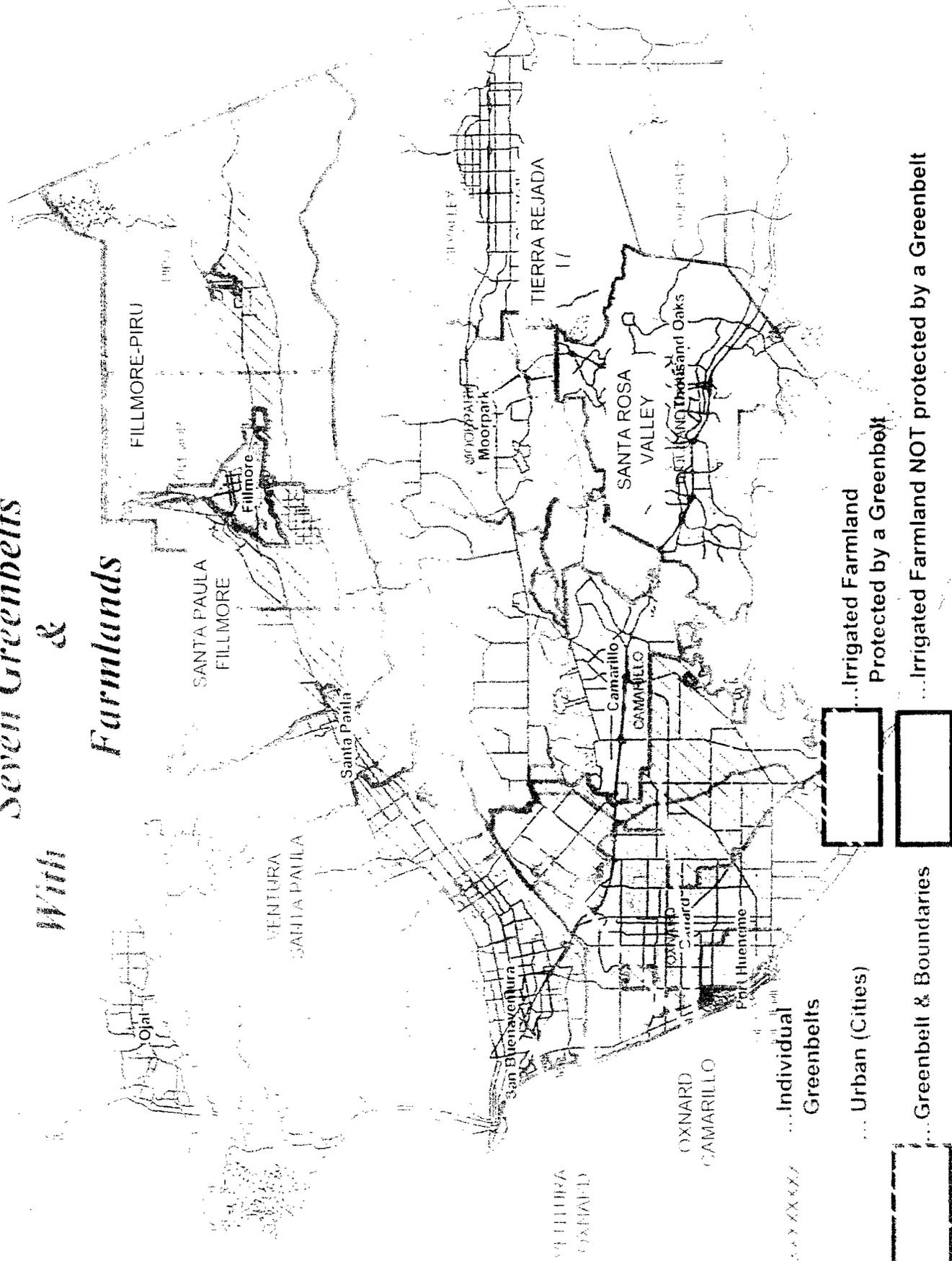
With Recommendations for a  
Las Posas Valley Greenbelt in  
1988-GPU,  
1994-GPU,  
1998-APWG,  
2000 BOS Update  
& 2005-GPU(?? )  
why is the LPV still with  
Strong Greenbelt  
Protection?  
is it being "saved" for  
future development?  
(after SOAR expires)

Modified by John F. Herbsthoff

with Seven

and years established

# Seven Greenbelts With & Farmlands



## TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT Status and Current Activities

*Presentation to the*

*East County Cities Joint Council Meeting  
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## 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:

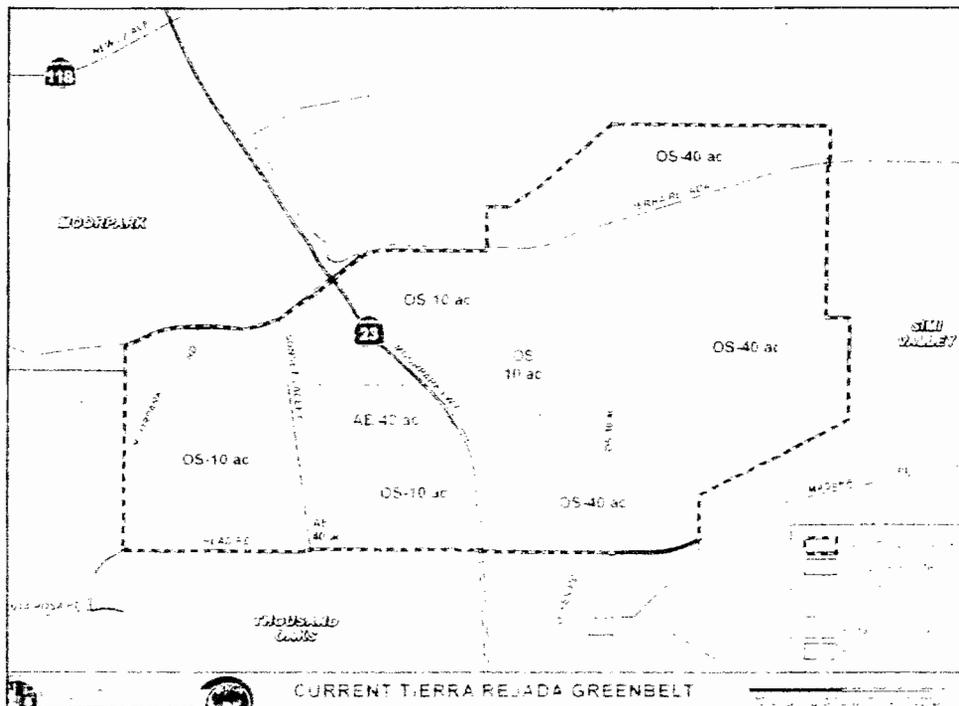
Retain the Greenbelt Area "in agricultural and other open space uses for the overall best interests of the cities, the County and the State."

## TIERRA REJADA GREENBELT

### The Basic Agreement:

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





## 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:

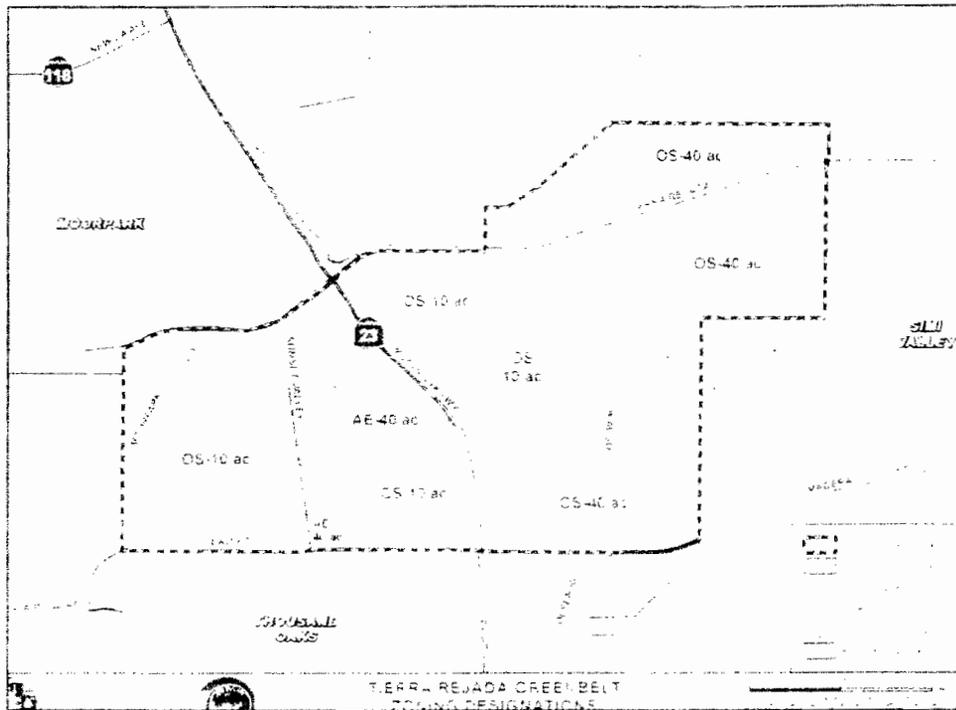
- ◆ Reagan Presidential Library
- ◆ Single Family Homes/Second Dwellings
- ◆ Agriculture/Wholesale Nurseries
- ◆ Equestrian/Horse Boarding
- ◆ Driving Range
- ◆ Agricultural Promotional Activities

## 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

### 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.