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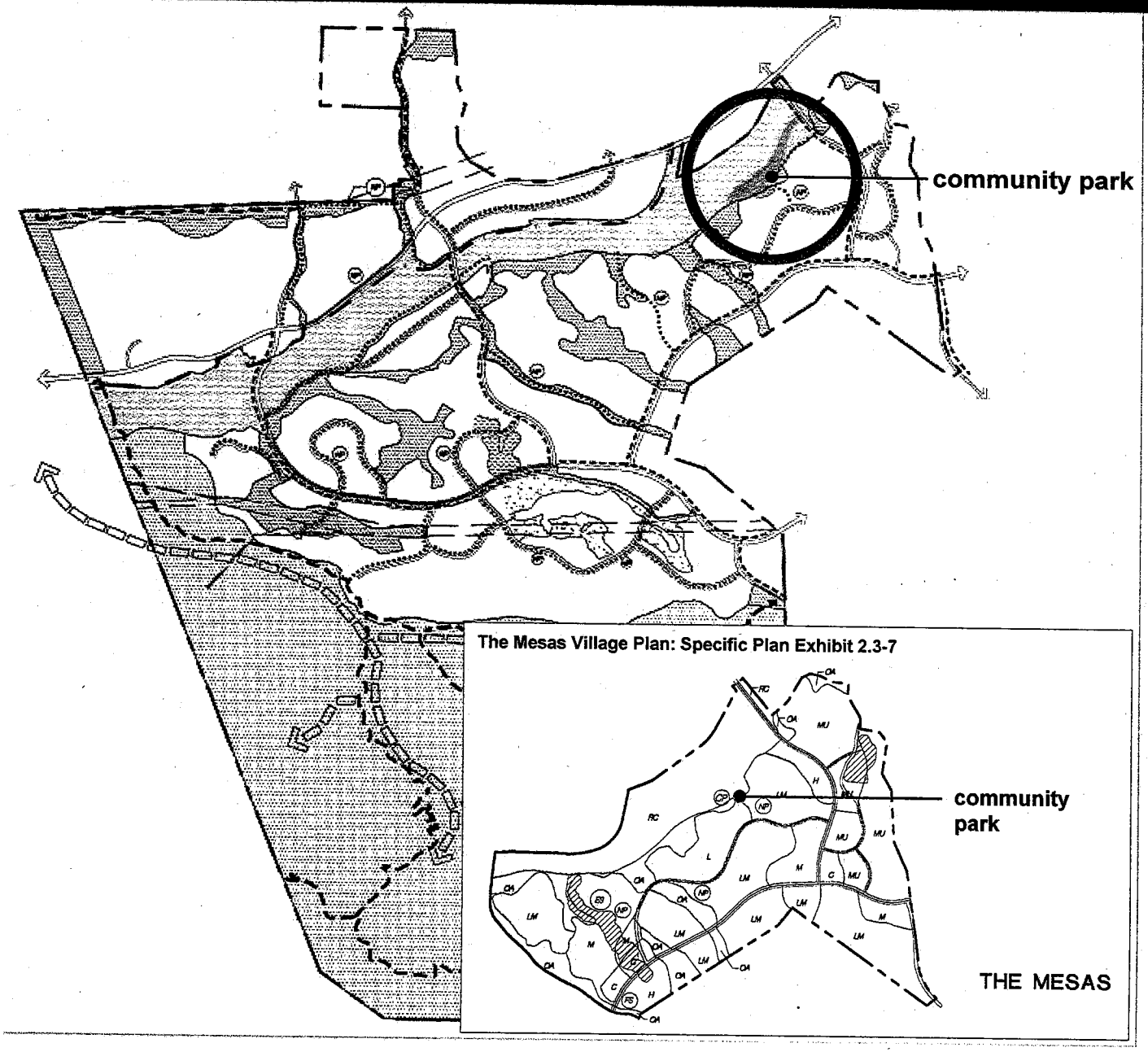


NEWHALL RANCH.
SPECIFIC PLAN

Prepared For: Newhall Ranch Company

LEGEND

RECREATION AREAS

- NEIGHBORHOOD PARK (Conceptual locations with Residential Neighborhoods)
- COMMUNITY PARKS
- GOLF COURSE (Conceptual location)
- COMMUNITY LAKE (Conceptual location)
- REGIONAL RIVER TRAIL
- COMMUNITY TRAIL
- EQUESTRIAN TRAIL COMPONENT OF COMMUNITY TRAIL
- LOCAL TRAIL
- PATHWAYS
- UNIMPROVED TRAILS

MAJOR OPEN AREAS

- OPEN AREA
- SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA - RIVER CORRIDOR
- SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA - HIGH COUNTRY
- WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

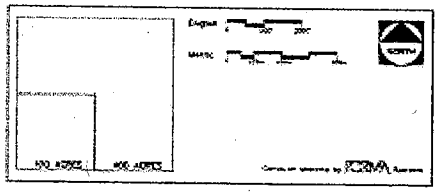


EXHIBIT 2.8-1
RECREATION/
OPEN AREA PLAN

MAY 2003

ATTACHMENT A

TABLE 5.4-1
ANNOTATED LAND USE PLAN
STATISTICAL TABLE

RIVERWOOD			RESIDENTIAL				NON-RESIDENTIAL	
			Dwelling Units		Second Units[1]			
	Planning Area	Gross Acres	Planned Units	Maximum Units	Planned Second Units	Maximum Second Units	Planned Bldg. Square Ft.	Maximum Bldg. Square Ft.
RESIDENTIAL								
E ESTATE	RW-02	596.7	215	323	215	323	–	–
E	RW-21	95.7	19	29	19	29	–	–
L LOW	RW-12	29.0	26	39	–	39	–	–
L	RW-14	119.7	108	162	–	162	–	–
L	RW-20	49.5	45	68	–	68	–	–
LM LOW-MEDIUM	RW-03	20.3	117	176	–	–	–	–
LM	RW-06	64.2	299	449	–	–	–	–
LM	RW-15[2]	81.5	377[2]	566[2]	–	–	–	–
LM	RW-22[3]	5.3	30[3]	45[3]	–	–	–	–
LM	RW-34	116.6	534	801	–	–	–	–
M MEDIUM	RW-11[3]	15.0	267[3]	401[3]	–	–	–	–
M	RW-31[3]	26.5	304[3]	456[3]	–	–	–	–
M	RW-32[3]	14.1	206[3]	309[3]	–	–	–	–
M	RW-33	39.5	400	600	–	–	–	–
H HIGH	RW-16	8.3	263	395	–	–	–	–
		1,281.9	**3,210**		**234**		**0**	
MIXED USE								
MU MIXED USE	RW-07	30.9	–	–	–	–	162,000	243,000
MU	RW-26[3]	12.0	–	–	–	–	191,000	286,500
MU	RW-27	27.8	–	–	–	–	396,000	594,000
MU	RW-28[3]	19.8	–	–	–	–	285,000	427,500
MU	RW-29[3]	25.0	–	–	–	–	317,000	475,500
MU	RW-30	12.5	–	–	–	–	189,000	283,500
		128.0	**0**		**0**		**1,540,000**	
NON-RESIDENTIAL								
C COMMERCIAL	RW-35	15.6	–	–	–	–	131,000	196,500
C	RW-36[4]	6.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
BP BUSINESS PARK	RW-04	51.6	–	–	–	–	200,000	300,000
BP	RW-24	197.0	–	–	–	–	1,095,000	1,642,500
OA OPEN AREA	RW-01	197.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA	RW-13	17.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA	RW-17	22.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA	RW-18	13.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA	RW-19	10.4	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA	RW-23	27.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA	RW-25	23.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC RIVER CORRIDOR	RW-05	98.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC	RW-09	134.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC	RW-37	107.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
		923.1	**0**		**0**		**1,426,000**	
VILLAGE TOTAL:		**2,332.9**	**3,210**		**234**		**2,966,000**	

1 Second Units require a CUP.
2 The residential dwelling units within RW-22 are restricted to residences, single-family detached, which may include clustered single-family/court homes. Planning Area RW-22 shall not be converted to commercial land use.
3 The total number of residential dwelling units within the Planning Areas of the Indian Dunes portion of the Specific Plan Area (i.e., RW-27 and RW-29 through RW-34) shall not exceed 1,444.
4 Planning Area RW-36 has been identified as a potential site for a transit station.

TABLE 5.4-1
ANNOTATED LAND USE PLAN
STATISTICAL TABLE
(continued)

OAK VALLEY				RESIDENTIAL				NON-RESIDENTIAL	
				Dwelling Units		Second Units[1]			
		Planning Area	Gross Acres	Planned Units	Maximum Units	Planned Second Units	Maximum Second Units	Planned Bldg. Square Ft.	Maximum Bldg. Square Ft.
RESIDENTIAL									
E	ESTATE	OV-04[2]	32.6	12	18	12	18	–	–
E		OV-10[2]	98.1	28	42	28	42	–	–
L	LOW	OV-05	41.2	37	56	–	56	–	–
LM	LOW MEDIUM	OV-03	25.0	108	162	–	–	–	–
LM		OV-21	30.1	139	209	–	–	–	–
LM		OV-23	21.8	72	108	–	–	–	–
LM		OV-24	13.9	52	78	–	–	–	–
M	MEDIUM	OV-08	30.1	313	470	–	–	–	–
M		OV-13	136.4	1,216	1,824	–	–	–	–
M		OV-17	22.8	258	387	–	–	–	–
H	HIGH	OV-22	11.2	281	422	–	–	–	–
			463.2	**2,516**		**40**		**0**	
MIXED USE									
MU	MIXED USE	OV-15	82.6	337	–	–	–	381,000	571,500
			82.6	**337**		**0**		**381,000**	
NON-RESIDENTIAL									
OA	OPEN AREA	OV-09	8.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-02	2.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-07	69.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-06	10.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-12	25.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-14	6.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-16	15.0	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-18	57.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		OV-20	51.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC	RIVER CORRIDOR	OV-01	144.0	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC		OV-11	45.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
			436.3	**0**		**0**		**0**	
VILLAGE TOTAL:			**982.1**	**2,853**		**40**		**381,000**	

1 Second Units require a CUP.
2 Construction of buildings and other structures shall only be permitted upon developed pads within Planning Areas OV-04 and OV-10 and shall not be permitted on southerly slopes facing High Country SMA or in the area between the original SEA 20 boundary and the High Country boundary (see Appendix 7.7).

TABLE 5.4-1
ANNOTATED LAND USE PLAN
STATISTICAL TABLE
(continued)

POTRERO VALLEY				RESIDENTIAL				NON-RESIDENTIAL	
				Dwelling Units		Second Units[1]			
		Planning Area	Gross Acres	Planned Units	Maximum Units	Planned Second Units	Maximum Second Units	Planned Bldg. Square Ft.	Maximum Bldg. Square Ft.
RESIDENTIAL									
E	ESTATE	PV-02[2]	341.0	93	140	93	140	–	–
E		PV-25	25.2	7	11	7	11	–	–
E		PV-28[2]	58.6	21	32	21	32	–	–
L	LOW	PV-03	39.9	36	54	–	54	–	–
L		PV-19	38.9	35	53	–	53	–	–
LM	LOW-MEDIUM	PV-04	82.2	309	464	–	–	–	–
LM		PV-06	5.7	27	41	–	–	–	–
LM		PV-14	72.8	189	284	–	–	–	–
LM		PV-15	178.7	280	420	–	–	–	–
LM		PV-20	39.6	98	147	–	–	–	–
LM		PV-21	105.9	245	368	–	–	–	–
LM		PV-27	18.8	69	104	–	–	–	–
LM		PV-29	58.6	229	344	–	–	–	–
M	MEDIUM	PV-08	80.4	758	1,137	–	–	–	–
M		PV-12	11.5	166	249	–	–	–	–
M		PV-13	34.8	212	318	–	–	–	–
M		PV-17	10.9	115	173	–	–	–	–
M		PV-18	47.2	350	525	–	–	–	–
M		PV-23	16.9	203	305	–	–	–	–
M		PV-24	122.6	307	461	–	–	–	–
H	HIGH	PV-16	31.4	692	1,038	–	–	–	–
			1,421.6	**4,441**		**121**		**0**	
MIXED USE									
MU	MIXED USE	PV-09	13.7	150	225	–	–	–	–
MU		PV-10	101.5	822	1,233	–	–	540,000	810,000
			115.2	**972**		**0**		**540,000**	
NON-RESIDENTIAL									
VS	VISITOR SERVING	PV-01	36.7	–	–	–	–	174,000	261,000
OA	OPEN AREA	PV-05	6.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		PV-07	19.4	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		PV-11	26.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		PV-22	3.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		PV-26	2.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		PV-30	13.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
			109.0	**0**		**0**		**174,000**	
	VILLAGE TOTAL:		**1,645.8**	**5,413**		**121**		**714,000**	

1 Second Units require a CUP.
2 Construction of buildings and other structures shall only be permitted upon developed pads within Planning Areas PV-02 and PV-28 and shall not be permitted on southerly slopes facing High Country SMA or in the area between the original SEA 20 boundary and the High Country boundary (see Appendix 7.7).

TABLE 5.4-1
ANNOTATED LAND USE PLAN
STATISTICAL TABLE
(continued)

LONG CANYON				RESIDENTIAL				NON-RESIDENTIAL	
				Dwelling Units		Second Units[1]			
		Planning Area	Gross Acres	Planned Units	Maximum Units	Planned Second Units	Maximum Second Units	Planned Bldg. Square Ft.	Maximum Bldg. Square Ft.
RESIDENTIAL									
E	ESTATE	LC-03	76.1	28	42	28	42	–	–
L	LOW	LC-07	75.3	68	102	–	102	–	–
L		LC-12	261.2	235	353	–	353	–	–
LM	LOW-MEDIUM	LC-05	75.9	437	656	–	–	–	–
LM		LC-06	48.5	247	371	–	–	–	–
LM		LC-14	139.4	377	566	–	–	–	–
LM		LC-17	27.4	70	105	–	–	–	–
M	MEDIUM	LC-09	15.5	231	347	–	–	–	–
			719.3	**1,693**		**28**		**0**	
NON-RESIDENTIAL									
OA	OPEN AREA	LC-02	23.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		LC-04	39.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		LC-08	1.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		LC-11	28.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		LC-13	40.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		LC-15	44.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		LC-16	3.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		LC-18	2.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC	RIVER CORRIDOR	LC-01	100.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC		LC-10	48.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
			333.1	**0**		**0**		**0**	
	VILLAGE TOTAL:		**1,052.4**	**1,693**		**28**		**0**	

1 Second Units require a CUP.

TABLE 5.4-1
ANNOTATED LAND USE PLAN
STATISTICAL TABLE
(continued)

THE MESAS

				RESIDENTIAL				NON-RESIDENTIAL	
				Dwelling Units		Second Units[1]			
		Planning Area	Gross Acres	Planned Units	Maximum Units	Planned Second Units	Maximum Second Units	Planned Bldg. Square Ft.	Maximum Bldg. Square Ft.
RESIDENTIAL									
L	LOW	TM-14	89.7	81	122	–	122	–	–
LM	LOW-MEDIUM	TM-02	77.1	313	470	–	–	–	–
LM		TM-10	51.5	148	222	–	–	–	–
LM		TM-13	21.2	63	95	–	–	–	–
LM		TM-17	105.7	364	546	–	–	–	–
LM		TM-18	57.6	129	194	–	–	–	–
LM		TM-19	90.1	294	441	–	–	–	–
LM		TM-22	22.2	52	78	–	–	–	–
LM		TM-34	124.2	332	498	–	–	–	–
M	MEDIUM	TM-04	122.8	1,076	1,614	–	–	–	–
M		TM-06	13.4	83	125	–	–	–	–
M		TM-21	53.6	586	879	–	–	–	–
M		TM-33	27.0	320	480	–	–	–	–
H	HIGH	TM-08	38.9	568	852	–	–	–	–
H		TM-20	32.0	515	773	–	–	–	–
			926.9	**4,924**		**0**		**0**	
MIXED USE									
MU	MIXED USE	TM-26	107.0	439	659	–	–	1,009,500	1,514,250
MU		TM-27	36.2	258	387	–	–	90,000	135,000
MU		TM-28	28.3	591	887	–	–	–	–
MU		TM-30	20.3	314	471	–	–	–	–
MU		TM-32	111.1	1,190	1,785	–	–	69,500	104,250
			302.9	**2,792**		**0**		**1,169,000**	
NON-RESIDENTIAL									
C	COMMERCIAL	TM-05	12.6	–	–	–	–	119,000	178,500
C		TM-07	16.1	–	–	–	–	70,000	105,000
C		TM-29	16.2	–	–	–	–	130,000	195,000
OA	OPEN AREA	TM-03	42.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-09	3.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-11	7.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-12	20.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-15	24.1	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-16	7.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-23	77.7	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-24	6.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
OA		TM-31	6.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC	RIVER CORRIDOR	TM-01	286.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
RC		TM-25	9.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
			536.3	**0**		**0**		**319,000**	
	VILLAGE TOTAL:		**1,766.1**	**7,716**		**0**		**1,488,000**	

1 Second Units require a CUP.

TABLE 5.4-1
ANNOTATED LAND USE PLAN
STATISTICAL TABLE
(continued)

HIGH COUNTRY			RESIDENTIAL				NON-RESIDENTIAL	
			Dwelling Units		Second Units[1]			
	Planning Area	Gross Acres	Planned Units	Maximum Units	Planned Second Units	Maximum Second Units	Planned Bldg. Square Ft.	Maximum Bldg. Square Ft.
NON-RESIDENTIAL								
HC	HC-01	4,184.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTAL		**4,184.6**	**0**		**0**		**0**	

1 Second Units require a CUP.

GRAND TOTAL:	**11,963.8**	**20,885**	**423**	**5,549,000**

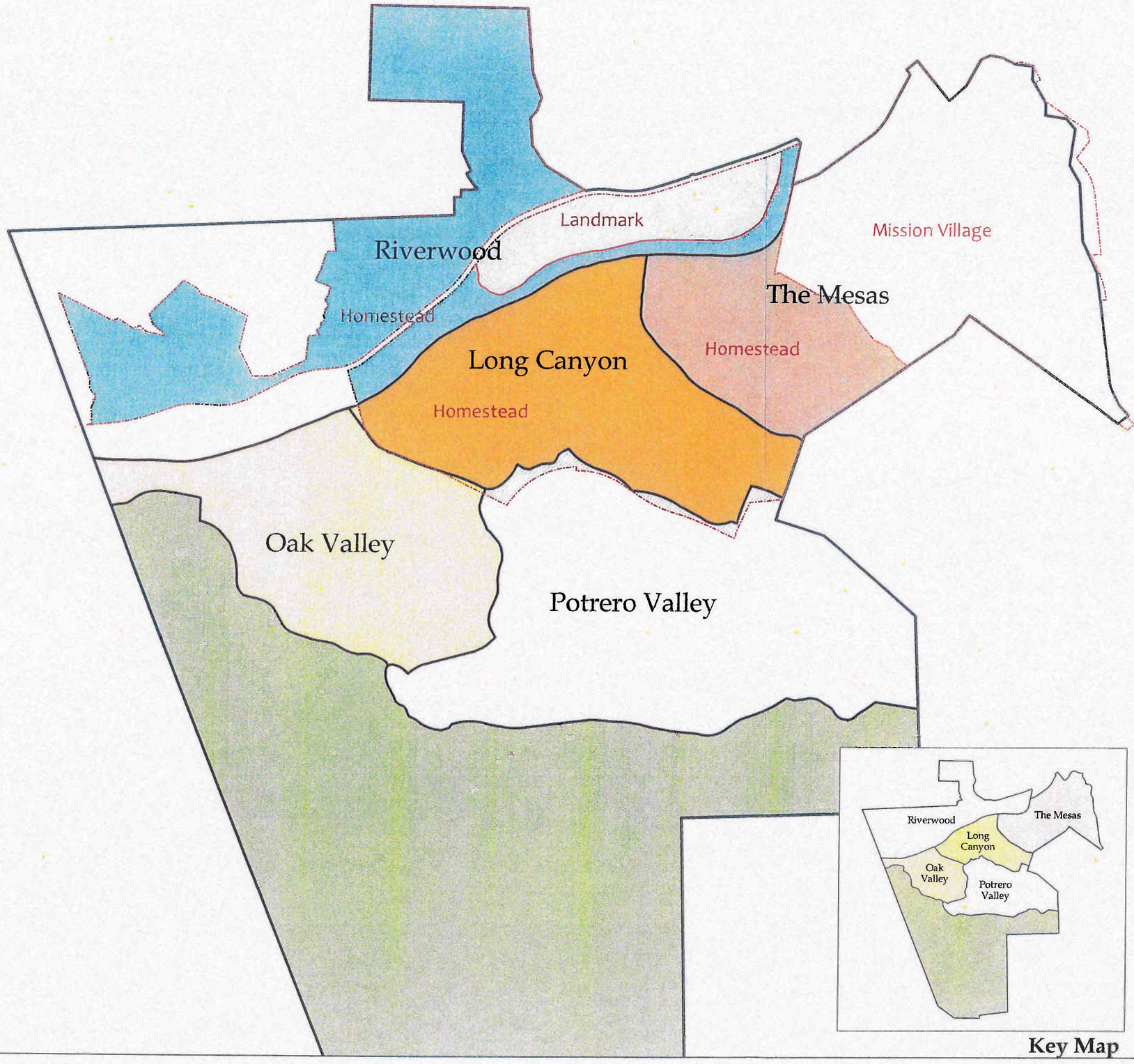
NEWHALL RANCH
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP
IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING SUMMARY
CURRENT STATUS
January 12, 2011

					Residential Transfer Record							Non-Residential Transfer Record			
Village	**TTM No.**	**Units per TTM**	**Planned Units per Specific Plan**	**Maximum Units per Density Transfer****	**Pre Balance**	**From (-)**	**To (+)**	**Post Balance**	**Non-Residential SF per TTM**	**Planned Non-Residential SF per Specific Plan**	**Maximum Non-Residential SF per Density Transfer**	**Pre Balance**	**From (-)**	**To (+)**	**Post Balance**
Riverwood	--	--	**3,210**	**4,093**	--	--	--	--	--	**2,966,000**	**4,449,000**	--	--	--	--
TTM - Landmark*	53108	1,444	1,444	1,444	0			0	1,033,000	1,033,000	1,549,500	0	0	0	0
TTM - Homestead	60678	1,819	1,766	2,649	-53		53	0	1,250,078	1,933,000	2,899,500	682,922	-256,100		426,822
TTM - Future Map(s)									162,000			-162,000			-162,000
Riverwood Status To Date	--	**3,263**	--	--	***-53***	--	***53***	**0**	**2,445,078**	--	--	--	--	--	**264,822**
The Mesas	--	--	**7,716**	**11,574**	--	--	--	--	--	**1,488,000**	**2,232,000**	--	--	--	--
TTM- Mission Village	61105	4,055	5,465	8,198	1,410	-53 -81		1,276	1,555,100	1,299,000	1,948,500	-256,100		256,100	0
TTM - Homestead	60678	2,194	2,251	3,377	57			57	0	189,000	283,500	189,000			189,000
The Mesas Status To Date	--	**6,249**	--	--	***1467***	***-134***	--	**1,333**	**1,555,100**	--	--	--	--	--	**189,000**
Long Canyon	--	--	**1,693**	**2,540**	--	--	--	--	--	**0**	**0**	--	--	--	--
TTM - Homestead	60678	1,764	1,683	2,525	-81		81	0	0	0	0	0			0
Long Canyon Status To Date	--	**1,764**	--	--	***-81***	--	***81***	**0**	**0**	--	--	--	--	--	**0**
Oak Valley	--	--	**2,853**	**4,280**	--	--	--	--	--	**381,000**	**571,500**	--	--	--	--
TTM - Future Map(s)					0			0	0	0	0	0			0
TTM - Future Map(s)															0
Oak Valley Status To Date	--	**0**	--	--	--	--	--	**0**	**0**	--	--	--	--	--	**0**
Potrero Valley	--	--	**5,413**	**8,120**	--	--	--	--	--	**714,000**	**1,071,000**	--	--	--	--
TTM - Future Map(s)					0			0	0	0	0	0			0
TTM - Future Map(s)					0										0
Potero Valley Status To Date	--	**0**	--	--	--	--	--	**0**	**0**	--	--	--	--	--	**0**
TOTALS	--	**11,276**	**20,885**	--	--	--	--	***1,333***	**4,000,178**	**5,549,000**	--	--	--	--	--

* The Specific Plan dictates that the Landmark portion of Riverwood shall not exceed 1,444 dwelling units.

** Maximum dus achievable only through decrease of like amount in another Village.

*** 1,333 dwelling units available for transfer to Oak Valley and/or Potrero Valley.



Key Map

NEWHALL RANCH

SPECIFIC PLAN

LEGEND

Tentative Tract Map

Riverwood

- *Landmark - Riverwood (TTM 53108)*
- *Homestead - Riverwood (TTM 60678)*
- *Riverwood - TBD*

The Mesas

- *Mission Village - Mesas (TTM 61105)*
- *Mission Village - Outside SP (TTM 61105)*
- *Homestead - The Mesas (TTM 60678)*

Long Canyon

- *Homestead - Long Canyon (TTM 60678)*

Oak Valley

- *Homestead - Oak Valley (TTM 60678 Open Area)*
- *Oak Valley - TBD*

Potrero Valley

- *Homestead - Potrero Valley (TTM 60678 Open Area)*
- *Potrero Valley - TBD*

- *Village Boundary*
- *TTM Boundary*
- *Specific Plan Boundary*

NORTH

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TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS BY VILLAGE

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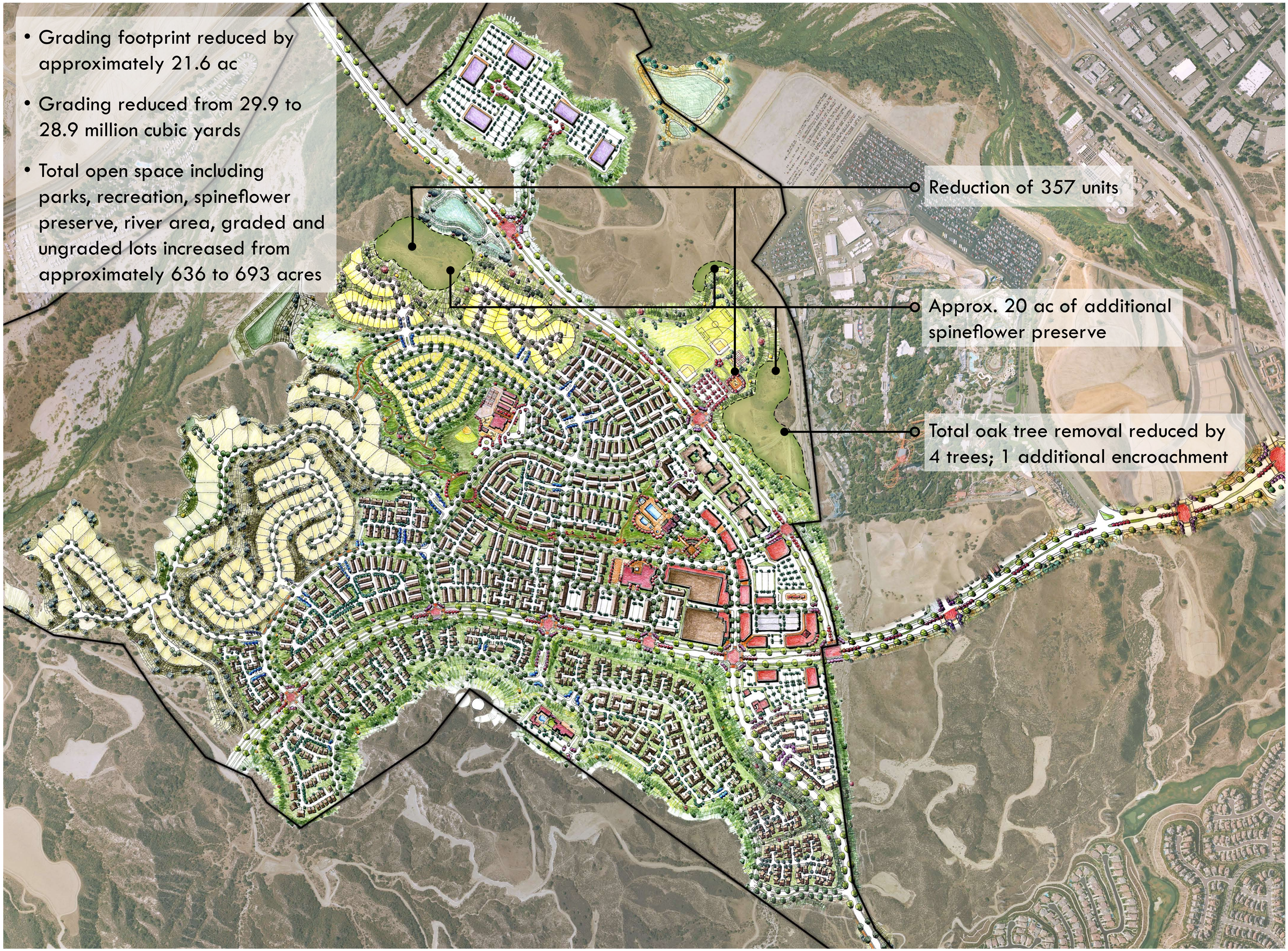

Mission Village

NEWHALL RANCH

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DATE: 5.2.11

ATTACHMENT E

SCOPE
Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment
TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY
AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
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3-16-11

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Sam Dea, Supervising Planner, and Ms. Blenguini
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please Copy to All Commissioners

Re: Mission Village and Newhall Ranch Sanitation District

Dear Commissioners, Mr. Dea and Ms. Blenguini

We regret that no one from our group is able to attend your meeting today.

We would like to especially express our concern over the issue of the Newhall Ranch Water Treatment Plant. The Newhall Ranch Specific Plan stated that a new sanitation plant would be built to serve this project. In a letter dated in 2003 commenting on this issue for the Specific Plan DEIR, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board stated that the chloride issue would be addressed in the permitting process by requiring releases to the Santa Clara River meet the chloride TMDL. The permit, granted in 2007, in fact required that the 100mgl TMDL be met, with the thought that this plant, promising to be operated with reverse osmosis, would reduce the overall chloride level on the river. Now Newhall is instead proposing to run the first 6000 units through the existing Valencia Sanitation Plant.

While Newhall now claims that it disclosed and discussed this issue in the Mission Village EIR, the full ramifications of this change, including the issue of chlorides was in fact not discussed.

It now appears that Newhall always planned to do this, A 2002 contract, made without benefit of CEQA, between Newhall and the Sanitation Districts was made public at the January 18th Board of Supervisors hearing (agenda item 25). We assert that failure to disclose this contract during the evaluation of the specific plan, and thus address its affect on the chloride issue really, constitutes an attempt to hide information needed by your Commission for complete decision making on this subject.

Newhall, working with the Sanitation Districts, claims that there would be no affect from their use of the existing plant. In fact, chloride levels of wells intended for use in the Landmark and Mission Village DEIRs are very high and would not meet the current TMDL for chlorides when household salt loads are added. This information was clearly documented in our comment letter on this project.

The Valencia Treatment plant is already out of compliance with the TMDL for chlorides in the Santa Clara River. Although the Sanitation Districts have been aware of this problem since 1979, they have done nothing to address the issue as the use of imported water and the salt levels

continued to rise in the river. Tax payers are now being asked to foot the bill for a needed upgrade to address this issue, while the Sanitation Districts have clearly stated that no increase in connection fees for Newhall is in the offing.

The Newhall Ranch Specific Plan clearly stated that Newhall was to pay for infrastructure expansion, not the existing residents. The chloride releases from the sanitation plant was not addressed in the specific plan because Newhall's use of the Valencia Treatment plant was never discussed. Had it been, your commission and the Supervisors would have undoubtedly required mitigation to address this issue.

This company has already cost the tax payers an enormous amount of money through its bankruptcy proceedings and defaults on loans involving the California Public Employees Retirement Fund. Now they propose to have the tax payers pick up the tab for the added chloride load at the Valencia treatment plant.

If Newhall Ranch is allowed to use the Valencia treatment plant, what guarantee is there that they will ever build the Newhall Ranch Plant? This new proposal appears to be merely a ploy to avoid building the infrastructure that was originally promised and instead have the tax payers continue to pay for the chloride problem.

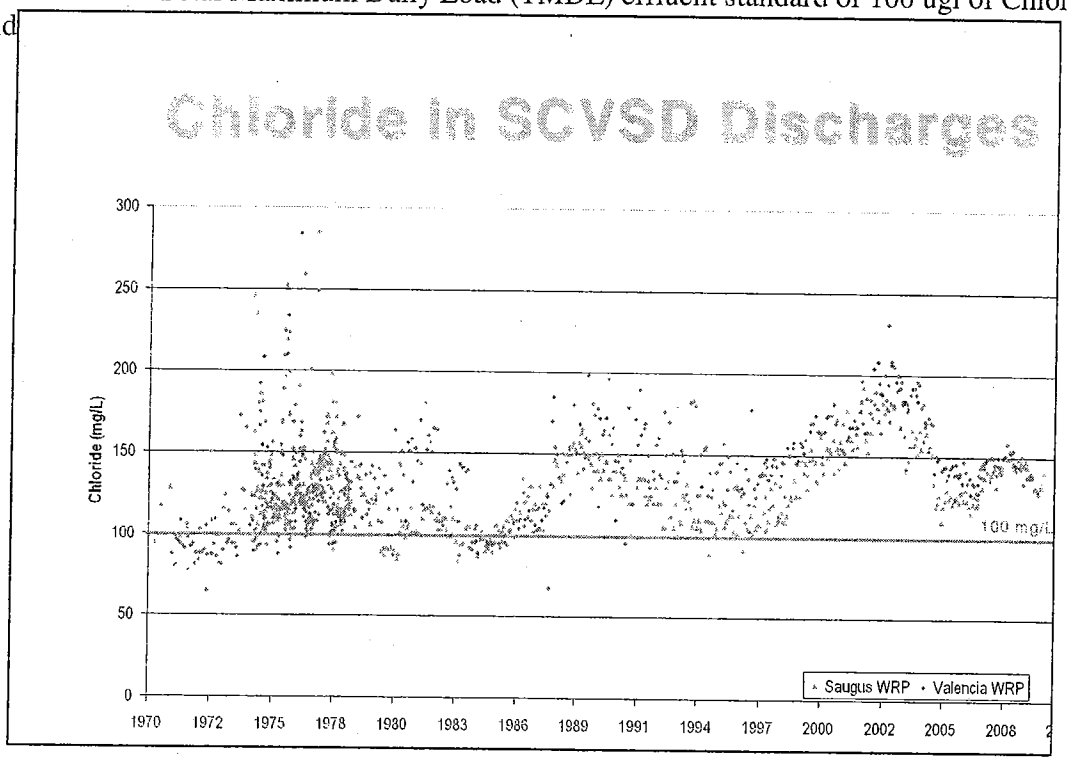
We ask that your Commission address this issue before any further approval is granted by requiring that Newhall provide facilities and pay the full cost of treating its water to meet the chloride TMDL as it would have had to do if it built the Newhall Ranch Sanitation Plant as or

Sincerely,

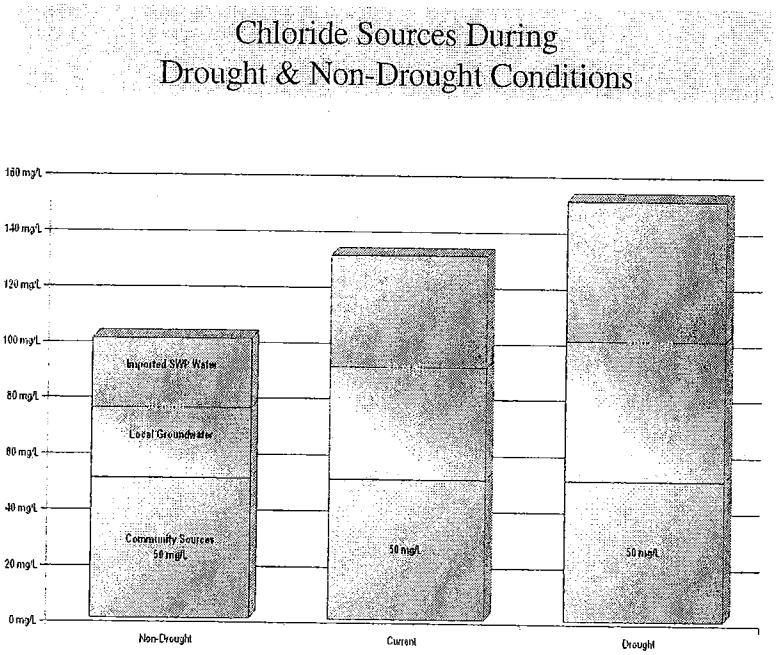
Lynne Plambeck
President

Chloride charts from our previous submittal

Currently the Sanitation Districts 26 and 32 in the Santa Clarita Valley do not comply with the Clean Water Act Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) effluent standard of 100 ugl of Chloride as ind



The Santa Clarita Sanitation Districts' failure to meet the Clean Water TMDL standard for chloride of 100mg/l in the Santa Clara River is a result in part to the sharp and continuing increase in the use of imported State Water Project (SWP) water as seen by the chart below, (from the Sanitation Districts).



C22. Letter from Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment, Lynne Plambeck, March 16, 2011

General Response

This comment letter was not received by the County until March 16, 2011, which is over 70 days after expiration of the public comment period on the Mission Village Draft EIR. All comment letters on the Draft EIR, which were received after expiration of the public comment period ending on January 4, 2011, are considered "late" comments. Because CEQA does not require a lead agency to respond to late comments, the County is not required to provide a written response to such comment letters (see, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15088 subd. (a)). However, the County has responded to the comments below without waiving its position that written responses to late comment letters are not required by CEQA.

Response 1

This comment expresses a concern regarding the Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant (WRP). The comment states that the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan includes a commitment to construct a new WRP (the Newhall Ranch WRP) in order to treat wastewater from the Specific Plan and that a letter dated in 2003 from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) stated that the chloride issue would be addressed in the permitting process for the Newhall Ranch WRP.

First, .the County agrees that the Newhall Ranch WRP is to be constructed to serve the Specific Plan, and while County could not locate the referenced RWQCB letter due to the lack of specificity concerning when it was sent and in what context, the County also generally concurs that the Newhall Ranch WRP is subject to an NPDES permit issued by RWQCB that contains effluent limitations on discharges from the plant to the Santa Clara River, including chloride effluent limitations.

As background, on March 23, 1999, and, again, on May 27, 2003, the County's Board of Supervisors (Board) certified the environmental documents for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and the Newhall Ranch WRP. The certified 1999 Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Program EIR evaluated the Newhall Ranch WRP at a project level of detail, and the Board approved the Newhall Ranch WRP under Conditional Use Permit No. 94-087-(5). The Newhall Ranch WRP is to provide treatment of the wastewater generated within the Specific Plan as well as produce recycled water for the Specific Plan area.

The Newhall Ranch WRP's certified project-level environmental analysis is found in Section 5.0 of the Newhall Ranch Revised Draft EIR (March 8, 1999) and Section 3.0 of the Newhall Ranch Revised Additional Analysis, Volume VIII (May 2003). Section 3.0 assessed and updated various Newhall Ranch WRP alternatives, including the approved Newhall Ranch WRP site.

The 1999 Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Program EIR and the 2003 Newhall Ranch Revised Additional Analysis contained Mitigation Measure SP 5.0-52, requiring formation of a county sanitation district for

the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan area. This requirement also was included in the adopted Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. Other mitigation measures (Mitigation Measures SP 5.0-22, SP 5.0-55) required the Newhall Ranch WRP to be designed and operated in accordance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, to be obtained from the RWQCB, Los Angeles Region.

In addition, the following mitigation measures were presented in both the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Program EIR, Section 4.12, Wastewater Disposal, and repeated in the Mission Village Draft EIR, **Section 4.9, Wastewater Disposal** (page 4.9-15):

> "SP 4.12-1 The Specific Plan shall reserve a site of sufficient size to accommodate a water reclamation plant to serve the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. (*This measure has been implemented by the Board of Supervisors' approval, in May 2003, of the Newhall Ranch WRP within the boundary of the Specific Plan.*)
>
> SP 4.12-2 A 5.8 to 6.9 mgd water reclamation plant shall be constructed on the Specific Plan site, pursuant to County, State, and Federal design standards, to serve the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. (*This measure will be implemented pursuant to the project-level analysis already completed for the Newhall Ranch WRP in the certified Newhall Ranch Specific Plan EIR.*)"

As indicated in the Draft EIR and in the mitigation measures provided above, the Specific Plan has reserved a site of sufficient size to accommodate the new WRP. This measure already has been implemented through the reservation of the site for the WRP on the western boundary of the Specific Plan site. The mitigation measures also require that a WRP be constructed on the Specific Plan site, pursuant to County, state and federal design standards, to serve the Specific Plan.

To fulfill these mitigation requirements and establish a logical plan for development of the new district and its infrastructure, the Newhall Land and Farming Company (Newhall) and the Sanitation Districts Nos. 36 and 32, later consolidated as the SCVSD, entered into the Interconnection Agreement, dated January 9, 2002.

On December 13, 2005, the County's Board adopted a resolution of intent to form the new district to be known as the Newhall Ranch County Sanitation District (NRSD). The Board also approved an Addendum to the Newhall Ranch EIR and Additional Analysis, which evaluated the environmental effects of NRSD formation. The Addendum determined that formation of the NRSD would not result in new or substantially more severe environmental impacts than those discussed in the prior Newhall Ranch environmental documents.

Thereafter, the County initiated proceedings for the formation of the NRSD, pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. On June 14, 2006, the Local Agency

Formation Commission (LAFCO) for Los Angeles County adopted a resolution approving formation of the NRSD. On July 27, 2006, LAFCO issued a Certificate of Completion for formation of the NRSD.

On January 18, 2011, the County's Board considered a resolution confirming formation of the NRSD. In doing so, the Board found that formation of the NRSD was within the scope of the previously certified Newhall Ranch EIR and Addendum.

With the above background provided for context, the comment claims that the letter provided to the County by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in 2003 in response to the Newhall Ranch Additional Analysis (not the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Draft Program EIR) "stated that the chloride issue would be addressed in the permitting process by requiring releases to the Santa Clara River [to] meet the chloride TMDL." While no specific reference is provided in this comment, the County presumes that the comment is referring to the RWQCB letter, dated February 3, 2003, provided in response to the Newhall Ranch Revised Draft Additional Analysis (SCH No. 1995011015). A review of the 2003 RWQCB letter indicates that no such statement is presented. Notwithstanding, however, Los Angeles County agrees that the new Newhall Ranch WRP is required, pursuant to the NPDES permit already issued by the RWQCB, to meet the chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Santa Clara River.

Because the comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis presented in the Mission Village Draft EIR, no further response to this comment is required. Note, however, that responses to these and other comments regarding chloride-related impacts to water quality, wastewater discharges from the Mission Village project to the Valencia WRP, the timing of construction of the Newhall Ranch WRP, and the use of groundwater and imported Nickel water are provided in **Topical Response 5: Chloride, which is found in the Mission Village Final EIR.**

Response 2

This comment addresses a "permit, granted in 2007." The County assumes that the comment is referring to the Newhall Ranch WRP NPDES Permit No. CA 0064556. This permit establishes effluent limitations and discharge specifications for the Newhall Ranch WRP, and the chloride effluent limitation in that permit is 100 mg/L, which is the water quality objective for chloride in the current Basin Plan, subject to adoption of chloride site-specific objectives for the reach of the Santa Clara River in which the Newhall Ranch WRP would discharge. (Please also refer to **Topical Response 5: Chloride for additional responsive information.**

The discharge of Newhall Ranch wastewater to the Valencia WRP would be temporary until construction of the Newhall Ranch WRP. Temporarily treating wastewater from the first 6,000 Newhall Ranch homes

(Mission Village and Landmark Village) at the Valencia WRP is a practical engineering decision based on the need to build-up an adequate, steady flow of wastewater before starting up the Newhall Ranch WRP, especially the reverse osmosis units. This approach does not eliminate the Specific Plan requirement for construction of the Newhall Ranch WRP. The developer (Newhall Land) must construct the Newhall Ranch WRP pursuant to the Specific Plan and must have it operating properly before the next phase of Mission Village and Landmark Village (i.e., beyond the first 6,000 homes in those two villages). Based on the Districts' technical memorandum (see Mission Village Final EIR, **Appendix 4.22**), the Districts have advised the County that the discharge of Newhall Ranch wastewater to the Valencia WRP would produce similar increases in chloride concentrations when compared to existing Santa Clarita Valley communities; therefore, there would be no negative impact to the SCVSD's sewerage system or its ability to comply with the chloride TMDL:

> "When operating at flows equal to or below the permitted plant capacity, compliance with the Chloride TMDL will depend on the chloride concentration in the treatment plan effluent. This concentration results from two primary sources: chloride concentration of the local water supply, and increased chloride concentration due to use of the water by the community. Local groundwater is the planned potable water source for the Specific Plan's Landmark and Mission Villages, the two developments whose wastewater might be temporarily treated at the VWRP under the Interconnection Agreement. The groundwater chloride levels for those communities are similar to that of the groundwater used by existing Santa Clarity Valley communities. Thus, no difference in chloride concentration is expected due to the water supply.
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> Like Santa Clarita, Newhall Ranch will be a mixture of residential, commercial and industrial land uses. Use of automatic water softeners (AWS) was a significant chloride source for SCVSD wastewater prior to the 2008 ban on AWS. Per Specific Plan mitigation measure 5.0-52(b), the Newhall Ranch developer must request that [the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District (NRSD)] ban AWS in Newhall Ranch. Districts' staff will also recommend that NRSD enact an AWS ban similar to the ban in the SCVSD. Consequently, the two communities are expected to produce similar increases in chloride concentrations due to use and similar overall wastewater chloride concentrations. Since final compliance will be determined by concentration, the addition of Newhall Ranch wastewater to the VWRP would neither add to nor alleviate the SCVSD's financial burden to comply with the Chloride TMDL." (See Mission Village Final EIR **Appendix F4.22** [Districts' technical memorandum, dated March 8, 2011, p. 2].)

Response 3

This comment claims that the Mission Village Draft EIR does not address the impacts of interim wastewater treatment at the Valencia WRP and that the Draft EIR does not address chloride impacts.

In response, the topic of the Mission Village project's interim wastewater treatment was addressed in the Mission Village Draft EIR, **Section 4.9, Wastewater Disposal**. Beginning on page 4.9-10, the Draft EIR states:

> "the long-range plan is for the Newhall Ranch WRP to be constructed exclusively to serve uses within Newhall Ranch. The new WRP's capacity would be 6.8 mgd, with a maximum flow of 13.8 mgd. A new County sanitation district has been formed. Project generated wastewater, 0.884 mgd, would be treated by the Newhall Ranch WRP, although interim treatment at the Valencia WRP would occur under some of the wastewater treatment scenarios as described below."
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> "until [Newhall Ranch] WRP construction is completed and the plant is operational, on an interim basis, three wastewater disposal options are available to treat the majority of the wastewater generated by the proposed project. One scenario, as shown in **Figure 1.0-32, Mission Village Wastewater System – Scenario 1**, provides for the construction of an initial phase of the Newhall Ranch WRP to serve the Mission Village subdivision. Under this scenario, buildout of the WRP would occur over time as demand for treatment increases due to subsequent development of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. The second scenario, as shown in **Figure 1.0-33, Mission Village Wastewater System – Scenario 2**, provides for an option should the WRP not yet be constructed. In this scenario, flows would be piped across the Commerce Center Drive Bridge to an interim pump station north of the Santa Clara River along the utility corridor where wastewater would be pumped back to an existing CSDLAC pump station, then to the existing Valencia WRP, located upstream of the project site along I-5. The pump station would be used until the first phase of the Newhall Ranch WRP is constructed. The third scenario, as shown in **Figure 1.0-34, Mission Village Wastewater System – Scenario 3**, is an interim option that would be implemented in the event that the Commerce Center Drive Bridge is not constructed prior to the occupancy of new land uses on the Mission Village project site. Under this scenario, an interim pump station would be constructed near the intersection of "GG" Street and Commerce Center Drive that would pump effluent to the existing Valencia WRP, which is located approximately 0.5 mile east of the project site along I-5. Under this scenario, a force main from the interim pump station on the project site to the proposed sewer mainline in Magic Mountain Parkway would be constructed. This proposed sewer mainline would connect with an existing line at the intersection of The Old Road and Magic Mountain Parkway."

The Draft EIR also has addressed treatment plant capacity impacts under interim Scenarios 2 and 3. As stated in the Draft EIR, at pages 4.9-11 and 4.9-12:

"(b) **Treatment Scenario 2**

Under this scenario, an interim pump station would be constructed along the utility corridor to pump wastewater via pipeline to the Valencia WRP. As a result of CSDLAC future wastewater generation estimates, CSDLAC proposed a two-phase plan to expand the SCVSD treatment facilities, which include the Valencia WRP, to meet anticipated future wastewater disposal needs of 34.1 mgd. The most recent phase was completed in May 2005 and expanded treatment capacity by approximately 9 mgd, or approximately 47 percent, to the current total treatment capacity of approximately 28.1 mgd. Based on population projections published in the SCAG 2004 Regional Transportation Plan, the Valencia WRP has adequate capacity through the year 2015. Another phase (Stage VI) expansion would increase capacity by 6 mgd, but will not be constructed until flow materializes. According to recent SCVSD flow projections based on the SCAG 2008 Regional Transportation Plan, the previously approved Stage VI expansion at the Valencia WRP is not expected to be needed until approximately 2021 and the site buildout capacity of 34.2 mgd is not expected to be reached until approximately 2033. Consequently, the planned short-term use of the Valencia WRP to treat 1.13 mgd of the project's wastewater is expected to have no impact on future expansion of the SCVSD facilities. In addition, the Valencia WRP would be able to accommodate the approximately 0.2 mgd of wastewater from the project that will permanently be treated at this facility.

Additionally, as stated earlier, numerous safeguards exist within the County's project approval process to ensure available treatment capacity, including, as noted above, that connection permits for new development are not issued if there is not sufficient capacity. Moreover, mitigation adopted by the County as part of its approval of the Specific Plan provides that prior to recordation of each subdivision permitting construction; the applicant is required to obtain a letter from the new County sanitation district stating that treatment capacity will be adequate for that subdivision (SP 4.12-4). As a result, no significant operational impacts would occur under this scenario.

(c) **Treatment Scenario 3**

Similar to Scenario 2, under this scenario wastewater from the Mission Village project would be conveyed to SCVSD and, as discussed immediately above, the planned short-term use of the Valencia WRP to treat the project's wastewater can be accommodated, as well as the permanent treatment of approximately 0.2 mgd of project wastewater. For this reason, no significant operational impacts would occur under this scenario."

For further responsive information, please refer to **Topical Response 5: Chloride**, and the Districts' technical memorandum, dated March 8, 2011 (see Mission Village Final EIR, **Appendix 4.22**).

Response 4

This comment claims that the 2002 Interconnection Agreement was entered into without public disclosure in "an attempt to hide information needed" by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning

Commission for complete decision making on the Mission Village project. This claim is incorrect. Formation of a new sanitation district was identified in the Specific Plan EIR as a mitigation measure. The Interconnection Agreement between the Newhall Land and Farming Company and the County Sanitation Districts was developed to establish a logical plan for the development and administration of the new district and its infrastructure. As explained below, the Interconnection Agreement was not "hidden" from view.

To the contrary, on January 9, 2002, at its regular meeting, the District's Board considered and approved entering into the Interconnection Agreement. In accordance with the Brown Act, the District gave notice and posted the Board agenda, which also was available online, prior to the January 9 meeting. The meeting was open to the public. District records show no one opposed the District's authorization of the Interconnection Agreement. If there was any objection to the District entering into the Interconnection Agreement at that time, the objection should have been lodged prior to or at the time of the meeting. Further, contrary to the comment, the Interconnection Agreement was referenced in previous County staff reports supporting formation of the new Newhall Ranch Sanitation District (see, for example, Department of Public Works staff report to the Board of Supervisors, dated December 1, 2005, pp. 3-4; and the Department's staff report to the Board dated January 18, 2011, p. 3, both of which are incorporated by reference).

Based on the above, the Interconnection Agreement was evaluated publicly and no information was "hidden" from the public or the decision makers.

Response 5

The comment states that "Newhall, working with the Sanitation Districts, claims that there would be no affect from their use of the existing plant," but that the Draft EIRs for both Landmark and Mission Villages indicate high chloride levels in wells intended for use in these tracts and that such levels would not meet the current TMDL for chlorides when household salt loads are added.

As to the statement that chloride levels in local groundwater wells intended for use in serving the Landmark and Mission Villages indicate "high chloride levels," the Mission Village Draft EIR indicates that such a statement is not correct. Chloride concentration is the main parameter in assessing compliance with the chloride TMDL and results from two inputs: chloride concentration of the water supply and increased chloride concentration due to the community. Local groundwater is the planned potable water source for the Specific Plan's Landmark and Mission Villages, the two developments whose wastewater is allowed to be temporarily treated at the Valencia WRP under the Interconnection Agreement. The quality of groundwater near the Mission Village site is addressed in the Draft EIR, **Section 4.8, Water Service**. As indicated in the Draft EIR, at page 4.8-62:

"(5) **Groundwater Quality Near the Mission Village Site**

The quality of the groundwater available from the Alluvial aquifer near the Mission Village project site has been tested. Results from laboratory testing conducted for Valencia Water Company wells expected to serve the Mission Village project site or very near the Mission Village site are provided in Draft EIR **Appendix 4.8**. The tested well are approved by DPH and are located north of the Mission Village site in the Valencia Commerce Center. Laboratory testing conducted in July 2009 indicates that all constituents tested were at acceptable levels for drinking water under Title 22. This Draft EIR also includes a summary of water quality compliance monitoring results for Valencia Commerce Center Well E-15 from 2006 to 2009. This information indicates that water in this well complies with all federal and state drinking water regulations (see **Appendix 4.8** for 2009 laboratory test water well results). Tests conducted for perchlorate indicated non-detect. *The Santa Clarita Valley 2010 Water Quality Report* also shows that water supplies provided by the Valencia Water Company, including water from the Commerce Center wells, meet Title 22 standards for drinking water.

The data also shows that the groundwater chloride levels from existing groundwater wells are well within the effluent limitation standards for chloride, and are similar to the groundwater chloride levels in the Santa Clarita Valley, as reported on page 3 of the "Santa Clarita Valley 2010 Water Quality Report," presented in the Draft EIR, **Appendix 4.8**.

For further information responsive to this comment, please see **Topical Response 5: Chloride, Responses 29 through 32** to the letter from SCOPE, dated January 2, 2011 (Letter C14), and **Response 10** to the letter from Sierra Club, dated January 3, 2011 (Letter C13). Los Angeles County appreciates your comments and they will be made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed project.

Response 6

This comment states that the SCVSD's Valencia WRP is "already out of compliance with the TMDL for chlorides in the Santa Clara River" and that the SCVSD has "done nothing" to address the issue. The comment then states that taxpayers are being asked to pay for needed treatment upgrades while no increase in connection fees for Newhall would occur.

In response, the County submits that the SCVSD's regional efforts are well beyond the scope of a project-level EIR; nonetheless, the County understands that the SCVSD is not currently "out of compliance" with the chloride TMDL.

As background, the RWQCB has developed and adopted an amended chloride TMDL. The chloride TMDL is part of the Basin Plan.

The RWQCB first adopted a TMDL for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River in October 2002 (Resolution No. 2002-018). On May 6, 2004, the RWQCB amended the Upper Santa Clara River chloride

TMDL to revise the interim wasteload allocations (WLAs) and implementation schedule (Resolution 04-004). The amended TMDL was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Office of Administrative Law, and the USEPA, and became effective on May 4, 2005. The chloride TMDL requires that chloride levels in WRP effluent not exceed 100 mg/L.

At the time the TMDL was adopted and approved, there were key scientific uncertainties regarding the sensitivity of crops to chloride and the complex interactions between surface water and groundwater in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed. The TMDL recognized the possibility of revised chloride water quality objectives (WQO) and included mandatory reconsiderations by the RWQCB to consider Site Specific Objectives (SSO). The TMDL required the County Sanitation Districts to implement special studies and actions to reduce chloride loadings from the Saugus and Valencia WRPs. The TMDL included the following special studies to be considered by the RWQCB:

- Literature Review and Evaluation (LRE) -- review agronomic literature to determine a chloride threshold for salt sensitive crops.
- Extended Study Alternatives (ESA) -- identify agricultural studies, including schedules and costs, to refine the chloride threshold.
- Endangered Species Protection (ESP) -- review available literature to determine chloride sensitivities of endangered species in the Upper Santa Clara River.
- Groundwater and Surface Water Interaction Study (GSWI) -- determine chloride transport and fate from surface waters to groundwater basins underlying the Upper Santa Clara River.
- Conceptual Compliance Measures -- identify potential chloride control measures and costs based on different hypothetical WQO and final WLA scenarios.
- Site Specific Objectives and Antidegradation Analysis -- consider a site-specific objective for chloride based on the results of the agricultural chloride threshold study and the GSWI.

The TMDL special studies were conducted in a facilitated process in which stakeholders participated in scoping and reviewing the studies. This process resulted in an alternative TMDL implementation plan that addresses chloride impairment of surface waters and degradation of groundwater. The alternative plan, the AWRM, was first set forth by the Upper Basin water purveyors and United Water Conservation District (UWCD), the management agency for groundwater resources in the Ventura County portions of the Upper Santa Clara River watershed. The AWRM program increases chloride WQOs in certain

groundwater basins and reaches of the USCR watershed, decreases the chloride objectives in the eastern Piru Basin, and results in an overall reduction in chloride loading as well as water supply benefits[1].

The AWRM program, which is described in detail in the GSWI Task 2B-2 Report[2], consists of advanced treatment for a portion of the recycled water from the Valencia WRP; construction of a well field in the eastern Piru basin to pump out higher chloride groundwater; discharging the blended pumped groundwater and advanced treated recycled water to Reach 4A at the western end of the Piru basin at a chloride concentration not to exceed 95 mg/L; and conveyance of supplemental water and advanced treated recycled water to the Santa Clara River.

A GSWI model was developed to assess the linkage between chloride sources and instream water quality, and to quantify the assimilative capacity of Santa Clara River Reaches 4A, 4B, 5, and 6 and the groundwater basins underlying those reaches[3]. GSWI was then used to predict the effects of WRP discharges on chloride loading to surface water and groundwater under a variety of future hydrology, land use, and water use assumptions, including future discharges from the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan projects, in order to determine appropriate WLAs and load allocations. The GSWI model was used to assess the ability of the AWRM to achieve compliance with proposed conditional SSOs under future water use scenarios within the USCR watershed. The model was based on design capacities at Valencia WRP and Saugus WRP of 27.6 million gallons per day (mgd) and 6.5 mgd, for a total system design capacity of 34.1 mgd by year 2027[4]. The model predicted that the AWRM could achieve proposed conditional SSOs for chloride under both drought and nondrought conditions.[5]

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1 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB), 2008. Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Reconsideration, Conditional Site Specific Objectives for Chloride, and Interim Wasteload Allocations for Sulfate and Total Dissolved Solids Staff Report. November 24, 2008. This report is incorporated by reference and available for public review upon request to the County.

2 Geomatrix, 2008. Draft Task 2b-2 Report – Assessment of Alternatives for Compliance Options Using the Groundwater/Surface Water Interaction Model Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Collaborative Process. This report is incorporated by reference and available for public review upon request to the County.

3 See footnote 1.

4 See footnote 1.

5 See footnote 2.

The SCVSD is currently discharging wastewater from the Valencia WRP pursuant to Order No. R4-2009-0074 and NPDES Permit No. CA0054216.[6] The Valencia WRP has a current design capacity of 21.6 mgd and serves an estimated population of 162,661[7].

The Valencia WRP is part of the SCVSD's regional system that also includes the Saugus WRP. The regional system allows biosolids, solids, and excess influent flows from the Saugus WRP to be diverted to the Valencia WRP for treatment and disposal. The Valencia WRP currently receives wastewater from the City of Santa Clarita and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The wastewater is a mixture of pretreated industrial and residential wastewater.

In order to comply with chloride TMDL, the SCVSD will likely need to add facilities because existing treatment processes do not provide chloride removal. No decision has been made regarding how the SCVSD will achieve compliance with the chloride TMDL; however, the long-term compliance schedule established in RWQCB's revised chloride TMDL Resolution No. R4-2008-12 (December 11, 2008) allows time for attaining compliance[8].

Response 7

The comment addresses the costs of, and responsibility for, wastewater treatment and chloride releases from the Valencia WRP. Responses to these and other comments regarding chloride-related impacts to water quality, wastewater discharges from the Mission Village project to the Valencia WRP, the timing of construction of the Newhall Ranch WRP, and the costs of, and responsibilities for, wastewater treatment are provided in **Topical Response 5: Chloride**. For further responsive information, please see the Districts' technical memorandum, dated March 8, 2011 (Mission Village Final EIR **Appendix 4.22**).

Response 8

This comment states that the project applicant is proposing that the public pay for the added chloride load at SCVSD's Valencia WRP. This comment is incorrect. Responses to these and other comments regarding chloride-related impacts to water quality, wastewater discharges from the Mission Village

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6 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2009. Order No. R4-2009-0074 (NPDES No. CA0054216), Waste Discharge Requirements for the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Valencia Water Reclamation Plant Discharge to Santa Clara River. This report is incorporated by reference and available for public review upon request to the County.

7 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2009. Fact Sheet for Order No. R4-2009-0074 (NPDES No. CA0054216), Waste Discharge Requirements for the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Valencia Water Reclamation Plant Discharge to Santa Clara River. This report is incorporated by reference and available for public review upon request to the County.

8 The WLA-based final effluent limit for chloride becomes operative 11 years after the effective date of the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL (5/4/2016).

project to the Valencia WRP, the timing of construction of the Newhall Ranch WRP, and the costs of, and responsibilities for, wastewater treatment are provided in **Topical Response 5: Chloride**. For information regarding the bankruptcy proceedings of the project applicant, please see **Topical Response No. 2: Bankruptcy-Related Comments**.

Response 9

This comment asks what guarantee is there that the applicant will ever build the Newhall Ranch WRP. As stated in the Districts' technical memorandum, and in the Interconnection Agreement, the applicant (Newhall Land) is still required to construct the Newhall Ranch WRP, and the temporary use of the Valencia WRP does not eliminate the requirement for Newhall Land to both construct the Newhall Ranch WRP and finance the new sewerage system with the Specific Plan area. For further responsive information, please see **Topical Response 5: Chloride** and the Districts' technical memorandum (Mission Village Final EIR, **Appendix F4.22**).

Response 10

The comment asks that the issues raised in its letter be addressed prior to project approval, and that the project applicant be required to pay the full cost of treating water to meet the chloride TMDL. Responses to these and other comments regarding chloride-related impacts to water quality, wastewater discharges from the Mission Village project to the Valencia WRP, the timing of construction of the Newhall Ranch WRP, and the costs of, and responsibilities for, wastewater treatment are provided in **Topical Response 5: Chloride**. Please also see **Response 1**, above. Los Angeles County appreciates your comments and they will be made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed project.

Response 11

This comment reproduces comments and charts already provided by the commentor in its letter, dated January 2, 2011 (Letter C14). Please see **Responses 29 through 32** to this letter for information responsive to this comment.

ATTACHMENT G

SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Memorandum

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Subject: **Response to SCOPE Letter and Testimony to the Board of Supervisors Regarding Formation of the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District (January 18, 2011 Board Agenda Item 25)**

On January 18, 2011, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich directing the Sanitation Districts (Districts) to prepare a memorandum that responds to the issues raised by the testimony of Ms. Lynne Plambeck and Ms. Cam Noltemeyer of the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment (SCOPE), and the letter from Ms. Plambeck dated January 13, 2011 (both documents are attached with issues numbered).

The memorandum presents background information on the proposed Newhall Ranch Development and the prior actions by the County and the Districts that provide context for the issues raised. SCOPE's issues are shown in bold followed by the Districts' response.

I. Background

On March 23, 1999, and, again, on May 27, 2003, the Board certified the environmental documents (collectively, Newhall Ranch EIR) for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant (NRWRP). The certified Newhall Ranch EIR evaluated the NRWRP at a project level of detail, and the Board approved the NRWRP under Conditional Use Permit No. 94-087-(5). The NRWRP is to provide treatment of the wastewater generated within the Specific Plan area as well as produce recycled water for the Specific Plan area.

The environmental analysis of the NRWRP is found in Section 5.0 of the Newhall Ranch Revised Draft EIR (March 8, 1999) and Section 3.0 of the Newhall Ranch Revised Additional Analysis, Volume VIII (May 2003). Section 3.0 assessed and updated various NRWRP alternatives including the approved NRWRP site.

The Newhall Ranch EIR contained a mitigation measure (Mitigation Measure 5.0-52), also reflected in the adopted Mitigation Monitoring Plan, requiring formation of a county sanitation district for the Specific Plan area. To fulfill mitigation requirements and establish a logical plan for development of the new district and its infrastructure, the Newhall Land and Farming Company (NLFC) and Sanitation Districts Nos. 26 and 32, later consolidated as Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD), entered into an agreement (Interconnection Agreement) dated January 9, 2002.

On December 13, 2005, the Board adopted the resolution of intent to form the county sanitation district to be known as the Newhall Ranch County Sanitation District (NRSD). The Board also approved an Addendum to the Newhall Ranch EIR and Additional Analysis, which evaluated the environmental effects of NRSD formation. The Addendum determined that formation of the NRSD would not result in new or substantially more severe environmental impacts than those discussed in the prior Newhall Ranch environmental documents.

Thereafter, the County initiated proceedings for the formation of the NRSD, pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. On June 14, 2006, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for Los Angeles County adopted a resolution approving formation of the NRSD. On July 27, 2006, LAFCO issued a Certificate of Completion for formation of the NRSD.

On January 18, 2011, the Board considered a resolution confirming formation of the NRSD within the scope of the previously certified Newhall Ranch EIR and Addendum. At the January 18, 2011 Board meeting, representatives from SCOPE expressed their concerns by oral testimony and a letter.

II. Districts' Responses to SCOPE's Issues

1. **"Without the construction of the Sanitation plant as required by the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the public will bear the burden of the expensive clean up of chlorides required to comply with the Clean Water Act. This will entail a sharp increase in sewer fees to the general public."**

   Discharge of Newhall Ranch wastewater to the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant (VWRP) would be temporary until construction of the Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant (NRWRP). The Newhall Ranch wastewater would neither add nor alleviate the SCVSD's financial burden to comply with the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride Total Maximum Daily load (Chloride TMDL).

   The Interconnection Agreement sets conditions under which the first 6,000 homes in Newhall Ranch may temporarily discharge wastewater to the VWRP. The conditions include payment of the standard SCVSD connection fee (fair share of the cost of the existing infrastructure) and transfer of title of the 22-acre NRWRP site to the NRSD. Newhall Ranch residents also would pay the SCVSD an annual service charge to recover the full cost of treating their wastewater at the VWRP. Temporary treatment of wastewater at the VWRP would not eliminate the need for the developer to construct the NRWRP. Prior to building more than 6,000 homes, the developer must construct the NRWRP.

   When operating at flows equal to or below the permitted plant capacity, compliance with the Chloride TMDL will depend on the chloride concentration in the treatment plant effluent. This concentration results from two primary sources: chloride concentration of the local water supply, and increased chloride concentration due to use of the water by the community. Local groundwater is the planned potable water source for the Specific Plan's Landmark and Mission Villages, the two developments whose wastewater might be temporarily treated at the VWRP under the Interconnection Agreement. The groundwater chloride levels for those communities are similar to that of the groundwater used by existing Santa Clarita Valley communities. Thus, no difference in chloride concentration is expected due to the water supply.

   Like Santa Clarita, Newhall Ranch will be a mixture of residential, commercial and industrial land uses. Use of automatic water softeners (AWS) was a significant chloride source for SCVSD wastewater prior to the 2008 ban on AWS. Per Specific Plan mitigation measure 5.0-52(b), the Newhall Ranch developer must request that NRSD ban AWS in Newhall Ranch. Districts' staff will also recommend that NRSD enact an AWS ban similar to the ban in the SCVSD. Consequently, the two communities are expected to produce similar increases in chloride concentrations due to use and similar overall wastewater chloride concentrations. Since final compliance will be determined by concentration, the addition of Newhall Ranch wastewater to the VWRP would neither add to nor alleviate the SCVSD's financial burden to comply with the Chloride TMDL.

2. **"...In addition, the agreement between the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (SCV) and Newhall Land and Farming allows up to 6,000 capacity units to be treated at existing SCV wastewater treatment facilities as needed during construction of the Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant. SCV has sufficient capacity to accommodate the use of its facilities." This statement cannot be made because the County is currently in the middle of analyzing the impacts for the first tract maps of Newhall Ranch. No certified EIR exists on either the Landmark tract or the Mission Village**

tract, which comprise approximately 6,000 units. Further, there is not even a Development Monitoring System analysis for sewer capacity included in the Mission Village EIR as required by the Court Decision in 2003."

Certification of an EIR is not required to estimate future flows and determine whether there is available capacity at existing treatment facilities. The 2003 Court Ruling by Judge Randall (Case Number S-1500-CV-239324, RDR) does not specify any requirements regarding a Development Monitoring System (DMS) analysis.

Wastewater flow projections for the two Newhall Ranch communities have been reviewed by the Districts. Estimates are 0.3 million gallons per day (mgd) for Landmark Village and 1.0 mgd for Mission Village (collectively 1.3 mgd). The Interconnection Agreement allows for temporary treatment at VWRP for up to 6,000 homes (about 1.6 mgd). The VWRP treated approximately 15 mgd in 2010 and currently has a capacity of 21.6 mgd (yielding 6.6 mgd of surplus capacity). Thus, the VWRP has sufficient capacity to accommodate the temporary use of its facilities as stated in the staff report for the January 18, 2011 Board agenda item. CEQA for the VWRP was addressed by the certified 2015 Santa Clarita Valley Joint Sewerage System Facilities Plan and EIR, which examined the environmental impacts of treating 27.6 mgd of wastewater at the VWRP.

The Newhall Ranch EIRs, certified by the Board in 1999 and 2003, evaluated the environmental impacts related to development of the Specific Plan, including construction of the NRWRP and the new sewage facilities to serve the Specific Plan area. At the project level, the County is in the process of completing further CEQA analysis for both Landmark Village and Mission Village. The CEQA compliance for Landmark Village is contained in the Landmark Village Draft EIR (November 2006), Final EIR (November 2007), and Recirculated Draft EIR (January 2010). CEQA compliance for Mission Village is contained in the Mission Village Draft EIR (October 2010). The EIRs contain a County DMS analysis and evaluate each project's wastewater conveyance/disposal effects including temporary wastewater treatment at the VWRP.

3. **"If the Sanitation Plant is not built in accordance with the mitigation requirements of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Plan cannot meet its requirements to provide non-potable water or to finance its own infrastructure expansion costs."**

   Temporary use of the VWRP for treatment of Newhall Ranch wastewater does not eliminate the Specific Plan requirement for the developer to construct the NRWRP and finance the new sewerage system. The temporary use of the VWRP addresses practical engineering considerations such as the need to build-up an adequate and steady flow of wastewater before start-up of the NRWRP. Whether Newhall Ranch wastewater is treated at the NRWRP or VWRP, the treated wastewater will be suitable for reuse and offsetting Newhall Ranch water demands.

4. **"Further, the Sanitation discharge permit granted by the Regional Water Quality Board required reverse osmosis treatment for the effluent from this plant. By attempting to evade this requirement, Newhall will put the added burden of removing salts from the Newhall Ranch effluent on the backs of the public."**

   Temporary use of the VWRP for treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater does not eliminate the requirement for the developer to construct the NRWRP or finance the new sewerage system within the Specific Plan area. The developer must construct the NRWRP per the Specific Plan and must have it operating properly before the next phase after Landmark Village and Mission Village. As noted in the Item 1 response, temporary treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater at the VWRP would neither add to nor alleviate the SCVSD's financial burden to comply with the Chloride TMDL.

   Temporarily treating wastewater from the first 6,000 Newhall Ranch homes at the VWRP is a practical engineering decision based on the need to build up an adequate, steady flow of wastewater before starting up

the NRWRP, especially the reverse osmosis units. Such an approach would match the slower pace of the development but would not eliminate the Specific Plan requirement for construction of the NRWRP.

5. **"The Santa Clarita Sanitation District's failure to meet the Clean Water TMDL standard for chloride of 100 mg/l in the Santa Clara River is a result in part due to the sharp and continuing increase in the use of imported State Water Project (SWP) water as seen by the chart below, (also supplied by the Sanitation Districts). This problem is aggravated by high levels of chlorides in the wells proposed to be used for these tracts, according to information found in both the Landmark and Mission Village DEIRs as indicated in the chart below. Therefore, if Newhall uses the Valencia treatment plant rather than building their own Sanitation Plant as required by the Specific Plan, the chloride levels in the effluent of that treatment plant will be substantially increased. Without the immediate construction of the Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant, approved as an RO (reverse osmosis salt removal system) facility, the high chlorides in the wells proposed to be used by this project in the chart below and the additional imported Nickels water will add to this load."**

   Imported water did not cause the chloride standard to be exceeded. Effluent from the VWRP has exceeded 100 mgd/l since the 1970s despite the fact that imported water was not delivered to Santa Clarita Valley until the 1980s. Nonetheless, as noted in the Item 1 response, the chloride concentrations of Newhall Ranch and SCVSD wastewater are expected to be similar. Thus, temporary treatment of Newhall Ranch wastewater at the VWRP would not change the SCVSD's ability to comply with the Chloride TMDL.

   SCOPE implies that use of Nickel water[1] would contribute to increase the chloride load at the VWRP. While the Landmark Village and Mission Village projects are part of the potable water system for the entire Specific Plan, the projects do not rely on Nickel water to satisfy their potable water demands. As reported in the Newhall Ranch Revised Additional Analysis, Section 2.5, Water Resources (Volume VIII, May 2003), the Nickel water would only be needed in years when the Newhall Ranch agricultural water has been used, which is estimated to occur after approximately the 21st year of project construction. Therefore, the comment regarding use of Nickel water is not appropriate at this time.

6. **"How does a side agreement between the developer and the Sanitation Districts fit into the planning oversight purview of the Board of Supervisors? How can the Planning Department substantiate that sewer service complies with the County Development Monitoring System or is consistent with the general plan or specific plans if developers make side agreements with the Sanitation Districts?"**

   Formation of a new sanitation district was identified in the Specific Plan EIR as a mitigation measure. The Interconnection Agreement was developed to fulfill this Specific Plan requirement and establish a logical plan for the development and administration of the new district and its infrastructure. This agreement ensures that the developer provides the necessary land and infrastructure. The Interconnection Agreement was considered and approved by the Sanitation Districts Nos. 26 and 32 Boards at their January 9, 2002 meetings, which were open to the public. Further, this agreement was referenced in previous County and LAFCO resolutions supporting formation of the new sanitation district.

   As noted in the Item 2 response, the EIRs for both Landmark Village and Mission Village contain County DMS analysis. Moreover, the Newhall Ranch developer is required to build a new sewerage system to serve Newhall Ranch developments and, thus, the Specific Plan does not rely upon existing County sewerage facilities. The Districts and County have coordinated their efforts with regard to establishment of the new sanitation district and its sewerage conveyance system. This coordination enables the County to verify that the development is consistent with the County's General Plan and Specific Plan requirements.

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[1] Nickel water refers to a source of potable water owned by NLFC that can be delivered to the Newhall Ranch development to supplement existing sources of potable water.

7. **"The agreement between the developer of the Newhall Ranch Project and the Sanitation District violates the conditions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and puts the Santa Clarita Valley in jeopardy of continued non-compliance with the Clean Water Act Chloride TMDL. We therefore strongly object to this agreement and ask that the Board of Supervisors take action to rectify this issue."**

   The Interconnection Agreement is not in conflict with the Specific Plan and does not impact the SCVSD's ability to comply with the Chloride TMDL. As noted in the Item 1 and 4 responses, temporary treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater at the VWRP would not eliminate the need for the developer to construct the NRWRP and to finance the new sewerage system, nor would it impact compliance with the Chloride TMDL. As presented in the Item 2 response, the VWRP has available capacity for temporary treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater. Thus, no negative impact to the SCVSD's sewerage system is expected, and this approach does not conflict with the Specific Plan's requirement for construction of the NRWRP.

8. **"The public should not have to pay the costs of bringing the chloride level into compliance with an increase to their sewer fees."**

   By law, the users of the SCVSD's wastewater system must pay for Chloride TMDL compliance. As noted in the Item 1 and 4 responses, temporary treatment of Newhall Ranch wastewater would neither add to nor alleviate the SCVSD's financial burden to comply with the Chloride TMDL.

9. **"...but for the statement within the resolution that says that "The first 6,000 units of Newhall Ranch will be put through the Valencia Treatment Plant." That's not consistent with the Newhall Ranch that was passed for the formation of this, the Newhall Ranch sanitation plant."**

   The temporary treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater at VWRP does not conflict with Specific Plan's requirements as described in the Item 4 and 7 responses.

10. **"And we ask that that be struck from the staff report because it seems to be a backdoor way of getting those approved when there's no E.I.R. on that and it's not consistent with the Specific Plan."**

    As noted in the Item 4 and 7 responses, temporary treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater at the VWRP is not in conflict with the Specific Plan. Prior CEQA compliance was not required because temporary treatment at the VWRP was not proposed until the release of the Draft EIRs for both Landmark Village and Mission Village. Draft EIRs for both projects, including the Landmark Village Recirculated Draft EIR, have been the subject of extensive public review and comment as part of the County's environmental review process.

    As stated in the Item 2 response, the environmental implications of the build-out of the VWRP to its capacity were assessed in the SCVSD's certified EIR for the 2015 Santa Clarita Valley Joint Sewerage System Facilities Plan. The Newhall Ranch EIR, evaluated the environmental impacts related to development of the Specific Plan, including construction of the NRWRP to a project level and the new sewerage facilities at a programmatic level to serve the Specific Plan. The County is in the process of completing further CEQA compliance at a project level for both Landmark Village and Mission Village.

11. **"The addendum itself that ... was passed ... for the formation on the Sanitation District specifically says that the wastewater treatment plant will be built in stages as the specific plan area is developed and will ultimately be sized to treat up to 6.8 million gallons. So it, too, is not consistent with what is being said in the Staff Report. So we wonder how the Sanitation District would have made an agreement like that that's in violation of your environmental documents and the Specific Plan."**

    There is no inconsistency between the Staff Report and the Specific Plan. The fact that the Staff Report only addressed the temporary treatment of Newhall Ranch wastewater at the VWRP does not eliminate the Specific

Plan requirement for the developer to build the NRWRP and other sewerage infrastructure to serve the Specific Plan. For more information regarding consistency with the Specific Plan, see the Item 6 response. Regarding claims of violating CEQA, please see the Item 10 response.

12. **"Now we appear before you, and Newhall Land is claiming that they have this agreement with the Sanitation -- actually Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County to allow these 6,000 units to be treated in our existing Santa Clarita wastewater facilities. Those facilities are not reverse osmosis plants. And if this is allowed, it will only create additional problem as far as the chlorides for our community. The reverse osmosis plant that is required with this Newhall Treatment Plant that will take care of chlorides. So definitely, they shouldn't be allowed to use any other treatment plant."**

    Discharge of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater to the VWRP will be temporary until construction and startup of the NRWRP. The Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater would neither add to nor alleviate the SCVSD's financial burden to comply with the Chloride TMDL. For further explanation, see the Item 1 and 4 responses.

13. **"And it's a very, very expensive issue for our community. And we were promised that we would not be funding anything for the Newhall Ranch."**

    Temporary treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater at the VWRP would neither add to nor alleviate the SCVSD's financial burden to comply with the Chloride TMDL as explained in the Item 1 and 4 responses.

14. **"And if that's what they're going to do, they have to have additional environmental analysis on it."**

    As noted in the Item 10 response, the EIRs for both Landmark Village and Mission Village evaluate wastewater disposal options including temporary treatment of Landmark Village and Mission Village wastewater at the VWRP. There will be no temporary treatment at the VWRP, unless and until the Board has considered and certified the project EIRs in accordance with CEQA.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or Mr. Thomas J. LeBrun at (562) 908-4288, extension 2751 or via email at tlebrun@lacsd.org.

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Groundwater Recharge

Mission Village Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Newhall Ranch Specific Plan

A. Introduction and Summary of Findings

Questions have been raised regarding the need for active groundwater recharge on the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan site, and, specifically, the Mission Village project site.

As described in greater detail below, implementation of the Mission Village project would not deplete or interfere with groundwater recharge, and, therefore, there is no need for active groundwater recharge within Newhall Ranch, including the Mission Village project site, because:

1. The Mission Village proposed stormwater management system would promote infiltration and groundwater recharge through Project Design Features (PDFs) that include Low Impact Development (LID) best management practices, which retain stormwater runoff and treat it through measures that capture 80 percent of the average runoff volume;
2. The best available evidence shows that no adverse impacts to the recharge of the Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin (Basin) have occurred due to both the existing or projected use of local groundwater supplies, consistent with the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA)/purveyor groundwater operating plan (see Mission Village Draft EIR **Appendix 4.8** [2005 Basin Yield Report and 2009 Basin Yield Update]); and
3. Technical memoranda prepared by CH2MHill and Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers (see Mission Village Draft EIR **Appendix 4.8**), show that no need exists for active groundwater recharge on Newhall Ranch, including the Mission Village project site.

B. Groundwater Characteristics of the Santa Clarita Valley

Newhall Ranch lies at the western end of the upper Santa Clara River hydrologic area, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Basin lies within this hydrologic area and is the source of essentially all local groundwater used for water supply in the Santa Clarita Valley. The local groundwater supplies are obtained from relatively young surficial alluvial deposits (the Alluvium, also known as the Alluvial aquifer) and from an older geologic unit that underlies the Alluvium and adjoining areas (the Saugus Formation).

The Alluvium lies within the portion of the Santa Clarita Valley occupied by the Santa Clara River and also is present in side canyons that contain tributary drainages to the Santa Clara River. The Alluvium consists of extensively interlayered and interfingered mixtures of gravel and sand, with variable amounts of cobbles and boulders and minor amounts of silt and clay. Due to the unconsolidated to poorly consolidated condition of the Alluvium, it has relatively high permeability and porosity. The groundwater flow direction in the Alluvial aquifer follows the topography of the Santa Clarita Valley and its tributary drainages. Groundwater recharge occurs in the eastern, northern, and southern portions of the Santa Clarita Valley, along with natural groundwater discharge mechanisms, such as discharge to the Santa Clara River (as is occurring within the Specific Plan area), subsurface outflow beneath the Santa Clara River, and evapotranspiration by deep-rooted vegetation. There is no groundwater recharge at the west end of the Valley, only natural mechanisms for groundwater discharge occur.

The Saugus Formation is present beneath Mission Village and most of the Santa Clarita Valley area east of the Mission Village project site. The upper subunits of the Saugus Formation consist of terrestrial sediments deposited in stream channels, floodplains, and alluvial fans by ancestral drainage systems. The upper subunits are a source of groundwater supply in the Santa Clarita Valley because of their productive nature and their good water quality. Deeper subunits of the Saugus Formation were deposited in a marine environment and are subsequently not used for water supplies because of their brackish water quality and fine-grained, low-permeability nature.

Faulting and folding of the Saugus Formation and the underlying bedrock units have created a bowl-shaped structure beneath the Santa Clarita Valley. The Saugus Formation and underlying bedrock generally dip downwards from the periphery of the Santa Clarita Valley towards the deepest portion of the "bowl" beneath the central portion of the Valley. The thickness of the Saugus Formation also is controlled by the San Gabriel fault, which is present in the eastern and northern portions of the Valley. Because of its structure and its connection with the overlying Alluvial aquifer, groundwater flow in the Saugus Formation is generally towards the center of the bowl and also towards the western portion of the Santa Clarita Valley. Like the Alluvial aquifer, the Saugus Formation is recharged in the eastern and other peripheral portions of the Santa Clarita Valley. Groundwater discharge from the Saugus Formation occurs at the west end of the Santa Clarita Valley in the form of groundwater discharge into the overlying Alluvial aquifer, which in turn discharges to the Santa Clara River in the western end of the Valley within the Specific Plan area.

C. Mission Village Project Description – Stormwater Management System

,The PDFs incorporated into the Mission Village project to address water quality and hydrologic impacts include site design, source control, treatment control, and hydromodification control best management practices (BMPs). Most of these BMPs would promote infiltration and recharge groundwater. (See Mission Village Draft EIR, **Section 4.22**, Water Quality, pages 4.22-63 through 4.22-78.)

Site design also would promote infiltration and groundwater recharge, including the following:

- Clustering development into villages, with approximately 74 percent (or approximately 10,145 acres) of the Newhall Ranch remaining in undeveloped Open Areas; and
- Impervious areas would be minimized by incorporating landscaped areas and open space into Mission Village; approximately 678 acres of the 1,262-acre Mission Village project area (about 54 percent) would be natural River corridor, open space, spineflower preserves, or parks.

The,LID BMPs that promote retention of urban runoff are included as PDFs. The LID BMPs have been selected and analyzed such that on-site retention of runoff is maximized from the water quality design storm (i.e., the first 0.75 inch of precipitation). (See Mission Village Draft EIR, **Section 4.22**, Water Quality.)..

A LID Performance Standard also has been developed and quantified for the Mission Village project. The LID BMP Performance Standard is as follows:

> LID project design features (PDFs) shall be selected and sized to fully retain the volume of stormwater runoff produced from a 0.75 inch storm event to reduce the percentage of Effective Impervious Area (EIA) to five percent or less of the total project area within the vesting tentative map and associated off-site project area. Impervious surfaces are rendered "ineffective" if the design storm volume is fully retained on the project site using infiltration and/or evapotranspiration retention BMPs. Runoff from all EIA shall be treated with treatment control measures that are selected to address the pollutants of concern and are sized to capture and treat 80 percent of the average annual runoff volume.

The LID Performance Standard would be implemented as follows:

1. Institutional, commercial, multi-family residential, recreation, and park land use parcels would implement retention or biofiltration BMPs on-site to the extent feasible. Based on an assessment of feasibility, one of three BMP strategies would be applied as outlined below:

a. *Infiltration feasible*: If it is feasible to infiltrate all of the runoff produced from the 0.75 inch design storm volume from all of the developed area (i.e., soil infiltration rates are at least 0.5 inches per hour, fill depth is less than 10 feet, and no infiltration geotechnical hazards exist (such as landslides and terrace escarpments)), infiltration BMPs would be used. Infiltration BMPs include bioretention (without an underdrain), permeable pavement, infiltration galleries, infiltration basins or trenches, or an equivalent infiltration BMP.

b. *Infiltration allowable but low infiltration rates or deep fill depths are present*: If the parcel has low soil infiltration rates (i.e., the soil infiltration rate is less than 0.5 inches per hour) or the depth of fill is greater than 10 feet, but no other technical infeasibility concerns exist, bioinfiltration BMPs would be used. Bioinfiltration facilities are similar to bioretention facilities with an underdrain, but they include storage below the underdrain to maximize the volume infiltrated. These facilities would retain a portion of the runoff from the design storm, then biofilter the remaining runoff from the design storm.

c. *Infiltration is not allowable*: If infiltration is technically infeasible due to geotechnical hazards or a high ground water table, then biofiltration BMPs would be used. These BMPs would biofilter the runoff produced from the design storm from the developed area.

2. Runoff from roofs, patios, and walkways in single family residential parcels would be disconnected over landscaped areas designed to fully retain the volume of runoff from the 0.75 inch storm event. Runoff from the remaining parcel area and that which does not infiltrate in the landscaped area would flow through the storm drain system to the regional infiltration/biofiltration facilities.

3. Runoff from roadways would be retained or biofiltered in retention or biofiltration BMPs sized to capture the design storm volume or flow, per the guidance in US EPA's Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure: Green Streets.

4. No more than 5% of the total Project area would be treated using conventional treatment methods that address the pollutants of concern. In this case, media filters (or equivalent BMPs that address the pollutants of concern) would be sized to capture and treat 80% of the average annual runoff volume from the allowable EIA.

5. Regional infiltration/biofiltration facilities also would be implemented. The regional facilities would be designed to incorporate a biofilter in the bottom of the facility, which would allow for infiltration if feasible, with detention storage above the biofilter. The regional facilities would

infiltrate or biofilter the design storm volume that has not been retained or biofiltered on the parcels in the area tributary to the regional facility, and would provide extended detention treatment for the additional runoff volume required to provide 80% capture and treatment of the average annual runoff volume per the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Sub-Regional Stormwater Mitigation Plan treatment performance standard.

A water quality model was used to estimate runoff volume for pre-development conditions and post-development conditions with the LID BMPs described above. The model results are described in **Topical Response 6:** Water Quality, which is found in the Mission Village Final EIR. Mean annual runoff volumes are expected to increase with development; however, the LID BMPs are expected to retain (via infiltration and evapotranspiration) approximately 263 acre-feet per year of runoff.

The increased stormwater runoff volume from the Mission Village project would flow to the Santa Clara River, whose channel is predominantly natural and consists of vegetation and coarse-grained sediments. The porous nature of the sands and gravels forming the streambed allows for significant infiltration to occur to the underlying Alluvial aquifer, thus naturally recharging the Basin.

D. Groundwater Recharge

The Mission Village Draft EIR analyzed the Mission Village project's impact on groundwater recharge. (See Mission Village Draft EIR, **Section 4.8**, Water Quality, pages 4.8-119 through 4.8-123.)

As stated in the Draft EIR, the supplying of water to the Mission Village project would not interfere with groundwater recharge, because various studies have documented that no adverse impacts to the recharge of the Basin have occurred due to the existing or projected use of local groundwater supplies, consistent with the CLWA/purveyor groundwater operating plan (see Draft EIR, **Appendix 4.8** [2005 Basin Yield Report and 2009 Basin Yield Update]). In addition, CH2MHill assessed the effect of urbanization on groundwater recharge in the Santa Clarita Valley, and found the urbanization has been accompanied by both long-term stability in pumping and groundwater levels, and the addition of imported SWP water to the Valley. Together, these urbanization effects have not reduced groundwater recharge, nor depleted the amount of groundwater in storage within the local groundwater Basin. (See Draft EIR, **Appendix 4.8** [CH2MHill technical memorandum, dated February 22, 2004].) This finding also is supported by the 2009 Basin Yield Update, which modeled infiltration from irrigation (from urban and agricultural lands), precipitation, and streamflows (stormwater and WRP discharges).

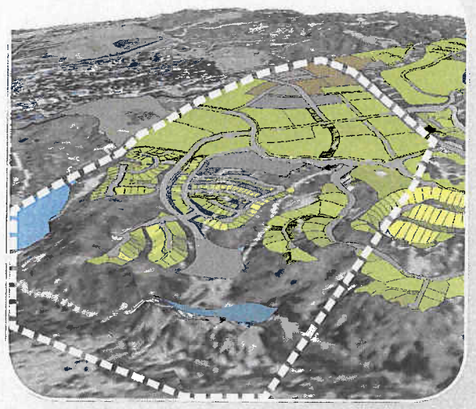
Specific to the recharge of the Saugus Formation (underlying primarily the upland portions of the Specific Plan site), Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers prepared a technical memorandum in response to

a condition of approval of the Specific Plan. (See Draft EIR, **Appendix 4.8.**) This technical memorandum entitled, "Evaluation of Groundwater Recharge Methods for the Saugus Formation in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Area," evaluated the need for identifying land areas within the Specific Plan area for recharge of the Saugus Formation. It concluded that there was no need to set aside land area for the artificial recharge of the Saugus Formation within the Specific Plan area. This finding was based on the following:

- Saugus Formation is generally recharged in the east to central portion of the Basin, well east of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan area. Groundwater flow in the basin is generally east to west with resulting groundwater discharge at the western end.
- The Specific Plan area overlies a small portion of the Saugus Formation at the far western end of the Basin, where it is discharging (not receiving) water that flows downstream toward Ventura County.
- Historical observations over several decades have shown that there has been no long-term changes in groundwater storage or levels and that natural recharge processes have sustained groundwater levels, including long-term, essentially constant, high groundwater levels—without the need for artificial recharge operations to augment natural recharge to the Basin.
- The future operating plan for the Basin has been evaluated in the 2005 UWMP, the 2005 Basin Yield Report and the 2009 Basin Yield Update, and none of the documents call for attempts to artificially recharge the basin (including on the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan site).
- If artificial recharge of the Saugus Formation were to become desirable for some reason in the future, while there is no need for artificial recharge in the western part of the basin, recharge to the Saugus Formation is hydrogeologically feasible through injection wells. This mechanism, if needed in the future, would alleviate the need to set aside land area for artificial recharge purposes, and would likely occur in the eastern portion of the Saugus Formation, not within the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan area.

Mission Village LID Performance Standard

LID project design features (PDFs) shall be selected and sized to retain the volume of stormwater runoff produced from a 0.75 inch storm event to reduce the percentage of Effective Impervious Area (EIA) to 5 percent or less of the total project area within the vesting tentative map project and associated off-site project area. Runoff from all EIA shall be treated with treatment control measures that are selected to address the pollutants of concern and are sized to capture and treat 80 percent of the average annual runoff volume.



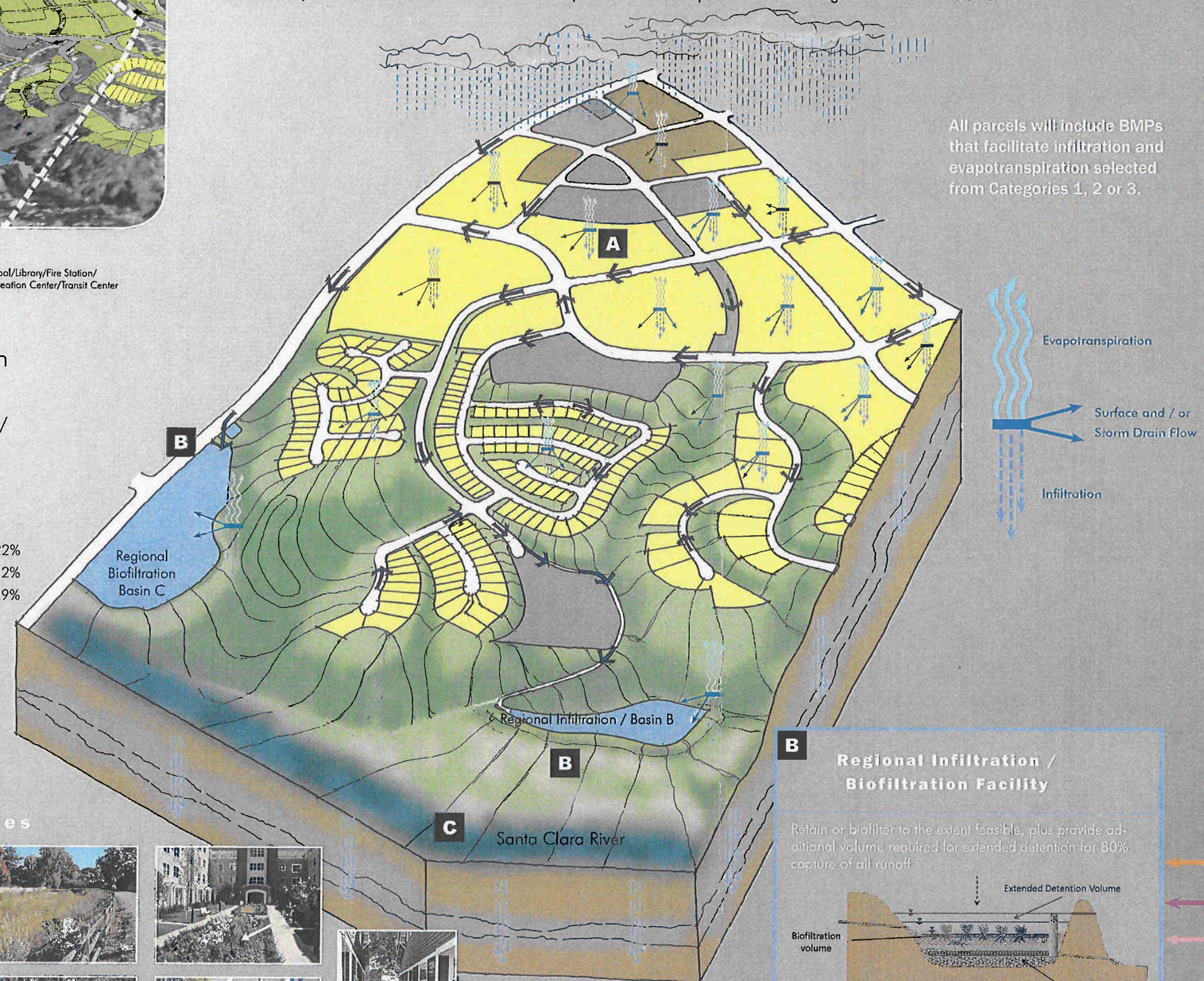
- Water Quality Basin
- Residential
- Mixed Use
- Commercial
- Park
- School/Library/Fire Station/ Recreation Center/Transit Center

3 Levels of Infiltration

- **A** Parcel Based BMPs
- **B** Regional Infiltration / Biofiltering Facilities
- **C** Santa Clara River

INFILTRATION

Existing Condition:	22%
Proposed Condition w/o BMP:	12%
Proposed Condition with BMP:	29%



All parcels will include BMPs that facilitate infiltration and evapotranspiration selected from Categories 1, 2 or 3.

LID BMP Examples

Infiltration by Land Use

A — Institutional, Commercial, Multi-Family Residential, Recreation, and Park

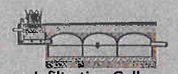
Category 1: Retain

Infiltration feasible

Retain ¾" storm from 100% of the area

Bioretention

Permeable Pavement



Infiltration Gallery

Category 2: Bioinfiltrate

Infiltration infeasible due to marginal infiltration rate, otherwise feasible

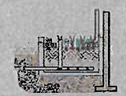
Retain as feasible, then biofiltrate

Bioinfiltration
Or equivalent

Category 3: Biofilter

Infiltration infeasible due to hazards (geotechnical, etc.)

Biofilter or route to Regional Facility



Planter Box
Or equivalent

Biofiltration

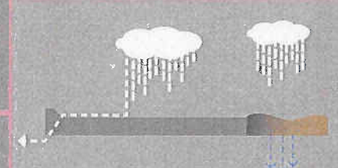
Vegetated Swale

Single Family Residential

Roofs, Patios and Walkways → Hydrologic Source Controls

Remaining Area

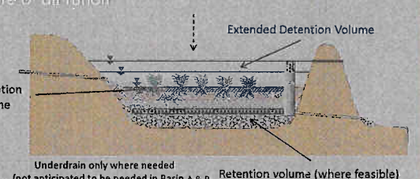
Roads



EPA Green Streets Manual → Retain / biofilter as feasible per opportunities and constraints. Retain / Biofilter remaining in Regional Facilities

B — Regional Infiltration / Biofiltration Facility

Retain or biofilter to the extent feasible, plus provide additional volume required for extended detention for 80% capture of all runoff



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May 2, 2011

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Oak Tree Permit
Project Description and Burden of Proof
VTTM No. 61105
Mission Village

Background

Mission Village is a proposed mixed-use project that would be located on 1,261.8 acres west of Interstate 5 and south of SR-126, within the boundaries of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. Mission Village would include a total of 4,055 residential units, including single- and multi-family residences, age-qualified residences, commercial and mixed-use areas, an elementary school, library, fire station, parks and recreation areas, and significant areas of open space, including a spineflower preserve.

Request

This Oak Tree Permit is requested to authorize oak tree impacts associated with development of the Mission Village project. There are a total of 501 oak trees subject to the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance located within the Mission Village project site, including those located within 200 feet of the grading limit line (please note: impacts to oak trees for the offsite extension of Magic Mountain Parkway are included in Oak Tree Permit T200500043).

Of the 501 trees subject to the ordinance, 143 trees are proposed for removal, 8 of which are heritage trees. In addition, 50 trees are proposed for encroachment. Therefore, an oak tree permit is required for 193 oak trees that will be impacted by project development (143 + 50 = 193). It is noted that six of the 147 oak trees proposed for removal are also included in the Oak Tree Permit (OTP00-196) for Landmark Village.

The following matrix summarizes the number, location and proposed action for each tree:

Oak Tree Survey Matrix

Mission Village				
	Encroached	Removed	No Impacts	Total
Heritage Oaks	2	8	19	29
Non-heritage Oaks	48	135	289	469
Total	50	143	308	501

In support of permit issuance, Section 22.56.2100 of the Los Angeles County Code requires substantiation of the following facts:

A. **That the proposed construction or proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees subject to this Part 16, if any, on the subject property.**

Development of the proposed Mission Village project will result in impacts to 196 of the 501 oak trees located on the project site. The remaining trees will not be impacted; that is, they will not be removed and no encroachment into their protected driplines is necessary. Additionally, protective fencing not less than four feet in height shall be placed at the limits of the protective zone of any individual oak tree or dense stand of oak trees within 200 feet of the grading limits and shall be inspected by the forester and/or fire warden. To ensure full protection of the health of the 308 remaining trees, no encroachment will occur within their protected zones per §22.56.2060 of Los Angeles County Code.

As noted above, the applicant proposes to encroach within the protected zones of 50 of the total 501 surveyed oak trees. The applicant proposes to erect protective fencing along the driplines of these trees to ensure their preservation. Any grading or other construction-related activities to occur within the protected zone of these trees will be done with hand tools only or small hand held power tools and under the close supervision of the project arborist to ensure the well-being of the root systems and other parts of the trees.

Project conditions and mitigation measures include detailed guidelines to limit endangerment to the trees proposed to remain, including those for which encroachment has been authorized.

B. That the removal or relocation of the oak tree(s) proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which can not be satisfactorily mitigated.

The proposed removal of 143 oak trees and encroachment within the protected dripline of 50 oak trees will not result in any additional soil erosion through diversion or increased flow of surface waters, which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated through on-site drainage control measures that shall be implemented with the project.

The proposed project incorporates drainage and water quality plans which are designed to protect development, manage drainage and control pollutant run-off. The features of these plans are intended to blend into the community as an extension of the landscaping. All drainage entering and originating within the project area will be collected and controlled by the constructed drainage system to ensure no increase in site erosion.

C. That in addition to the above facts at least one of the following findings apply:

1) That the removal of oak tree(s) proposed is necessary as continued existence at present location(s) frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that:

a. **Alternate development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive and,**
b. **Placement of such tree(s) precludes the reasonable and efficient use of such property for a use otherwise authorized.**

The oak trees proposed for removal are located in areas of the property where their continued existence would preclude the development of the property in an efficient manner. Natural resources, including oak trees, were evaluated in the preparation of a development plan which limited the impacts to such resources while allowing for development authorized by the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. The proposed project clusters development to avoid impacts to on-site resources such as spineflower, the Santa Clara River and other areas with oak trees. However, the project site contains steep topography and requires extensive grading to create a viable community. Grading is required for geotechnical stability, access and site balance and results in the removal of 143 oak trees, and encroachment into the protected zone of an additional 50 oak trees.

2) **That the oak tree(s) proposed for removal or relocation interfere with utility service or streets and highways either within or outside of the subject property and no reasonable alternative to such interference exists other than removal of the tree(s).**

The oak tree report prepared for the project notes the specific reason necessitating the removal or encroachment on the surveyed trees. As described in the oak tree report, a total of 44 trees will be impacted by development of proposed roads, 27 will be impacted by development of water quality or debris basins and a total of 6 trees are located within the proposed utility corridor these trees are also included in the Oak Tree Permit for Landmark Village. The proposed roadways and utility line extensions are necessary to serve both the future residents of the proposed Mission Village neighborhoods, as well as current and future residents of surrounding neighborhoods.

3) **That the oak tree(s) proposed for removal, with reference to seriously debilitating disease or danger of falling, is such that it cannot be remedied through reasonable preservation procedures and practice.**

None of the trees proposed for removal are diseased or in danger of falling. The oak tree report notes that a total of 16 additional oak trees which are dead were also surveyed but none of these dead trees are included in the oak tree permit request.

4) **That the removal of the oak tree(s) proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure.**

The proposed removal of 143 trees and encroachment into the protected zone of an additional 50 trees will not be contrary to, or be in substantial conflict with, the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure as mitigation measures will be implemented to offset the removals

The applicant has taken great care in designing the tract to minimize the number of trees which need to be removed in the development process. The applicant recognizes the significance of oak trees as historical, aesthetic and ecological resources that enhance the value of property and character of the communities in which they exist. The project results in the preservation of 19 of the 29 heritage oak trees on the site and preservation of 289 of the 469 non-heritage trees. Overall, more than 60% percent of the oak trees on the site will not be impacted by project development.

The applicant is committed to maintaining the healthy condition of all oak trees to be retained. For each tree removed, a minimum of two (2) for non-heritage and ten (10) for heritage, 15-gallon replacement trees will be planted, resulting in a greater number of oak trees on site. These replacement trees shall be located at areas as directed by the County Forester. The project proposes to provide several areas designated for tree replacement.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Project File

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner, Acting Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Substantial Conformance Interpretation Pertaining to Modification of Setbacks

DATE: May 2, 2011

Background

Mission Village is 1261± acre site with 4,055 homes that is designed around a pedestrian oriented Village Center that will contain residential uses (condominiums and apartments) that are integrated both horizontally and vertically with commercial uses. The Village Center is envisioned to be the town core for not only Mission Village but for Newhall Ranch as well. The commercial uses in the Village Center are envisioned along a "main street" that will include both retail and office uses. Also included in this Village Center will be the library, village green (private park), community recreation center and a proposed continuing care retirement community. All of these uses will be linked together through a series of sidewalks, trails and paseos that connects the Village Center to the rest of Mission Village. The surrounding uses include: a 20 acre community park, a 5 acre neighborhood park, elementary school, fire station, office uses and complementary residential uses that will include single-family, multi-family units and age qualified units.

Village Center

The Village Center will contain the following Specific Plan land uses: Mixed Use (MU), High Residential (H), Medium Residential (M) and Commercial (C). The Newhall Ranch Development Standards for these land uses are found in Specific Plan Table 3.4-1. While the Specific Plan provides for variation and flexibility in these land uses, the urban setting envisioned for the residential products and commercial uses within the Village Center would be difficult to implement given the current standards Though a zero side yard lot configuration is permitted within certain land use designations, only the Mixed-Use (MU) permits zero front yards, with restrictions, limiting the potential to create a truly urban environment. Allowing greater flexibility of setback provisions will ensure a design in keeping with the goals of development of a pedestrian-oriented community.

Request

Pursuant to the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, Section 5.2 (2)(13), modifications of development standards contained on Table 3.4-1 (Site Development Standards) are

allowed provided the Director can make findings for a determination that the modification is in Substantial Conformance with the provisions of the Specific Plan.

This is a request for modified setbacks to allow specific Mixed-Use, Commercial, High Residential, Medium Residential designated lots within Mission Village's Village Center to be designed with a minimum 0-foot (0') front yard setback within the limitations described in the Mission Village Planning Book guidelines on frontage types

In addition, that the lots within the Mixed and Commercial land uses within the Village Center are in conformance side and rear yard setbacks when directly adjacent (0-feet) to the LDZ and private drive lots as shown on the Exhibit Maps.

Details relevant to the Village Center and the basis for this request follow below.

Village Center

The Village Center will be the urban town core for the Mission Village community and Newhall Ranch. It is designed as a higher density, mixed-use area. The Village Center, especially, provides efficient land utilization by bringing uses closer to the street to encourage a pedestrian orientation. In this area, angled street parking is also provided, further defining an urban environment. As depicted on the Exhibit Maps for VTTM 61105, the structures on lots 508-515, 517-526,528-530 and 621 have a 0' minimum front setback adjacent to private drives, lots and streets. Due to the orientation of the structures with frontage on more than one street and the conceptual nature of the exhibit maps, designating the front yard and side yard setback can be problematical and should be designated at building permit. Allowing a more flexible interpretation of setback provisions will ensure a design more in keeping with the goals of development of a pedestrian oriented community.

In addition, the Specific Plan provides for 20-foot minimum side and rear yard setbacks for Commercial and Mixed Use land use when building is adjacent to different land use designation or a public road. This would also be a burden to implementing the goal of development of an urban pedestrian-oriented community. As depicted on the Exhibit Map, the rear or side yard for lots in the Commercial and Mixed Use land use are either adjacent to a private drive or a 20-24 foot landscape development zone lot which buffers the uses from a public roadway and are not adjacent to a different land use designation or a public road. Therefore, the zero-foot setback adjacent to private drive or a 20-24 foot landscape development zone lot meets the intent of the Specific Plan.

Under the Implementation Procedures of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (Section 5.2 g), the following information is requested for the Substantial Conformance process:

- *Name and address of all persons owning all or any part of the property:*

  Newhall Land and Farming Company
  25124 Springfield Court, Suite 300,
  Valencia, CA 91355

- *Location of subject property:*

  Generally south of the Santa Clara River and west of the Interstate-5; directly west of Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park.

- *Legal Description:*

  PARCELS 11, 12, 13, 22 AND A PORTION OF PARCEL 14 OF PARCEL MAP 24500-01, IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED IN BOOK 293 PAGES 34 TO 67 INCLUSIVE, OF PARCEL MAPS, RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

  Assessor Parcel Numbers: 2826-002-022, 2826-003-021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 2826-007-019, 2826-009-081.

- *Specific Plan land use designation(s) on the property;*

  Low Residential, Low-Medium Residential, Medium Residential, and High Residential, Mixed Use, Commercial, Open Area, and River Corridor.

  This substantial conformance interpretation is applicable within the Low Medium, Medium Residential, Commercial and MU (mixed-use) land use designations.

Findings

Section 5.2 (2) (d) General Findings Applicable to all Requests:

(1) *The Planning Director, acting upon any a request for determination of Substantial Conformance as provided in this section, shall either approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request based on findings that the request:*

(a) Substantially conforms with all applicable provisions of the Specific Plan and Los Angeles County ordinances which do not conflict with the Specific Plan;

The request for the modification for setbacks is in compliance with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Los Angeles County ordinances. Setbacks approved per this request will not be significantly different than those in Specific Plan Table 3.4-1. The requested

interpretation is a refinement and further clarification of those standards. This request is also consistent with a similar interpretation approved with the Landmark Village project.

(b) Will not adversely affect public health, and safety; and

The proposed modified setbacks will not adversely affect public health, and safety. The modified setbacks within the Village Center will encourage greater flexibility in design of this higher density and commercial area to allow for a more vibrant and pedestrian oriented urban environment. There will be no adverse effect on public health or safety.

(c) Will not adversely affect adjacent property.

The proposed modified setbacks within the Mission Village project will not adversely affect adjacent properties. The project site is currently undeveloped. The buildings with the proposed 0' setbacks are located within the Village Center, which is designed as a more urban, higher density neighborhood. Nearby uses will be complimentary and include multi-family housing developments, a library, a proposed continuing care retirement community and a transit center.

Section 5.2 (h) Modification of Development Standards

The Planning Director may approve, with or without conditions, a request for a modification of the development standards (such as setbacks) contained in Table 3.4-1 (Site Development Standards) in the Specific Plan where:

(1) The General Findings listed in Section 5.2 paragraph 2d above can be made;

See Findings for Section 5.2 (2) (d) above, *and,*

(2) Such modification meets all applicable building, fire, and subdivision codes; and

The requested modification meets all applicable building, fire, and subdivision codes, as the proposed Mission Village project will be developed in conformance with all applicable County Codes including, but not limited to, the Subdivision Code, Grading Code, Building Code, and Fire Code. Additionally, the proposed Mission Village project will be thoroughly reviewed by the Los Angeles County staff and will be reviewed and considered by the Regional Planning Commission. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared to County standards, and will include measures to mitigate project impacts.

(3) Such modification would be architecturally compatible with existing building in the surrounding neighborhood; and

The modification of setbacks for buildings within the Village Center will allow for architecturally compatible design. Proposed buildings will be similar in character to others nearby.

(4) In the case of existing building, any of the following findings can be made:
- *(a) The proposed alteration of addition to an existing building will be a continuation of its existing architectural style, or*
- *(b) That such modification is needed for safety reasons to comply with other applicable codes, laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, or*
- *(c) That the site of the proposed building is sufficiently remote or screened so as to preclude the proposed modification from having a detrimental effect upon the surrounding properties.*

This finding is not applicable because there are no existing buildings. The proposed Mission Village project is currently undeveloped land.

FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 61105
MISSION VILLAGE
(A PORTION OF NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN)

1. On May 27, 2003, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") approved the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), which authorized development of the approximately 11,999-acre property for 20,885 dwelling units with 423 second units; 629 acres of mixed-use development; 67 acres of commercial uses; 249 acres of community parks, 869 acres of other Open Areas, and 5,159 acres of open space within two approved Special Management Areas/Significant Ecological Areas ("SMA/SEA"); two fire stations; one public library; one electrical substation; reservation of five elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school sites; a 6.8-million gallon per day Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant ("WRP"); and other associated community facilities, such as roads and bridges.

2. The County Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Vesting Tentative Tract Map ("VTTM") No. 61105, Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200500080, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 200500032, OTP No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011 and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001 on November 10, 2010, March 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011.

3. The proposed project ("Mission Village") is located within the boundary of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and represents the second phase of development of the Specific Plan (following Landmark Village). VTTM No. 61105, dated December 15, 2010, submitted by Newhall Land and farming Company ("subdivider") proposes a mixed-use community that is consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

4. The Mission Village project, as revised, creates a mixed-use community of 4,055 residential units (351 single-family units and 3,704 multi-family units); 1,555,100 square feet of mixed-use/commercial space; approximately 693 acres of open space, including 26.8 acres for public parks, 14.7 acres for private recreational facilities, and 85.8 acres in three spineflower preserves connected to open space; a 9.5-acre elementary school; 3.3-acre library; 1.5-acre fire station; and 1.2-acre bus transfer station. Mission Village also includes facilities and infrastructure to support the project, including roads (including the Commerce Center Drive Bridge), trails, drainage improvements, flood protection (including buried bank stabilization within and adjacent to the Santa Clara River), potable and recycled water systems (including water tanks), sanitary sewer system and dry utility systems to be developed in compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (May 27, 2003).

   Along with the development of VTTM No. 61105, as revised, Mission Village includes several off-site project-related improvements (i.e., improvements outside the tract boundary), including: utility corridor, Magic Mountain Parkway roadway extension and related improvements, a water quality basin, three water tanks (portions of 2 would be located on site), a Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical substation, and two debris

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basins. Additional off-site improvements include work associated with the Lion Canyon drainage, grading associated with construction of the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway and southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, and miscellaneous grading to tie proposed grades into natural grades.

5. CUP No. 200500080 (SEA) is a related request to ensure that project-level improvements within the SEA are consistent with the Board's previously approved CUP No. 94-087 (SEA).

6. CUP No. 200500081 is a related request to authorize the development of 73 second dwelling units, continued care retirement community with 351 dwelling units, on-site and off-site grading associated with VTTM No. 061105, water tanks and on-site infrastructure.

7. OTP No. 200500043 is a related request to authorize the removal of 143 oak trees from the project site, including 8 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 50 oak trees.

8. Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032 is a related request to authorize the removal of 11 oak trees in connection with construction of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, including 3 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 2 oak trees.

9. Parking Permit No. 200500011 is a related request to authorize off-site and reciprocal parking for lots within the Village Center.

10. Substantial Conformance Determination No. 201000001 is a related request made pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan for a determination that VTTM No. 61105 would substantially conform to the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Specific Plan relative to the following: (a) Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines (determination of conformance with Specific Plan Section 4.8 for areas to be graded with an average slope of 25% or greater); (b) modification to setback standards (to allow specific Village Center lots to be designed with a minimum 0-foot front yard setback; and (c) modification to proposed trail widths (adjustment of 12-foot wide trail section to eight-feet width).

11. The Mission Village project site, consisting of 1,854.6 gross acres (or rounded to approximately 1,855 acres), is located south of the Santa Clara River and SR-126, east of the Ventura County boundary and west of Interstate 5 ("I-5"), within the northeast corner of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in the Newhall Zoned District. The project site is comprised of the Mission Village tract map, which is 1,261.8 acres in size, and the off-site project related improvements area, which is 592.8 acres in size.

    Approximately 39.1 acres of VTTM No. 61105 are located outside the Specific Plan boundaries. VTTM No. 61105 consists of parcels 11, 12, 13, 22 and a portion of parcel 14 of the previously recorded Parcel Map No. 24500-01 and a portion of the Rancho San

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Francisco. Approximately 338.9 acres of the off-site project-related improvements are located outside of the Specific Plan boundaries.

12. The Specific Plan is divided in five "villages," and Mission Village occupies approximately 70 percent of one of those villages, which are referred to as Mesas.

13. The property is irregular in shape with variable sloping terrain. It is unimproved, but currently is utilized for agricultural activity. The project site (including the tract map area and off-site improvements) contains sensitive biological resources and habitat types, including special-status species, all of which have been described and evaluated in the Mission Village Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR;" October 2010) and Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR;" May 2011). The Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site, is within the previously approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23. Historically, the project site was used for agricultural activity and related storage. Portions of the project site also have been used for cattle grazing and oil and gas production.

14. Access to the Mission Village project site is provided by SR-126 along the north of the project site, the proposed Magic Mountain Parkway extension to the east, and Westridge Parkway to the south. The western portion of the project site is accessible via existing agricultural roads. Connections to the proposed roads within the project site will be provided by the southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, the westerly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, and the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway.

15. The project site is located immediately southeast of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site. The Travel Village Recreational Vehicle ("RV") Park, SR-126, and Valencia Commerce Center are off-site and further to the north. The eastern site boundary abuts Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park and undeveloped land. Further to the east are an existing water reclamation plant (Valencia WRP), a California Highway Patrol station, hotels, restaurants, and service stations. To the south, outside of Newhall Ranch, is undeveloped land within the existing community of Westridge further to the southeast and the proposed Legacy Village (formerly Stevenson Ranch Phase V) further to the south. Undeveloped land within Newhall Ranch exists to the west of the project site, within the proposed Landmark Village northwest of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River.

16. The subject property is zoned primarily "Specific Plan" ("SP"), although the areas within the Rancho San Francisco currently are zoned A-2-5. The SP zoning of the property became effective on June 26, 2003, following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-0031Z, which established Zone Case No. 94-087-(5). The zone change was associated with the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

17. VTTM No. 61105, as revised, proposes to subdivide the Mission Village tract map site into a total of 621 lots, including:

    (a) 351 single family lots, 36 multi-family lots, 5 apartment/condominium lots, 2 mixed use/residential (including 66,400 sq. ft. of commercial uses), and 1 continued care

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retirement lot, for the development of 4,055 residential dwelling units (351 single-family units, and 3,704 multi-family units);

(b) 11 mixed-use commercial lots for the development of up to 1,555,100 square feet (including the 66,400 sq. ft. referenced above) of office, retail and service uses;

(c) 143 open space lots;

(d) 2 public park (active) lots;

(e) 4 private recreation lots;

(f) 5 spineflower preserve lots;

(g) 4 public facility lots, including 1 school lot, 1 library lot, 1 fire station lot, and 1 bus transfer station lot;

(h) 14 utility-related lots (including water quality basins, water tanks, and wastewater pump stations); and

(i) 43 transportation-related lots (public, private, and bridge roadways).

The Exhibit Map, which accompanies VTTM No. 61105, depicts conceptual site development plans. Revised site plans to depict changes to the conceptual site plan shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

18. Approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of grading are proposed in a balanced cut and fill operation (28.9 million cubic yards of cut and 28.9 million cubic yards of fill) which includes grading for on-site and off-site improvements. In addition, 479,000 cubic yards of grading (372,000 cubic yards of cut and 107,000 cubic yards of fill) are proposed for one of the two Southern California Edison substation alternate locations.

19. With the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trails, which would be linked to the Santa Clara Regional River Trail (off-site to the northwest) via the extension of other local trails and paseos.

20. Utilities, including water, sanitary sewer, gravity sewer, force main, irrigation, cable, gas, fiber optics, and recycled water lines, will be constructed and installed to serve the Mission Village project.

In order to provide future residents with access to alternative modes of transportation, VTTM No. 61105 includes a 1.2-acre transit site for development of a bus transfer station in the Village Center area of Mission Village. Development of this site facilitates local bus service and provides connection points for express bus operation within the Mission Village area.

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21. Project buildout currently is planned to occur over several years, with full buildout not expected until 2021. Since market conditions and consumer needs historically change over time, a certain amount of flexibility is necessary in the specific type of residential units that ultimately would be built in order to assure the best mix of residential housing to meet changing market demands. Similarly, as to commercial uses, it is difficult to forecast with a high degree of certainty over the extended duration of project buildout the specific type of office uses and tenant space requirements that will be in demand as each segment of the project is developed.

Flexibility has been incorporated into the Specific Plan to respond to those changes in demand and economic marketplace. Section 5.2.2.e (Amendments to the Tentative Subdivision Maps) of the Specific Plan allows subsequent changes to the approved tentative map through an Amended Exhibit Map process pursuant to Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance. The Amended exhibit map shall be approved only if the map is determined by the Director to be in substantial conformance with the approved map. Section 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan (Adjustment/Transfer/Conversion Provisions) provides standards for dwelling unit transfers, as well as other types of adjustments, including residential and non-residential building square footage transfers and conversions.

Flexibility is allowed for lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ. The flexibility includes the ability to: build condominiums rather than apartments, and vice versa; build detached housing units rather than attached units; alter residential building type and location within a designated planning area; change the location of driveways, driveway widths, driveway alignments, driveway entries and change the private drive alignments and location, change lot configurations; and, change commercial building type and location within a planning area. However, this flexibility will be limited. The total dwelling unit count, and commercial square footage, as shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps, set a maximum cap that cannot be exceeded without additional approvals or modifications to the project. That is, project buildout would not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space and recreational acreages shown on VTTM No. 61105 will not be reduced.

The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage among lots may be allowed if it does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

Therefore, the subsequent changes to the tentative map will be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map will be reviewed and approved by the

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Subdivision Committee through the Amended Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

22. A program-level EIR was certified with adoption of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, which found that there would be significant unavoidable impacts to agricultural resources, biological resources, visual resources, air quality, and solid waste disposal. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which concluded that there were significant overriding benefits with approval of the Specific Plan. Public benefits include preservation of nearly 1,000 acres of the Santa Clara River; about 4,200 acres of the High Country SMA/SEA 20; approximately 1,517 acres of the Salt Creek area and other Open Areas; preservation of the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 to retain significant riparian vegetation and habitat; the development of over 50 miles of trails including portions of the Santa Clara River Trail; and provisions for improved parks, schools, fire stations, and 2,200 affordable homes.

23. There has been substantial outreach to the surrounding community regarding the Mission Village project. The applicant has presented the project on several occasions to the West Ranch Town Council and one occasion to the Castaic Area Town Council.

24. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*), CEQA Guidelines § 15063, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the County prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Village project. The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects of the project on the following environmental impact categories:

Agricultural Resources	Mineral Resources
Air Quality	Noise
Biota	Parks and Recreation
Cultural/Paleontological Resources	Sheriff Services
Education	Solid Waste Disposal
Environmental Safety	Traffic/Access
Fire Protection Services	Utilities
Floodplain Modifications	Visual Qualities
Geotechnical/ Soil Resources	Wastewater Disposal
Global Climate Change	Water Quality
Hydrology	Water Service
Library Services	

Therefore, a project-level environmental impact report ("EIR") was required.

25. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines and County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, a Draft EIR was prepared for the Mission Village project. The Draft EIR concluded that potential impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation in the following impact categories: Geotechnical and Soil Resources, Hydrology, Biota, Traffic/Access, Noise, Water Service, Wastewater Disposal, Sheriff Services, Fire Protection Services, Education, Parks and Recreation, Library Services, Utilities, Mineral Resources, Environmental Safety, Cultural/Paleontological Resources, Floodplain Modifications, Water Quality, and Global

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Climate Change. The Draft EIR also concluded that the project will result in significant, unavoidable and/or cumulative impacts in:

(a) Visual Qualities;
(b) Air Quality
(c) Solid Waste Services; and
(d) Agricultural Resources.

The significant impacts identified in the Draft EIR are all within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the certified Program EIR for the Specific Plan. Each of these impact categories was previously identified and included in the Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted as part of the certified Program EIR for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

26. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days from October 8, 2010 to November 21, 2010. On the November 10, 2010 public hearing, the Commission extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period.)

27. Comments and recommendations from County departments and other agencies consulted during the environmental review process include the California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and City of Santa Clarita. Other agencies and organizations that have provided correspondence include, among others, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Sierra Club, California Water Network, Center for Biological Diversity, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment ("SCOPE"), Tri-County Watchdogs, and Friends of the Santa Clara River.

28. The project was presented to the Commission at a public hearing held November 10, 2010. At the hearing, the Commission heard the staff report, the applicant presented testimony regarding the project, and public testimony was presented by a representative of SCOPE, who requested that the Draft EIR public review period be extended.

Staff added that the applicant needed to address outstanding issues with the Department of Public Works (Public Works) regarding the Tentative Map. The issues include that the applicant shall record an easement for the necessary off-site regional sewer improvement, and easement for the off-site grading and full improvements on the alignments of the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway and Westridge Parkway; that the applicant shall obtain a will serve letter from the Sanitation District to use the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant while the Newhall Water Reclamation Plant is not operational; and that the applicant shall provide detailed information regarding an agreement with Caltrans for mitigation of impacts to the state freeway system.

After discussion, the Commission continued the item to March 16, 2011 and extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period) to allow interested parties additional time to review and provide comments on the project and its DEIR and to allow the applicant to address outstanding issues with Public

Works and address the following topics: (i) whether the applicant's request to adjust Specific Plan trail widths from 12-feet to 8-feet is warranted; (ii) whether the applicant's request for a zero setback in the Village Center is justified; (iii) whether the project includes sufficient upland infiltration; and (iv) whether pile-driving activities can be replaced with a quieter method; (v) whether the applicant should mitigate oak tree impacts by in kind planting or mitigation fee; and (vi) whether the project should include a trail head.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional information on the following topics: (i) improvements within the SEA and river buffer; and (ii) development transfer among Specific Plan implementation phases.

29. On December 15, 2010, the project applicant submitted a revised VTTM No. 61105 to County staff for review. The map was revised in response to the December 3, 2010 approval by the California Department of Fish and Game ("CDFG") of the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan/Spineflower Conservation Plan ("RMDP/SCP"), which includes within its boundaries the area encompassed by VTTM No. 61105. As approved by CDFG, the RMDP/SCP designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve on the VTTM No. 61105 site; this represents an increase of approximately 20.2 acres over the amount of spineflower preserve acreage designated on prior VTTM No. 61105 (November 24, 2009). As a result of the increased spineflower acreage and the enhanced connectivity to open space, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, consistent with the approved RMDP/SCP. Specifically, as revised, VTTM No. 61105 includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (351 single-family dwellings and 3,704 multi-family units); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged from the prior map. Under the prior VTTM No. 61105 (dated November 24, 2009), the Mission Village unit count was 4,412 dwelling units. With the increased spineflower preserve/connectivity, the project was reduced in size by a total of 357 dwelling units.

In summary, the changes to the map are as follows:

- Residential Dwelling Units: The total number of residential dwelling units has decreased from 4,412 to 4,055, a decrease of 357 total units. The number of single-family units decreased by 31 units from 382 to 351 units and the number of multi-family units decreased by 326 units from 4,030 to 3,704 units.
- Development/Grading Footprint: The size of the development/grading footprint on the project site decreased by 21.6 acres (two percent decrease). The total amount of grading associated with the proposed project decreased by one million cubic yards, from 29.9 to 28.9 million cubic yards.
- Spineflower Preserves: The number of lots dedicated to San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves has increased from two lots to five lots. Total land area dedicated for preserves increased from 65.6 acres to 85.8 acres.
- Oak Trees: Oak tree surveys were completed for the Mission Village Tract Map site and related offsite improvements including the extension of the Magic Mountain Parkway from its present terminus west to Mission Village Tract Map site. When all these areas are considered, a total of 564 trees are protected by County Ordinance.

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Of that total, 154 trees would be removed, 52 trees would be encroached upon, and 358 trees would not be impacted. On just the Tract Map site, utility corridor and Edison substation sites, 501 trees are protected, 143 trees would be removed, 50 trees would be encroached upon, and 308 trees would not be impacted. On the Magic Mountain Extension site, 63 trees are protected, 11 trees would be removed, two trees would be encroached upon, and 50 trees would not be impacted. With the revised project, the total number of trees to be removed would decrease by four from 158 to 154 trees. The total number of trees to be encroached on would increase by one from 51 to 52 trees.

- Open Space: The total land area dedicated to open space-related land use categories, which includes public and private parks, San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves, river area, and graded and ungraded lots, would increase under the revised project from approximately 636 acres to 693 acres. This is an increase in open space of approximately 57 acres (or an increase of approximately nine percent). This increased open space area includes the additional spineflower preserves (approximately 20.2 acres) which are described above and, un-graded and graded open space (36.8 acres). While the amount of River area decreased by 4.4 acres, from 217.0 to 212.6 acres, this area (4.4 acres) is now within one of the new San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves.

30. On January 13, 2011, the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee held a public meeting to consider the applicant's proposed revisions to VTTM No. 61105. The Committee issued conditions of approval and cleared the map.

31. At the continued public hearing on March 16, 2011, no members of the public provided testimony. The Commission heard and granted the applicant's request that the public hearing be continued to provide the applicant with additional time to complete its responses to the Commission's request for additional information made at the November 10, 2010 hearing. The March 16, 2011, hearing was continued to May 18, 2011.

32. At the Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting held March 22, 2011, during the public comment portion of the meeting, a representative of SCOPE read a letter dated March 16, 2011, regarding the project's potential effect on chloride levels in the Santa Clara River.

33. In May 2011, the Mission Village Final EIR (May 2011) was completed in accordance with CEQA. The "Mission Village Final EIR" is comprised of the following: (a) Draft EIR (October 2010), Volumes I-XX; and (b) Final EIR (May 2011), Volumes I-VII (collectively, "Final EIR"). The Final EIR includes the Draft EIR, all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, technical appendices to the Draft and Final EIR, revised Draft EIR pages, and other information. Department staff sent the Final EIR to the Commission for review and made it available to state and local agencies, organizations, and other interested parties.

The Mission Village Draft EIR (October 2010) analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with development of 4,412 dwelling units (382 single-family dwellings

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and 4,030 multi-family units) and 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use/commercial development on the proposed project site. Included within the proposed project as described was a 65.6-acre spineflower preserve.

Subsequent to circulation of the Draft EIR, and as previously referenced, the CDFG approved the Newhall Ranch RMDP/SCP, which designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve, and enhanced connectivity to open space, on the Mission Village project site, an increase of 20.2 acres over the amount designated in the Draft EIR. As a result of the increased spineflower acreage/connectivity, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, and now includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (a reduction of 357 dwelling units compared to the original, proposed Mission Village project); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged. The revised project is consistent with the Mission Village project originally proposed and analyzed in the Draft EIR, however, the reduction in density and increase in preserved area is an improvement over the original proposal. The Final EIR clarifies the revisions to the Mission Village project and confirms that there are no new or increased impacts from the project revisions, but rather that the project revisions further lessen the significance of any potential impacts.

34. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Mission Village Final EIR has been prepared. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan identifies in detail the manner in which compliance with the measures adopted to mitigate or avoid potential significant impacts of the project is ensured, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for the project.

35. [Hold for May 18, 2011 continued public hearing proceedings.]

36. As part of the project, Commerce Center Drive and Magic Mountain Parkway will be extended to provide regional access to and from the project site to SR-126 and I-5, respectively. The Commerce Center Drive extension serves as the primary north/south access through Mission Village and it connects to SR-126 by new interchange improvements. Magic Mountain Parkway is the primary east/west access through the project and it connects to The Old Road. Westridge Parkway provides a secondary connection to the south of the project site. The Magic Mountain Parkway extension proceeds westerly from its existing terminus at The Old Road for a distance of approximately 5,000 feet before intersecting with the project site. The extension of Commerce Center Drive proceeds southerly from its current terminus at SR-126, over the Santa Clara River, into the project site, and includes construction of the Commerce Center Drive Bridge. The bridge will span the width of the Santa Clara River, equating to a roadway segment of approximately 1,300 feet in length and 120 to 129 feet in width. The internal circulation plan provides a system of arterials, residential and commercial collectors, residential public streets, and private drives.

37. Private driveway lots within the development will provide internal access in single-family and multi-family neighborhoods, including in the Village Center, which is the mixed-use center of the community.

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38. Of the 382 single-family lots, four are designed as flag lots (Lot Nos. 48, 49, 297 and 298, as shown on the VTTM No. 061105 and Exhibit Map dated December 15, 2010). Due to grading requirements, these four lots cannot comply with the frontage width required by the county for a standard lot. However, the lot is of adequate size to accommodate a residence and comply with all other required development standards.

39. Traffic calming features are incorporated into the local street system, including curb extensions and chokers, which narrow the road to promote slowing down traffic mid-block and at intersections.

40. Access as depicted on the tentative map will be adequate for all lots and for the deployment of fire fighting and other emergency service vehicles because all roads are improved pursuant to applicable Fire and Public Works standards.

41. Mission Village comprises active and passive open space/recreation areas, and preservation open space areas. Active open space areas within the project site include space for recreational activities in two public parks (community park and neighborhood park) a private park, called Village Green, located in the Village Center, and two private recreation centers.

    A total of 352 acres of open space area, distributed among 139 lots, are depicted throughout the Tentative Map and function as connection buffer between development planning areas, trails and utility easements.

    The Project includes 212.6 acres of River Corridor dedication and a total of 85.8 acres of Spineflower Preserve which are natural open space areas within the project site dedicated to preservation.

42. The Mission Village project includes approximately 693 acres of open/ recreation space, as depicted on the revised VTTM No. 61105, consisting of 85.8-acres of spineflower preserves (lots 46, 468, 470, 500-01), 26.8 acres of parks (lots 469, 612), a 2.9-acre private park (Village Green) (lot 527), 11.8 acres of recreation/recreation centers (lots 178, 424, 526), 275.9 acres of open space (lots 35-45, 614-15, 611, 603, 471-75, 487-95, 498-99, 449, 451-52, 440, 435-37, 428-31, 425, 408-10, 414-22, 391-95, 353, 354-56, 362, 365-66, 617-20, 266-73, 360, 363-64, 146-50, 156), 212.6 acres of open space (River) (lots 605-08), 27.5 acres of open space (River Adjacent) (lots 367, 609), 18.4 acres of open space (LDZ [Landscape Development Zone]) (lots 151, 159, 160, 377-79, 382-83, 426, 438, 444, 446, 453-54, 460-67, 476-79, 502-507, 541-49), 16.1 acres of open space (Lion Canyon) (lots 358-59), and 14.6 acres of open space (Arroyo Walk)(lots 152-55, 531-32).

43. The Mission Village project also includes a dedicated location for a fire station (lot 448), which will serve the surrounding community.

44. The applicant has requested phasing of final map recordation. Multiple final maps will be permitted. The phasing depicted on the tentative tract map may be changed subject to submittal of a revised phasing map and a written request to staff. The phasing

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depicted on the tentative tract map may be changed subject to the Amended Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

45. The project preserves and enhances sensitive habitat, and includes significant open space and recreational components. Approximately 693 acres of VTTM No. 61105 are designated for open space and recreation uses. This includes 85.8-acres in three spineflower preserves that will be established in the northeasterly portions of the site. For recreational purposes, three park lots are depicted within the subdivision. Two of the parks would be public, one a 21.6-acre Community Park and the other a 5.2-acre Neighborhood Park; both would include improvements and serve both active and passive uses. The subdivision also includes the 2.9-acre Village Green, which is a private park located in the Village Center designed to provide opportunities for both passive and active recreation, as well as an area for community functions, such as a farmers market.

46. According to Section 2.3.2 of the Specific Plan, the Low Residential land use designation shall have the average lot size of no less than 1.0 acre in size within any proposed subdivision map. Residential development lots 279-351 within the Low Density ("L") designation averaged one acre in size on previous tentative map submittals. However, in the view of staff, it is in the best interests of the project, and consistent with the Specific Plan, that the natural open space portions of these residential lots be located outside the residential lots and within the fully-protected designated open space lots, as indicated on the revised VTTM dated December 15, 2010. However these open space lots remain within the Low Density land use designation and are included in the calculation of average lot size for this land use category.

47. Second units are proposed on 73 lots in the Low Density Residential ("L") land use designation, shown as Lots 279-351 on VTTM No. 61105. The second units will provide a more affordable housing alternative for caretakers, extended family, senior residents, and other renting households.

48. Conceptual plans for development of the recreational facilities have been provided. Minor changes to the park design are subject to approval of a revised park plan by the Department of Regional Planning and parks and Recreation. Any park project shall be substantially consistent with underlying approvals.

49. Three private recreation/recreation center lots are depicted on VTTM No. 61105. The recreation areas will be fenced and maintained by a homeowners association, with parking provided both off street and on street. These lots will provide recreational amenities for the Mission Village community.

50. The site is physically suitable for the type of development and the density being proposed because the property has adequate building sites to be developed in accordance with the grading ordinance; has access to County-maintained streets; will be served by sanitary sewers; will be provided with water supplies and distribution facilities with sufficient capacity to meet anticipated domestic and fire protection needs; and has all flood hazards and geologic hazards mitigated in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Public Works.

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51. The design of the subdivision and the proposed improvements will not cause serious public healthy problems because sewage disposal, storm drainage, fire protection, and geological and soils factors are addressed in the conditions of approval.

52. The design of the subdivision and the proposed improvements will not cause substantial environmental damage or substantial or avoidable injury to fish and wildlife or their habitat as appropriate mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Mitigation Monitoring Plan/conditions of approval.

53. The discharge of sewage from this land division into the public sewer system will not violate the requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board pursuant to Division 7 (Commencing with Section 13000) of the California Water Code.

54. The division and development of the subject property in the manner set forth on this vesting tentative tract map will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of public entity and/or public utility rights-of-way and/or easements within the tentative tract map since the design and development, as set forth in the conditions of the project and on the tentative map, provide adequate protection for any such rights-of-way and easements.

55. The design of the subdivision provides, to the extent feasible, for future passive or natural heating or cooling opportunities therein since the lots are of sufficient size so as to permit orientation of structures in an east-west alignment for southern exposure or to take advantage of shade or prevailing breezes.

56. The housing and employment needs of the region were considered and balanced against the public service needs of local residents and available fiscal and environmental resources when the project was determined to be consistent with the General Plan and the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

57. The Mission Village tract map has been submitted as a "vesting" tentative tract map. As such, it is subject to the provisions of Chapter 21.38 of the Los Angeles County Code, Vesting Tentative Map.

58. The Newhall Ranch Specific Plan is a comprehensive document that guides the development of the Newhall Ranch property. The document sets forth a comprehensive set of plans, development regulations, design guidelines, and implementation programs designed to produce a project consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan and Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan. The applicant has provided a booklet, titled "Mission Village Planning Notebook" (Notebook), which provides the detailed exhibits and tables that update the Specific Plan within the Mission Village subdivision boundary, and identify goals and objectives within the Specific Plan that these project features achieve. Mission Village is consistent with the following aspects of the Specific Plan:

<u>Affordable Housing</u>: The Specific Plan requires affordable housing, with a total of 2,200 affordable units located throughout the Specific Plan area (Specific Plan Section 3.10).

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The applicant submitted the Newhall Affordable Housing Implementation Plan to the County which was approved by the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission in June 25, 2010. The Affordable Housing Implementation Plan states that Mission Village shall develop up to 300 affordable homes within the project site.

Circulation: The circulation plan proposed for Mission Village is a refinement of the Newhall Ranch Master Circulation Plan approved as part of the Specific Plan and it is consistent with the designation, location and dimensions of the highways and collector roads depicted in the Specific Plan. Private Drives are designed to conform to the final design criteria approved in the Westside Communities Private Drives and Traffic Calming Manual.

Transit: The Specific Plan contemplated two bus pull-in areas within areas located within Mission Village. The proposed project depicts three bus stops and a bus transfer station. The proposed locations of the transfer station and bus stops are a refinement of the location in the Specific Plan to accommodate final circulation design of the project, and are consistent with the intent of the Specific Plan to provide convenient access to public transit within the Mission Village project area.

Trails: The Master Plan of Trails in the Specific Plan is general in nature, and provides general locations for trails within the project area. The Tentative Map provides more detailed information regarding the location of trails within the Mission Village project area. The location of the trails depicted on the Tentative Map is consistent with the Specific Plan. However the applicant is requesting an adjustment in the required 12-foot wide trail section to 8-foot wide trails for the community trails, local trails and pathways. The four feet reduction will provide additional landscaping along the trail, reduce the trail's paved area and increase permeable area around the trails to comply with Low Impact Development Standards. The intent of the trails is to provide pedestrian and bicycles use and the reduction of the width of the trail will not compromise the intended use. Therefore, the proposed 8-foot wide trails are consistent with the Specific Plan.

Spineflower Preserve: The Specific Plan Land Use Plan depicts a 20.3 acre Specific Plan conservation easement within Mission Village. The applicant is proposing to expand the existing easement to approximately 85 acres in an effort to provide connectivity to permanent open space, preserve known spineflower populations and establish a Spineflower Preserve. The proposed expansion of the Spineflower Preserve area is consistent with the Specific Plan because it provide for additional protection of sensitive resources in keeping with the policies in the Specific Plan to protect such resources.

Drainage and Water Quality Plan: The Conceptual Backbone Drainage Plan of the Specific Plan sets forth the framework by which drainage and flood protection to the site will be provided. A primary goal of the plan was to provide drainage and flood protection while preserving the Santa Clara River as a resource. The Mission Village Drainage and Water Quality Plan is consistent with the Specific Plan, which included conceptual drainage plans that reflects innovative methodologies to meet NPDES requirements, and reflects a comprehensive system of flood control and detention basins to maintain water quality standards.

Water Plan: The Conceptual Backbone Water Plan was designed in the Specific Plan for the Mission Village portion of the overall project with water main and reclaimed water

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lines to be located along Commerce Center Drive, Magic Mountain Parkway, Westridge Parkway, and "A" Street. The Potable and Reclaimed Water Plan follows the Conceptual Backbone Water Plan and depicts in greater detail, the infrastructure lines to serve the Mission Village project. While the precise routing of water lines for the delivery system delineated by Mission Village Water Plan differ to some extent from the Conceptual Plan set forth in the Specific Plan, this routing flexibility falls within the prescribed Substantial Conformance parameters set in the Specific Plan Implementation Section 5.2.2b(a).

Sewer Plan: The Conceptual Backbone Sewer Plan of the Specific Plan set forth a system for sewage collection witch included connection to a water reclamation plant, a collection system with pump stations, and both gravity and force mains. A detailed Sewer Plan was prepared for Mission Village that provides further refinement to the location of sewer main lines and while the precise routing of sewer lines for the delivery system differ to some extent from the Conceptual Plan set forth in the Specific Plan, this routing flexibility falls within the prescribed Substantial Conformance parameters set in the Specific Plan Implementation Section 5.2.2b(a).

Land Use Plan: The Mission Village project is proposed within the Mesas Village area identified in the Specific Plan. Land Uses depicted within the project boundary are Low Density Residential, Low-Medium Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, High Density Residential, Commercial, Mixed Use, Open Space and River Corridor. Flexibility was built into the Specific Plan to allow for adjustments, transfers and conversions of use, boundaries, square footage, etc. (Specific Plan Section 5.2-5, page 5-14), within certain parameters. The Mesas Village is divided into Planning Areas, as Mission Village only covers 71 percent of the Mesas Village area, some planning areas do not pertain to Mission Village even though they are within Mesas Village. Although Mesas Village is entitled to a maximum of 7,716 dwelling units and 2,232,000 square feet of building space, Mission Village is only entitled to a maximum of 5,465 dwelling units and 1,948,500 which corresponds to the Planning Areas within the Mission Village Tentative Map boundary.

The applicable regulations include:

- The total number of dwelling units in the Mesas Village shall not exceed 5,465 total dwelling units.

  Mission Village represents approximately 71 percent of the total Mesas Village area. Currently, there is no other residential development proposed in the Mesas Village area. Mission Village proposes 4,055 dwelling units. Therefore, this regulation has been met.

- The total maximum building square footage for the Mission Village project shall not exceed the total maximum building square footage set forth in the Annotated Land Use Plan Statistical Summary for the Specific Plan area.

  The Annotated Land Use Plan Statistical Summary determines that the maximum building square footage allowed by the Specific Plan for this area is 1,948,500 square feet. Mission Village proposes 1,555,100 building square feet. Therefore, this regulation has been met.

- No planning area may change in total acreage by more than 20 percent.

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Mission Village is proposing changes to the acreage of most of the planning areas, however, none of the changes exceed 20 percent. Therefore, this regulation has been met.

Each land Use designation contains several Planning Areas. The table below shows a summary of the changes between the Project and the Mesas Village (Specific Plan) in total acreage, number of dwelling units and non-residential square footage. Detailed information about the changes per Planning Area is available in a table format on page 53 and 65 of the Notebook, with exhibits on pages 51 and 52.

Land Use	Area comparison to Specific Plan	Dwelling Units Comaprison to Specific Plan	Planned Non-Residential Square footage comparison to Specific Plan	Maximum Non-Residnetial Square Footage comparison to Specific Plan
Low	4.9% increase	-8	n/a	
Low-Medium	3.8% decrease	-235	n/a	
Medium	3.6% decrease	-129	N/a	
High	19.4% increase	-41	n/a	
Mixed Use	4.0% increase	-640	212,000	-372,000
Commercial	18.5% decrease	n/a	24,100	-20,900
Open Area	1.7% decrease	n/a	n/a	n/a
River Corridor	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a

The table above show that Low-Medium and Medium Residential land use designations decreased in area and in number of dwelling units while Low and High Residential land use designations increased in area but still decreased the number of dwelling units. The Mixed Use designation increased four percent in area, decreased the number of dwelling units but increased the commercial square footage. Even though the commercial square footage was increased in the Mixed Use and Commercial land use designations, the commercial square footage is still under the maximum allowed for commercial area within those categories as permitted by the Specific Plan. These changes are due to project refinement which results in changes in the number of housing units, square footage of non-residential space and area dedicated to each use.

The elementary school as well as the Community and Neighborhood Parks are part of land use overlays, and are 'flexible' as to their final location within the Specific Plan. The land use overlay adjustments are permitted pursuant to Section 5.2-5 of the Specific Plan with respect to size, quantity and location of public service facilities such as parks and schools. As part of the overlay uses depicted in the Specific Plan, Mission Village is proposing an elementary school, a fire station and a library as land use overlays.

59. Based on the record before it, the Commission finds the proposed subdivision and the provisions for its design and improvement are consistent with the land use plan,

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affordable housing, circulation, transit, trails, infrastructure allocation, non-residential square footage allocations, residential dwelling unit allocations, spineflower preserve and land use.

60. Mitigation measures, which have been incorporated into the project and included in the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, are listed in the Executive Summary of the Final EIR, and include mitigation measures originally prescribed within the Specific Plan EIR.

61. The Commission finds substantial benefits resulting from implementation of the project outweigh its unavoidable significant effects on visual quality, air quality, solid waste services, and agricultural resources.

62. The Mission Village project is subject to California Department of Fish and Game fees pursuant to section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code.

63. Approval of this subdivision is conditioned on the subdivider's compliance with the attached conditions of approval, as well as the conditions of approval for CUP No. 200500080 (SEA), CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011 and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001.

64. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper and property posting. Additionally, the project was noticed and case materials were available on the County Department of Regional Planning website and at libraries located in the vicinity of the project site. Approximately 328 notices of public hearing and completion and availability of the DEIR were mailed to property owners within a 1,000-foot radius of the subject property as well as additional notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for projects in the Newhall and Castaic Canyon Zoned Districts. The public hearing notice was published in The Signal on October 6, 2010, and La Opinion on October 7, 2010. The Draft EIR and project materials, including a vesting tentative tract map, exhibit map, and draft conditions, were available for review at the Newhall Library, Valencia Library, and Castaic Library beginning October 8, 2010. On October 7, 2010, three large public hearing notice boards, eight feet wide by four feet high, were posted on the subject property at the north end of Westridge Parkway, west end of Magic Mountain Parkway and south end of Commerce Center Drive (At Henry Mayo Drive).

65. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1328, Los Angeles, California 90012, and the offices of the County's EIR consultant, Impact Sciences, Inc., 803 Camarillo Road, Suite A, Camarillo, California 93012. The custodian of such documents is the Section Head of the Special Projects Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

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THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Certifies that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines; certifies that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and "CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project," CUP No. RCUP200500080 (SEA), CUP No. RCUP200500081, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. RPKT200500011, and Substantial Conformance Determination No. 201000001; and certifies that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment of the Commission; and

2. Determines that with the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, the Mission Village project's significant environmental effects are reduced to less-than-significant levels except for certain specified unavoidable effects, which have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by the benefits of the project as identified in the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project; and

3. Certifies the Final EIR as adequate under CEQA, adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and, pursuant to section 21081.6 of Public Resources Code, finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

4. Approves Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 (dated December 15, 2010), subject to the attached conditions established by the Commission, including recommendations of the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. RCUP200500080 (SEA)
MISSION VILLAGE
(A PORTION OF NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN)

1. On May 27, 2003, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") approved the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), which authorized development of the approximately 11,999-acre property for 20,885 dwelling units with 423 second units; 629 acres of mixed-use development; 67 acres of commercial uses; 249 acres of community parks, 869 acres of other Open Areas, and 5,159 acres of open space within two approved Special Management Areas/Significant Ecological Areas ("SMA/SEA"); two fire stations; one public library; one electrical substation; reservation of five elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school sites; a 6.8-million gallon per day Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant ("WRP"); and other associated community facilities, such as roads and bridges.

2. The County Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Vesting Tentative Tract Map ("VTTM") No. 61105, Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200500080, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 200500032, OTP No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011 and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001 on November 10, 2010, March 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011.

3. The proposed project ("Mission Village") is located within the boundary of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and represents the second phase of development of the Specific Plan (following Landmark Village). As part of the Mission Village project approvals, the applicant is requesting approval of a project-level Significant Ecological Area ("SEA") CUP No. RCUP200500080 to provide the County with the regulatory framework to implement Mission Village development within the approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 boundary in a manner that is consistent with both the adopted Specific Plan and previously approved program-level SEA CUP No. 94-087-(5). Specifically, the proposed Mission Village project-level improvements within the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 boundary include the Commerce Center Drive Bridge, neighborhood park, access roads, and easements, grading, trails, water quality basins, bank stabilization, water and sewer utility crossings, utility corridor, storm drain outlets, and potential riparian mitigation sites.

4. The Mission Village project, as revised, creates a mixed-use community of 4,055 residential units (351 single-family units and 3,704 multi-family units); 1,555,100 square feet of mixed-use/commercial space; approximately 693 acres of open space, including 26.8 acres for public parks, 14.7 acres for private recreational

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facilities, and 85.8 acres in three spineflower preserves connected to open space; a 9.5-acre elementary school; 3.3-acre library; 1.5-acre fire station; and 1.2-acre bus transfer station. Mission Village also includes facilities and infrastructure to support the project, including roads (including the Commerce Center Drive Bridge), trails, drainage improvements, flood protection (including buried bank stabilization within and adjacent to the Santa Clara River), potable and recycled water systems (including water tanks), sanitary sewer system and dry utility systems to be developed in compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (May 27, 2003).

The Mission Village includes several off-site project-related improvements (i.e., improvements outside the tract boundary, a portion of which is also located outside of the Specific Plan boundary), including: utility corridor, Magic Mountain Parkway roadway extension and related improvements, a water quality basin, three water tanks (portions of 2 would be located on-site), a Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical substation, and two debris basins. Additional off-site improvements include work associated with the Lion Canyon drainage, grading associated with construction of the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway and southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, and miscellaneous grading to tie proposed grades into natural grades.

5. VTTM No. 61105, as revised, is a related request that proposes to subdivide the Mission Village tract map site into a total of 621 lots, including:

   (a) 351 single family lots, 36 multi-family lots, 5 apartment/condominium lots, 2 mixed use/residential (including 66,400 sq. ft. of commercial uses), and 1 continued care retirement lot, for the development of 4,055 residential dwelling units (351 single-family units, and 3,704 multi-family units);

   (b) 11 mixed-use commercial lots for the development of up to 1,555,100 square feet (including the 66,400 sq. ft. referenced above) of office, retail and service uses;

   (c) 143 open space lots;

   (d) 2 public park (active) lots;

   (e) 4 private recreation lots;

   (f) 5 spineflower preserve lots;

   (g) 4 public facility lots, including 1 school lot, 1 library lot, 1 fire station lot, and 1 bus transfer station lot;

   (h) 14 utility-related lots (including water quality basins, water tanks, and wastewater pump stations); and

   (i) 43 transportation-related lots (public, private, and bridge roadways).

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The Exhibit Map, which accompanies VTTM No. 61105, depicts conceptual site development plans. Revised site plans to depict changes to the conceptual site plan shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

6. CUP No. 200500081 is a related request to authorize the development of 73 second dwelling units, continued care retirement community with 351 dwelling units, on-site and off-site grading associated with VTTM No. 061105, water tanks and on-site infrastructure.

7. OTP No. 200500043 is a related request to authorize the removal of 143 oak trees from the project site, including 8 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 50 oak trees.

8. Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032 is a related request to authorize the removal of 11 oak trees in connection with construction of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, including 3 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 2 oak trees.

9. Parking Permit No. 200500011 is a related request to authorize off-site and reciprocal parking for lots within the Village Center.

10. Substantial Conformance Determination No. 201000001 is a related request made pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan for a determination that VTTM No. 61105 would substantially conform to the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Specific Plan relative to the following: (a) Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines (determination of conformance with Specific Plan Section 4.8 for areas to be graded with an average slope of 25% or greater); (b) modification to setback standards (to allow specific Village Center lots to be designed with a minimum 0-foot front yard setback; and (c) modification to proposed trail widths (adjustment of 12-foot wide trail section to eight-feet width).

11. The Mission Village project site, consisting of 1,854.6 gross acres (or rounded to approximately 1,855 acres), is located south of the Santa Clara River and SR-126, east of the Ventura County boundary and west of Interstate 5 ("I-5"), within the northeast corner of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in the Newhall Zoned District. The project site is comprised of the Mission Village tract map, which is 1,261.8 acres in size, and the off-site project related improvements area, which is 592.8 acres in size.

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Approximately 39.1 acres of VTTM No. 61105 are located outside the Specific Plan boundaries. VTTM No. 61105 consists of parcels 11, 12, 13, 22 and a portion of parcel 14 of the previously recorded Parcel Map No. 24500-01 and a portion of the Rancho San Francisco. Approximately 338.9 acres of the off-site project-related improvements are located outside of the Specific Plan boundaries.

12. The Specific Plan is divided in five "villages," and Mission Village occupies approximately 70 percent of one of those villages, which are referred to as Mesas.

13. The property is irregular in shape with variable sloping terrain. It is unimproved, but currently is utilized for agricultural activity. The project site (including the tract map area and off-site improvements) contains sensitive biological resources and habitat types, including special-status species, all of which have been described and evaluated in the Mission Village Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR;" October 2010) and Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR;" May 2011). The Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site, is within the previously approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23. Historically, the project site was used for agricultural activity and related storage. Portions of the project site also have been used for cattle grazing and oil and gas production.

14. Access to the Mission Village project site is provided by SR-126 along the north of the project site, the proposed Magic Mountain Parkway extension to the east, and Westridge Parkway to the south. The western portion of the project site is accessible via existing agricultural roads. Connections to the proposed roads within the project site will be provided by the southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, the westerly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, and the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway.

15. The project site is located immediately southeast of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site. The Travel Village Recreational Vehicle ("RV") Park, SR-126, and Valencia Commerce Center are off-site and further to the north. The eastern site boundary abuts Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park and undeveloped land. Further to the east are an existing water reclamation plant (Valencia WRP), a California Highway Patrol station, hotels, restaurants, and service stations. To the south, outside of Newhall Ranch, is undeveloped land within the existing community of Westridge further to the southeast and the proposed Legacy Village (formerly Stevenson Ranch Phase V) further to the south. Undeveloped land within Newhall Ranch exists to the west of the project site, within the proposed Landmark Village northwest of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River.

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16. The subject property is zoned primarily "Specific Plan" ("SP"), although the areas within the Rancho San Francisco currently are zoned A-2-5. The SP zoning of the property became effective on June 26, 2003, following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-0031Z, which established Zone Case No. 94-087-(5). The zone change was associated with the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

17. Approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of grading are proposed in a balanced cut and fill operation (28.9 million cubic yards of cut and 28.9 million cubic yards of fill) which includes grading for on-site and off-site improvements. In addition, 479,000 cubic yards of grading (372,000 cubic yards of cut and 107,000 cubic yards of fill) are proposed for one of the two Southern California Edison substation alternate locations.

18. With the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trails, which would be linked to the Santa Clara Regional River Trail (off-site to the northwest) via the extension of other local trails and paseos.

19. Utilities, including water, sanitary sewer, gravity sewer, force main, irrigation, cable, gas, fiber optics, and recycled water lines, will be constructed and installed to serve the Mission Village project.

    In order to provide future residents with access to alternative modes of transportation, VTTM No. 61105 includes a 1.2-acre transit site for development of a bus transfer station in the Village Center area of Mission Village. Development of this site facilitates local bus service and provides connection points for express bus operation within the Mission Village area.

20. Project buildout currently is planned to occur over several years, with full buildout not expected until 2021. Since market conditions and consumer needs historically change over time, a certain amount of flexibility is necessary in the specific type of residential units that ultimately would be built in order to assure the best mix of residential housing to meet changing market demands. Similarly, as to commercial uses, it is difficult to forecast with a high degree of certainty over the extended duration of project buildout the specific type of office uses and tenant space requirements that will be in demand as each segment of the project is developed.

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Flexibility has been incorporated into the Specific Plan to respond to those changes in demand and economic marketplace. Section 5.2.2.e (Amendments to the Tentative Subdivision Maps) of the Specific Plan allows subsequent changes to the approved tentative map through an Amended Exhibit Map process pursuant to Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance. The Amended exhibit map shall be approved only if the map is determined by the Director to be in substantial conformance with the approved map. Section 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan (Adjustment/Transfer/Conversion Provisions) provides standards for dwelling unit transfers, as well as other types of adjustments, including residential and non-residential building square footage transfers and conversions.

Flexibility is allowed for lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ. The flexibility includes the ability to: build condominiums rather than apartments, and vice versa; build detached housing units rather than attached units; alter residential building type and location within a designated planning area; change the location of driveways, driveway widths, driveway alignments, driveway entries and change the private drive alignments and location; change lot configurations; and, change commercial building type and location within a planning area. However, this flexibility will be limited. The total dwelling unit count, and commercial square footage, as shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps, set a maximum cap that cannot be exceeded without additional approvals or modifications to the project. That is, project buildout would not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space and recreational acreages shown on VTTM No. 61105 will not be reduced.

The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage on a particular lot may be allowed if such increase does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

Therefore, the subsequent changes to the tentative map will be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map will be reviewed and approved by the Subdivision Committee through the Amended

Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

21. A program-level EIR was certified with adoption of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, which found that there would be significant unavoidable impacts to agricultural resources, biological resources, visual resources, air quality, and solid waste disposal. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which concluded that there were significant overriding benefits with approval of the Specific Plan. Public benefits include preservation of nearly 1,000 acres of the Santa Clara River; about 4,200 acres of the High Country SMA/SEA 20; approximately 1,517 acres of the Salt Creek area and other Open Areas; preservation of the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 to retain significant riparian vegetation and habitat; the development of over 50 miles of trails including portions of the Santa Clara River Trail; and provisions for improved parks, schools, fire stations, and 2,200 affordable homes.

22. There has been substantial outreach to the surrounding community regarding the Mission Village project. The applicant has presented the project on several occasions to the West Ranch Town Council and one occasion to the Castaic Area Town Council.

23. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*), CEQA Guidelines § 15063, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the County prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Village project. The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects of the project on the following environmental impact categories:

Agricultural Resources
Air Quality
Biota
Cultural/Paleontological Resources
Education
Environmental Safety
Fire Protection Services
Floodplain Modifications
Geotechnical/ Soil Resources
Global Climate Change
Hydrology
Library Services
Mineral Resources
Noise
Parks and Recreation
Sheriff Services
Solid Waste Disposal
Traffic/Access
Utilities
Visual Qualities
Wastewater Disposal
Water Quality
Water Service

Therefore, a project-level environmental impact report ("EIR") was required.

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24. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines and County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, a Draft EIR was prepared for the Mission Village project. The Draft EIR concluded that potential impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation in the following impact categories: Geotechnical and Soil Resources, Hydrology, Biota, Traffic/Access, Noise, Water Service, Wastewater Disposal, Sheriff Services, Fire Protection Services, Education, Parks and Recreation, Library Services, Utilities, Mineral Resources, Environmental Safety, Cultural/Paleontological Resources, Floodplain Modifications, Water Quality, and Global Climate Change. The Draft EIR also concluded that the project will result in significant, unavoidable and/or cumulative impacts in:

    (a) Visual Qualities;
    (b) Air Quality
    (c) Solid Waste Services; and
    (d) Agricultural Resources.

    The significant impacts identified in the Draft EIR are all within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the certified Program EIR for the Specific Plan. Each of these impact categories was previously identified and included in the Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted as part of the certified Program EIR for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

25. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days from October 8, 2010, to November 21, 2010. At the November 10, 2010 public hearing, the Commission extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (for a total of a 99-day public comment period.)

26. Comments and recommendations from County departments and other agencies consulted during the environmental review process include the California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and City of Santa Clarita. Other agencies and organizations that have provided correspondence include, among others, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Sierra Club, California Water Network, Center for Biological Diversity, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment ("SCOPE"), Tri-County Watchdogs, and Friends of the Santa Clara River.

27. The project was presented to the Commission at a public hearing held November 10, 2010. At the hearing, the Commission heard the staff report, the applicant presented testimony regarding the project, and public testimony was presented by a representative of Santa Clarita Organization for Planning The Environment ("SCOPE"), who requested that the Draft EIR public review period be extended.

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Staff added that the applicant needed to address outstanding issues with the Department of Public Works (Public Works) regarding the Tentative Map. The issues include that the applicant shall record an easement for the necessary off-site regional sewer improvement, and easement for the off-site grading and full improvements on the alignments of the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway and Westridge Parkway; that the applicant shall obtain a will serve letter from the Sanitation District to use the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant while the Newhall Water Reclamation Plant is not operational; and that the applicant shall provide detailed information regarding an agreement with Caltrans for mitigation of impacts to the state freeway system.

After discussion, the Commission continued the item to March 16, 2011 and extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period) to allow interested parties additional time to review and provide comments on the project and its DEIR and to allow the applicant to address outstanding issues with Public Works and address the following topics: (i) whether the applicant's request to adjust Specific Plan trail widths from 12-feet to 8-feet is warranted; (ii) whether the applicant's request for a zero setback in the Village Center is justified; (iii) whether the project includes sufficient upland infiltration; and (iv) whether pile-driving activities can be replaced with a quieter method; (v) whether the applicant should mitigate oak tree impacts by in kind planting or mitigation fee; and (vi) whether the project should include a trail head.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional information on the following topics: (i) improvements within the SEA and river buffer; and (ii) development transfer among Specific Plan implementation phases.

28. On December 15, 2010, the project applicant submitted a revised VTTM No. 61105 to County staff for review. The map was revised in response to the December 3, 2010 approval by the California Department of Fish and Game ("CDFG") of the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan/Spineflower Conservation Plan ("RMDP/SCP"), which includes within its boundaries the area encompassed by VTTM No. 61105. As approved by CDFG, the RMDP/SCP designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve on the VTTM No. 61105 site; this represents an increase of approximately 20.2 acres over the amount of spineflower preserve acreage designated on prior VTTM No. 61105 (November 24, 2009). As a result of the increased spineflower acreage and the enhanced connectivity to open space, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, consistent with the approved RMDP/SCP. Specifically, as revised, VTTM No. 61105 includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (351 single-family dwellings and 3,704 multi-family units); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged from the prior map. Under the prior VTTM No. 61105 (dated November 24,

2009), the Mission Village unit count was 4,412 dwelling units. With the increased spineflower preserve/connectivity, the project was reduced in size by a total of 357 dwelling units.

In summary, the changes to the map are as follows:

- Residential Dwelling Units: The total number of residential dwelling units has decreased from 4,412 to 4,055, a decrease of 357 total units. The number of single-family units decreased by 31 units from 382 to 351 units and the number of multi-family units decreased by 326 units from 4,030 to 3,704 units.
- Development/Grading Footprint: The size of the development/grading footprint on the project site decreased by 21.6 acres (two percent decrease). The total amount of grading associated with the proposed project decreased by one million cubic yards, from 29.9 to 28.9 million cubic yards.
- Spineflower Preserves: The number of lots dedicated to San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves has increased from two lots to five lots. Total land area dedicated for preserves increased from 65.6 acres to 85.8 acres.
- Oak Trees: Oak tree surveys were completed for the Mission Village Tract Map site and related offsite improvements including the extension of the Magic Mountain Parkway from its present terminus west to Mission Village Tract Map site. When all these areas are considered, a total of 564 trees are protected by County Ordinance. Of that total, 154 trees would be removed, 52 trees would be encroached upon, and 358 trees would not be impacted. On just the Tract Map site, utility corridor and Edison substation sites, 501 trees are protected, 143 trees would be removed, 50 trees would be encroached upon, and 308 trees would not be impacted. On the Magic Mountain Extension site, 63 trees are protected, 11 trees would be removed, two trees would be encroached upon, and 50 trees would not be impacted. With the revised project, the total number of trees to be removed would decrease by four from 158 to 154 trees. The total number of trees to be encroached on would increase by one from 51 to 52 trees.
- Open Space: The total land area dedicated to open space-related land use categories, which includes public and private parks, San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves, river area, and graded and ungraded lots, would increase under the revised project from approximately 636 acres to 693 acres. This is an increase in open space of approximately 57 acres (or an increase of approximately nine percent). This increased open space area includes the additional spineflower preserves (approximately 20.2 acres) which are described above and, un-graded and graded open space (36.8 acres). While the amount of River area decreased by 4.4 acres, from 217.0 to 212.6 acres, this area (4.4 acres) is now within one of the new San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves.

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29. On January 13, 2011, the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee held a public meeting to consider the applicant's proposed revisions to VTTM No. 61105. The Committee issued conditions of approval and cleared the map.

30. At the continued public hearing on March 16, 2011, no members of the public provided testimony. The Commission heard and granted the applicant's request that the public hearing be continued to provide the applicant with additional time to complete its responses to the Commission's request for additional information made at the November 10, 2010 hearing. The March 16, 2011, hearing was continued to May 18, 2011.

31. At the Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting held March 22, 2011, during the public comment portion of the meeting, a representative of SCOPE read a letter dated March 16, 2011, regarding the project's potential effect on chloride levels in the Santa Clara River.

32. In May 2011, the Mission Village Final EIR (May 2011) was completed in accordance with CEQA. The "Mission Village Final EIR" is comprised of the following: (a) Draft EIR (October 2010), Volumes I-XX; and (b) Final EIR (May 2011), Volumes I-VII (collectively, "Final EIR"). The Final EIR includes the Draft EIR, all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, technical appendices to the Draft and Final EIR, revised Draft EIR pages, and other information. Department staff sent the Final EIR to the Commission for review and made it available to state and local agencies, organizations, and other interested parties.

The Mission Village Draft EIR (October 2010) analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with development of 4,412 dwelling units (382 single-family dwellings and 4,030 multi-family units) and 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use/commercial development on the proposed project site. Included within the proposed project as described was a 65.6-acre spineflower preserve.

Subsequent to circulation of the Draft EIR, and as previously referenced, the CDFG approved the Newhall Ranch RMDP/SCP, which designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve, and enhanced connectivity to open space, on the Mission Village project site, an increase of 20.2 acres over the amount designated in the Draft EIR. As a result of the increased spineflower acreage/connectivity, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, and now includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (a reduction of 357 dwelling units compared to the original, proposed Mission Village project); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged. The revised project is consistent with the Mission Village project originally proposed and analyzed in the Draft EIR, however, the reduction in density and

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increase in preserved area is an improvement over the original proposal. The Final EIR clarifies the revisions to the Mission Village project and confirms that there are no new or increased impacts from the project revisions, but rather that the project revisions further lessen the significance of any potential impacts.

33. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Mission Village Final EIR has been prepared. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan identifies in detail the manner in which compliance with the measures adopted to mitigate or avoid potential significant impacts of the project is ensured, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for the project.

34. [Hold for May 18, 2011 continued public hearing proceedings.]

35. In approving this grant, the Commission finds as follow:

    a. The proposed development would be consistent with the adopted General Plan and Area Plan for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan site.

    b. The Newhall Ranch Specific Plan's adjusted SEA 23 boundary removed a limited amount of acreage for development from the existing SEA; however, the SEA was determined to nonetheless remain in a viable and largely natural condition, particularly when taking into account major factors influencing the realization of applicable General Plan objectives, including competing priorities between resource preservation and other General Plan policies and objectives.

    c. The proposed development was determined to conform with the General Plan's SEA "design compatibility criteria," in that:

        (i) The development was designed to be highly compatible with biotic resources present in the existing SEA 23, including the setting aside of appropriate and sufficient undisturbed areas;

        (ii) The development was designed to maintain waterbodies, watercourses, and their tributaries in a natural state within the existing SEA 23;

        (iii) The development was designed so that wildlife movement corridors are left in a natural and undisturbed state within the existing SEA 23;

        (iv) The development retained sufficient natural vegetative cover and/or open spaces to buffer critical resources within the existing SEA 23 from the proposed development;

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(v) The development provided fences or walls where necessary to buffer important habitat within the existing SEA 23 from proposed development; and

(vi) The development located and designed roads and utilities serving the development so as not to conflict with critical resources, habitat areas, or migratory paths within the existing SEA 23.

d. The approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan was found to be sensitive to, and compatible with, the biotic resources of the existing SEA 23;

e. The proposed development at the proposed locations within the existing SEA 23 would not:

(i) Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area;

(ii) Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; or

(iii) Jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

f. The proposed site was adequate in size and shape to accommodate the development features to be located in the approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 boundary in order to integrate said uses with the uses in the surrounding areas.

g. The site was adequately served:

(i) By highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate; and

(ii) By other public or private service facilities as are required.

36. Development of project-related improvements within the Mission Village tract map site would impact approximately 21.6 acres within SEA 23, and an additional approximate 18.3 acres within SEA 23 would be impacted as part of the off-site development.

37. A CUP is required to authorize project-related improvements within the previously approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23, pursuant to the requirements of the Specific Plan. A CUP for development within the River Corridor SMA/SEA

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23 boundary is required to ensure consistency with the previously approved program-level SEA CUP No. 94-087-(5), which, in the previous approval, the Board found to be consistent with applicable requirements for development within an SEA.

38. Consistent with the approved Specific Plan and program-level SEA CUP No. 94-087-(5), the project-related improvements within the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 boundary include: (a) Commerce Center Drive Bridge, including a portion of Commerce Center Drive; (b) river trail; (c) access roads and public utility easements; (e) utilities (including storm drain outlets, water quality basins, sanitary sewer, water, cable, gas, fiber optics, etc.); (f) bank stabilization; (g) neighborhood park; and (h) grading.

39. With approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and CUP No. 94-087-(5), the Board approved the general alignment for Commerce Center Drive Bridge in order to minimize impacts to sensitive habitat and species within SEA 23, and to minimize major access points to SR-126. The Board found the bridge crossing to be essential for a functional circulation system to serve the Specific Plan area and the region, and to advance many of the County's goals and policies related to transportation, land use, and other issues of public interest. The bridge crossing was found to comply with the County's engineering requirements, and to be strategically located and designed to provide maximum transportation effectiveness, while minimizing impacts to critical resources, habitat areas, and animal movement paths in riparian corridor areas. Commerce Center Drive Bridge would connect the existing north terminus of Commerce Center Drive at SR-126 with the proposed southern extension of Commerce Center Drive and would serve central portions of Newhall Ranch. The bridge would span the width of the Santa Clara River, equating to a roadway segment of approximately 1,300 feet in length and 120 to 129 feet in width.

40. Consistent with previously approved SEA CUP No. 94-087 (5), the Mission Village project bank stabilization is consistent with the following objectives that were developed to balance the environment and flood control issues presented by the Santa Clara River, as required by the County General Plan. These objectives are as follows:

    (i) The flood corridor must allow for the passage of Los Angeles County Capital Flood flows without the permanent removal of natural vegetation (except at bridge crossings);

    (ii) The bank of the river will generally be outside of the "waters of the United States" as defined by federal laws and regulations, and as determined by the delineation completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") in August 1993;

(iii) Where the Corps delineation width is insufficient to contain the Capital Flood flow, the flood corridor will be widened by an amount sufficient to carry the Capital Flood flow, and the flood corridor will be widened by an amount sufficient to carry the Capital Flood flow without the necessity of permanently removing vegetation or significantly increasing velocity;

(iv) Where development is proposed within the existing Los Angeles County 50-year Capital Floodplain, the land where development is to occur will be elevated in conformance with Los Angeles County policies to remove it from the Floodplain; and

(v) Bank stabilization will occur only where necessary to protect against erosion.

41. With the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trails, which would be linked to the Santa Clara Regional River Trail (off site to the northwest) via the extension of other local trails, and paseos. Portion of the Regional River Trail is located with the SEA on the north side of the Santa Clara River, at the northern portion of Mission Village. This trail is part of the Trails Plan approved as part of Specific Plan and will be constructed within the bank stabilization area and not disturbing additional area.

42. Riparian mitigation sites will be located within the SEA boundary within the Mission Village project site. The riparian mitigation sites are necessary to maintain the riparian areas and enhancement to the rived corridor. These mitigation sites are subject to the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) review and approval.

43. Utilities planned to serve the Mission Village project include water, sanitary sewer, gravity sewer, force main, irrigation, cable, gas, fiber optics and recycled water lines.

44. The Mission Village project would include one of the Specific Plan Neighborhood Parks on the project site. The park would contain approximately 5 acres of usable parkland, approximately 2.2 acres of which would be located within the SEA.

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45. The approval of the components of Mission Village that are located within the SMA/SEA 23 is consistent with the requirements of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the County General Plan, and the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan.

46. The Mission Village project is designed to be highly compatible with the biotic resources present, including the set aside of appropriate and sufficient undisturbed areas. The development of Mission Village within portions of SEA 23 will result in the vast majority of SEA 23 left in a natural state and it is designed to be highly compatible with biological resources and consistent with the provisions of the Specific Plan and CUP 94-087-(5).

    Development proposed for Mission Village is consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. The Specific Plan's Land Use Plan depicted five villages, and the Mission Village project is a portion of the Mesas Village, as shown on the Specific Plan Land Use Plan. Previously approved CUP 94-087-(5) describes the future Specific Plan components authorized for development within the SEA, which includes the following components within Mission Village: (a) Commerce Center Drive Bridge; (b) Commerce Center Drive; (c) River trail; (d) Access roads and public utility easements; (e) Utilities: storm drain outlets, utilities within the proposed utility corridor, and utilities within Commerce Center Drive Bridge; (f) Bank stabilization; (g) Water Quality basins and associated features; (h) Park; and (i) Grading.

    There are a total of 1,261.8 acres within the boundaries of VTTM No. 61105. Of that amount, 237.5 of those acres are within SEA 23. Approximately 21.5 acres of the 237.5 acres will be impacted by project development. The project includes additional areas outside the boundaries of the tentative map where the associated off-site improvements are proposed. Of those off-site areas, approximately 18.4 acres within SEA 23 will be impacted by development of the project. Thus, the vast majority of SEA 23 will be left in a natural state, highly compatible with the biological resources present and consistent with the provisions of the Specific Plan and CUP 94-087-(5).

47. The development of Mission Village within portions of SEA 23 would maintain water bodies, watercourses, and their tributaries in a natural state, consistent with the approved Specific Plan and CUP 94-087-(5). As contemplated by the approved Specific Plan, Commerce Center Drive Bridge will require the placement of abutments and piers in the river area; the effect of the Commerce Center Drive Bridge crossing was assessed in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Final Additional Analysis, Section 2.3, Floodplain Modifications and appropriate mitigation was required. The EIR prepared for Mission Village includes additional environmental analysis of the bridge abutments and piers relative to the river corridor.

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Also as contemplated by the approved Specific Plan, the Mission Village development will include bank stabilization, but only where necessary to protect development from erosion. Bank stabilization is proposed to be buried in all areas except at outlet structures, access ramps, and bridge abutments where it is expected that grouted rock or reinforced concrete will be required to meet Department of Public Works standards. Limited impacts to the Santa Clara River will occur as a result of these improvements.

48. The Mission Village project is designed so that wildlife movement corridors (migratory paths) are left in an undisturbed and natural state. Consistent with the approved Specific Plan, animal migratory paths within the SEA 23 will be left mostly undisturbed, with limited exception at the Commerce Center Drive Bridge abutment and pier locations. Other proposed development within SEA 23 (river trail, storm drain outlets, utility lines, Commerce Center Drive Bridge, bank stabilization, park, and water quality basins) will have a de minimis impact on migratory pathways, and the riparian mitigation areas will provide beneficial cover for migratory animals. Additionally, the increase of approximately 20.2 acres over the amount of spineflower preserve designated on prior VTTM No. 61105 (November 24, 2009), which results in 85.8 acres of preserves, will provide enhanced connectivity to open space.

49. The Mission Village project retains sufficient natural vegetative cover and/or open spaces to buffer critical resource areas from the development. Consistent with the approved Specific Plan, Mission Village will retain sufficient natural vegetative cover and/or open space areas to complement SEA 23. The Specific Plan requires a minimum 100-foot buffer adjacent to the Santa Clara River between the top of the bank stabilization and development within the Residential Low Medium, Residential Medium, Mixed Use, and Business Park uses, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Director; uses within the buffer area are limited to public infrastructure, abutments, trails and parks. Consistent with the Specific Plan, Mission Village residential and commercial development will be set back from the Santa Clara River resources by a distance ranging between 220 feet and 970 feet. Only necessary infrastructure (i.e., water quality basins, bridge abutments, storm drain outlets, and channel stabilization) will be constructed within the setback areas.

The Mission Village tract map includes the installation of bank protection at the Commerce Center Drive Bridge, along the water quality basin at San Jose Flats (an existing agricultural field), and at the mouth of Lion Canyon to protect proposed drainage facilities. The bank protection at the water quality basin location is to protect the water quality basin and would be located down slope from the neighborhood park; the closest residential use to the bank protection is approximately 400 feet away with approximately 120 feet of vertical separation.

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The proposed bank protection at Lion Canyon is to protect the water quality and drainage improvements at the mouth of Lion Canyon; the closest residential use to the bank protection is approximately 250 feet away with a 120 foot vertical separation.

The remaining development areas of the tract map are set back from the riparian sensitive habitat horizontally at least?? (since the SP requires a min of 100 feet, shouldn't this say that it will be at least that?) 100 feet and, in some cases, up to 800 feet. In addition, due to the topographic nature of the site, vertical separations up to 160 feet will occur, further protecting sensitive habitat along SEA 23.

The off-site development proposed as part of the Mission Village project located near or within SEA 23 is for public infrastructure use and no residential or commercial development associated with Mission Village is proposed near these infrastructure improvements. Furthermore, where appropriate, the vegetation within portions of the setback or buffer zone may be restored and/or enhanced to increase habitat values when compared to existing conditions.

50. Where necessary, fences or walls are provided to buffer important habitat areas from development. Consistent with the approved Specific Plan, the Mission Village development will implement several buffer measures to protect significant habitat within SEA 23. Implementation of the measures described in the Specific Plan will be implemented by conditions of approval imposed through the subdivision approval process, including the EIR Mitigation Monitoring Program. In order to preclude access into the SEA from the residential areas, the rear yards of all residential lots within the vicinity of the SEA will be required to be fenced. In addition, the trails near the SEA will include post and cable fencing with signs prohibiting access to the area. Furthermore, other mitigation measures and conditions of approval will be adopted to ensure the protection of sensitive biotic resources within the SEA 23 (e.g., shielding of illumination).

51. Consistent with the approved Specific Plan, Mission Village's roads and utilities have been designed and located so as not to conflict with critical resources, habitat areas or migratory paths. The vast majority of roadways and utilities serving Mission Village are removed far to the south of SEA 23 and, as a result, will have no impact on SEA 23. The number and location of the bridge crossings were established by the Specific Plan in part to minimize impacts on SEA 23 and other sensitive resources. As part of the Mission Village development, the Commerce Center Drive Bridge crossing will be implemented; however, all other roads within the Mission Village development are either internal to the project or extend to the west and east far from SEA 23.

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52. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper and property posting. Additionally, the project was noticed and case materials were available on the County Department of Regional Planning website and at libraries located in the vicinity of the project site. Approximately 328 notices of public hearing and completion and availability of the DEIR were mailed to property owners within a 1,000-foot radius of the subject property as well as additional notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for projects in the Newhall and Castaic Canyon Zoned Districts. The public hearing notice was published in The Signal on October 6, 2010, and La Opinion on October 7, 2010. The Draft EIR and project materials, including a vesting tentative tract map, exhibit map, and draft conditions, were available for review at the Newhall Library, Valencia Library, and Castaic Library beginning October 8, 2010. On October 7, 2010, three large public hearing notice boards, eight feet wide by four feet high, were posted on the subject property at the north end of Westridge Parkway, west end of Magic Mountain Parkway and south end of Commerce Center Drive (At Henry Mayo Drive).

53. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1328, Los Angeles, California 90012, and the offices of the County's EIR consultant, Impact Sciences, Inc., 803 Camarillo Road, Suite A, Camarillo, California 93012. The custodian of such documents is the Section Head of the Special Projects Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:

A. The proposed use with the attached conditions and restrictions are consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan;

B. With the attached conditions and restrictions, the requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety and general welfare;

C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the development features to occur within the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area;

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D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private facilities as are required; and,

E. The proposed project and the provisions for its design and improvement are consistent with the density, goals, and policies of the General Plan and Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, including SEAs, in that:

i. The requested development is designed to be compatible with the biotic resources present including the setting aside of appropriate and sufficient undisturbed areas;

ii. The requested development is designed to maintain water bodies, watercourses and their tributaries in a natural state;

iii. The requested development is designed so that wildlife movement corridors are left in an undisturbed and natural state;

iv. The requested development retains sufficient natural vegetative cover and/or open space to buffer critical resource areas for said requested development and is compatible with the natural biotic, cultural, scenic, and open space resources of the area;

v. Where necessary, fences or walls are provided to buffer important habitat areas from development;

vi. Roads and utilities serving the proposed development are located and designed so as not to conflict with critical resources, habitat areas or migratory paths; and

vii. Approval of the proposed development within the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23, to include project-related improvements, is based on the project's ability to mitigate public safety, design and/or environmental considerations, as provided in the Zoning Ordinance, the General Plan, and Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

The information contained in the Final EIR, and the materials submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearings substantiate the required findings for an SEA conditional use permit as set forth in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Sections 22.56.090 and 22.56.215, Title 22, of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance).

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THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Certifies that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines; certified that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and "CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project," CUP No. 200500080 (SEA), CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011, and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001; and certifies that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment of the Commission; and

3. Determines that with the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, the Mission Village project's significant environmental effects are reduced to less-than-significant levels except for certain specified unavoidable effects, which have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by the benefits of the project as identified in the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project; and

4. Certifies the Final EIR as adequate under CEQA, adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and, pursuant to section 21081.6 of Public Resources Code, finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

5. Approves Conditional Use Permit No. 200500080 (SEA), subject to the attached conditions.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200500081
(DEVELOPMENT OF 73 SECOND UNITS, A CONTINUED CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, PROJECT-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND RELATED ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE GRADING)
SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMANCE REVIEW NO. 201000001
MISSION VILLAGE
(A PORTION OF NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN)

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1. On May 27, 2003, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") approved the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), which authorized development of the approximately 11,999-acre property for 20,885 dwelling units with 423 second units; 629 acres of mixed-use development; 67 acres of commercial uses; 249 acres of community parks, 869 acres of other Open Areas, and 5,159 acres of open space within two approved Special Management Areas/Significant Ecological Areas ("SMA/SEA"); two fire stations; one public library; one electrical substation; reservation of five elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school sites; a 6.8-million gallon per day Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant ("WRP"); and other associated community facilities, such as roads and bridges.

2. The County Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Vesting Tentative Tract Map ("VTTM") No. 61105, Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200500080, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 200500032, OTP No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011 and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001 on November 10, 2010, March 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011.

3. The proposed project ("Mission Village") is located within the boundary of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and represents the second phase of development of the Specific Plan (following Landmark Village). VTTM No. 61105, dated December 15, 2010, submitted by Newhall Land and farming Company ("subdivider") proposes a mixed-use community that is consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

4. The Mission Village project, as revised, creates a mixed-use community of 4,055 residential units (351 single-family units and 3,704 multi-family units); 1,555,100 square feet of mixed-use/commercial space; approximately 693 acres of open space, including 26.8 acres for public parks, 14.7 acres for private recreational facilities, and 85.8 acres in three spineflower preserves connected to open space; a 9.5-acre elementary school; 3.3-acre library; 1.5-acre fire station; and 1.2-acre bus transfer station. Mission Village also includes facilities and infrastructure to support the project, including roads (including the Commerce

Center Drive Bridge), trails, drainage improvements, flood protection (including buried bank stabilization within and adjacent to the Santa Clara River), potable and recycled water systems (including water tanks), sanitary sewer system and dry utility systems to be developed in compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (May 27, 2003).

Along with the development of VTTM No. 61105, as revised, Mission Village includes several off-site project-related improvements (i.e., improvements outside the tract boundary), including: utility corridor, Magic Mountain Parkway roadway extension and related improvements, a water quality basin, three water tanks (portions of 2 would be located on site), a Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical substation, and two debris basins. Additional off-site improvements include work associated with the Lion Canyon drainage, grading associated with construction of the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway and southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, and miscellaneous grading to tie proposed grades into natural grades.

5. CUP No. 200500081 is a request to authorize the development of 73 second dwelling units, continued care retirement community with 351 dwelling units, on-site and off-site grading associated with VTTM No. 061105, water tanks and on-site infrastructure.

6. Substantial Conformance Determination No. 201000001 is a related request made pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan for a determination that VTTM No. 61105 would substantially conform to the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Specific Plan relative to the following: (a) Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines (determination of conformance with Specific Plan Section 4.8 for areas to be graded with an average slope of 25% or greater); (b) modification to setback standards (to allow specific Village Center lots to be designed with a minimum 0-foot front yard setback; and (c) modification to proposed trail widths (adjustment of 12-foot wide trail section to eight-feet width).

7. CUP No. 200500080 (SEA) is a related request to ensure that project-level improvements within the SEA are consistent with the Board's previously approved CUP No. 94-087 (SEA).

8. OTP No. 200500043 is a related request to authorize the removal of 143 oak trees from the project site, including 8 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 50 oak trees.

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9. Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032 is a related request to authorize the removal of 11 oak trees in connection with construction of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, including 3 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 2 oak trees.

10. Parking Permit No. 200500011 is a related request to authorize off-site and reciprocal parking for lots within the Village Center.

11. The Mission Village project site, consisting of 1,854.6 gross acres (or rounded to approximately 1,855 acres), is located south of the Santa Clara River and SR-126, east of the Ventura County boundary and west of Interstate 5 ("I-5"), within the northeast corner of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in the Newhall Zoned District. The project site is comprised of the Mission Village tract map, which is 1,261.8 acres in size, and the off-site project related improvements area, which is 592.8 acres in size.

    Approximately 39.1 acres of VTTM No. 61105 are located outside the Specific Plan boundaries. VTTM No. 61105 consists of parcels 11, 12, 13, 22 and a portion of parcel 14 of the previously recorded Parcel Map No. 24500-01 and a portion of the Rancho San Francisco. Approximately 338.9 acres of the off-site project-related improvements are located outside of the Specific Plan boundaries.

12. The Specific Plan is divided in five "villages," and Mission Village occupies approximately 70 percent of one of those villages, which are referred to as Mesas.

13. The property is irregular in shape with variable sloping terrain. It is unimproved, but currently is utilized for agricultural activity. The project site (including the tract map area and off-site improvements) contains sensitive biological resources and habitat types, including special-status species, all of which have been described and evaluated in the Mission Village Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR;" October 2010) and Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR;" May 2011). The Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site, is within the previously approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23. Historically, the project site was used for agricultural activity and related storage. Portions of the project site also have been used for cattle grazing and oil and gas production.

14. Access to the Mission Village project site is provided by SR-126 along the north of the project site, the proposed Magic Mountain Parkway extension to the east, and Westridge Parkway to the south. The western portion of the project site is accessible via existing agricultural roads. Connections to the proposed roads

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within the project site will be provided by the southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, the westerly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, and the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway.

15. The project site is located immediately southeast of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site. The Travel Village Recreational Vehicle ("RV") Park, SR-126, and Valencia Commerce Center are off-site and further to the north. The eastern site boundary abuts Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park and undeveloped land. Further to the east are an existing water reclamation plant (Valencia WRP), a California Highway Patrol station, hotels, restaurants, and service stations. To the south, outside of Newhall Ranch, is undeveloped land within the existing community of Westridge further to the southeast and the proposed Legacy Village (formerly Stevenson Ranch Phase V) further to the south. Undeveloped land within Newhall Ranch exists to the west of the project site, within the proposed Landmark Village northwest of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River.

16. The subject property is zoned primarily "Specific Plan" ("SP"), although the areas within the Rancho San Francisco currently are zoned A-2-5. The SP zoning of the property became effective on June 26, 2003, following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-0031Z, which established Zone Case No. 94-087-(5). The zone change was associated with the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

17. VTTM No. 61105, as revised, proposes to subdivide the Mission Village tract map site into a total of 621 lots, including:

    (a) 351 single family lots, 36 multi-family lots, 5 apartment/condominium lots, 2 mixed use/residential (including 66,400 sq. ft. of commercial uses), and 1 continued care retirement lot, for the development of 4,055 residential dwelling units (351 single-family units, and 3,704 multi-family units);

    (b) 11 mixed-use commercial lots for the development of up to 1,555,100 square feet (including the 66,400 sq. ft. referenced above) of office, retail and service uses;

    (c) 143 open space lots;

    (d) 2 public park (active) lots;

    (e) 4 private recreation lots;

    (f) 5 spineflower preserve lots;

    (g) 4 public facility lots, including 1 school lot, 1 library lot, 1 fire station lot, and 1 bus transfer station lot;

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(h) 14 utility-related lots (including water quality basins, water tanks, and wastewater pump stations); and

(i) 43 transportation-related lots (public, private, and bridge roadways).

The Exhibit Map, which accompanies VTTM No. 61105, depicts conceptual site development plans. Revised site plans to depict changes to the conceptual site plan shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

18. Approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of grading are proposed in a balanced cut and fill operation (28.9 million cubic yards of cut and 28.9 million cubic yards of fill) which includes grading for on-site and off-site improvements. In addition, 479,000 cubic yards of grading (372,000 cubic yards of cut and 107,000 cubic yards of fill) are proposed for one of the two Southern California Edison substation alternate locations.

19. With the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trails, which would be linked to the Santa Clara Regional River Trail (off-site to the northwest) via the extension of other local trails and paseos.

20. Utilities, including water, sanitary sewer, gravity sewer, force main, irrigation, cable, gas, fiber optics, and recycled water lines, will be constructed and installed to serve the Mission Village project.

In order to provide future residents with access to alternative modes of transportation, VTTM No. 61105 includes a 1.2-acre transit site for development of a bus transfer station in the Village Center area of Mission Village. Development of this site facilitates local bus service and provides connection points for express bus operation within the Mission Village area.

21. Project buildout currently is planned to occur over several years, with full buildout not expected until 2021. Since market conditions and consumer needs historically change over time, a certain amount of flexibility is necessary in the specific type of residential units that ultimately would be built in order to assure the best mix of residential housing to meet changing market demands. Similarly, as to commercial uses, it is difficult to forecast with a high degree of certainty over the extended duration of project buildout the specific type of office uses and

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tenant space requirements that will be in demand as each segment of the project is developed.

Flexibility has been incorporated into the Specific Plan to respond to those changes in demand and economic marketplace. Section 5.2.2.e (Amendments to the Tentative Subdivision Maps) of the Specific Plan allows subsequent changes to the approved tentative map through an Amended Exhibit Map process pursuant to Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance. The Amended exhibit map shall be approved only if the map is determined by the Director to be in substantial conformance with the approved map. Section 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan (Adjustment/Transfer/Conversion Provisions) provides standards for dwelling unit transfers, as well as other types of adjustments, including residential and non-residential building square footage transfers and conversions.

Flexibility is allowed for lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ. The flexibility includes the ability to: build condominiums rather than apartments, and vice versa; build detached housing units rather than attached units; alter residential building type and location within a designated planning area; change the location of driveways, driveway widths, driveway alignments, driveway entries and change the private drive alignments and location; change lot configurations; and, change commercial building type and location within a planning area. However, this flexibility will be limited. The total dwelling unit count, and commercial square footage, as shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps, set a maximum cap that cannot be exceeded without additional approvals or modifications to the project. That is, project buildout would not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space and recreational acreages shown on VTTM No. 61105 will not be reduced.

The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage among lots may be allowed if it does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

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Therefore, the subsequent changes to the tentative map will be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map will be reviewed and approved by the Subdivision Committee through the Amended Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

22. A program-level EIR was certified with adoption of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, which found that there would be significant unavoidable impacts to agricultural resources, biological resources, visual resources, air quality, and solid waste disposal. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which concluded that there were significant overriding benefits with approval of the Specific Plan. Public benefits include preservation of nearly 1,000 acres of the Santa Clara River; about 4,200 acres of the High Country SMA/SEA 20; approximately 1,517 acres of the Salt Creek area and other Open Areas; preservation of the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 to retain significant riparian vegetation and habitat; the development of over 50 miles of trails including portions of the Santa Clara River Trail; and provisions for improved parks, schools, fire stations, and 2,200 affordable homes.

23. There has been substantial outreach to the surrounding community regarding the Mission Village project. The applicant has presented the project on several occasions to the West Ranch Town Council and one occasion to the Castaic Area Town Council.

24. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*), CEQA Guidelines § 15063, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the County prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Village project. The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects of the project on the following environmental impact categories:

Agricultural Resources	Mineral Resources
Air Quality	Noise
Biota	Parks and Recreation
Cultural/Paleontological Resources	Sheriff Services
Education	Solid Waste Disposal
Environmental Safety	Traffic/Access
Fire Protection Services	Utilities
Floodplain Modifications	Visual Qualities
Geotechnical/ Soil Resources	Wastewater Disposal
Global Climate Change	Water Quality
Hydrology	Water Service

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Therefore, a project-level environmental impact report ("EIR") was required.

25. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines and County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, a Draft EIR was prepared for the Mission Village project. The Draft EIR concluded that potential impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation in the following impact categories: Geotechnical and Soil Resources, Hydrology, Biota, Traffic/Access, Noise, Water Service, Wastewater Disposal, Sheriff Services, Fire Protection Services, Education, Parks and Recreation, Library Services, Utilities, Mineral Resources, Environmental Safety, Cultural/Paleontological Resources, Floodplain Modifications, Water Quality, and Global Climate Change. The Draft EIR also concluded that the project will result in significant, unavoidable and/or cumulative impacts in:

(a) Visual Qualities;
(b) Air Quality
(c) Solid Waste Services; and
(d) Agricultural Resources.

The significant impacts identified in the Draft EIR are all within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the certified Program EIR for the Specific Plan. Each of these impact categories was previously identified and included in the Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted as part of the certified Program EIR for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

26. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days from October 8, 2010 to November 21, 2010. On the November 10, 2010 public hearing, the Commission extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period.)

27. Comments and recommendations from County departments and other agencies consulted during the environmental review process include the California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and City of Santa Clarita. Other agencies and organizations that have provided correspondence include, among others, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Sierra Club, California Water Network, Center for Biological Diversity, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment ("SCOPE"), Tri-County Watchdogs, and Friends of the Santa Clara River.

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28. The project was presented to the Commission at a public hearing held November 10, 2010. At the hearing, the Commission heard the staff report, the applicant presented testimony regarding the project, and public testimony was presented by a representative of SCOPE, who requested that the Draft EIR public review period be extended.

Staff added that the applicant needed to address outstanding issues with the Department of Public Works (Public Works) regarding the Tentative Map. The issues include that the applicant shall record an easement for the necessary off-site regional sewer improvement, and easement for the off-site grading and full improvements on the alignments of the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway and Westridge Parkway; that the applicant shall obtain a will-serve letter from the Sanitation District to use the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant while the Newhall Water Reclamation Plant is not operational; and that the applicant shall provide detailed information regarding an agreement with Caltrans for mitigation of impacts to the state freeway system.

After discussion, the Commission continued the item to March 16, 2011 and extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period) to allow interested parties additional time to review and provide comments on the project and its DEIR and to allow the applicant to address outstanding issues with Public Works and address the following topics: (i) whether the applicant's request to adjust Specific Plan trail widths from 12-feet to 8-feet is warranted; (ii) whether the applicant's request for a zero setback in the Village Center is justified; (iii) whether the project includes sufficient upland infiltration; and (iv) whether pile-driving activities can be replaced with a quieter method; (v) whether the applicant should mitigate oak tree impacts by in kind planting or mitigation fee; and (vi) whether the project should include a trail head.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional information on the following topics: (i) improvements within the SEA and river buffer; and (ii) development transfer among Specific Plan implementation phases.

29. On December 15, 2010, the project applicant submitted a revised VTTM No. 61105 to County staff for review. The map was revised in response to the December 3, 2010 approval by the California Department of Fish and Game ("CDFG") of the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan/Spineflower Conservation Plan ("RMDP/SCP"), which includes within its boundaries the area encompassed by VTTM No. 61105. As approved by CDFG, the RMDP/SCP designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve on the VTTM No. 61105 site; this represents an increase of approximately 20.2 acres over the amount of spineflower preserve acreage designated on prior VTTM No. 61105 (November 24, 2009). As a result of the increased spineflower acreage and the

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enhanced connectivity to open space, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, consistent with the approved RMDP/SCP. Specifically, as revised, VTTM No. 61105 includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (351 single-family dwellings and 3,704 multi-family units); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged from the prior map. Under the prior VTTM No. 61105 (dated November 24, 2009), the Mission Village unit count was 4,412 dwelling units. With the increased spineflower preserve/connectivity, the project was reduced in size by a total of 357 dwelling units.

In summary, the changes to the map are as follows:

- Residential Dwelling Units: The total number of residential dwelling units has decreased from 4,412 to 4,055, a decrease of 357 total units. The number of single-family units decreased by 31 units from 382 to 351 units and the number of multi-family units decreased by 326 units from 4,030 to 3,704 units.
- Development/Grading Footprint: The size of the development/grading footprint on the project site decreased by 21.6 acres (two percent decrease). The total amount of grading associated with the proposed project decreased by one million cubic yards, from 29.9 to 28.9 million cubic yards.
- Spineflower Preserves: The number of lots dedicated to San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves has increased from two lots to five lots. Total land area dedicated for preserves increased from 65.6 acres to 85.8 acres.
- Oak Trees: Oak tree surveys were completed for the Mission Village Tract Map site and related offsite improvements including the extension of the Magic Mountain Parkway from its present terminus west to Mission Village Tract Map site. When all these areas are considered, a total of 564 trees are protected by County Ordinance. Of that total, 154 trees would be removed, 52 trees would be encroached upon, and 358 trees would not be impacted. On just the Tract Map site, utility corridor and Edison substation sites, 501 trees are protected, 143 trees would be removed, 50 trees would be encroached upon, and 308 trees would not be impacted. On the Magic Mountain Extension site, 63 trees are protected, 11 trees would be removed, two trees would be encroached upon, and 50 trees would not be impacted. With the revised project, the total number of trees to be removed would decrease by four from 158 to 154 trees. The total number of trees to be encroached on would increase by one from 51 to 52 trees.
- Open Space: The total land area dedicated to open space-related land use categories, which includes public and private parks, San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves, river area, and graded and ungraded lots, would increase under the revised project from approximately 636 acres to 693 acres. This is an increase in open space of approximately 57 acres (or an

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increase of approximately nine percent). This increased open space area includes the additional spineflower preserves (approximately 20.2 acres) which are described above and, un-graded and graded open space (36.8 acres). While the amount of River area decreased by 4.4 acres, from 217.0 to 212.6 acres, this area (4.4 acres) is now within one of the new San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves.

30. On January 13, 2011, the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee held a public meeting to consider the applicant's proposed revisions to VTTM No. 61105. The Committee issued conditions of approval and cleared the map.

31. At the continued public hearing on March 16, 2011, no members of the public provided testimony. The Commission heard and granted the applicant's request that the public hearing be continued to provide the applicant with additional time to complete its responses to the Commission's request for additional information made at the November 10, 2010 hearing. The March 16, 2011, hearing was continued to May 18, 2011.

32. At the Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting held March 22, 2011, during the public comment portion of the meeting, a representative of SCOPE read a letter dated March 16, 2011, regarding the project's potential effect on chloride levels in the Santa Clara River.

33. In May 2011, the Mission Village Final EIR (May 2011) was completed in accordance with CEQA. The "Mission Village Final EIR" is comprised of the following: (a) Draft EIR (October 2010), Volumes I-XX; and (b) Final EIR (May 2011), Volumes I-VII (collectively, "Final EIR"). The Final EIR includes the Draft EIR, all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, technical appendices to the Draft and Final EIR, revised Draft EIR pages, and other information. Department staff sent the Final EIR to the Commission for review and made it available to state and local agencies, organizations, and other interested parties.

The Mission Village Draft EIR (October 2010) analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with development of 4,412 dwelling units (382 single-family dwellings and 4,030 multi-family units) and 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use/commercial development on the proposed project site. Included within the proposed project as described was a 65.6-acre spineflower preserve.

Subsequent to circulation of the Draft EIR, and as previously referenced, the CDFG approved the Newhall Ranch RMDP/SCP, which designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve, and enhanced connectivity to open space, on the Mission Village project site, an increase of 20.2 acres over the amount designated in the

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Draft EIR. As a result of the increased spineflower acreage/connectivity, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, and now includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (a reduction of 357 dwelling units compared to the original, proposed Mission Village project); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged. The revised project is consistent with the Mission Village project originally proposed and analyzed in the Draft EIR, however, the reduction in density and increase in preserved area is an improvement over the original proposal. The Final EIR clarifies the revisions to the Mission Village project and confirms that there are no new or increased impacts from the project revisions, but rather that the project revisions further lessen the significance of any potential impacts.

34. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Mission Village Final EIR has been prepared. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan identifies in detail the manner in which compliance with the measures adopted to mitigate or avoid potential significant impacts of the project is ensured, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for the project.

35. [Hold for May 18, 2011 continued public hearing proceedings.]

36. The adopted Specific Plan contains provisions addressing CUPs. The purpose of the CUP procedure is to provide a mechanism to permit, on a case-by-case basis, uses which may be appropriate in certain land use designations. Specific Plan Section 5.2.3, Conditional Use Permit Process, provides that the CUP procedure for the Specific Plan is set forth in Los Angeles County Code Title 22, Chapter 22.56, Part I in effect as of the date the Specific Plan is adopted. A "conditional use," as defined by the County, means a use which, because of characteristics peculiar to it, or because of size, technological process or type of equipment, or because of its location with reference to surroundings, street or highway width, traffic generation or other demands on public services, requires special consideration relative to placement at specific locations in the land use designation(s) where classified, to ensure proper integration with other existing or permitted uses in the same designation.

37. CUP No. 200500081 authorizes development of the following: (i) 73 second dwelling units on Lots 279-35; (ii) continued care retirement community with 351 dwelling units on Lot 528; (iii) on-site and off-site project infrastructure and related on-site and off-site project grading totaling approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of earthwork (28.9 cubic yards of cut and 28.9 cubic yards of fill). On-site project grading would be conducted in connection with construction of the project infrastructure and utilities authorized by this permit. Off-site grading would be conducted in connection with construction of the extensions of Westridge

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Parkway and Commerce Center Drive, and the off-site improvements and infrastructure authorized by this permit, including the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, a utility corridor, a water quality basin, debris basins, an electrical substation, water tanks, and miscellaneous drainage improvements outside the boundaries of VTTM No. 61105.

38. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper and property posting. Additionally, the project was noticed and case materials were available on the County Department of Regional Planning website and at libraries located in the vicinity of the project site. Approximately 328 notices of public hearing and completion and availability of the DEIR were mailed to property owners within a 1,000-foot radius of the subject property as well as additional notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for projects in the Newhall and Castaic Canyon Zoned Districts. The public hearing notice was published in The Signal on October 6, 2010, and La Opinion on October 7, 2010. The Draft EIR and project materials, including a vesting tentative tract map, exhibit map, and draft conditions, were available for review at the Newhall Library, Valencia Library, and Castaic Library beginning October 8, 2010. On October 7, 2010, three large public hearing notice boards, eight feet wide by four feet high, were posted on the subject property at the north end of Westridge Parkway, west end of Magic Mountain Parkway and south end of Commerce Center Drive (At Henry Mayo Drive).

Second Units and Continued Care Retirement Community

39. Second units are proposed on 73 lots in Planning Area TM-14 in the Low Density Residential ("L") land use designation, shown as Lots 279-351 on VTTM No. 61105. These lots average one acre in size when included with the open space lots within the Low land use designation. According to the Specific Plan (Table 5.4-1), 122 second dwelling units are allowed with a CUP in Planning Area TM-14. The provision of second dwelling units in Mission Village will provide additional affordable housing opportunities, while maintaining the character of a single-family neighborhood. The second units will provide a more affordable housing alternative for caretakers, extended family, senior residents, and other renting households.

40. The proposed second units will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area; or be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; or jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare. The 73 proposed second units will provide a more affordable housing alternative for caretakers,

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extended family, senior residents, and other renting households. The second units could not be sold separately from the primary residence, nor may the underlying residential lot be subdivided. The second units would be required to comply with the same development requirements as the primary residence and, therefore, will integrate with the primary residence on the property and will be designed to adhere to the maximum size authorized by the Specific Plan. Additionally, the second units will be limited to a maximum living area of 800 square feet and will be regulated to meet main building setbacks, standard height limits, and other applicable requirements. The 73 proposed second units are consistent with the maximum of 122 second units authorized by the Specific Plan within the "L" land use designation of The Mesas, as shown in Table 5.4-1 of the Specific Plan.

Because the second units would be required to comply with the same development requirements as the primary residence and must integrate with the primary residence, and because the units could not be sold separately from the primary residence, the second units would not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of the property of other persons located in the vicinity, nor would they constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

41. The lots proposed for the second units are adequate in size and shape to accommodate the second units to integrate them with the uses in the surrounding area. The building pad for each lot where a second unit is proposed is adequate in size and shape and the specific location of future buildings will be reviewed prior to issuance of building permits. Second units will comply with all required development standards. Pursuant to Specific Plan Section 3.9(2)(b), second units are limited to a maximum living area of 800 square feet and are regulated to meet main building setbacks, standard height limits, lot coverage, floor area ratio, and other applicable requirements. VTTM No. 61105 has been reviewed by the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee and conditions of approval will be established prior to approval. The proposed project will be developed in conformance with all applicable County Codes including, but not limited to, the Subdivision Code, Grading Code, and Building Code.

42. The sites for the second units are adequately served by streets of sufficient width and improved to carry the quantity of traffic that would be generated, and by other public or private service facilities as required. The Mobility Plan (Section 2.4) of the Specific Plan provides for a hierarchy of highways and streets that will provide a safe and efficient circulation system for Mission Village, as well as its neighboring communities. The residential communities will be directly served by a roadway system consisting of public streets and private streets and drives. The 73 second units, proposed on lots 279-351, will be served by a series of private

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streets and drives of 40' to 60' in width, more than-adequate to carry the traffic generated. The highway and street widths and standards have been reviewed by County staff to ensure compatibility with applicable access criteria, and the project has been conditioned to comply with the approved traffic study, which was completed using the methodology and standards specified by County staff and utilizing the County approved Santa Clarita Valley Consolidated Traffic Model. The traffic study for the project has been incorporated into the EIR and the project will be required to conform to all conditions of approval for VTTM No. 61105, as well as all mitigation measures adopted by the County. Any other public facilities which are necessary to serve the proposed second units will be incorporated as required.

43. The Continued Care Retirement Community ("CCRC") would consist of 351 residential units within VTTM No. 61105 Lot 528. The CCRC would be located within the mixed use Village Center portion of the project. The Exhibit Map for VTTM No. 61105, which provides a conceptual design for the CCRC, notes that the CCRC may consist of 3- & 4-story buildings with a mix of units designated for independent living and assisted living. The CCRC units may be made available on a for-sale or rental basis.

44. The proposed CCRC will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area; or be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; or jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare. The CCRC is a proposed residential senior community designed to provide its residents with the opportunity for "aging in place" within a familiar community. The CCRC is anticipated to contain a mixture of independent units, assisted living units, and other supportive living opportunities, thereby providing a variety of living options to its residents. The CCRC will be developed in conformance with all applicable County and Specific Plan development guidelines and standards. The CCRC will not be materially detrimental to the property of others in the vicinity as it has been designed and integrated as part of the mixed use Village Center neighborhood. The CCRC will provide residential options for aging residents in a well designed facility with necessary amenities and services.

45. The lots proposed for the CCRC are adequate in size and shape to accommodate the CCRC in a manner that integrates it with the uses in the surrounding area. VTTM No. 61105 Lot 528 is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the proposed CCRC facility as depicted on the tentative map, and it has been designed to integrate into the Village Center area of the Mission Village community. The VTTM No. 61105 Exhibit Map depicts a conceptual CCRC, including driveways throughout the development to accommodate the

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required amount of parking, which has been established based on the parking standards for senior citizen housing development found in the County Code. The Specific Plan does not contain parking standards for this specific use.

VTTM No. 61105 has been reviewed by the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee and recommended conditions of approval have been reviewed and considered by the Commission prior to approval. Any future changes in the design of the CCRC relative to VTTM No. 61105, if necessary, will be reviewed by staff through either the Revised Exhibit A or Exhibit Map procedure. If the project applicant is not able to reach agreement with a builder/operator for development of the CCRC, the applicant may seek to modify the CCRC tract map site to a multi-family development, with a maximum of 351 dwelling units. Such a proposal would require that the applicant show that the site can accommodate the applicable development standards, including parking requirements, for the residential units.

46. The site for the CCRC is adequately served by streets of sufficient width and improved to carry the quantity of traffic that would be generated, and by other public or private service facilities as required. The Mission Village circulation plan includes a hierarchy of streets to serve its proposed neighborhoods. The CCRC is located adjacent to Commerce Center Drive and will be served by driveways from proposed streets and private drives with right-of-way widths of 64 feet to 84 feet. The street widths and standards have been reviewed by County staff to ensure compatibility with applicable access criteria, and the project will be conditioned to comply with the approved traffic study. All other public facilities necessary to serve the proposed CCRC will be provided as required by the project's conditions of approval, including compliance with the Mitigation Monitoring Program adopted as part of the project approvals.

47. The project's location, size, design and operating characteristics have given consideration to harmony in scale, bulk, coverage, and density; the availability of public utilities, services and facilities; the generation of traffic and the capacity and physical character of surrounding and proposed streets; and the suitability of the site for the type and intensity of use or development proposed.

48. The applicant has demonstrated the suitability of the subject property for the proposed uses. Establishment of the proposed uses at the designated locations is in conformity with good zoning practice. Compliance with the conditions of approval will ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses and consistency with all applicable Specific Plan policies.

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Water Tanks and On-Site Infrastructure

49. VTTM No. 61105 depicts the proposed infrastructure necessary to develop Mission Village. This infrastructure includes roadways; a sanitary sewer system, including pump stations; a water system, including water tanks and booster pump stations; and other utilities typical to a mixed-use development. The proposed infrastructure is described in detail in the Mission Village EIR. Specific to the water tanks, two new water tanks, one 4 million gallons in size for potable water and the other a 3 million gallon tank for reclaimed water, are depicted on VTTM No. 61105, located partially within the boundaries of the tentative map and the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, and partially off-site within VTTM 61996. A third new water tank, 4 million gallons in size for potable water, will be located on an existing pad within the Westridge community. An existing off-site 3.3 million gallon potable water tank, the Round Mountain tank, will be converted to reclaimed water in conjunction with the development of Mission Village.

50. The water tanks and infrastructure at the proposed locations will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. The on-site project infrastructure would be typical of infrastructure serving mixed-use developments of this scale and nature in the region. The proposed utilities will connect to existing facilities to provide for an integrated infrastructure system serving existing and future residents. Accessory features associated with the utility systems, such as sewer pump stations, will allow for proper functioning of the system. A fully operational utility system will affect the residents in the surrounding area in a positive manner. Additionally, certain infrastructure components would provide benefits to persons residing or working in the surrounding area, such as the roadway infrastructure, which would facilitate travel in the project vicinity. Specific to the water tanks, the potable water tanks proposed to be developed with the Mission Village project will service residents with safe, quality drinking water. The reclaimed water tanks will significantly contribute to water conservation by offering treated water for irrigation and other approved uses.

51. The water tanks and infrastructure at the proposed locations will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site. The development of necessary utilities on the project site will provide a benefit to both future residents of Mission Village, as well as other persons located in the vicinity of the project site. As to the water tanks, the water tank sites depicted on VTTM No. 61105 have been strategically selected to consider a natural elevation that would provide adequate water service in an efficient manner, as well as minimize any possible negative aesthetic impact on the community. The proposed potable water tank to be located within Westridge will be placed on a graded pad with previously

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established plumbing infrastructure, adjacent to existing water tanks. The existing tank location has been operating with no detrimental effect on surrounding properties. Similarly, the existing Round Mountain tank has been operating with no detrimental effect on surrounding properties.

52. The water tanks and infrastructure at the proposed locations will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to public health, safety or general welfare. The proposed infrastructure, including water tanks, would provide the future residents of Mission Village with necessary utilities and would benefit the project and surrounding vicinity as well. Additionally, VTTM No. 61105 has been reviewed by the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee, and conditions of approval have been established for the subdivision, which have been reviewed and considered by the Commission. The County's Department of Public Works, Department of Health Services, and Fire Department will ensure the infrastructure improvements are designed so that there will be no danger to public health, safety or general welfare. The proposed project also will be developed in conformance with all applicable County Codes including, but not limited to, the Subdivision Code, Grading Code, and Building Code. The EIR for the project includes mitigation measures relating to development standards and the project is conditioned to comply with those mitigation measures.

52. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the required development features in order to integrate the water tanks and infrastructure with the uses in the surrounding area. The project infrastructure has been designed in compliance with the development standards of the Specific Plan, applicable provisions of Title 22, and other applicable County Codes and Regulations. The specific lots designated for the proposed water tanks are adequate in size and shape to accommodate the required development features. The lots for the tanks that would be located partially within the boundaries of VTTM No. 61105 and the Specific Plan, and partially off-site within VTTM 61996, will require grading activities, as indicated on the tentative map. The water tank site is designed to be shielded from view by a landscaped berm to provide for visual integration with the surrounding area. The proposed tank to be located within Westridge would be adjacent to existing water tanks and, therefore, would be visually integrated into the surrounding area, as is the existing Round Mountain tank.

53. The proposed site would be adequately served by streets and highways, and other necessary public service facilities. As depicted on VTTM No. 61105, Mission Village will be a fully functioning community providing all necessary infrastructure including roadways, utilities and other required public and private facilities. A hierarchy of public and private streets and drives is proposed to provide internal circulation, as well as connection to the surrounding community.

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Highway and street widths and standards have been reviewed by the County's Subdivision Committee and conditions of approval requiring construction to applicable standards are part of the project approval. Public utilities include a sanitary sewer system, a water system for the provision of both potable and reclaimed water, electricity, gas, telephone and cable television. These utilities have been designed to adequately serve the project and to allow for integration with future neighborhoods. Conditions to ensure proper development of the required utility services are incorporated into the project approval.

On-Site Grading

54. Grading operations at the proposed location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. As a result of the location of the project site, there are few nearby occupied properties that would be directly affected by project grading. Any potential adverse effects of the grading operations would be minimized through compliance with restrictions imposed through the mitigation measures outlined in the Final EIR, the attached conditions of approval, and the Los Angeles County Grading Code and Building Code, as each relates to traffic control, noise impacts and dust management.

55. Grading operations at the proposed location will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site. The proposed grading operations would be conducted in compliance with the approved Specific Plan Conceptual Grading Plan, which identified appropriate areas for grading activities, and in compliance with Specific Plan Section 4.8, which contains Design Guidelines for Grading and Hillside Management to ensure that any adverse effects of grading on other properties in the vicinity would not be materially detrimental. In addition, Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001, which has been reviewed and considered concurrently, describes the proposed project's compliance with Los Angeles County Hillside Development Guidelines, the preservation of views, and the preservation of significant features, which demonstrates that the proposed grading operations would not be materially detrimental to the enjoyment or valuation of surrounding property.

56. Grading operations at the proposed location would not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare. The proposed grading operations would be conducted in compliance with the approved Specific Plan Conceptual Grading Plan, which identified appropriate areas of grading activities. In addition, grading operations will be conducted in compliance with all applicable County requirements to ensure that grading will

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not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

57. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the required development features in order to integrate the requested uses with the uses in the surrounding area. VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying Exhibit Map provide detailed information that demonstrates compliance with the requirements of the Specific Plan and County Code Title 22, as applicable, relative to the accommodation of all project development features. The proposed grading operations are consistent with these requirements. Prior to issuance of a grading permit, the grading plan will be reviewed to ensure it is in compliance with the approved tentative map and that all required development standards for the proposed lots can be met.

58. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets to carry the kind and quantity of traffic grading activities would generate, and by public service facilities as required. The Mission Village project site is served by existing public roadways, which provide access to the property. Grading equipment will be able to access the property from existing public streets; there will be no need for off-site transport of graded materials through the use of public streets. In addition, project grading will allow for the construction of roadways and public and private service facilities to serve the proposed project site.

Off-Site Infrastructure and Grading

59. As shown on VTTM No. 61105, Commerce Center Drive will extend through the Mission Village community and connect to Magic Mountain Parkway. Westridge Parkway will extend northerly to Magic Mountain Parkway, and Magic Mountain Parkway will be extended from its existing terminus westward to and through the project site. Portions of the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway would extend beyond the boundaries of VTTM No. 61105 and would require off-site grading of approximately 900,000 cubic yards of cut and 500,000 cubic yards of fill; 400,000 cys would be transported from the off-site location for use within the Mission Village site. The northerly extension of Westridge Parkway and the southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive also will require some offsite grading. The proposed extensions will be consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Circulation Plan, the Mission Village Circulation Plan, and the goals and objectives of the Los Angeles County Highway Plan.

60. The proposed grading operations associated with construction of the two water tanks (potable and reclaimed) will be located partially within the boundaries of the Mission Village tract map along the southerly boundary, and partially off-site to

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the south within the boundaries of VTTM No. 61996, outside the boundaries of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

61. The proposed water quality basin would be located directly north of the Mission Village tract map site, just south of the Santa Clara River and west of the Six Flags Magic Mountain parking lot, on an approximately 2.5-acre lot under Newhall Land ownership. The water quality basin would serve to improve the water quality of urban run-off.

62. Two off-site debris basins are proposed to be constructed along the southerly tract boundary within the boundaries of VTTM No. 61996. The debris basins would serve to improve the water quality of urban run-off.

63. An electrical substation may be necessary to serve the area and two possible locations are proposed. The first alternative site is located almost entirely within the Portrero Valley portion of the Specific Plan, with a portion encroaching into the Legacy Village project (VTTM No. 061996). A total of 158,000 cubic yards of cut and 45,000 cubic yards of fill would be necessary if this location is chosen. The second alternative site is located easterly of the first and is partially within the Portrero Valley portion of the Specific Plan and partially within the Legacy Village project site, outside the boundaries of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. Proposed grading for this alternative would be 372,000 cubic yards of cut and 107,000 cubic yards of fill. The excess dirt under either alternative would be placed in the existing agricultural fields in Potrero Valley.

64. Facilities for the transmission of utilities to serve the Mission Village project would be located partially in an off-site utility corridor, which will include utility infrastructure to serve the Mission Village project and, ultimately, future Newhall Ranch development. The corridor utilities will include a gravity sewer and pressure sewer force main, and pipelines for potable water, recycled water, agricultural water, electrical power, telephone, cable television, and natural gas. The utility corridor alignment generally runs east/west along SR-126 to the I-5, where the alignment turns to the south. Grading for the proposed utility corridor would be a balanced operation and totals 618,000 cubic yards of cut and 618,000 cubic yards of fill.

65. Development of Mission Village will involve stabilization of the Lion Canyon drainage, which will involve the construction of drainage treatment improvements, including grade stabilization measures to maintain sediment equilibrium and protect the channel bed and banks from hydromodification impacts. Some of these drainage treatment improvements may involve grading and construction of improvements outside the tract boundary. In addition, a

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limited amount of off-site grading also will be conducted along the tract boundary edges in order to tie into natural grades.

66. The requested uses and activities at the proposed locations will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. The off-site grading that will be necessary for the construction of utility and roadway improvements will allow for development of a fully functional community, which will benefit the future residents of Mission Village, as well as residents and visitors to the surrounding area. The extensions of Magic Mountain Parkway, Commerce Center Drive, and Westridge Parkway will provide improved circulation and access. Potable and reclaimed water tanks will serve the Mission Village project and Newhall Ranch property in the vicinity. The water quality basin will address urban run-off into the Santa Clara River from both the project and existing development, and will allow for maintenance of a natural ecosystem along the river corridor. The utility corridor and electrical substation will serve the Mission Village project and Newhall Ranch, as well as providing regional benefits.

67. The requested uses and activities at the proposed locations would not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site. The proposed grading and associated improvements would be located primarily on the property of the project applicant. There are no residential uses located in close proximity to the proposed grading with the exception of the residents located to the south in the Westridge development. Mitigation measures adopted as part of the Final EIR, in combination with the conditions of approval issued in conjunction with this permit, will mitigate any potential adverse effects on persons or property in the vicinity. Grading operations will be temporary in nature and are not expected to be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property in the vicinity.

68. The requested uses and activities at the proposed locations will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare. The proposed grading operations will be conducted in conformance with all applicable County Codes and the recommendations and design requirements of the project's geotechnical report. Appropriate mitigation measures to address potential impacts relating to aesthetics, noise, air quality (fugitive dust), re-compaction and stabilization have been imposed to ensure the activities do not endanger public health, safety, or welfare.

69. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the required development features in order to integrate the requested uses and activities with the uses in the surrounding area. The proposed off-site grading will allow for

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construction of the proposed improvements on lots of adequate size and shape to accommodate any development features that are required. All conditions of approval or mitigation measures that include standards for fencing, landscaping, or other development features will be complied with as required.

70. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate. Grading operations associated with the off-site improvements would not negatively impact existing highways or streets. The proposed grading sites are located either partly within the proposed Mission Village project site or directly adjacent to the project site so off-site roadways will not be impacted by any export. Wherever possible, grading operations are proposed to balance individually. For the electrical substation, each alternative will require export to a nearby disposal site that would be reached without traveling on existing streets or highways. Grading associated with the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway will require that 400,000 cubic yards of material be exported from the grading site to the Mission Village site with no need to travel on existing streets or highways.

71. The proposed site is adequately served by other public or private service facilities as are required. During grading, all necessary service facilities will be available to facilitate necessary operations and compliance with applicable mitigation measures. If County regulations or mitigation measures require the provision of temporary public services, they will be provided, as needed.

72. Approval of this CUP is conditioned on the applicant's compliance with the attached conditions of approval, as well as the conditions of approval for VTTM No. 61105.

73. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1328, Los Angeles, California 90012, and the offices of the County's EIR consultant, Impact Sciences, Inc., 803 Camarillo Road, Suite A, Camarillo, California 93012. The custodian of such documents is the Section Head of the Special Projects Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMANCE REVIEW

74. The adopted Specific Plan contains "substantial conformance" provisions. The purpose of the substantial conformance provisions is to determine whether proposed developments or uses substantially comply with the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Specific Plan and other applicable Los Angeles

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County ordinances that do not conflict with the Specific Plan. The applicant seeks substantial conformance determinations as to the following: (i) grading in areas with an average slope of 25% or greater conforms with the Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines contained in Specific Plan Chapter 4.8, 1a-1h; (ii) pursuant to Specific Plan Section 5.2.2 (13), modifications to certain setback requirements in the Village Center substantially conform with Specific Plan Table 3.4-1 (Site Development Standards); and, (iii) pursuant to Specific Plan Section 5.2.2 (9), adjustments to the proposed project's trail widths from 12 feet to 8 feet.

75. Specific Plan Section 5.2.2.d, General Findings Applicable to all Requests, provides that a request for a Substantial Conformance determination shall be based on the following findings: (a) the subject activity substantially conforms with all applicable provisions of the Specific Plan and Los Angeles County ordinances that do not conflict with the Specific Plan; (b) the subject activity will not adversely affect public health and safety; and (c) the subject activity will not adversely affect adjacent property.

Grading

76. To develop the Mission Village project site as permitted by the Specific Plan, the project proposes a maximum of approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of earthwork onsite (within tract map) and offsite, which will be balanced within the overall Mission Village project area (28.9 cubic yards of cut and 28.9 cubic yards of fill). Approximately 54 million cubic yards of grading (27 million cubic yards of cut and 27.4 million cubic yards of fill) is proposed for the tract map site, which includes infrastructure grading for a sanitary sewer system and pump stations, potable and reclaimed water systems, and drainage improvements. An additional approximate 1.9 million cubic yards of grading is proposed in connection with development of the proposed off-site infrastructure improvements, including the Magic Mountain Parkway extension, utility corridor, and the larger of the two SCE substation alternative sites. Grading for the off-site improvements will be authorized by CUP 200500081.

77. Specific Plan Section 2.7, Hillside Preservation and Grading Plan, was prepared in accordance with Los Angeles County Performance Review Criteria for Hillside Management and is consistent with the County of Los Angeles General Plan and the Santa Clarita Valley Area General Plan goals and objectives relevant to grading. Specific Plan Section 4.8 establishes guidelines for grading and hillside management within the Specific Plan area, including Mission Village. These guidelines were prepared in accordance with the County of Los Angeles General Plan, the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, and the Hillside Design Guidelines established by the County Department of Regional Planning (December 1987).

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These guidelines were designed to achieve the goals of the Specific Plan and assure development that is safe, aesthetic, and cost effective.

78. Specific Plan Section 5.2.2.b(16) provides that for subdivisions having an average slope of 25% or greater in those areas to be graded, a determination as to conformance with the Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines in Specific Plan Section 4.8 is necessary. Mission Village has an average slope greater than 25%.

79. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection a, provides that Los Angeles County hillside development guidelines should be followed in hillside areas in order to minimize grading impacts. Mission Village has been designed and will be developed in conformance with the County's current hillside development guidelines, which can minimize grading impacts, as well as all applicable County Codes including, but not limited to, the Subdivision Code, Grading Code, Building Code, and Fire Code. Additionally, the project will comply with all mitigation measures contained in the Mission Village EIR Mitigation Monitoring Plan adopted by this Commission, including, but not limited to, those mitigation measures specific to potential geotechnical and soil resources related impacts. Furthermore, all conditions and comments provided by the Department of Public Works ("Public Works") relating to the review of grading and geotechnical reports has been incorporated into CUP No. 200500081.

80. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection b, provides that significant ridges, knolls, and rock outcroppings will be respected in the site design and incorporated as features where feasible. While the proposed project grading would alter the hillside profile, where feasible the project site design respects significant ridges, knolls, and rock outcroppings. Significant landforms in the project vicinity identified in the Specific Plan include the bluffs on the south side of the Santa Clara River. Consistent with the grading and hillside management guidelines, Mission Village was designed specifically to preserve the bluff area along the south side of the river, in conformance with the Specific Plan. Additionally, while the Specific Plan identified distinctive elevated features within the Specific Plan development areas, including Sawtooth Ridge near Long/Adobe Canyon, Ayers Rock in Potrero Canyon, and numerous distinctive ridges within the Santa Susana Mountains, these features are located in the westerly portions of Newhall Ranch, are not located within the Mission Village project site, and, therefore, would not be adversely affected by development of the proposed project.

81. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection c, provides that contour grading should be employed where feasible to lessen the

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visual impact of large slopes and long major uniform slopes should be avoided. Where feasible, contour grading will be employed in the development of the project to lessen the visual impact of slope modification. The Mission Village project is designed to minimize large and long uniform slopes. The bluffs along the Santa Clara River would be preserved to lessen the grading and visual impacts from SR 126. Larger manufactured slopes have been designed with curvilinear, scalloping contours with transitional gradients such as the slopes between Planning Areas A7 and A8. The larger slope near the southerly Commerce Center Drive bridge abutment would be contoured although the contour would be at a gradient that is less than the surrounding natural slopes due to engineering constraints. The slopes along Magic Mountain Parkway are relatively low in height (40-50 feet) when compared to other slopes on the site, although they would be long due to the need to follow the road.

82. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection d, provides that the removal of oak trees should be avoided to the maximum extent feasible and grading to the edge of driplines should be minimized. The proposed project will avoid impacts to oak tress to the maximum extent feasible and will minimize grading to the edge of the tree dripline. Two Oak Tree Permits, Permit Nos. 200500032 and 2005000043 are requested in connection with development of the project. Of the 564 oak trees located within the boundaries of the project site and within 200 feet of the proposed grading line, the majority of the trees will be unaffected by the project as 154 trees will be removed and 52 will be encroached upon. Grading associated with the easterly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, as well as grading for on-site development and necessary infrastructure, has been designed to allow for preservation of the majority of oak trees. For each tree that is removed, a minimum of two (for non-heritage trees) or ten (for heritage trees) 15-gallon replacement trees will be planted, resulting in a greater number of oak trees on site than presently exists.

83. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection e, provides that grading should emphasize and accentuate scenic vistas and natural landforms. The grading plan will follow the natural contour lines and preserve natural scenic vistas and landforms where feasible. Consistent with the grading and hillside management guidelines of the Specific Plan, Mission Village was designed specifically to preserve the bluff area along the south side of the river. In addition, Mission Village recreates a small canyon with grading associated with the Arroyo Park (lots 151-155). The residential and commercial developments are designed to be situated so as to accentuate scenic vistas and natural landforms such as the river bluffs along the southisde of the river.

84. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection f, provides that slopes requiring special erosion control or fuel modification

prevention should be designed for ease of maintenance. Development areas subject to erosion control measures and fuel modification requirements have been designed to ensure ease of maintenance. Access to open space lots where maintenance is required is depicted on VTTM No. 61105 so that future homeowner's associations, landscape maintenance or other groups responsible for maintenance of common areas can easily accept maintenance responsibilities.

85. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection g, provides that special attention should be given to arrangement of landscape materials as means of creating a natural, hillside appearance. Special attention will be given to the arrangement of landscape materials to help maintain and create a natural, hillside appearance. The project applicant will prepare landscape plans that are compliant with the County's Drought Tolerant Ordinance. In addition, numerous natural landscape features will be left intact such as the spineflower preserve, Santa Clara River, and the adjacent river bluffs.

86. Specific Plan Section 4.8 (1), Grading and Hillside Management, subsection h, provides that graded slopes should be planted and stabilized in compliance with County-approved landscape, irrigation, and maintenance requirements. Grading operations will include adequate erosion control, including landscaping and stabilization, to ensure that the site is developed in compliance with applicable County landscape, irrigation, and maintenance requirements. The project applicant will work with the departments of Fire, Public Works, Regional Planning, and Parks and Recreation to establish appropriate landscaping materials to comply with regulations covering erosion control planting, reduction of the threat of fire in high hazard areas, compliance with drought tolerant landscaping provisions, and maintenance responsibilities.

87. The Mission Village project has been reviewed by staff to ensure its design is in compliance with the Specific Plan, specifically with Section 4.8, Grading and Hillside Management Design Guidelines, and applicable Los Angeles County ordinances.

88. Project grading will be conducted in compliance with all applicable County requirements to ensure geotechnical stability and conformance with erosion control regulations, and to ensure that the proposed Mission Village project will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. Project grading will allow for the development of necessary infrastructure to benefit the health and safety of residents of Mission Village and future surrounding neighborhoods.

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89. The development of Mission Village, including the grading necessary to construct the project, implements a portion of the Specific Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors, and will not be detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the project site. Upon the completion of Mission Village, the development will be compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods, and will enhance the economic value of these properties as a result of the project improvements.

Setbacks

90. As described in the EIR, Mission Village includes a Village Center, which is a pedestrian oriented area that will include residential uses (apartments and condominiums) integrated with commercial uses that will include both retail and office space. The Village Center also will include the library, village green, community recreation center, a proposed continued care retirement community and a transit center. These uses will be linked together through a series of sidewalks, trails and paseos that connect the Village Center to the rest of Mission Village.

91. The Village Center will contain the following Specific Plan land use designations: Mixed Use (MU), High Residential (H), Medium Residential (M), and Commercial (C). The Development Standards for these land uses, including the required setbacks, are found in Specific Plan Table 3.4-1. While the Specific Plan provides for variation and flexibility in these land uses, the urban setting envisioned for the residential dwellings and commercial uses within the Village Center would be difficult to implement based on the Specific Plan setback requirements. Though a zero side yard lot configuration is permitted within certain land use designations, only the Mixed-Use (MU) designation permits zero front yards, with restrictions, limiting the potential to create a truly urban environment. Allowing greater flexibility in the setback requirements will ensure a design consistent with a pedestrian-oriented community.

92. Pursuant to Specific Plan Section 5.2.2(13), modifications of the development standards contained on Table 3.4-1 are allowed provided findings for a determination that the modification is in substantial conformance with the provisions of the Specific Plan can be made. The reduction of setbacks of specific Mixed-Use, Commercial, High Residential, and Medium Residential designated lots within the Village Center (lots 508-515, 517-526, 528-530, and 621 on the approved tentative map) is consistent with the intent of the Village Center to be a pedestrian oriented area with buildings that are closer to the street. Limitations to the setback reductions are described in the Front Setback Modification provision (Section 3.6.1) of the Mission Village Planning Notebook ("Notebook") dated May 2011. The modified setbacks vary from a minimum of

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zero up to ten feet depending on the type of building frontage. The provisions in the Notebook will ensure that the building frontage on the streets of the Village Center are developed in manner that reflects a master planned pedestrian oriented Village Center.

In addition, footnote 12 on Table 3.4-1 for lots within the Mixed Use and Commercial designations details a 20-foot minimum side and rear yard setback requirement when building is adjacent to a different land use designation or a public road. However, the side and rear yard minimum setback (0-feet) for the lots within the Mixed Use and Commercial designations within the Village Center are in conformance when directly adjacent to landscape development zone (LDZ) and/or private drive lots and/or similar or compatible uses.

93. The Specific Plan provides for 20-foot minimum side and rear yard setbacks for Commercial and Mixed Use designated lots when a building is adjacent to a different land use designation or a public road. The purpose of the setback is to provide a buffer between two potentially incompatible uses. However, this requirement would impede the development goal of an urban pedestrian-oriented community. As depicted on the VTTM No. 61105 Exhibit Map, the rear or side yard for the lots in the Commercial and Mixed Use designated areas are adjacent to either a private drive or a 20-24 foot LDZ lot. Therefore, these uses are not adjacent to a public road or a potentially incompatible land use designation. Additionally, the private drive and LDZ lot would serve as a buffer, eliminating the need for the setback. Therefore, the zero-foot setback for lots adjacent to a private drive or a 20-24 foot landscape development zone lot would meet the intent of the Specific Plan.

94. Pursuant to Specific Plan Section 5.2.2(h), a request for modification of the development standards such as the setback requirements contained in Table 3.4-1 may be approved where the Section 5.2 General Findings can be made, and such modification meets all applicable building, fire, and subdivision codes, and would be architecturally compatible with existing buildings in the surrounding neighborhood.

95. The modified setbacks substantially conform with all applicable provisions of the Specific Plan and County ordinances. The setbacks will not be significantly different from those provided in Specific Plan Table 3.4-1. The requested interpretation is a refinement and further clarification of those standards. This request also is consistent with a similar interpretation approved by the Commission relative to the Newhall Ranch Landmark Village project.

96. The modified setbacks will not adversely affect public health, and safety. The modified setbacks within the Village Center will encourage greater flexibility in the

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design of this higher density commercial area to allow for a more vibrant and pedestrian oriented urban environment.

97. The modified setbacks within the Mission Village project will not adversely affect adjacent properties. The project site currently is undeveloped. The buildings with the proposed 0' setbacks are located within the Village Center, which is designed as an urban, higher density neighborhood. Nearby uses will be complimentary and include multi-family housing developments, a library, a proposed continuing care retirement community, and a transit center.

98. The modified setbacks meet all applicable building, fire, and subdivision codes, as the Mission Village project will be developed in conformance with all applicable County Codes, including, but not limited to, the Subdivision Code, Grading Code, Building Code, and Fire Code. Additionally, the Mission Village project has been thoroughly reviewed by County staff and this Commission. The Mission Village EIR has been prepared to County standards, and includes measures to mitigate project impacts.

99. The modified setbacks will allow for architecturally compatible buildings in the surrounding neighborhood. Proposed buildings will be similar in character to others nearby.

100. The Mission Village project site is currently comprised of undeveloped land with no existing buildings.

Trail Widths

101. With the Specific Plan, the Board adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian and bicycle trails. When built out, Mission Village would include Regional River Trails, Community Trails, Local Trails and Pathways as part of a network of unified bicycle and pedestrian routes in landscaped parkways that provide access to the different neighborhoods and Villages that make up the proposed project and the larger Specific Plan area. The illustrated Trail Sections contained in the Specific Plan for the Community Trails, Local Trails, and Pathways depict a twelve-foot wide bicycle/pedestrian trail within a twenty to twenty-four foot wide recreation lot. (See Trail Section B2 of Exhibit 2.4-7 and Trail Sections C & D of Exhibit 2.4-8 of the Specific Plan.)

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102. Specific Plan Section 5.2.2(9) provides for adjustments to the Master Trails Plan and any of the trail sections if the adjustment is in substantial conformance with the Specific Plan. The project applicant requests that the Specific Plan twelve-foot wide trail widths (Community Trails, Local Trails, and Pathways) be adjusted to eight-foot wide. The twenty to twenty-four foot wide recreation lot will not be reduced in size. The reduction of 4 feet in trail width would allow for four additional feet of landscaping and pervious materials.

103. The proposed reduced width is appropriate for the three types of trails, the function of which is to allow for comfortable and safe recreational bicycle and pedestrian use of the routes. An eight-foot wide trail would be sufficient in size to accommodate pedestrians and the recreational use of bicycles. The adjusted trails and pathways will exceed Caltrans' minimum requirement for five-foot wide Class II bicycle facilities, Los Angeles County's minimum of four-foot wide sidewalks, and the American Disability Association's minimum requirement of five-foot wide sidewalks. In addition to the trail system, there will be a dedicated Class II bicycle lane provided on portions of the Magic Mountain Parkway and Commerce Center Drive extensions. The adjusted eight foot trails will achieve the goal of contributing to an extensive network of trails and pathways that will connect residents within Mission Village and beyond its boundaries, and also will provide safe and attractive transportation alternatives for pedestrians and bicyclists.

104. The adjusted trail widths substantially conform with all applicable provisions of the Specific Plan and Los Angeles County ordinances. The adjustments to the trail sections of the Community Trails, Local Trails, and Pathways is in compliance with Specific Plan Section 5.2.2(9) and Los Angeles County ordinances which do not conflict with the Specific Plan.

105. The adjusted trail widths will not adversely affect public health and safety. The adjustment will continue to allow for bicyclists and pedestrians to comfortably and safely share the routes. Additionally, reducing the width of the trails and pathways will increase the adjacent landscaping, which will assist in reducing impacts to water quality, and provide a more vibrant and attractive network of trails.

106. The proposed adjustment to the trails and pathways will not adversely affect adjacent property. The recreation lots will maintain the 20-24 foot width established by the Specific Plan and, therefore, will provide adequate buffer area.

107. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of

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Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1328, Los Angeles, California 90012, and the offices of the County's EIR consultant, Impact Sciences, Inc., 803 Camarillo Road, Suite A, Camarillo, California 93012. The custodian of such documents is the Section Head of the Special Projects Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:

A. The proposed uses and activities, with the attached conditions and restrictions, are consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan;

B. With the attached conditions and restrictions, the requested uses and activities at the proposed locations will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety and general welfare;

C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the development features prescribed in Title 22 of the County Code, or as otherwise required, in order to integrate such uses with the uses in the surrounding area; and

D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private facilities as are required.

The information contained in the Final EIR, and the materials submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearings substantiate the required findings for a Conditional Use Permit as set forth in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Section 22.56.090, Title 22, of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance).

A. Development of Mission Village will substantially conform with the Specific Plan Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines in that:

   i. Los Angeles County hillside development guidelines will be followed relative to development in hillside areas in order to minimize grading impacts;

   ii. Significant ridges, knolls, and rock outcroppings will be respected in the site design and incorporated as features where feasible;

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iii. Contour grading will be employed where feasible to lessen the visual impact of large slopes and long major uniform slopes will be avoided;

iv. The removal of oak trees will be avoided to the maximum extent feasible and grading to the edge of driplines will be minimized;

v. Project grading will emphasize and accentuate scenic vistas and natural landforms;

vi. Slopes requiring special erosion control or fuel modification prevention will be designed for ease of maintenance;

vii. Special attention will be given to the arrangement of landscape materials as a means of creating a natural, hillside appearance;

viii. Graded slopes will be planted and stabilized in compliance with County-approved landscape, irrigation, and maintenance requirements;

ix. Project grading substantially conforms with all applicable provisions of the Specific Plan and Los Angeles County ordinances that do not conflict with the Specific Plan;

x. Project grading will not adversely affect public health and safety; and,

xi. Project grading will not adversely affect adjacent property.

B. Development of Mission Village will substantially conform with the Specific Plan setback requirements in that:

i. The modified setbacks meet all applicable building, fire, and subdivision codes;

ii. The modified setbacks will allow for architecturally compatible buildings in the surrounding neighborhood;

iii. The modified setbacks substantially conform with all applicable provisions of the Specific Plan and County ordinances;

iv. The modified setbacks will not adversely affect public health, and safety; and

v. The modified setbacks will not adversely affect adjacent properties.

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C. Development of Mission Village will substantially conform with the Specific Plan trail width requirements in that:

i. The adjusted trail widths substantially conform with all applicable provisions of the Specific Plan and Los Angeles County ordinances which do not conflict with the Specific Plan;

ii. The adjusted trail widths will not adversely affect public health and safety; and,

iii. The adjusted trail widths will not adversely affect adjacent property.

The information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for a substantial conformance determination, as set forth in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Certifies that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and "CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project," CUP No. 200500080 (SEA), CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011, and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001; and

2. Certifies that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, and that the environmental documentation reflects the independent judgment of the Commission; and

3. Determines that with the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, the Mission Village project's significant environmental effects are reduced to less-than-significant levels except for certain specified unavoidable effects, which have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by the benefits of the project as identified in the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project; and

4. Certifies the Final EIR as adequate under CEQA, adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and, pursuant to section 21081.6 of Public Resources Code, finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, which is incorporated herein by

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reference, is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

5. Approves Conditional Use Permit No. 200500081, subject to the attached conditions.

6. Approves Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PARKING PERMIT NO. 200500011
MISSION VILLAGE
(A PORTION OF NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN)

1. On May 27, 2003, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") approved the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), which authorized development of the approximately 11,999-acre property for 20,885 dwelling units with 423 second units; 629 acres of mixed-use development; 67 acres of commercial uses; 249 acres of community parks, 869 acres of other Open Areas, and 5,159 acres of open space within two approved Special Management Areas/Significant Ecological Areas ("SMA/SEA"); two fire stations; one public library; one electrical substation; reservation of five elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school sites; a 6.8-million gallon per day Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant ("WRP"); and other associated community facilities, such as roads and bridges.

2. The County Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Vesting Tentative Tract Map ("VTTM") No. 61105, Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200500080, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 200500032, OTP No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011 and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001 on November 10, 2010, March 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011.

3. The proposed project ("Mission Village") is located within the boundary of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and represents the second phase of development of the Specific Plan (following Landmark Village). VTTM No. 61105, dated December 15, 2010, submitted by Newhall Land and farming Company ("subdivider") proposes a mixed-use community that is consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

4. The Mission Village project, as revised, creates a mixed-use community of 4,055 residential units (351 single-family units and 3,704 multi-family units); 1,555,100 square feet of mixed-use/commercial space; approximately 693 acres of open space, including 26.8 acres for public parks, 14.7 acres for private recreational facilities, and 85.8 acres in three spineflower preserves connected to open space; a 9.5-acre elementary school; 3.3-acre library; 1.5-acre fire station; and 1.2-acre bus transfer station. Mission Village also includes facilities and infrastructure to support the project, including roads (including the Commerce Center Drive Bridge), trails, drainage improvements, flood protection (including buried bank stabilization within and adjacent to the Santa Clara River), potable and recycled water systems (including water tanks), sanitary sewer system and

dry utility systems to be developed in compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (May 27, 2003).

Along with the development of VTTM No. 61105, as revised, Mission Village includes several off-site project-related improvements (i.e., improvements outside the tract boundary), including: utility corridor, Magic Mountain Parkway roadway extension and related improvements, a water quality basin, three water tanks (portions of 2 would be located on site), a Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical substation, and two debris basins. Additional off-site improvements include work associated with the Lion Canyon drainage, grading associated with construction of the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway and southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, and miscellaneous grading to tie proposed grades into natural grades.

5. Parking Permit No. 200500011 is a request to authorize off-site and reciprocal parking for lots within the Village Center area of Mission Village, and to reserve the right to provide less than the required parking through submittal at a future date of a joint-use or shared parking plan pursuant to the Specific Plan.

6. CUP No. 200500080 (SEA) is a related request to ensure that project-level improvements within the SEA are consistent with the Board's previously approved CUP No. 94-087 (SEA).

7. CUP No. 200500081 is a related request to authorize the development of 73 second dwelling units, continued care retirement community with 351 dwelling units, on-site and off-site grading associated with VTTM No. 061105, water tanks and on-site infrastructure.

8. OTP No. 200500043 is a related request to authorize the removal of 143 oak trees from the project site, including 8 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 50 oak trees.

9. Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032 is a related request to authorize the removal of 11 oak trees in connection with construction of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, including 3 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 2 oak trees.

10. Substantial Conformance Determination No. 201000001 is a related request made pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan for a determination that VTTM No. 61105 would substantially conform to the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Specific Plan relative to the following: (a) Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines (determination of

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conformance with Specific Plan Section 4.8 for areas to be graded with an average slope of 25% or greater); (b) modification to setback standards (to allow specific Village Center lots to be designed with a minimum 0-foot front yard setback; and (c) modification to proposed trail widths (adjustment of 12-foot wide trail section to eight-feet width).

11. The Mission Village project site, consisting of 1,854.6 gross acres (or rounded to approximately 1,855 acres), is located south of the Santa Clara River and SR-126, east of the Ventura County boundary and west of Interstate 5 ("I-5"), within the northeast corner of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in the Newhall Zoned District. The project site is comprised of the Mission Village tract map, which is 1,261.8 acres in size, and the off-site project related improvements area, which is 592.8 acres in size.

    Approximately 39.1 acres of VTTM No. 61105 are located outside the Specific Plan boundaries. VTTM No. 61105 consists of parcels 11, 12, 13, 22 and a portion of parcel 14 of the previously recorded Parcel Map No. 24500-01 and a portion of the Rancho San Francisco. Approximately 338.9 acres of the off-site project-related improvements are located outside of the Specific Plan boundaries.

12. The Specific Plan is divided in five "villages," and Mission Village occupies approximately 70 percent of one of those villages, which are referred to as Mesas.

13. The property is irregular in shape with variable sloping terrain. It is unimproved, but currently is utilized for agricultural activity. The project site (including the tract map area and off-site improvements) contains sensitive biological resources and habitat types, including special-status species, all of which have been described and evaluated in the Mission Village Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR;" October 2010) and Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR;" May 2011). The Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site, is within the previously approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23. Historically, the project site was used for agricultural activity and related storage. Portions of the project site also have been used for cattle grazing and oil and gas production.

14. Access to the Mission Village project site is provided by SR-126 along the north of the project site, the proposed Magic Mountain Parkway extension to the east, and Westridge Parkway to the south. The western portion of the project site is accessible via existing agricultural roads. Connections to the proposed roads within the project site will be provided by the southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, the westerly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, and the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway.

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15. The project site is located immediately southeast of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site. The Travel Village Recreational Vehicle ("RV") Park, SR-126, and Valencia Commerce Center are off-site and further to the north. The eastern site boundary abuts Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park and undeveloped land. Further to the east are an existing water reclamation plant (Valencia WRP), a California Highway Patrol station, hotels, restaurants, and service stations. To the south, outside of Newhall Ranch, is undeveloped land within the existing community of Westridge further to the southeast and the proposed Legacy Village (formerly Stevenson Ranch Phase V) further to the south. Undeveloped land within Newhall Ranch exists to the west of the project site, within the proposed Landmark Village northwest of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River.

16. The subject property is zoned primarily "Specific Plan" ("SP"), although the areas within the Rancho San Francisco currently are zoned A-2-5. The SP zoning of the property became effective on June 26, 2003, following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-0031Z, which established Zone Case No. 94-087-(5). The zone change was associated with the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

17. VTTM No. 61105, as revised, proposes to subdivide the Mission Village tract map site into a total of 621 lots, including:

    (a) 351 single family lots, 36 multi-family lots, 5 apartment/condominium lots, 2 mixed use/residential (including 66,400 sq. ft. of commercial uses), and 1 continued care retirement lot, for the development of 4,055 residential dwelling units (351 single-family units, and 3,704 multi-family units);

    (b) 11 mixed-use commercial lots for the development of up to 1,555,100 square feet (including the 66,400 sq. ft. referenced above) of office, retail and service uses;

    (c) 143 open space lots;

    (d) 2 public park (active) lots;

    (e) 4 private recreation lots;

    (f) 5 spineflower preserve lots;

    (g) 4 public facility lots, including 1 school lot, 1 library lot, 1 fire station lot, and 1 bus transfer station lot;

    (h) 14 utility-related lots (including water quality basins, water tanks, and wastewater pump stations); and

    (i) 43 transportation-related lots (public, private, and bridge roadways).

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The Exhibit Map, which accompanies VTTM No. 61105, depicts conceptual site development plans. Revised site plans to depict changes to the conceptual site plan shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

18. Approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of grading are proposed in a balanced cut and fill operation (28.9 million cubic yards of cut and 28.9 million cubic yards of fill) which includes grading for on-site and off-site improvements. In addition, 479,000 cubic yards of grading (372,000 cubic yards of cut and 107,000 cubic yards of fill) are proposed for one of the two Southern California Edison substation alternate locations.

19. With the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trails, which would be linked to the Santa Clara Regional River Trail (off-site to the northwest) via the extension of other local trails and paseos.

20. Utilities, including water, sanitary sewer, gravity sewer, force main, irrigation, cable, gas, fiber optics, and recycled water lines, will be constructed and installed to serve the Mission Village project.

    In order to provide future residents with access to alternative modes of transportation, VTTM No. 61105 includes a 1.2-acre transit site for development of a bus transfer station in the Village Center area of Mission Village. Development of this site facilitates local bus service and provides connection points for express bus operation within the Mission Village area.

21. Project buildout currently is planned to occur over several years, with full buildout not expected until 2021. Since market conditions and consumer needs historically change over time, a certain amount of flexibility is necessary in the specific type of residential units that ultimately would be built in order to assure the best mix of residential housing to meet changing market demands. Similarly, as to commercial uses, it is difficult to forecast with a high degree of certainty over the extended duration of project buildout the specific type of office uses and tenant space requirements that will be in demand as each segment of the project is developed.

    Flexibility has been incorporated into the Specific Plan to respond to those changes in demand and economic marketplace. Section 5.2.2.e (Amendments to

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the Tentative Subdivision Maps) of the Specific Plan allows subsequent changes to the approved tentative map through an Amended Exhibit Map process pursuant to Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance. The Amended exhibit map shall be approved only if the map is determined by the Director to be in substantial conformance with the approved map. Section 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan (Adjustment/Transfer/Conversion Provisions) provides standards for dwelling unit transfers, as well as other types of adjustments, including residential and non-residential building square footage transfers and conversions.

Flexibility is allowed for lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ. The flexibility includes the ability to: build condominiums rather than apartments, and vice versa; build detached housing units rather than attached units; alter residential building type and location within a designated planning area; change the location of driveways, driveway widths, driveway alignments, driveway entries and change the private drive alignments and location; change lot configurations; and, change commercial building type and location within a planning area. However, this flexibility will be limited. The total dwelling unit count, and commercial square footage, as shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps, set a maximum cap that cannot be exceeded without additional approvals or modifications to the project. That is, project buildout would not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space and recreational acreages shown on VTTM No. 61105 will not be reduced.

The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage among lots may be allowed if it does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

Therefore, the subsequent changes to the tentative map will be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map will be reviewed and approved by the Subdivision Committee through the Amended Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

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22. A program-level EIR was certified with adoption of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, which found that there would be significant unavoidable impacts to agricultural resources, biological resources, visual resources, air quality, and solid waste disposal. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which concluded that there were significant overriding benefits with approval of the Specific Plan. Public benefits include preservation of nearly 1,000 acres of the Santa Clara River; about 4,200 acres of the High Country SMA/SEA 20; approximately 1,517 acres of the Salt Creek area and other Open Areas; preservation of the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 to retain significant riparian vegetation and habitat; the development of over 50 miles of trails including portions of the Santa Clara River Trail; and provisions for improved parks, schools, fire stations, and 2,200 affordable homes.

23. There has been substantial outreach to the surrounding community regarding the Mission Village project. The applicant has presented the project on several occasions to the West Ranch Town Council and one occasion to the Castaic Area Town Council.

24. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*), CEQA Guidelines § 15063, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the County prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Village project. The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects of the project on the following environmental impact categories:

Agricultural Resources	Mineral Resources
Air Quality	Noise
Biota	Parks and Recreation
Cultural/Paleontological Resources	Sheriff Services
Education	Solid Waste Disposal
Environmental Safety	Traffic/Access
Fire Protection Services	Utilities
Floodplain Modifications	Visual Qualities
Geotechnical/ Soil Resources	Wastewater Disposal
Global Climate Change	Water Quality
Hydrology	Water Service
Library Services	

Therefore, a project-level environmental impact report ("EIR") was required.

25. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines and County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, a Draft EIR was prepared for the Mission Village project. The Draft EIR concluded that potential impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation in the following impact categories:

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Geotechnical and Soil Resources, Hydrology, Biota, Traffic/Access, Noise, Water Service, Wastewater Disposal, Sheriff Services, Fire Protection Services, Education, Parks and Recreation, Library Services, Utilities, Mineral Resources, Environmental Safety, Cultural/Paleontological Resources, Floodplain Modifications, Water Quality, and Global Climate Change. The Draft EIR also concluded that the project will result in significant, unavoidable and/or cumulative impacts in:

(a) Visual Qualities;
(b) Air Quality
(c) Solid Waste Services; and
(d) Agricultural Resources.

The significant impacts identified in the Draft EIR are all within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the certified Program EIR for the Specific Plan. Each of these impact categories was previously identified and included in the Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted as part of the certified Program EIR for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

26. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days from October 8, 2010 to November 21, 2010. On the November 10, 2010 public hearing, the Commission extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period.)

27. Comments and recommendations from County departments and other agencies consulted during the environmental review process include the California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and City of Santa Clarita. Other agencies and organizations that have provided correspondence include, among others, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Sierra Club, California Water Network, Center for Biological Diversity, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment ("SCOPE"), Tri-County Watchdogs, and Friends of the Santa Clara River.

28. The project was presented to the Commission at a public hearing held November 10, 2010. At the hearing, the Commission heard the staff report, the applicant presented testimony regarding the project, and public testimony was presented by a representative of SCOPE, who requested that the Draft EIR public review period be extended.

Staff added that the applicant needed to address outstanding issues with the Department of Public Works (Public Works) regarding the Tentative Map. The issues include that the applicant shall record an easement for the necessary off-

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site regional sewer improvement, and easement for the off-site grading and full improvements on the alignments of the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway and Westridge Parkway; that the applicant shall obtain a will serve letter from the Sanitation District to use the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant while the Newhall Water Reclamation Plant is not operational; and that the applicant shall provide detailed information regarding an agreement with Caltrans for mitigation of impacts to the state freeway system.

After discussion, the Commission continued the item to March 16, 2011 and extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period) to allow interested parties additional time to review and provide comments on the project and its DEIR and to allow the applicant to address outstanding issues with Public Works and address the following topics: (i) whether the applicant's request to adjust Specific Plan trail widths from 12-feet to 8-feet is warranted; (ii) whether the applicant's request for a zero setback in the Village Center is justified; (iii) whether the project includes sufficient upland infiltration; and (iv) whether pile-driving activities can be replaced with a quieter method; (v) whether the applicant should mitigate oak tree impacts by in kind planting or mitigation fee; and (vi) whether the project should include a trail head.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional information on the following topics: (i) improvements within the SEA and river buffer; and (ii) development transfer among Specific Plan implementation phases.

29. On December 15, 2010, the project applicant submitted a revised VTTM No. 61105 to County staff for review. The map was revised in response to the December 3, 2010 approval by the California Department of Fish and Game ("CDFG") of the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan/Spineflower Conservation Plan ("RMDP/SCP"), which includes within its boundaries the area encompassed by VTTM No. 61105. As approved by CDFG, the RMDP/SCP designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve on the VTTM No. 61105 site; this represents an increase of approximately 20.2 acres over the amount of spineflower preserve acreage designated on prior VTTM No. 61105 (November 24, 2009). As a result of the increased spineflower acreage and the enhanced connectivity to open space, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, consistent with the approved RMDP/SCP. Specifically, as revised, VTTM No. 61105 includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (351 single-family dwellings and 3,704 multi-family units); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged from the prior map. Under the prior VTTM No. 61105 (dated November 24, 2009), the Mission Village unit count was 4,412 dwelling units. With the increased spineflower preserve/connectivity, the project was reduced in size by a total of 357 dwelling units.

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In summary, the changes to the map are as follows:

- Residential Dwelling Units: The total number of residential dwelling units has decreased from 4,412 to 4,055, a decrease of 357 total units. The number of single-family units decreased by 31 units from 382 to 351 units and the number of multi-family units decreased by 326 units from 4,030 to 3,704 units.
- Development/Grading Footprint: The size of the development/grading footprint on the project site decreased by 21.6 acres (two percent decrease). The total amount of grading associated with the proposed project decreased by one million cubic yards, from 29.9 to 28.9 million cubic yards.
- Spineflower Preserves: The number of lots dedicated to San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves has increased from two lots to five lots. Total land area dedicated for preserves increased from 65.6 acres to 85.8 acres.
- Oak Trees: Oak tree surveys were completed for the Mission Village Tract Map site and related offsite improvements including the extension of the Magic Mountain Parkway from its present terminus west to Mission Village Tract Map site. When all these areas are considered, a total of 564 trees are protected by County Ordinance. Of that total, 154 trees would be removed, 52 trees would be encroached upon, and 358 trees would not be impacted. On just the Tract Map site, utility corridor and Edison substation sites, 501 trees are protected, 143 trees would be removed, 50 trees would be encroached upon, and 308 trees would not be impacted. On the Magic Mountain Extension site, 63 trees are protected, 11 trees would be removed, two trees would be encroached upon, and 50 trees would not be impacted. With the revised project, the total number of trees to be removed would decrease by four from 158 to 154 trees. The total number of trees to be encroached on would increase by one from 51 to 52 trees.
- Open Space: The total land area dedicated to open space-related land use categories, which includes public and private parks, San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves, river area, and graded and ungraded lots, would increase under the revised project from approximately 636 acres to 693 acres. This is an increase in open space of approximately 57 acres (or an increase of approximately nine percent). This increased open space area includes the additional spineflower preserves (approximately 20.2 acres) which are described above and, un-graded and graded open space (36.8 acres). While the amount of River area decreased by 4.4 acres, from 217.0 to 212.6 acres, this area (4.4 acres) is now within one of the new San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves.

30. On January 13, 2011, the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee held a public meeting to consider the applicant's proposed revisions to VTTM No. 61105. The Committee issued conditions of approval and cleared the map.

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31. At the continued public hearing on March 16, 2011, no members of the public provided testimony. The Commission heard and granted the applicant's request that the public hearing be continued to provide the applicant with additional time to complete its responses to the Commission's request for additional information made at the November 10, 2010 hearing. The March 16, 2011, hearing was continued to May 18, 2011.

32. At the Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting held March 22, 2011, during the public comment portion of the meeting, a representative of SCOPE read a letter dated March 16, 2011, regarding the project's potential effect on chloride levels in the Santa Clara River.

33. In May 2011, the Mission Village Final EIR (May 2011) was completed in accordance with CEQA. The "Mission Village Final EIR" is comprised of the following: (a) Draft EIR (October 2010), Volumes I-XX; and (b) Final EIR (May 2011), Volumes I-VII (collectively, "Final EIR"). The Final EIR includes the Draft EIR, all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, technical appendices to the Draft and Final EIR, revised Draft EIR pages, and other information. Department staff sent the Final EIR to the Commission for review and made it available to state and local agencies, organizations, and other interested parties.

The Mission Village Draft EIR (October 2010) analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with development of 4,412 dwelling units (382 single-family dwellings and 4,030 multi-family units) and 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use/commercial development on the proposed project site. Included within the proposed project as described was a 65.6-acre spineflower preserve.

Subsequent to circulation of the Draft EIR, and as previously referenced, the CDFG approved the Newhall Ranch RMDP/SCP, which designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve, and enhanced connectivity to open space, on the Mission Village project site, an increase of 20.2 acres over the amount designated in the Draft EIR. As a result of the increased spineflower acreage/connectivity, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, and now includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (a reduction of 357 dwelling units compared to the original, proposed Mission Village project); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged. The revised project is consistent with the Mission Village project originally proposed and analyzed in the Draft EIR, however, the reduction in density and increase in preserved area is an improvement over the original proposal. The Final EIR clarifies the revisions to the Mission Village project and confirms that there are no new or increased impacts from the project revisions, but rather that the project revisions further lessen the significance of any potential impacts.

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34. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Mission Village Final EIR has been prepared. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan identifies in detail the manner in which compliance with the measures adopted to mitigate or avoid potential significant impacts of the project is ensured, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for the project.

35. [Hold for May 18, 2011 continued public hearing proceedings.]

36. As described in the EIR, Mission Village includes a Village Center, which is a pedestrian-oriented area that will include residential uses (apartments and condominiums) integrated with commercial uses that will include both retail and office space. The Village Center also will include the library, village green, community recreation center, and a proposed continued care retirement community. These uses will be linked together through a series of sidewalks, trails and paseos that connect the Village Center to the rest of Mission Village.

37. The project has been designed to provide the number of parking spaces required by the Specific Plan based on the conceptual uses proposed. The VTTM No. 61105 Site Plan - Exhibit Map provides information as to the number and location of parking spaces for these uses. Within the Village Center specifically, parking is provided on-site on the lots where a particular use is proposed, or off-site on adjacent private drives or nearby lots. Thus, although Mission Village will provide adequate parking consistent with the requirements of the Specific Plan to serve all proposed uses, not all required parking within the Village Center will be located on the same lot as the use it is intended to serve.

38. Specific Plan Section 3.7, Parking Regulations, governs motor vehicle parking within the Specific Plan area. Except as otherwise specified in the Specific Plan, parking requirements for the Specific Plan Area shall be in accordance with Los Angeles County Planning and Zoning Code ("Zoning Code") Section 22.52.1000. Under Zoning Code Section 22.52.1083, every use shall provide the required number of parking spaces on the same lot or parcel of land on which the use is located unless expressly allowed otherwise by a parking permit approved pursuant to Part 7 of Chapter 22.56. Zoning Code Section 22.56.100 sets forth the facts to be substantiated in support of issuance of a parking permit. The applicant requests a parking permit to authorize off-site and reciprocal parking for Village Center lots 508 (Mixed-Use/Commercial), 509 (Commercial), 510 (Commercial), 511 (Mixed-Use - Residential/Commercial), 526 (Recreation Center), 527 (Village Green - Private Park) and 529 (Mixed-Use/Commercial).

39. The project has been designed to provide the number of parking spaces required by the Specific Plan based on the conceptual uses proposed; this permit does

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not seek to reduce that number. Within the Village Center specifically, parking is provided on-site, on the lots where a particular use is proposed, or off-site on adjacent private drives or nearby lots. The following table depicts the subject lots, use type, required number of parking spaces, and the location and number of the off-site parking spaces:

Lot	Use	Specific Plan Required Parking	On Site Parking Provided	Off-site Parking Provided	Location of Off-Site Parking
508	Mixed-Use Commercial	899 spaces	880 spaces	19 spaces	19 on-street parallel spaces on "FF" Private Drive.
509 & 510	Mixed-Use Commercial	418 spaces	107 spaces	311 spaces	4 on-street spaces on "DD" Private Drive, 24 on-street spaces on "EE" Private Drive and 11 on-street spaces on "FF" Private Drive. 272 spaces located in parking structure (PS-2) on lot 509
511	3 & 4 Story Condominium and commercial	680 spaces	577 spaces	103 spaces	56 on-street spaces on "DD" Private Drive, 24 on-street spaces on "EE" Private Drive, 23 on-street spaces on "II" Private Drive
526	Recreation Center	63 spaces	32 spaces	68 spaces	24 on-street spaces on "DD" Private Drive, 18 on-street spaces on "EE" Private Drive, 26 on-street spaces on "II" Private Drive
527	Village Green – Private Park	6 spaces	0 spaces	6 spaces	6 on-street spaces on "II" Private Drive
529	Mixed-Use	374 spaces	84 spaces	290 spaces	5 on-street

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	Commercial				spaces on "DD" Private Drive, 75 on-street spaces on "EE" Private Drive, 210 spaces in parking structure (PS-2) on lot 509

40. The off-site and reciprocal parking on adjacent streets or in adjacent or nearby lots is not expected to result in conflicts. Although located on adjacent or nearby lots or private drives, the parking facilities will be located convenient to the use they are intended to serve and will be designed in compliance with the requirements of the Specific Plan and Zoning Ordinance, as applicable. As off-site parking will be located in a convenient location, it is unlikely that visitor or employees would park in unauthorized areas surrounding the property as there will be sufficient parking to accommodate them in closer proximity.

41. The off-site and reciprocal parking on adjacent streets or in adjacent or nearby lots will provide the required parking consistent with the mixed-use, town center nature of the Village Center area. The number of spaces provided meets the Specific Plan parking requirements.

42. The off-site and reciprocal parking on adjacent streets or in adjacent or nearby lots will not result in traffic congestion or unauthorized use of parking developed to serve surrounding property. The Village Center is a pedestrian oriented, mixed-use area that is linked to the rest of Mission Village via sidewalks, paseos and trails, where it is likely that residents will be able to limit use of their vehicles. As this area also will include community serving uses — the recreation center, Village Green (private park) and library, a resident or visitor can park once and access services and uses located within walking distance.

43. The Mission Village site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the requested parking arrangements. As depicted on the VTTM No. 61105 Site Plan - Exhibit Map, each lot has been designed to be adequate in size to meet the development standards required by the Specific Plan. Required yards, walls, fences, loading facilities, landscaping and other development features can be accommodated. Parking lots and structures have been designed to comply with parking space sizing requirements and parking lot design standards.

44. In the future, a use may be proposed in a location where the nature of the use makes it appropriate to authorize approval of a joint-use or shared parking plan under which a reduction in the aggregate total of required parking spaces for uses would be permitted. At this time it is impossible to determine precisely how

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such a shared parking arrangement would work as the specific uses have not been established. This parking permit reserves the right of the project applicant to submit for approval, at such time as the specific uses are determined, a Joint-Use or Shared Parking Plan pursuant to the provisions of Specific Plan Section 3.7, Parking Regulations. A reduction in the aggregate total of required parking spaces for individual permitted uses shall be permitted (for either joint-use or shared parking) upon approval by the Planning Director.

45. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper and property posting. Additionally, the project was noticed and case materials were available on the County Department of Regional Planning website and at libraries located in the vicinity of the project site. Approximately 328 notices of public hearing and completion and availability of the DEIR were mailed to property owners within a 1,000-foot radius of the subject property as well as additional notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for projects in the Newhall and Castaic Canyon Zoned Districts. The public hearing notice was published in The Signal on October 6, 2010, and La Opinion on October 7, 2010. The Draft EIR and project materials, including a vesting tentative tract map, exhibit map, and draft conditions, were available for review at the Newhall Library, Valencia Library, and Castaic Library beginning October 8, 2010. On October 7, 2010, three large public hearing notice boards, eight feet wide by four feet high, were posted on the subject property at the north end of Westridge Parkway, west end of Magic Mountain Parkway and south end of Commerce Center Drive (At Henry Mayo Drive).

46. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1328, Los Angeles, California 90012, and the offices of the County's EIR consultant, Impact Sciences, Inc., 803 Camarillo Road, Suite A, Camarillo, California 93012. The custodian of such documents is the Section Head of the Special Projects Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:

A. The project does not seek a reduction in the number of parking spaces required by the Specific Plan and has been designed to provide the required number of spaces based on the conceptual uses proposed;

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B. The off-site facilities and reciprocal parking on adjacent streets or in adjacent or nearby lots is not expected to result in conflicts or any inconvenience to those seeking available parking spaces;

C. The off-site and reciprocal parking on adjacent streets or in adjacent or nearby lots will provide the required parking in convenient locations consistent with the mixed-use, town center nature of the Village Center area;

D. The off-site and reciprocal parking on adjacent streets or in adjacent or nearby lots will not result in traffic congestion or unauthorized use of parking developed to serve surrounding property; and

E. The Mission Village site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the requested parking arrangements.

The information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for a parking permit, as set forth in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Title 22, Chapter 22.56, Part 7 of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance), including, but not limited to, Section 22.56.1020.

THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Certifies that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and "CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project," CUP No. 200500080 (SEA), CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011, and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001; and

2. Certifies that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, and that the environmental documentation reflects the independent judgment of the Commission; and

3. Determines that with the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, the Mission Village project's significant environmental effects are reduced to less-than-significant levels except for certain specified unavoidable effects, which have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by the benefits of the project as identified in the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project; and

4. Certifies the Final EIR as adequate under CEQA, adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project and

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Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and, pursuant to section 21081.6 of Public Resources Code, finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

5. Approves Parking Permit No. 200500011, subject to the attached conditions.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 200500032
MISSION VILLAGE
(A PORTION OF NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN)

1. On May 27, 2003, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") approved the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), which authorized development of the approximately 11,999-acre property for 20,885 dwelling units with 423 second units; 629 acres of mixed-use development; 67 acres of commercial uses; 249 acres of community parks, 869 acres of other Open Areas, and 5,159 acres of open space within two approved Special Management Areas/Significant Ecological Areas ("SMA/SEA"); two fire stations; one public library; one electrical substation; reservation of five elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school sites; a 6.8-million gallon per day Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant ("WRP"); and other associated community facilities, such as roads and bridges.

2. The County Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Vesting Tentative Tract Map ("VTTM") No. 61105, Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200500080, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 200500032, OTP No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011 and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001 on November 10, 2010, March 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011.

3. The proposed project ("Mission Village") is located within the boundary of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and represents the second phase of development of the Specific Plan (following Landmark Village). VTTM No. 61105, dated December 15, 2010, submitted by Newhall Land and farming Company ("subdivider") proposes a mixed-use community that is consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

4. The Mission Village project, as revised, creates a mixed-use community of 4,055 residential units (351 single-family units and 3,704 multi-family units); 1,555,100 square feet of mixed-use/commercial space; approximately 693 acres of open space, including 26.8 acres for public parks, 14.7 acres for private recreational facilities, and 85.8 acres in three spineflower preserves connected to open space; a 9.5-acre elementary school; 3.3-acre library; 1.5-acre fire station; and 1.2-acre bus transfer station. Mission Village also includes facilities and infrastructure to support the project, including roads (including the Commerce Center Drive Bridge), trails, drainage improvements, flood protection (including buried bank stabilization within and adjacent to the Santa Clara River), potable and recycled water systems (including water tanks), sanitary sewer system and

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dry utility systems to be developed in compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (May 27, 2003).

Along with the development of VTTM No. 61105, as revised, Mission Village includes several off-site project-related improvements (i.e., improvements outside the tract boundary), including: utility corridor, Magic Mountain Parkway roadway extension and related improvements, a water quality basin, three water tanks (portions of 2 would be located on site), a Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical substation, and two debris basins. Additional off-site improvements include work associated with the Lion Canyon drainage, grading associated with construction of the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway and southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, and miscellaneous grading to tie proposed grades into natural grades.

5. Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032 is a request to authorize the removal of 11 oak trees in connection with construction of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, including 3 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 2 oak trees.

6. CUP No. 200500080 (SEA) is a related request to ensure that project-level improvements within the SEA are consistent with the Board's previously approved CUP No. 94-087 (SEA).

7. CUP No. 200500081 is a related request to authorize the development of 73 second dwelling units, continued care retirement community with 351 dwelling units, on-site and off-site grading associated with VTTM No. 061105, water tanks and on-site infrastructure.

8. OTP No. 200500043 is a related request to authorize the removal of 143 oak trees from the project site, including 8 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 50 oak trees.

9. Parking Permit No. 200500011 is a related request to authorize off-site and reciprocal parking for lots within the Village Center.

10. Substantial Conformance Determination No. 201000001 is a related request made pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan for a determination that VTTM No. 61105 would substantially conform to the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Specific Plan relative to the following: (a) Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines (determination of conformance with Specific Plan Section 4.8 for areas to be graded with an average slope of 25% or greater); (b) modification to setback standards (to allow

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specific Village Center lots to be designed with a minimum 0-foot front yard setback; and (c) modification to proposed trail widths (adjustment of 12-foot wide trail section to eight-feet width).

11. The Mission Village project site, consisting of 1,854.6 gross acres (or rounded to approximately 1,855 acres), is located south of the Santa Clara River and SR-126, east of the Ventura County boundary and west of Interstate 5 ("I-5"), within the northeast corner of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in the Newhall Zoned District. The project site is comprised of the Mission Village tract map, which is 1,261.8 acres in size, and the off-site project related improvements area, which is 592.8 acres in size.

    Approximately 39.1 acres of VTTM No. 61105 are located outside the Specific Plan boundaries. VTTM No. 61105 consists of parcels 11, 12, 13, 22 and a portion of parcel 14 of the previously recorded Parcel Map No. 24500-01 and a portion of the Rancho San Francisco. Approximately 338.9 acres of the off-site project-related improvements are located outside of the Specific Plan boundaries.

12. The Specific Plan is divided in five "villages," and Mission Village occupies approximately 70 percent of one of those villages, which are referred to as Mesas.

13. The property is irregular in shape with variable sloping terrain. It is unimproved, but currently is utilized for agricultural activity. The project site (including the tract map area and off-site improvements) contains sensitive biological resources and habitat types, including special-status species, all of which have been described and evaluated in the Mission Village Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR;" October 2010) and Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR;" May 2011). The Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site, is within the previously approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23. Historically, the project site was used for agricultural activity and related storage. Portions of the project site also have been used for cattle grazing and oil and gas production.

14. Access to the Mission Village project site is provided by SR-126 along the north of the project site, the proposed Magic Mountain Parkway extension to the east, and Westridge Parkway to the south. The western portion of the project site is accessible via existing agricultural roads. Connections to the proposed roads within the project site will be provided by the southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, the westerly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, and the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway.

15. The project site is located immediately southeast of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the

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project site. The Travel Village Recreational Vehicle ("RV") Park, SR-126, and Valencia Commerce Center are off-site and further to the north. The eastern site boundary abuts Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park and undeveloped land. Further to the east are an existing water reclamation plant (Valencia WRP), a California Highway Patrol station, hotels, restaurants, and service stations. To the south, outside of Newhall Ranch, is undeveloped land within the existing community of Westridge further to the southeast and the proposed Legacy Village (formerly Stevenson Ranch Phase V) further to the south. Undeveloped land within Newhall Ranch exists to the west of the project site, within the proposed Landmark Village northwest of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River.

16. The subject property is zoned primarily "Specific Plan" ("SP"), although the areas within the Rancho San Francisco currently are zoned A-2-5. The SP zoning of the property became effective on June 26, 2003, following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-0031Z, which established Zone Case No. 94-087-(5). The zone change was associated with the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

17. VTTM No. 61105, as revised, proposes to subdivide the Mission Village tract map site into a total of 621 lots, including:

    (a) 351 single family lots, 36 multi-family lots, 5 apartment/condominium lots, 2 mixed use/residential (including 66,400 sq. ft. of commercial uses), and 1 continued care retirement lot, for the development of 4,055 residential dwelling units (351 single-family units, and 3,704 multi-family units);

    (b) 11 mixed-use commercial lots for the development of up to 1,555,100 square feet (including the 66,400 sq. ft. referenced above) of office, retail and service uses;

    (c) 143 open space lots;

    (d) 2 public park (active) lots;

    (e) 4 private recreation lots;

    (f) 5 spineflower preserve lots;

    (g) 4 public facility lots, including 1 school lot, 1 library lot, 1 fire station lot, and 1 bus transfer station lot;

    (h) 14 utility-related lots (including water quality basins, water tanks, and wastewater pump stations); and

    (i) 43 transportation-related lots (public, private, and bridge roadways).

    The Exhibit Map, which accompanies VTTM No. 61105, depicts conceptual site development plans. Revised site plans to depict changes to the conceptual site

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plan shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

18. Approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of grading are proposed in a balanced cut and fill operation (28.9 million cubic yards of cut and 28.9 million cubic yards of fill) which includes grading for on-site and off-site improvements. In addition, 479,000 cubic yards of grading (372,000 cubic yards of cut and 107,000 cubic yards of fill) are proposed for one of the two Southern California Edison substation alternate locations.

19. With the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trails, which would be linked to the Santa Clara Regional River Trail (off-site to the northwest) via the extension of other local trails and paseos.

20. Utilities, including water, sanitary sewer, gravity sewer, force main, irrigation, cable, gas, fiber optics, and recycled water lines, will be constructed and installed to serve the Mission Village project.

    In order to provide future residents with access to alternative modes of transportation, VTTM No. 61105 includes a 1.2-acre transit site for development of a bus transfer station in the Village Center area of Mission Village. Development of this site facilitates local bus service and provides connection points for express bus operation within the Mission Village area.

21. Project buildout currently is planned to occur over several years, with full buildout not expected until 2021. Since market conditions and consumer needs historically change over time, a certain amount of flexibility is necessary in the specific type of residential units that ultimately would be built in order to assure the best mix of residential housing to meet changing market demands. Similarly, as to commercial uses, it is difficult to forecast with a high degree of certainty over the extended duration of project buildout the specific type of office uses and tenant space requirements that will be in demand as each segment of the project is developed.

    Flexibility has been incorporated into the Specific Plan to respond to those changes in demand and economic marketplace. Section 5.2.2.e (Amendments to the Tentative Subdivision Maps) of the Specific Plan allows subsequent changes to the approved tentative map through an Amended Exhibit Map process

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pursuant to Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance. The Amended exhibit map shall be approved only if the map is determined by the Director to be in substantial conformance with the approved map. Section 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan (Adjustment/Transfer/Conversion Provisions) provides standards for dwelling unit transfers, as well as other types of adjustments, including residential and non-residential building square footage transfers and conversions.

Flexibility is allowed for lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ. The flexibility includes the ability to build condominiums rather than apartments, and vice versa; build detached housing units rather than attached units; alter residential building type and location within a designated planning area; change the location of driveways, driveway widths, driveway alignments, driveway entries and change the private drive alignments and location; change lot configurations; and, change commercial building type and location within a planning area. However, this flexibility will be limited. The total dwelling unit count, and commercial square footage, as shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps, set a maximum cap that cannot be exceeded without additional approvals or modifications to the project. That is, project buildout would not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space and recreational acreages shown on VTTM No. 61105 will not be reduced.

The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage among lots may be allowed if it does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

Therefore, the subsequent changes to the tentative map will be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map will be reviewed and approved by the Subdivision Committee through the Amended Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

22. A program-level EIR was certified with adoption of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, which found that there would be significant unavoidable impacts to

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agricultural resources, biological resources, visual resources, air quality, and solid waste disposal. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which concluded that there were significant overriding benefits with approval of the Specific Plan. Public benefits include preservation of nearly 1,000 acres of the Santa Clara River; about 4,200 acres of the High Country SMA/SEA 20; approximately 1,517 acres of the Salt Creek area and other Open Areas; preservation of the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 to retain significant riparian vegetation and habitat; the development of over 50 miles of trails including portions of the Santa Clara River Trail; and provisions for improved parks, schools, fire stations, and 2,200 affordable homes.

23. There has been substantial outreach to the surrounding community regarding the Mission Village project. The applicant has presented the project on several occasions to the West Ranch Town Council and one occasion to the Castaic Area Town Council.

24. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*), CEQA Guidelines § 15063, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the County prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Village project. The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects of the project on the following environmental impact categories:

Agricultural Resources
Air Quality
Biota
Cultural/Paleontological Resources
Education
Environmental Safety
Fire Protection Services
Floodplain Modifications
Geotechnical/ Soil Resources
Global Climate Change
Hydrology
Library Services
Mineral Resources
Noise
Parks and Recreation
Sheriff Services
Solid Waste Disposal
Traffic/Access
Utilities
Visual Qualities
Wastewater Disposal
Water Quality
Water Service

Therefore, a project-level environmental impact report ("EIR") was required.

25. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines and County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, a Draft EIR was prepared for the Mission Village project. The Draft EIR concluded that potential impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation in the following impact categories: Geotechnical and Soil Resources, Hydrology, Biota, Traffic/Access, Noise, Water Service, Wastewater Disposal, Sheriff Services, Fire Protection Services,

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Education, Parks and Recreation, Library Services, Utilities, Mineral Resources, Environmental Safety, Cultural/Paleontological Resources, Floodplain Modifications, Water Quality, and Global Climate Change. The Draft EIR also concluded that the project will result in significant, unavoidable and/or cumulative impacts in:

(a) Visual Qualities;
(b) Air Quality
(c) Solid Waste Services; and
(d) Agricultural Resources.

The significant impacts identified in the Draft EIR are all within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the certified Program EIR for the Specific Plan. Each of these impact categories was previously identified and included in the Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted as part of the certified Program EIR for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

26. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days from October 8, 2010 to November 21, 2010. On the November 10, 2010 public hearing, the Commission extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period.)

27. Comments and recommendations from County departments and other agencies consulted during the environmental review process include the California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and City of Santa Clarita. Other agencies and organizations that have provided correspondence include, among others, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Sierra Club, California Water Network, Center for Biological Diversity, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment ("SCOPE"), Tri-County Watchdogs, and Friends of the Santa Clara River.

28. The project was presented to the Commission at a public hearing held November 10, 2010. At the hearing, the Commission heard the staff report, the applicant presented testimony regarding the project, and public testimony was presented by a representative of SCOPE, who requested that the Draft EIR public review period be extended.

Staff added that the applicant needed to address outstanding issues with the Department of Public Works (Public Works) regarding the Tentative Map. The issues include that the applicant shall record an easement for the necessary off-site regional sewer improvement, and easement for the off-site grading and full improvements on the alignments of the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway

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and Westridge Parkway; that the applicant shall obtain a will serve letter from the Sanitation District to use the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant while the Newhall Water Reclamation Plant is not operational; and that the applicant shall provide detailed information regarding an agreement with Caltrans for mitigation of impacts to the state freeway system.

After discussion, the Commission continued the item to March 16, 2011 and extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period) to allow interested parties additional time to review and provide comments on the project and its DEIR and to allow the applicant to address outstanding issues with Public Works and address the following topics: (i) whether the applicant's request to adjust Specific Plan trail widths from 12-feet to 8-feet is warranted; (ii) whether the applicant's request for a zero setback in the Village Center is justified; (iii) whether the project includes sufficient upland infiltration; and (iv) whether pile-driving activities can be replaced with a quieter method; (v) whether the applicant should mitigate oak tree impacts by in kind planting or mitigation fee; and (vi) whether the project should include a trail head.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional information on the following topics: (i) improvements within the SEA and river buffer; and (ii) development transfer among Specific Plan implementation phases.

29. On December 15, 2010, the project applicant submitted a revised VTTM No. 61105 to County staff for review. The map was revised in response to the December 3, 2010 approval by the California Department of Fish and Game ("CDFG") of the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan/Spineflower Conservation Plan ("RMDP/SCP"), which includes within its boundaries the area encompassed by VTTM No. 61105. As approved by CDFG, the RMDP/SCP designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve on the VTTM No. 61105 site; this represents an increase of approximately 20.2 acres over the amount of spineflower preserve acreage designated on prior VTTM No. 61105 (November 24, 2009). As a result of the increased spineflower acreage and the enhanced connectivity to open space, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, consistent with the approved RMDP/SCP. Specifically, as revised, VTTM No. 61105 includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (351 single-family dwellings and 3,704 multi-family units); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged from the prior map. Under the prior VTTM No. 61105 (dated November 24, 2009), the Mission Village unit count was 4,412 dwelling units. With the increased spineflower preserve/connectivity, the project was reduced in size by a total of 357 dwelling units.

In summary, the changes to the map are as follows:

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- Residential Dwelling Units: The total number of residential dwelling units has decreased from 4,412 to 4,055, a decrease of 357 total units. The number of single-family units decreased by 31 units from 382 to 351 units and the number of multi-family units decreased by 326 units from 4,030 to 3,704 units.
- Development/Grading Footprint: The size of the development/grading footprint on the project site decreased by 21.6 acres (two percent decrease). The total amount of grading associated with the proposed project decreased by one million cubic yards, from 29.9 to 28.9 million cubic yards.
- Spineflower Preserves: The number of lots dedicated to San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves has increased from two lots to five lots. Total land area dedicated for preserves increased from 65.6 acres to 85.8 acres.
- Oak Trees: Oak tree surveys were completed for the Mission Village Tract Map site and related offsite improvements including the extension of the Magic Mountain Parkway from its present terminus west to Mission Village Tract Map site. When all these areas are considered, a total of 564 trees are protected by County Ordinance. Of that total, 154 trees would be removed, 52 trees would be encroached upon, and 358 trees would not be impacted. On just the Tract Map site, utility corridor and Edison substation sites, 501 trees are protected, 143 trees would be removed, 50 trees would be encroached upon, and 308 trees would not be impacted. On the Magic Mountain Extension site, 63 trees are protected, 11 trees would be removed, two trees would be encroached upon, and 50 trees would not be impacted. With the revised project, the total number of trees to be removed would decrease by four from 158 to 154 trees. The total number of trees to be encroached on would increase by one from 51 to 52 trees.
- Open Space: The total land area dedicated to open space-related land use categories, which includes public and private parks, San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves, river area, and graded and ungraded lots, would increase under the revised project from approximately 636 acres to 693 acres. This is an increase in open space of approximately 57 acres (or an increase of approximately nine percent). This increased open space area includes the additional spineflower preserves (approximately 20.2 acres) which are described above and, un-graded and graded open space (36.8 acres). While the amount of River area decreased by 4.4 acres, from 217.0 to 212.6 acres, this area (4.4 acres) is now within one of the new San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves.

30. On January 13, 2011, the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee held a public meeting to consider the applicant's proposed revisions to VTTM No. 61105. The Committee issued conditions of approval and cleared the map.

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31. At the continued public hearing on March 16, 2011, no members of the public provided testimony. The Commission heard and granted the applicant's request that the public hearing be continued to provide the applicant with additional time to complete its responses to the Commission's request for additional information made at the November 10, 2010 hearing. The March 16, 2011, hearing was continued to May 18, 2011.

32. At the Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting held March 22, 2011, during the public comment portion of the meeting, a representative of SCOPE read a letter dated March 16, 2011, regarding the project's potential effect on chloride levels in the Santa Clara River.

33. In May 2011, the Mission Village Final EIR (May 2011) was completed in accordance with CEQA. The "Mission Village Final EIR" is comprised of the following: (a) Draft EIR (October 2010), Volumes I-XX; and (b) Final EIR (May 2011), Volumes I-VII (collectively, "Final EIR"). The Final EIR includes the Draft EIR, all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, technical appendices to the Draft and Final EIR, revised Draft EIR pages, and other information. Department staff sent the Final EIR to the Commission for review and made it available to state and local agencies, organizations, and other interested parties.

The Mission Village Draft EIR (October 2010) analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with development of 4,412 dwelling units (382 single-family dwellings and 4,030 multi-family units) and 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use/commercial development on the proposed project site. Included within the proposed project as described was a 65.6-acre spineflower preserve.

Subsequent to circulation of the Draft EIR, and as previously referenced, the CDFG approved the Newhall Ranch RMDP/SCP, which designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve, and enhanced connectivity to open space, on the Mission Village project site, an increase of 20.2 acres over the amount designated in the Draft EIR. As a result of the increased spineflower acreage/connectivity, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size and now includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (a reduction of 357 dwelling units compared to the original, proposed Mission Village project); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged. The revised project is consistent with the Mission Village project originally proposed and analyzed in the Draft EIR, however, the reduction in density and increase in preserved area is an improvement over the original proposal. The Final EIR clarifies the revisions to the Mission Village project and confirms that there are no new or increased impacts from the project revisions, but rather that the project revisions further lessen the significance of any potential impacts.

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34. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Mission Village Final EIR has been prepared. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan identifies in detail the manner in which compliance with the measures adopted to mitigate or avoid potential significant impacts of the project is ensured, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for the project.

35. [Hold for May 18, 2011 continued public hearing proceedings.]

36. In conjunction with the EIR process, the applicant has submitted an oak tree report prepared by a certified arborist that identifies 63 oak trees, including 3 heritage oaks, located in the area of the Magic Mountain Parkway extension within the Mission Village project site, regulated by the County Oak Tree Ordinance. The identified trees include those oak trees located within 200 feet of the proposed grading limits and excludes those located within the project site though outside the Magic Mountain Parkway extension area. (Impacts to oak trees located within the project site but outside the Magic Mountain Parkway extension area are addressed separately in Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043.) The arborist's report was prepared by Impact Sciences, Inc., and is dated December 2006, as revised November 26, 2007, March 2010, August 2010, and December 23, 2010.

37. Development of the project would result in the removal of 11 oak trees (including 3 heritage trees), and the encroachment into the protected zones of 2 additional oak trees (0 heritage trees). Development of Mission Village, including construction of the Magic Mountain Parkway extension, will not endanger the health of the remaining trees located on the property. The removal of the oak trees will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters that cannot be satisfactorily mitigated. The removal and encroachment of the referenced oak trees is necessary due to design criteria and existing improvements, which limit the alignment of the proposed roadway, which is a County designated Master Plan highway.

38. The Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden, Forestry Division, has reviewed the oak tree report and determined that the document is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition, and species of the oak trees on the site. The County Forester has recommended approval of the requested removals and encroachments, subject to recommended conditions of approval, including replacement trees to be provided at a ratio of 2:1 for each tree removed and 10:1 for each Heritage oak tree removed, for a total of 46 mitigation trees.

39. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail,

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newspaper and property posting. Additionally, the project was noticed and case materials were available on the County Department of Regional Planning website and at libraries located in the vicinity of the project site. Approximately 328 notices of public hearing and completion and availability of the DEIR were mailed to property owners within a 1,000-foot radius of the subject property as well as additional notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for projects in the Newhall and Castaic Canyon Zoned Districts. The public hearing notice was published in The Signal on October 6, 2010, and La Opinion on October 7, 2010. The Draft EIR and project materials, including a vesting tentative tract map, exhibit map, and draft conditions, were available for review at the Newhall Library, Valencia Library, and Castaic Library beginning October 8, 2010. On October 7, 2010, three large public hearing notice boards, eight feet wide by four feet high, were posted on the subject property at the north end of Westridge Parkway, west end of Magic Mountain Parkway and south end of Commerce Center Drive (At Henry Mayo Drive).

40. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1328, Los Angeles, California 90012, and the offices of the County's EIR consultant, Impact Sciences, Inc., 803 Camarillo Road, Suite A, Camarillo, California 93012. The custodian of such documents is the Section Head of the Special Projects Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:

A. Construction of the proposed land use will be accomplished without endangering the health of any remaining trees on the property that are subject to Part 16 of Chapter 22.56 of the Los Angeles County Code.

B. Removal of 11 oak trees (including 3 heritage trees) and the encroachment of 2 additional oak trees into the protected zone is necessary for the fruition of the development. The continued existence of the oak trees at their present location presents significant obstacles to the planned improvements. Furthermore, to retain the oak trees on the subject property would prevent the construction of a County designated Master Plan highway; an alternative route would be cost prohibitive and fail to achieve the objectives of the proposed project.

C. The removal of the 11 oak trees (including 3 heritage trees) will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters, which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated; and

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D. The removal of the oak trees will not be contrary to or in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the Oak Tree Permit procedures of the County.

The information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for an oak tree permit, as set forth in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Title 22, Part 16 of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance), including, but not limited to, Section 22.56.2100.

THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Certifies that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and "CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project," CUP No. 200500080 (SEA), CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011, and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001; and

2. Certifies that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, and that the environmental documentation reflects the independent judgment of the Commission; and

3. Determines that with the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, the Mission Village project's significant environmental effects are reduced to less-than-significant levels except for certain specified unavoidable effects, which have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by the benefits of the project as identified in the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project; and

4. Certifies the Final EIR as adequate under CEQA, adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and, pursuant to section 21081.6 of Public Resources Code, finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

5. Approves Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, subject to the attached conditions.

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FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 200500043
MISSION VILLAGE
(A PORTION OF NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN)

1. On May 27, 2003, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") approved the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), which authorized development of the approximately 11,999-acre property for 20,885 dwelling units with 423 second units; 629 acres of mixed-use development; 67 acres of commercial uses; 249 acres of community parks, 869 acres of other Open Areas, and 5,159 acres of open space within two approved Special Management Areas/Significant Ecological Areas ("SMA/SEA"); two fire stations; one public library; one electrical substation; reservation of five elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school sites; a 6.8-million gallon per day Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant ("WRP"); and other associated community facilities, such as roads and bridges.

2. The County Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing in the matter of Vesting Tentative Tract Map ("VTTM") No. 61105, Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200500080, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 200500032, OTP No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011 and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001 on November 10, 2010, March 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011.

3. The proposed project ("Mission Village") is located within the boundary of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and represents the second phase of development of the Specific Plan (following Landmark Village). VTTM No. 61105, dated December 15, 2010, submitted by Newhall Land and farming Company ("subdivider") proposes a mixed-use community that is consistent with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

4. The Mission Village project, as revised, creates a mixed-use community of 4,055 residential units (351 single-family units and 3,704 multi-family units); 1,555,100 square feet of mixed-use/commercial space; approximately 693 acres of open space, including 26.8 acres for public parks, 14.7 acres for private recreational facilities, and 85.8 acres in three spineflower preserves connected to open space; a 9.5-acre elementary school; 3.3-acre library; 1.5-acre fire station; and 1.2-acre bus transfer station. Mission Village also includes facilities and infrastructure to support the project, including roads (including the Commerce Center Drive Bridge), trails, drainage improvements, flood protection (including buried bank stabilization within and adjacent to the Santa Clara River), potable and recycled water systems (including water tanks), sanitary sewer system and

dry utility systems to be developed in compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (May 27, 2003).

Along with the development of VTTM No. 61105, as revised, Mission Village includes several off-site project-related improvements (i.e., improvements outside the tract boundary), including: utility corridor, Magic Mountain Parkway roadway extension and related improvements, a water quality basin, three water tanks (portions of 2 would be located on site), a Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical substation, and two debris basins. Additional off-site improvements include work associated with the Lion Canyon drainage, grading associated with construction of the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway and southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, and miscellaneous grading to tie proposed grades into natural grades.

5. OTP No. 200500043 is a request to authorize the removal of 143 oak trees from the project site, including 8 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 50 oak trees.

6. CUP No. 200500080 (SEA) is a related request to ensure that project-level improvements within the SEA are consistent with the Board's previously approved CUP No. 94-087 (SEA).

7. CUP No. 200500081 is a related request to authorize the development of 73 second dwelling units, continued care retirement community with 351 dwelling units, on-site and off-site grading associated with VTTM No. 061105, water tanks and on-site infrastructure.

8. Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032 is a related request to authorize the removal of 11 oak trees in connection with construction of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, including 3 heritage oaks. The request also is to permit encroachment within the protected zone, due to potential impacts from construction, of an additional 2 oak trees.

9. Parking Permit No. 200500011 is a related request to authorize off-site and reciprocal parking for lots within the Village Center.

10. Substantial Conformance Determination No. 201000001 is a related request made pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan for a determination that VTTM No. 61105 would substantially conform to the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Specific Plan relative to the following: (a) Grading and Hillside Management Guidelines (determination of conformance with Specific Plan Section 4.8 for areas to be graded with an average slope of 25% or greater); (b) modification to setback standards (to allow

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specific Village Center lots to be designed with a minimum 0-foot front yard setback; and (c) modification to proposed trail widths (adjustment of 12-foot wide trail section to eight-feet width).

11. The Mission Village project site, consisting of 1,854.6 gross acres (or rounded to approximately 1,855 acres), is located south of the Santa Clara River and SR-126, east of the Ventura County boundary and west of Interstate 5 ("I-5"), within the northeast corner of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in the Newhall Zoned District. The project site is comprised of the Mission Village tract map, which is 1,261.8 acres in size, and the off-site project related improvements area, which is 592.8 acres in size.

    Approximately 39.1 acres of VTTM No. 61105 are located outside the Specific Plan boundaries. VTTM No. 61105 consists of parcels 11, 12, 13, 22 and a portion of parcel 14 of the previously recorded Parcel Map No. 24500-01 and a portion of the Rancho San Francisco. Approximately 338.9 acres of the off-site project-related improvements are located outside of the Specific Plan boundaries.

12. The Specific Plan is divided in five "villages," and Mission Village occupies approximately 70 percent of one of those villages, which are referred to as Mesas.

13. The property is irregular in shape with variable sloping terrain. It is unimproved, but currently is utilized for agricultural activity. The project site (including the tract map area and off-site improvements) contains sensitive biological resources and habitat types, including special-status species, all of which have been described and evaluated in the Mission Village Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR;" October 2010) and Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR;" May 2011). The Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the project site, is within the previously approved River Corridor SMA/SEA 23. Historically, the project site was used for agricultural activity and related storage. Portions of the project site also have been used for cattle grazing and oil and gas production.

14. Access to the Mission Village project site is provided by SR-126 along the north of the project site, the proposed Magic Mountain Parkway extension to the east, and Westridge Parkway to the south. The western portion of the project site is accessible via existing agricultural roads. Connections to the proposed roads within the project site will be provided by the southerly extension of Commerce Center Drive, the westerly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, and the northerly extension of Westridge Parkway.

15. The project site is located immediately southeast of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River, which forms the northern boundary of the

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project site. The Travel Village Recreational Vehicle ("RV") Park, SR-126, and Valencia Commerce Center are off-site and further to the north. The eastern site boundary abuts Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park and undeveloped land. Further to the east are an existing water reclamation plant (Valencia WRP), a California Highway Patrol station, hotels, restaurants, and service stations. To the south, outside of Newhall Ranch, is undeveloped land within the existing community of Westridge further to the southeast and the proposed Legacy Village (formerly Stevenson Ranch Phase V) further to the south. Undeveloped land within Newhall Ranch exists to the west of the project site, within the proposed Landmark Village northwest of the confluence of Castaic Creek and the Santa Clara River.

16. The subject property is zoned primarily "Specific Plan" ("SP"), although the areas within the Rancho San Francisco currently are zoned A-2-5. The SP zoning of the property became effective on June 26, 2003, following the adoption of Ordinance No. 2003-0031Z, which established Zone Case No. 94-087-(5). The zone change was associated with the approval of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

17. VTTM No. 61105, as revised, proposes to subdivide the Mission Village tract map site into a total of 621 lots, including:

    (a) 351 single family lots, 36 multi-family lots, 5 apartment/condominium lots, 2 mixed use/residential (including 66,400 sq. ft. of commercial uses), and 1 continued care retirement lot for the development of 4,055 residential dwelling units (351 single-family units, and 3,704 multi-family units);

    (b) 11 mixed-use commercial lots for the development of up to 1,555,100 square feet (including the 66,400 sq. ft. referenced above) of office, retail and service uses;

    (c) 143 open space lots;

    (d) 2 public park (active) lots;

    (e) 4 private recreation lots;

    (f) 5 spineflower preserve lots;

    (g) 4 public facility lots, including 1 school lot, 1 library lot, 1 fire station lot, and 1 bus transfer station lot;

    (h) 14 utility-related lots (including water quality basins, water tanks, and wastewater pump stations); and

    (i) 43 transportation-related lots (public, private, and bridge roadways).

    The Exhibit Map, which accompanies VTTM No. 61105, depicts conceptual site development plans. Revised site plans to depict changes to the conceptual site

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plan shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

18. Approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of grading are proposed in a balanced cut and fill operation (28.9 million cubic yards of cut and 28.9 million cubic yards of fill) which includes grading for on-site and off-site improvements. In addition, 479,000 cubic yards of grading (372,000 cubic yards of cut and 107,000 cubic yards of fill) are proposed for one of the two Southern California Edison substation alternate locations.

19. With the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Newhall Ranch Master Trails Plan, which encompasses a comprehensive system of trails throughout the Specific Plan area, and provides potential connection points to regional trail systems within the Santa Clarita Valley. The Mission Village Trails Plan implements the Specific Plan's objective of providing a hierarchy of trails with varying sizes and functionality, providing an extensive community trail system throughout the project site, including pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trails, which would be linked to the Santa Clara Regional River Trail (off-site to the northwest) via the extension of other local trails and paseos.

20. Utilities, including water, sanitary sewer, gravity sewer, force main, irrigation, cable, gas, fiber optics, and recycled water lines, will be constructed and installed to serve the Mission Village project.

    In order to provide future residents with access to alternative modes of transportation, VTTM No. 61105 includes a 1.2-acre transit site for development of a bus transfer station in the Village Center area of Mission Village. Development of this site facilitates local bus service and provides connection points for express bus operation within the Mission Village area.

21. Project buildout currently is planned to occur over several years, with full buildout not expected until 2021. Since market conditions and consumer needs historically change over time, a certain amount of flexibility is necessary in the specific type of residential units that ultimately would be built in order to assure the best mix of residential housing to meet changing market demands. Similarly, as to commercial uses, it is difficult to forecast with a high degree of certainty over the extended duration of project buildout the specific type of office uses and tenant space requirements that will be in demand as each segment of the project is developed.

    Flexibility has been incorporated into the Specific Plan to respond to those changes in demand and economic marketplace. Section 5.2.2.e (Amendments to the Tentative Subdivision Maps) of the Specific Plan allows subsequent changes to the approved tentative map through an Amended Exhibit Map process

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pursuant to Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance. The Amended exhibit map shall be approved only if the map is determined by the Director to be in substantial conformance with the approved map. Section 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan (Adjustment/Transfer/Conversion Provisions) provides standards for dwelling unit transfers, as well as other types of adjustments, including residential and non-residential building square footage transfers and conversions.

Flexibility is allowed for lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ. The flexibility includes the ability to build condominiums rather than apartments, and vice versa; build detached housing units rather than attached units; alter residential building type and location within a designated planning area; change the location of driveways, driveway widths, driveway alignments, driveway entries and change the private drive alignments and location; change lot configurations; and, change commercial building type and location within a planning area. However, this flexibility will be limited. The total dwelling unit count, and commercial square footage, as shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps, set a maximum cap that cannot be exceeded without additional approvals or modifications to the project. That is, project buildout would not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space and recreational acreages shown on VTTM No. 61105 will not be reduced.

The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage among lots may be allowed if it does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

Therefore, the subsequent changes to the tentative map will be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map will be reviewed and approved by the Subdivision Committee through the Amended Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

22. A program-level EIR was certified with adoption of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, which found that there would be significant unavoidable impacts to

agricultural resources, biological resources, visual resources, air quality, and solid waste disposal. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, which concluded that there were significant overriding benefits with approval of the Specific Plan. Public benefits include preservation of nearly 1,000 acres of the Santa Clara River; about 4,200 acres of the High Country SMA/SEA 20; approximately 1,517 acres of the Salt Creek area and other Open Areas; preservation of the River Corridor SMA/SEA 23 to retain significant riparian vegetation and habitat; the development of over 50 miles of trails including portions of the Santa Clara River Trail; and provisions for improved parks, schools, fire stations, and 2,200 affordable homes.

23. There has been substantial outreach to the surrounding community regarding the Mission Village project. The applicant has presented the project on several occasions to the West Ranch Town Council and one occasion to the Castaic Area Town Council.

24. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 *et seq.*), CEQA Guidelines § 15063, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the County prepared an Initial Study for the Mission Village project. The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects of the project on the following environmental impact categories:

Agricultural Resources
Air Quality
Biota
Cultural/Paleontological Resources
Education
Environmental Safety
Fire Protection Services
Floodplain Modifications
Geotechnical/ Soil Resources
Global Climate Change
Hydrology
Library Services
Mineral Resources
Noise
Parks and Recreation
Sheriff Services
Solid Waste Disposal
Traffic/Access
Utilities
Visual Qualities
Wastewater Disposal
Water Quality
Water Service

Therefore, a project-level environmental impact report ("EIR") was required.

25. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines and County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, a Draft EIR was prepared for the Mission Village project. The Draft EIR concluded that potential impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation in the following impact categories: Geotechnical and Soil Resources, Hydrology, Biota, Traffic/Access, Noise, Water Service, Wastewater Disposal, Sheriff Services, Fire Protection Services,

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Education, Parks and Recreation, Library Services, Utilities, Mineral Resources, Environmental Safety, Cultural/Paleontological Resources, Floodplain Modifications, Water Quality, and Global Climate Change. The Draft EIR also concluded that the project will result in significant, unavoidable and/or cumulative impacts in:

(a) Visual Qualities;
(b) Air Quality
(c) Solid Waste Services; and
(d) Agricultural Resources.

The significant impacts identified in the Draft EIR are all within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the certified Program EIR for the Specific Plan. Each of these impact categories was previously identified and included in the Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted as part of the certified Program EIR for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

26. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days from October 8, 2010 to November 21, 2010. On the November 10, 2010 public hearing, the Commission extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period.)

27. Comments and recommendations from County departments and other agencies consulted during the environmental review process include the California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and City of Santa Clarita. Other agencies and organizations that have provided correspondence include, among others, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Sierra Club, California Water Network, Center for Biological Diversity, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment ("SCOPE"), Tri-County Watchdogs, and Friends of the Santa Clara River.

28. The project was presented to the Commission at a public hearing held November 10, 2010. At the hearing, the Commission heard the staff report, the applicant presented testimony regarding the project, and public testimony was presented by a representative of SCOPE, who requested that the Draft EIR public review period be extended.

Staff added that the applicant needed to address outstanding issues with the Department of Public Works (Public Works) regarding the Tentative Map. The issues include that the applicant shall record an easement for the necessary off-site regional sewer improvement, and easement for the off-site grading and full improvements on the alignments of the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway

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and Westridge Parkway; that the applicant shall obtain a will serve letter from the Sanitation District to use the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant while the Newhall Water Reclamation Plant is not operational; and that the applicant shall provide detailed information regarding an agreement with Caltrans for mitigation of impacts to the state freeway system.

After discussion, the Commission continued the item to March 16, 2011 and extended the public comment period for the EIR to January 4, 2011 (total 99-day public comment period) to allow interested parties additional time to review and provide comments on the project and its DEIR and to allow the applicant to address outstanding issues with Public Works and address the following topics: (i) whether the applicant's request to adjust Specific Plan trail widths from 12-feet to 8-feet is warranted; (ii) whether the applicant's request for a zero setback in the Village Center is justified; (iii) whether the project includes sufficient upland infiltration; and (iv) whether pile-driving activities can be replaced with a quieter method; (v) whether the applicant should mitigate oak tree impacts by in kind planting or mitigation fee; and (vi) whether the project should include a trail head.

The Commission also directed staff to provide additional information on the following topics: (i) improvements within the SEA and river buffer; and (ii) development transfer among Specific Plan implementation phases.

29. On December 15, 2010, the project applicant submitted a revised VTTM No. 61105 to County staff for review. The map was revised in response to the December 3, 2010 approval by the California Department of Fish and Game ("CDFG") of the Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan/Spineflower Conservation Plan ("RMDP/SCP"), which includes within its boundaries the area encompassed by VTTM No. 61105. As approved by CDFG, the RMDP/SCP designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve on the VTTM No. 61105 site; this represents an increase of approximately 20.2 acres over the amount of spineflower preserve acreage designated on prior VTTM No. 61105 (November 24, 2009). As a result of the increased spineflower acreage and the enhanced connectivity to open space, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, consistent with the approved RMDP/SCP. Specifically, as revised, VTTM No. 61105 includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (351 single-family dwellings and 3,704 multi-family units); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged from the prior map. Under the prior VTTM No. 61105 (dated November 24, 2009), the Mission Village unit count was 4,412 dwelling units. With the increased spineflower preserve/connectivity, the project was reduced in size by a total of 357 dwelling units.

In summary, the changes to the map are as follows:

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- Residential Dwelling Units: The total number of residential dwelling units has decreased from 4,412 to 4,055, a decrease of 357 total units. The number of single-family units decreased by 31 units from 382 to 351 units and the number of multi-family units decreased by 326 units from 4,030 to 3,704 units.
- Development/Grading Footprint: The size of the development/grading footprint on the project site decreased by 21.6 acres (two percent decrease). The total amount of grading associated with the proposed project decreased by one million cubic yards, from 29.9 to 28.9 million cubic yards.
- Spineflower Preserves: The number of lots dedicated to San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves has increased from two lots to five lots. Total land area dedicated for preserves increased from 65.6 acres to 85.8 acres.
- Oak Trees: Oak tree surveys were completed for the Mission Village Tract Map site and related offsite improvements including the extension of the Magic Mountain Parkway from its present terminus west to Mission Village Tract Map site. When all these areas are considered, a total of 564 trees are protected by County Ordinance. Of that total, 154 trees would be removed, 52 trees would be encroached upon, and 358 trees would not be impacted. On just the Tract Map site, utility corridor and Edison substation sites, 501 trees are protected, 143 trees would be removed, 50 trees would be encroached upon, and 308 trees would not be impacted. On the Magic Mountain Extension site, 63 trees are protected, 11 trees would be removed, two trees would be encroached upon, and 50 trees would not be impacted. With the revised project, the total number of trees to be removed would decrease by four from 158 to 154 trees. The total number of trees to be encroached on would increase by one from 51 to 52 trees.
- Open Space: The total land area dedicated to open space-related land use categories, which includes public and private parks, San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves, river area, and graded and ungraded lots, would increase under the revised project from approximately 636 acres to 693 acres. This is an increase in open space of approximately 57 acres (or an increase of approximately nine percent). This increased open space area includes the additional spineflower preserves (approximately 20.2 acres) which are described above and, un-graded and graded open space (36.8 acres). While the amount of River area decreased by 4.4 acres, from 217.0 to 212.6 acres, this area (4.4 acres) is now within one of the new San Fernando Valley spineflower preserves.

30. On January 13, 2011, the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee held a public meeting to consider the applicant's proposed revisions to VTTM No. 61105. The Committee issued conditions of approval and cleared the map.

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31. At the continued public hearing on March 16, 2011, no members of the public provided testimony. The Commission heard and granted the applicant's request that the public hearing be continued to provide the applicant with additional time to complete its responses to the Commission's request for additional information made at the November 10, 2010 hearing. The March 16, 2011, hearing was continued to May 18, 2011.

32. At the Commission's regularly-scheduled meeting held March 22, 2011, during the public comment portion of the meeting, a representative of SCOPE read a letter dated March 16, 2011, regarding the project's potential effect on chloride levels in the Santa Clara River.

33. In May 2011, the Mission Village Final EIR (May 2011) was completed in accordance with CEQA. The "Mission Village Final EIR" is comprised of the following: (a) Draft EIR (October 2010), Volumes I-XX; and (b) Final EIR (May 2011), Volumes I-VII (collectively, "Final EIR"). The Final EIR includes the Draft EIR, all comments received on the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, technical appendices to the Draft and Final EIR, revised Draft EIR pages, and other information. Department staff sent the Final EIR to the Commission for review and made it available to state and local agencies, organizations, and other interested parties.

The Mission Village Draft EIR (October 2010) analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with development of 4,412 dwelling units (382 single-family dwellings and 4,030 multi-family units) and 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use/commercial development on the proposed project site. Included within the proposed project as described was a 65.6-acre spineflower preserve.

Subsequent to circulation of the Draft EIR, and as previously referenced, the CDFG approved the Newhall Ranch RMDP/SCP, which designates 85.8 acres of spineflower preserve, and enhanced connectivity to open space, on the Mission Village project site, an increase of 20.2 acres over the amount designated in the Draft EIR. As a result of the increased spineflower acreage/connectivity, the development component of the proposed Mission Village project has been reduced in size, and now includes a total of 4,055 dwelling units (a reduction of 357 dwelling units compared to the original, proposed Mission Village project); the 1.55 million square feet of mixed-use commercial development is unchanged. The revised project is consistent with the Mission Village project originally proposed and analyzed in the Draft EIR, however, the reduction in density and increase in preserved area is an improvement over the original proposal. The Final EIR clarifies the revisions to the Mission Village project and confirms that there are no new or increased impacts from the project revisions, but rather that the project revisions further lessen the significance of any potential impacts.

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34. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Mission Village Final EIR has been prepared. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan identifies in detail the manner in which compliance with the measures adopted to mitigate or avoid potential significant impacts of the project is ensured, and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for the project.

35. [Hold for May 18, 2011 continued public hearing proceedings.]

36. In conjunction with the EIR process, the applicant has submitted an oak tree report prepared by a certified arborist that identifies 501 on-site oak trees, including 29 heritage oaks, located within the Mission Village project site and associated offsite improvements, regulated by the County Oak Tree Ordinance. The identified trees include those oak trees located within 200 feet of the proposed grading limits and excludes those located within the area of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway. The arborist's report was prepared by Impact Sciences, Inc., and is dated December 2006, as revised November 26, 2007, March 2010, and December 23, 2010. (Impacts to oak trees located within the area of the off-site extension of Magic Mountain Parkway are addressed separately in Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032.)

37. Development of the project would result in the removal of 143 oak trees (including 8 heritage trees), and the encroachment into the protected zones of 50 additional oak trees (including 2 heritage trees). (Six of the 143 oak trees to be removed also are included within the Oak Tree Permit (OTP00-196) for Landmark Village.) Development of Mission Village will not endanger the health of the remaining trees located on the property. The removal of the oak trees will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters that cannot be satisfactorily mitigated. The removal and encroachment of the referenced oak trees is necessary due to site constraints such as topography and drainage, to enable project grading and the construction of proposed roads, water quality or debris basins, and other related and necessary improvements.

38. The Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden, Forestry Division, has reviewed the oak tree report and determined that the document is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition, and species of the oak trees on the site. The County Forester has recommended approval of the requested removals and encroachments, subject to recommended conditions of approval, including replacement trees to be provided at a ratio of 2:1 for each tree removed and 10:1 for each Heritage oak tree removed, for a total of 350 mitigation trees.

39. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail,

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newspaper and property posting. Additionally, the project was noticed and case materials were available on the County Department of Regional Planning website and at libraries located in the vicinity of the project site. Approximately 328 notices of public hearing and completion and availability of the DEIR were mailed to property owners within a 1,000-foot radius of the subject property as well as additional notices to those on the courtesy mailing list for projects in the Newhall and Castaic Canyon Zoned Districts. The public hearing notice was published in The Signal on October 6, 2010, and La Opinion on October 7, 2010. The Draft EIR and project materials, including a vesting tentative tract map, exhibit map, and draft conditions, were available for review at the Newhall Library, Valencia Library, and Castaic Library beginning October 8, 2010. On October 7, 2010, three large public hearing notice boards, eight feet wide by four feet high, were posted on the subject property at the north end of Westridge Parkway, west end of Magic Mountain Parkway and south end of Commerce Center Drive (At Henry Mayo Drive).

40. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1328, Los Angeles, California 90012, and the offices of the County's EIR consultant, Impact Sciences, Inc., 803 Camarillo Road, Suite A, Camarillo, California 93012. The custodian of such documents is the Section Head of the Special Projects Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES:

A. Construction of the proposed land use will be accomplished without endangering the health of any remaining trees on the property that are subject to Part 16 of Chapter 22.56 of the Los Angeles County Code.

B. Removal of 143 oak trees (including 8 heritage trees) and the encroachment of 50 additional oak trees (including 2 heritage trees) into the protected zone is necessary for the fruition of the development. The continued existence of the oak trees at their present location presents significant obstacles to the planned improvements. Furthermore, to retain the oak trees on the subject property would prevent the allowed density and prove to be cost prohibitive to achieve the objectives of the proposed project.

C. The removal of the 143 oak trees (including 8 heritage trees) will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters, which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated; and

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D. The removal of the oak trees will not be contrary to or in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the Oak Tree Permit procedures of the County.

The information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing substantiates the required findings for an oak tree permit, as set forth in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Title 22, Part 16 of the Los Angeles County Code (Zoning Ordinance), including, but not limited to, Section 22.56.2100.

THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Certifies that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR and "CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project," CUP No. 200500080 (SEA), CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500032, Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011, and Substantial Conformance Review No. 201000001; and

2. Certifies that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, and that the environmental documentation reflects the independent judgment of the Commission; and

3. Determines that with the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the Final EIR and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, the Mission Village project's significant environmental effects are reduced to less-than-significant levels except for certain specified unavoidable effects, which have been reduced to an acceptable level and are outweighed by the benefits of the project as identified in the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project; and

4. Certifies the Final EIR as adequate under CEQA, adopts the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Mission Village Project and Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and, pursuant to section 21081.6 of Public Resources Code, finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan, which is incorporated herein by reference, is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and

5. Approves Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043, subject to the attached conditions.

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DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
PROJECT NUMBER 04-181-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200500081
(DEVELOPMENT OF 73 SECOND UNITS, A CONTINUED CARE COMMUNITY, ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING THREE WATER TANKS, AND ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE GRADING)
SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMANCE REVIEW NO. 201000001

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Pursuant to Table 3.4-3 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") is requested for second units within the Low Residential land use category. Pursuant to Table 3.4-2 of the Specific Plan, a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") is requested for continued care retirement community. Pursuant to Los Angeles County Code ("County Code") Section 22.24.150, water tank is a use subject to a CUP. Pursuant to Section 22.56.210 of the County Code, grading projects that exceed 100,000 cubic yards of grading require a CUP. This grant authorizes (i) development of 73 second dwelling units on lots 279-351, and a continued care retirement community on lot 528 with 351 dwelling units within the boundaries of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105; (ii) the development of on-site infrastructure, including three water tanks, associated on-site grading activities; and (iii) the development of off-site infrastructure and associated off-site grading activities. This grant also authorizes on-site and off-site project grading totaling approximately 57.8 million cubic yards of earthwork (28.9 cubic yards of cut and 28.9 cubic yards of fill) as noted on Exhibit "A" on-site project grading including development of project infrastructure and utilities, such as roadways, a sanitary sewer system, pump stations, a water system, water tanks and booster pump stations, and other utilities associated with the approved project; off-site grading associated with the development of off-site infrastructure, including the extensions of Westridge Parkway and Commerce Center Drive and the construction of off-site improvements including the extension of Magic Mountain Parkway, a utility corridor, a water quality basin, debris basins, an electrical substation, water tanks and miscellaneous drainage improvements outside the boundaries of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105. This grant is in connection with the project located in the Santa Clarita Valley, southeast of the Santa Clara River and SR-126, and west of I-5, The Old Road and Six Flags Magic Mountain Theme Park, within the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan in the Newhall Zoned District, commonly referred as "Mission Village." The project includes a maximum of 4,055 housing units, 1,555,100 square feet of commercial/office uses, an elementary school, fire station, public library, bus transfer station, parks, private recreation facilities, trails and road and utility improvements. This grant is subject to all of the following conditions of approval.

2. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, the owner of the subject property, its successors and assigns, and any other person, corporation, or entity making use of this grant.

3. Unless otherwise apparently from the context, the term "date of final approval" shall mean the date the Los Angeles County ("County") approval become effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the County Code.

4. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until a duly authorized representative of the permittee and the owner of the subject property, if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the County Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") an affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all the conditions of this grant

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and that the conditions have been recorded as required by Condition No. 8, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 16, 17 and 42 below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition (No. 4), and Conditions Nos. 5, 6, 9, and 17 shall be effective immediately upon final approval of this grant by the County.

5. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009. The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.

6. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with Regional Planning in the amount of up to $5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

   If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of $5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

   At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

7. If any material provision of this permit is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.

8. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall **record the terms and conditions** of the grant in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("Recorder"). In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.

9. This grant shall be considered used after the recordation of a final map for **Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105**. In the event that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 should expire without recordation of a final map, this grant shall terminate upon the expiration of the tentative map. Entitlements to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect.

10. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that pursuant to Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the Zoning Code, the Regional Planning Commission or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if it finds that these conditions have been violated, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be a nuisance, or that any other provisions of

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Section 22.56.1780 have been met. The permittee shall pay or reimburse the County for all necessary costs associated with such hearing

11. The development of the subject property shall conform to all requirements and conditions approved for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, CUP No. 200500080, Oak Tree Permit Nos. 200500032 and 200500043, and Parking Permit No. 200500011. CUP 94-087, which was previously approved with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, will remain in effect, and the development of the subject property shall conform with the terms of that grant as well. The conditions of this grant and the related entitlements supplement (and do not replace) the previous permits.

12. The subject property shall be graded, developed, and maintained in substantial compliance with the approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 and the conceptual site design depicted on the Exhibit "A", subject to the provisions found in Section 5.2.2 of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. No additional grading or development shall be permitted beyond that depicted on the approved "Exhibit "A" (Exhibit Map) or Revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director to Section 5.2 of the Specific Plan.

    If changes to the site plan are required as a result of the instruction given at a public hearing, five (5) copies of a revised Exhibit "A" (Exhibit Map) shall be submitted to regional Planning within 60 days of the date of final approval of this grant.

13. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 is within the boundaries of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, with the exception of approximately 39.1 acres, which are located off-site but adjacent to the Specific Plan boundaries. The development of the subject property shall conform to all requirements and conditions approved for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, CUP No. 200500080, Oak Tree Permit Nos. 200500032 and 200500043, and Parking Permit No. 200500011. CUP 94-087, which was previously approved with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, will remain in effect, and the development of the subject property shall conform with the terms of that grant as well. The conditions of this grant and the related entitlements supplement (and do not replace) the previous permits.

14. The mitigation measures set forth in the Mission Village Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH No.2005051143) comprise the Mitigation Monitoring Program ("MMP") and are incorporated by this reference and made conditions of this grant. The permittee shall comply with all mitigation measures identified in the MMP.

15. Within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant by the County, the permittee shall record a covenant and agreement, which attaches the MMP, stating the permittee agrees to comply with the mitigation measures imposed by the MMP. The date of final approval is the date that County's action becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the Los Angeles County Code. Prior to recordation, the permittee shall submit a draft copy of the covenant and agreement to Regional Planning for review and approval. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures, the permittee shall submit annual mitigation monitoring reports to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval, as otherwise required by these conditions, or as required by the Director of Regional Planning until such time as all mitigation measures have been implemented or completed.

16. The permittee shall deposit the sum of **$6,000.00** with Regional Planning within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant in order to defray the cost of reviewing and verifying the information contained in the reports required by the MMP. The permittee shall replenish the mitigation monitoring account if necessary until all mitigation measures have been implemented and completed. The permittee shall retain the services of a qualified environmental/mitigation monitoring consultant, subject to the approval of the Director, to

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ensure that all applicable mitigation measures are implemented as reported in the required Mitigation Monitoring Report.

17. Within three (3) days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, the permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, currently or **$2,867.25** ($2,792.25 for an Environmental Impact Report plus $75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested or operative until the fee is paid.

18. All utilities shall be placed underground to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("Public Works").

19. All development undertaken pursuant to this grant shall comply with the requirements of the County Department of Public Works.

20. Detonation of explosives or any other blasting devices or material is prohibited unless all required permits have been obtained and adjacent property owners have been notified.

21. All requirements of Title 22, the County Zoning Code, and of the specific zoning of the subject property shall be complied with unless otherwise modified as set forth in these conditions or as shown on the approved plans.

22. All grading and construction and appurtenant activities, including engine warm-up, shall be restricted to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m on Saturday. Pile driving and drilling is prohibited on Saturdays. No Sunday, or holiday operations are permitted. All stationary construction noise sources shall be sheltered or enclosed to minimize adverse effect on nearby residences and neighborhoods. Generator and pneumatic compressors shall be noise protected in a manner that will minimize noise inconvenience to adjacent residences.

23. The permittee shall implement a dust control program during grading and construction to the satisfaction of the Director of Regional Planning and Public Works.

24. All graded materials shall be sufficiently watered to prevent excessive amounts of dust during the grading and construction phase consistent with the mitigation measures. Watering shall occur at least twice daily with complete coverage, preferably in the late morning and after construction or grading activity is completed for the day. All clearing, grading, earthmoving, or excavation shall cease during periods of high wind (i.e., greater than 20 miles per hour average over one hour) to prevent excessive amounts of dust.

25. Grading shall be limited to that which is necessary to construct the on-site and off-site improvements depicted on the Exhibit "A" and potential riparian mitigation sites. No additional grading or development shall be permitted beyond that depicted unless approved by the Director subject to the provisions of Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

26. Phased grading is authorized pursuant to this grant to allow transporting of soil within the boundaries of the Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 prior to or during any off-site import. Such grading may require additional interim infrastructure improvements not depicted on the Exhibit "A" but necessary to ensure compliance with the County Code such as debris basins, access roads, temporary utility lines, and other similar improvements to the satisfaction of Public Works.

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27. The permittee or its designee shall provide the Director of Regional Planning with an annual status report throughout the construction phase of the project, which states the number of residential units constructed, the number affordable housing units constructed, the square footage of all commercial and industrial buildings completed, the dates of dedication or completion for all required infrastructure and community amenities, and the status of compliance with the project's Mitigation Monitoring Plan and/or other items as determined to be necessary by the Director of Regional Planning.

28. The permittee shall, upon the commencement of any grading activity allowed by this permit, diligently pursue all grading to completion.

29. No construction equipment or vehicles shall be parked or stored on any existing public or private street.

30. The permittee shall obtain all necessary permits from Public Works and shall maintain all such permits in full force and effect throughout the life of this permit.

31. All construction and development within the subject property shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Building Code and the various related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire, grading, and excavation codes as adopted by the County of Los Angeles.

32. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of graffiti and other extraneous markings, drawings, or signage that was not approved by Regional Planning. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the use of the property or that do not provide pertinent information about the premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.

    In the event that graffiti or other extraneous markings occur, the permittee shall remove or cover such markings within 24 hours of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

33. The permittee shall utilize water saving devices and technology in the construction of this project consistent with the County Building and Plumbing Code and the MMP.

34. The subject property shall be developed, operated, and maintained in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health ("Public Health"). Adequate water and sewage facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of said department. The project shall fulfill its statutory responsibilities related to water conservation through its compliance with Health and Safety Code section 17921.3, which requires low-flush toilets in all new construction; Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations sections 2-5352 (I) and (J), which requires hot water pipes to be insulated; and Government Code section 7800, which requires lavatories to have self-closing faucets in public restrooms.

35. If during construction soil contamination is suspected or detected, construction in the area shall stop and appropriate health and safety procedures shall be implemented to the satisfaction of Public Health. If it is determined that contaminated soils exist, remediation shall be conducted to the satisfaction of Public Health and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

36. The permittee shall comply with the Newhall Ranch Stormwater Mitigation Plan requirements to the satisfaction of Public Works.

37. All development undertaken pursuant to this grant shall conform to and be kept in full compliance with the County Fire Code. Upon the final approval of this grant by the

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County, the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the County Fire Department to confirm the facilities that may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. Any necessary facilities including, but not limited to, water mains, fire hydrants, and fire flow facilities, shall be provided to the satisfaction of and within the time periods established by the County Fire Department.

38. Improvements on Lots 358 and 359 (Lion Canyon) shall comply with the Newhall Ranch Tributary Channel Design Guidelines, as approved by Public Works. Final determination of appropriate drainage devices, geomorphic channel design and associated grading shall be to the satisfaction of Public Works in consultation with Regional Planning if necessary.

39. During construction, all large size truck trips shall be limited to off-peak commute periods.

40. During construction, the permittee shall obtain and maintain in effect all necessary Caltrans transportation permits for any transportation of heavy equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of over-size transport vehicles on State highways.

41. All commonly owned areas shall be preserved as permanent open space or as otherwise designated on the approved "Exhibit A" for this grant or on any Revised Exhibit "A". Such reservation shall be by establishment of a homeowners association, maintenance district, or other appropriate means or methods to ensure to the satisfaction of the Director the permanent reservation and continued perpetual maintenance of required commonly owned areas.

42. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance itht eh approved site plan on file. Within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall deposit with the sum of **$2,000.00**. The deposit shall be placed in a performance fund, which shall be used exclusively to compensate Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval, including adherence to development in accordance with the site plan on file. The deposit provides for **ten (10) annual inspections**. Inspections shall be unannounced.

43. If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any condition of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible for and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be $200.00 per inspection, or the current recovery cost at the time any additional inspections are required.

44. The subject property shall be developed and maintained in substantial compliance with the plans marked Exhibit "A" and the Mission Village Planning Notebook, dated May 2011. If changes to the site plan are required as a result of instruction given at the public hearing, three (3) copies of a modified Exhibit "A" shall be submitted to Regional Planning within 60 days of the date of final approval.

PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A GRADING PERMIT

45. As noted in Condition No. 15 above, in addition to any annual mitigation monitoring report that may be required, the permittee shall submit a mitigation monitoring report to the

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Director of Regional Planning for review and approval prior to the issuance of any grading permits.

46. Prior to the issuance of any precise grading permit, the permittee shall submit site plans for review and approval by the Director of Regional Planning indicating that the proposed grading and/or construction:

    (a) complies with the conditions of this grant and the provisions of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan; and

    (b) is compatible with hillside resources as required by the substantial conformance provisions found in Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and with Significant Ecological Area resources.

47. Prior to the issuance of any grading permit, the project design shall provide for the filtering of flows to capture contaminants originating from the project site consistent with the Newhall Ranch Stormwater Mitigation Plan and approved mitigation measures to the satisfaction and approval of Public Works.

PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF A FINAL MAP

48. As noted in Condition No. 15 above, in addition to any annual mitigation monitoring report, the permittee shall submit a mitigation monitoring report to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval prior to the recordation of a final map.

49. The permittee shall submit a copy of the project Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions ("CC&Rs") to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval prior to final map approval. Those provisions required by the County to be contained in the CC&Rs shall be identified as such, and shall not be modified in any way without prior authorization from the Director of Regional Planning.

50. The permittee shall provide in the CC&Rs a method for the continuous maintenance of all common areas, including driveways, landscaping, and lighting system along all walkways and outdoor seating areas, to the satisfaction of Regional Planning. The Permittee shall include conditions in the project CC&Rs that require continued maintenance of the planting for lots having planted slopes.

51. The permittee shall provide in the CC&Rs a method for the continuous maintenance of private driveway and fire lanes within the project, as well as draft easement documents with exhibits, granting access to respective off-site property owners. Said easements must be recorded after approval by the Director of Planning.

52. The permittee shall provide in the CC&Rs restrictions on parking or storage of recreational vehicles as required by Condition No. 38 of Conditional Use Permit 94-087 to the satisfaction of the Director of Regional Planning.

PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT

53. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for the principal use of the property, site plans shall be submitted to the Director indicating that the proposed construction:

    (a) complies with the conditions of this grant and the provisions of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and the design principles referenced in the Planning Notebook dated May, 2011;

    (b) complies within the limits established by geologic and engineering constraints, grading amount and technique, preservation of natural features, landscaping of altered open space and graded slopes, and placement of residences, onsite

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infrastructure and other features as deemed necessary by the Director. Other features to be indicated on all site plans include walls, landscaping, driveways, and building setbacks;

(c) has completed the Newhall Land Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Process identified in the Mission Village Planning Notebook to the satisfaction of the Director Regional Planning. The ARC will review projects for consistency with Design Guidelines that emphasize architectural styles, colors and materials, roof type, setbacks, parking layouts, lighting standards, signage criteria, landscaping palette, among other things; and

(d) has received final approval from Regional Planning.

54. Prior to the issuance of building permits to authorize the construction of the second dwelling units on lots 279 to 351 of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, site plans depicting these units and demonstrating compliance with the provisions of Section 3.9, Second Units, of the Specific Plan shall be submitted to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval.

55. Three copies of a landscape plan(s), which may be incorporated into a revised site plan, shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director before issuance of a building permit. The landscaping plan(s) shall show compliance with the County's drought tolerant landscaping ordinance and the native species coverage guideline as shown on the On-Site Landscape Zones map in the Mission Village Planning Notebook. Landscaping shall include native and non-native, non-invasive species, including trees, shrubs, and ground covering at a mixture and density determined by the Director of Regional Planning and the Los Angeles County Fire Departments Fuel Modification Unit. Fire retardant plants should be given first consideration.

The landscape plan(s) shall show size, type, and location of all plants, trees, percentage of native plant materials, and sprinkler facilities, including all landscaping and irrigation. Watering facilities shall consist of a permanent water-efficient irrigation system such as "bubblers" or drip irrigation, where applicable. All landscaping shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and healthful condition, including proper pruning, weeding, removal of litter, fertilizing, and replacement of plants when necessary.

In addition to the review and approval by the Director of Regional Planning, the landscaping plan(s) shall be reviewed and approved by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and Public Works. The review will include an evaluation of the balance of structural diversity (e.g. trees, shrubs and groundcover) that could be expected 18 months after planting in compliance with fire safety requirements and determination of compliance with water conservation requirements. Fire retardant plants should be given first consideration. All graded slopes (cut and fill) shall be revegetated.

56. Prior to the issuance of any building permit, the permittee shall demonstrate compliance with the State Seismic Hazard Safety laws to the satisfaction of Public Works.

57. Prior to issuance of the first building permit, the permittee shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Fire Department that includes a mutually agreeable operational date for the station located on lot 448. Upon completion and acceptance of the fire station improvements, lot 448 shall be conveyed by recordable deed to the County Fire Department.

58. Prior to the issuance of the 3,041th residential building permit, construction of the community park on lot 469 shall commence, and prior to issuance of the 3,812th residential building permit, construction of the park and all related improvements on lot 469 shall be completed and accepted by the Department of Parks and Recreation, after

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which lot 469 shall be conveyed to the County. The permittee shall convey the lot by recordable grant deed free of all encumbrances, except those that as determined by the County do not interfere with the use of the property for park or recreational purposes, showing the fee vested with the County of Los Angeles.

59. Prior to the issuance of the 1,545th residential building permit, construction of the neighborhood park on lot 612 shall commence, and prior to issuance of the 1,985th residential building permit, construction of the park and all related improvements on lot 612 shall be completed and accepted by the Department of Parks and Recreation, after which lot 612 shall be conveyed to the County. The permittee shall convey the lot by recordable grant deed free of all encumbrances, except those that as determined by the County do not interfere with the use of the property for park or recreational purposes, showing the fee vested with the County of Los Angeles.

60. The design, location and quantity of monuments and community entries and sign walls shown on the Exhibit "A" are conceptual and are subject to change. If necessary to ensure safety, consistency with tentative map approval or compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan or Title 22, the final design, location and quantity of the monuments and community entries, may be modified through the Exhibit Map procedures in Section 21.016.105 or to the satisfaction of the Director.

61. For lots 384-387, 397-407, 411, 434, 439 and 442 the front yard, as established along the Private Drive frontage identified on sheet 1 of the Exhibit Map, may be reduced to not less than 10 feet consistent with the allowable front yard for side entry garages permitted by the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

    Where access is provided from a private drive and fire lane driveway, the length of the driveway apron to individual units shall be either a less or equal than three (3) feet or more or equal than 18 feet.

62. A determination of substantial conformance in compliance with the provisions of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan has been made relative to front side and rear yard setbacks for lots 508-515, 517-526, 528-530 and 621 in the Village Center. These lots shall comply with the limitations to the setback reductions as described in the Front Setback Modification provision (Section 3.6.1) of the Planning Notebook dated May 2011. For these lots a minimum of zero (0) feet rear and side setbacks shall be allowed when immediately adjacent to landscape development zone lots (LDZ) and/or private drive lots and/or similar uses to the subject lot. Prior to the approval of building permits, the permittee shall demonstrate substantial conformance with the setback guidelines (3.61 and 3.6.2) as shown in the Mission Village Planning Book to the satisfaction of the Director of Regional Planning.

63. A determination of substantial conformance in compliance with the provisions of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan has been made relative to width of community trails, local trail and pathway. Community Trails, Local Trails, and Pathways shall be a minimum width of eight feet.

64. Permission is granted to allow future design flexibility within lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ noted on the Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Exhibit Map, including changing apartments to condominiums or condominiums to apartments, changing attached units to detached units, changing the building type and location, changing the driveway location, alignments, driveway widths and drive entries, changing the private drive alignments and locations, changing the lotting configurations, and

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changing the residential unit location and commercial building type and location. The total dwelling unit count, commercial square footage shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps shall not be exceeded. Specifically, project buildout shall not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space/recreational acreage shown on VTTM No. 61105 shall not be reduced.

The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage among lots may be allowed if it does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

The subsequent changes to the tentative map shall be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map shall be reviewed and approved by the Subdivision Committee through the Amended Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

65. The submittal of each Amended Exhibit Map shall be accompanied by a matrix or similar chart to track the development of multi-family units, commercial and open space/recreation area square footage. The matrix shall include information on the number of multi-family residential units and square footage of commercial and open space/recreation area approved on the VTTM No. 61105 and proposed on the Amended Exhibit Map.

66. Lot 528 is depicted as a continuing care retirement community on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 for the development with 351 independent and assisted living units. The subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to Section 21.60.015 of the County Code indicating the number of for sale (condominium) and/or for lease units. Use the standard lease project or condominium note on the final map.

    Or if the permittee chooses not to develop Lot 528 as a continuing care retirement community, it may be developed as for sale or for lease multi-family residences with up to 351 units, provided that the site can be developed per the standards of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. In this case, the subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to Section 21.60.015 of the County Code indicating the number of for sale and/or for lease units.

67. The Permittee shall submit an overall community garden program to the satisfaction of Regional Planning. The community garden program will locate potential sites for these gardens along with screening and fencing details. Should use of the community gardens by the community not warrant their continued operation, the HOA, at its discretion, may cease their operation and the area may revert to another common area use.

68. The site of the proposed Library, Lot 515, is currently shown on the Exhibit "A" at 3.3 acres. Pursuant to mitigation adopted as part of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (Mitigation Measure SP 4.19-1), the applicant is required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Librarian regarding library construction requirements, including location, size, funding, and timing of construction,

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prior to the issuance of the first building permit on Newhall Ranch. At this time, the final library size and configuration has not been determined. These details will be addressed in the MOU and may affect the lot size. Accordingly, the applicant may increase or decrease the size of Lot 515 based on the final details of the future library as defined in the MOU between the Applicant and the County Librarian.

Attachments:
Subdivision Committee Reports
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION – SUBDIVISION
TRACT NO. 61105 (Rev.)

TENTATIVE MAP DATED 12-15-2010
EXHIBIT MAP DATED 12-15-2010

The following reports consisting of 31 pages are the recommendations of Public Works.

The subdivision shall conform to the design standards and policies of Public Works, in particular, but not limited to the following items:

1. Details and notes shown on the tentative map are not necessarily approved. Any details or notes which may be inconsistent with requirements of ordinances, general conditions of approval, or Department policies must be specifically approved in other conditions, or ordinance requirements are modified to those shown on the tentative map upon approval by the Advisory agency.

2. Easements are tentatively required, subject to review by the Director of Public Works to determine the final locations and requirements.

3. Easements shall not be granted or recorded within areas proposed to be granted, dedicated, or offered for dedication for public streets, highways, access rights, building restriction rights, or other easements until after the final map is filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office. If easements are granted after the date of tentative approval, a subordination must be executed by the easement holder prior to the filing of the final map.

4. In lieu of establishing the final specific locations of structures on each lot/parcel at this time, the owner, at the time of issuance of a grading or building permit, agrees to develop the property in conformance with the County Code and other appropriate ordinances such as the Building Code, Plumbing Code, Grading Ordinance, Highway Permit Ordinance, Mechanical Code, Zoning Ordinance, Undergrounding of Utilities Ordinance, Water Ordinance, Sanitary Sewer and Industrial Waste Ordinance, Electrical Code, and Fire Code. Improvements and other requirements may be imposed pursuant to such codes and ordinances.

5. All easements existing at the time of final map approval must be accounted for on the approved tentative map. This includes the location, owner, purpose, and recording reference for all existing easements. If an easement is blanket or indeterminate in nature, a statement to that effect must be shown on the tentative map in lieu of its location. If all easements have not been accounted for, submit a corrected tentative map to the Department of Regional Planning for approval.

6. Adjust, relocate, and/or eliminate lot lines, lots, streets, easements, grading, geotechnical protective devices, and/or physical improvements to comply with ordinances, policies, and standards in effect at the date the County determined the application to be complete all to the satisfaction of Public Works.

7. Prior to final approval of the tract map submit a notarized affidavit to the Director of Public Works, signed by all owners of record at the time of filing of the map with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, stating that any proposed condominium building has not been constructed or that all buildings have not been occupied or rented and that said building will not be occupied or rented until after the filing of the map with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

8. Place standard condominium/residential planned development/commercial planned development/Landscape Maintenance District notes on the final map to the satisfaction of Public Works. The formation of the Landscape Maintenance District for all median and parkway landscaping must be approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

9. Place standard lease purpose only notes for the apartment lots on the final map to the satisfaction of Public Works.

10. Furnish Public Works' Street Name Unit with a list of street names acceptable to the subdivider. These names must not be duplicated within a radius of 20 miles.

11. A Mapping & Property Management Division house numbering clearance is required prior to approval of the final map.

12. The boundaries of the unit final maps shall be designed to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works and the Department of Regional Planning.

13. The first unit of this subdivision shall be filed as Tract No. 61105-01, the second unit, Tract No. 61105-02, and the last unit, Tract No. 61105.

14. If unit filing occurs, reserve reciprocal drainage, ingress/egress, sewer, water, utilities, and maintenance purposes, etc., in documents over the private driveways and delineate on the final map to the satisfaction of Public Works.

15. Label driveways and multiple access strips as "Private Driveway and Fire Lane" and delineate on the final map to the satisfaction of Public Works.

16. Reserve reciprocal easements for drainage, ingress/egress, sewer, water, utilities, right to grade, and maintenance purposes, etc., in documents over the common private driveways to the satisfaction of Public Works.

17. Quitclaim or relocate easements running through proposed structures.

18. Show open space note and dedicate residential construction rights over the open space lots.

19. If possible, modify the boundaries of the open space lots or add additional open space lots to include the airspace easements for sight distance to the satisfaction of the Department of Regional Planning and Public Works.

20. A final tract map must be processed through the Director of Public Works prior to being filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

21. Prior to submitting the tract map to the Director of Public Works for examination pursuant to Section 66442 of the Government Code, obtain clearances from all affected Departments and Divisions, including a clearance from the Subdivision Mapping Section of the Land Development Division of Public Works for the following mapping items; mathematical accuracy; survey analysis; and correctness of certificates, signatures, etc.

22. A final guarantee will be required at the time of filing of the final map with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

23. Within 30 days of the approval date of this land use entitlement or at the time of first plan check submittal, the applicant shall deposit the sum of $2,000 (Minor Land Divisions) or $5,000 (Major Land Divisions) with Public Works to defray the cost of verifying conditions of approval for the purpose of issuing final map clearances. This deposit will cover the actual cost of reviewing conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permits, Tentative Tract and Parcel Maps, Vesting Tentative Tract and Parcel Maps, Oak Tree Permits, Specific Plans, General Plan Amendments, Zone Changes, CEQA Mitigation Monitoring Programs and Regulatory Permits from State and Federal Agencies (Fish and Game, USF&W, Army Corps, RWQCB, etc.) as they relate to the various plan check activities and improvement plan designs. In addition, this deposit will be used to conduct site field reviews and attend meetings requested by the applicant and/or his agents for the purpose of resolving technical issues on condition compliance as they relate to improvement plan design, engineering studies, highway alignment studies and tract/parcel map boundary, title and easement issues. When 80% of the deposit is expended, the applicant will be required to provide additional funds to restore the initial deposit. Remaining balances in the deposit account will be refunded upon final map recordation.

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Prepared by John Chin Phone (626) 458-4910 Date 01-12-2011

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TRACT NO: 061105

TENTATIVE MAP DATE: 12/15/10
EXHIBIT MAP DATE: 12/15/10

STORM DRAIN SECTION CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, PHONE: (626) 458-4921

Prior to Improvement Plans Approval:

1. Submit a hydrology study for review and approval and comply with the requirements of the Drainage Concept / Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) plan which was conceptually approved on 01/30/08 and 02/23/10 to the satisfaction of Public Works.

2. Notify the State Department of Fish and Game prior to commencement of work within any natural drainage course. Provide a copy of the 1605 Agreement upon processing the drainage plans. If non-jurisdiction is established by the Department of Fish and Game, submit a letter of non-jurisdiction to Public Works (Land Development Division).

3. Contact the State Water Resources Control Board to determine if a Notice of Intent (NOI) and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) are required to meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) construction requirements for this site.

4. Contact the Corps of Engineers to determine if a permit is required for any proposed work within the major watercourse. Provide a copy of the 404 Permit upon processing the drainage plans. If non-jurisdiction is established by the Corps of Engineers, submit a letter of non-jurisdiction to Public Works (Land Development Division).

5. A maintenance permit is required from the State Department of Fish and Game, the Corps of Engineers, and the State Water Resources Control Board to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

6. This site is located in Zone "A" per the Federal Flood Insurance Rate Map. Obtain a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from FEMA to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

7. Obtain and record notarized drainage covenants, in a form approved by Public Works, from all impacted offsite property owners, as determined by Public Works. By acceptance of this condition, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that this condition does not require or otherwise involve the construction or installation of an offsite improvement, and that the offsite drainage covenants referenced above do not constitute an offsite easement, license, title or interest in favor of the County. Therefore, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that the provisions of Government Code Section 66462.5 do not apply to this condition and that the County shall have no duty or obligation to acquire by negotiation or by eminent domain any land or any interest in any land in connection with this condition.

8. Department of Public Works approval for location, span, and clearance for the proposed Commerce Center Bridge spanning Santa Clara River is required prior to grading plan approval. The Commerce Center Bridge and Embankment at the north side are under a different project by Caltrans and the County.

9. The sizing, design, and final locations of the proposed SUSMP mitigation shall be addressed in the hydrology study in compliance with the Newhall Ranch Stormwater Mitigation Plan to the satisfaction of Public Works. This may require a lot configuration change, a change in the number of lots, a revised drainage concept, a revised environmental document, and/or a revised tentative map.

10. The Locations and number of catch basins in streets will vary depending on final street grades and the final hydrology analysis to be approved by Department of Public Works.

11. The non-structural utility corridor embankment is not to be maintained by LACFCD. An agreement memorializing the maintenance responsibilities must be in place to the satisfaction of Public Works.

12. Comply with the requirements of "Newhall Ranch Santa Clara River HEC-RAS Modeling Report dated December 2005 (I-5 to Ventura County Line)", "Newhall Ranch-Santa Clara River Phase 1 Fluvial Study dated March 6, 2006" approved on 04/18/06 and the approval letter from Land Development Division of LACDPW, and "Newhall Ranch Phase II River Fluvial Study" approved on 11/25/08.

13. Portions of the County Adopted Floodway (maps 43-ML23, 43-ML24, 43-ML25, 43-ML26, and 43-ML27) must be revised and/or rescinded by the Board of Supervisors. The improvements within the existing river will result in relocating the floodplain and require revising the existing County Ordinanced Floodways. The improvements and resulting County Adopted Floodway revisions may be phased.

14. Per ratification of these conditions of approval, the Board recognizes that the County Adopted ML maps will be revised and/or rescinded and authorizes the Director of Public Works to revise and/or rescind all necessary maps.

15. Lots 358 and 359 - Lion Canyon contain a restored stream area. At the time of the approval of the vesting tentative tract map, the exact design of the restored stream area was not known. This restored stream area may contain a variety of drainage devices to convey, transmit, and stabilize storm flows and sediment. These devices may include rock and/or concrete step-pool structures, bio-stabilization, soil cement embankment and/or drop structures/grade control, turf reinforcement matting, culverts, rock and/or concrete check structures and grade control and drains. The restored stream design and implantation shall be in compliance with the Newhall Ranch Tributary Channel Design Guidelines, as approved on 7/9/2009 to the satisfaction of Public Works.

    Grading will also occur within this area to implement the appropriate drainage devices and for the creation of a geomorphic channel design. Grades shown on the tentative map may vary ± 20 feet. However, grading will not extend beyond the limits of the cross hatched area without the approval of Department of Regional Planning and Department of Public works.

Prior to Recordation of a Final Map or Parcel Map Waiver:

1. Submit plans of drainage facilities as required by hydrology study for design of drainage facilities to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

2. Show and dedicate to Flood Control District or to the County of Los Angeles easements and/or right of way on the final map to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

3. Show and label all natural drainage courses.

4. Dedicate to the County the right to restrict the erection of buildings in the flood hazard area.

5. An assessment district shall be formed to finance the future ongoing maintenance and capital replacement of all SUSMP devices/systems identified by the Department of Public Works. Unless sufficient funds have been collected prior to acceptance by Public works, the subdivider shall deposit the first year's total assessment based on the Public Works engineering report. This will fund the first year's maintenance after the facilities are accepted. The second and subsequent years' assessment will be collected through the property tax bill. This is required to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

6. If the County authorizes a Grant of Waiver, delineate the flood hazard area and/or place a flood hazard note on a plat which shall be attached to the waiver. This is required to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

Prior to Building Permit:

Prior to issuance of building permits, plans must be approved to: provide for the proper distribution of drainage and for contributory drainage from adjoining properties and eliminate the sheet overflow, ponding, and protect the lots from high velocity scouring action; comply with NPDES, SWMP, and SUSMP requirements.

Prior to Improvement Acceptance for Public Maintenance:

1. Portions of the County Adopted Floodway Map (maps 43-ML23, 43-ML24, 43-ML25, 43-ML26, and 43-ML27) must be rescinded and revised by the Board of Supervisors as proposed in the drainage concept approved on 01/30/08.

2. A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA must be obtained. Public Works, Watershed Management Division (626) 458-4322, should be contacted to obtain required procedures.

3. All maintenance permits of the regulatory agencies must be active at the time of acceptance.

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1 Subdivision

TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 61105
SUBDIVIDER Newhall Land and Farming Co.
ENGINEER Psomas
GEOLOGIST & SOILS ENGINEER R.T. F & A

TENTATIVE MAP DATED 12/15/10 (Rev)
LOCATION Newhall Ranch
REPORT DATE 12/15/10, 4/29/10, 12/21/09, 10/14/09, 10/13/09

Additional Reports Reviewed Allan Seward: 7/20/04; Leighton & Assoc.:3/16/10 (offsite grading)

TENTATIVE MAP FEASIBILITY IS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL FROM A GEOLOGIC STANDPOINT

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MUST BE FULFILLED:

1. The final map must be approved by the Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division (GMED) to assure that all geotechnical requirements have been properly depicted. For Final Map clearance guidelines refer to GS051.0 in the Manual for Preparation of Geotechnical Reports (http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/gmed/manual.pdf).

2. A grading plan must be geotechnically approved by the GMED prior to Final Map approval. The grading depicted on the plan must agree with the grading depicted on the tentative tract or parcel map and the conditions approved by the Planning Commission. If the subdivision is to be recorded prior to the completion and acceptance of grading, corrective geologic bonds may be required.

3. Prior to grading plan approval a detailed engineering geology and soils engineering report must be submitted that addresses the proposed grading. All recommendations of the geotechnical consultants must be incorporated into the plan (Refer to the Manual for Preparation of Geotechnical Reports at http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/gmed/manual.pdf).

4. All geologic hazards associated with this proposed development must be eliminated. Alternatively, the geologic hazards may be designated as restricted use areas (RUA), and their boundaries delineated on the Final Map. These RUAs must be approved by the GMED, and the subdivider must dedicate to the County the right to prohibit the erection of buildings or other structures within the restricted use areas (refer to GS063.0 in the manual for preparation of Geotechnical Reports*).

5. The Soils Engineering review dated 1/10/11 is attached.

Prepared by _____ Charles Nestle Reviewed by _____ Date 1/10/11

Please complete a Customer Service Survey at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/gmedsurvey

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DISTRIBUTION:
___ Drainage
___ Grading
___ Geo/Soils Central File
___ District Engineer
___ Geologist
___ Soils Engineer
___ Engineer/Architect

Tentative Tract Map	61105
Location	Castaic
Developer/Owner	Newhall Land and Farming Company
Engineer/Architect	Psomas
Soils Engineer	R.T. Frankian & Associates (94-502-60)
Geologist	Same as above

Review of:

Revised Tentative Tract Map Dated By Regional Planning 12/15/10
Soils Engineering and Geologic Report Dated 12/15/10, 4/29/10, 12/21/09, 10/13/09 (Change of Consultant), 6/13/05, 12/22/04, 7/22/04
Geology Report Dated 10/14/09
Soils Engineering and Geology report by Leighton and Associates Dated 3/16/10 (Offsite Grading – SCE substation)
Previous Review Sheet Dated 5/17/10

ACTION:

Tentative Map feasibility is recommended for approval.

REMARKS:

1. *At the grading plan review stage, provide information, analyses, and/or recommendations for the following:*
   a. *Soil parameters.* Provide additional shear strength test results of various materials required for additional stability analyses as indicated below.
   b. *Slope stability analyses.* Provide additional stability analyses for slopes based on a 40-scale to substantiate those proposed at 100-scale. Indicate the various shear strength parameters used in the analyses, in the appropriate segments of each failure plane. Show locations of the cross sections used in slope stability analyses on the geotechnical map. Recommend mitigation if factors of safety are below County minimum standards.
   c. *Debris flow hazards.* Provide recommendations at 40-scale as necessary.
   d. *Debris basins.* Provide slope stability analyses considering rapid drawdown condition for debris basins with slopes steeper than 3:1 gradient and designed with outlet structures, as necessary. Recommend mitigation if factors of safety is below the minimum standard.

NOTE TO THE PLAN CHECKER/BUILDING AND SAFETY DISTRICT ENGINEER:
A. THE ON-SITE SOILS ARE MODERATELY TO SEVERELY CORROSIVE TO FERROUS METALS.
B. THE ON-SITE SOILS HAVE A MEDIUM EXPANSION POTENTIAL.
C. PER THE PREVIOUS SOILS ENGINEER, DEWATERING SHALL BE PERFORMED FOR REMOVALS IN THE VICINITY OF BORINGS B-72E AND B-73E.
D. PER THE SOILS ENGINEER, LOTS 484, 19 AND 20, 300, 322 THRU 325 HAVE BEEN PLACED IN OPEN SPACE LOTS 487, 130, 367, 358, RESPECTIVELY.

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
YOSHIYA MORISAKU
No. 67587
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Prepared by Yoshiya Morisaku Date 1/10/11

NOTICE: Public safety, relative to geotechnical subsurface exploration, shall be provided in accordance with current codes for excavations, inclusive of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 11.48, and the State of California, Title 8, Construction Safety Orders.

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The subdivision shall conform to the design standards and policies of Public Works, in particular, but not limited to the following items:

REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO GRADING PLAN APPROVAL:

1. Notarized covenants shall be prepared and recorded by the applicant for any offsite impacts, as determined by Public Works. By acceptance of this condition, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that this condition does not require the construction or installation of an off-site improvement, and that the offsite covenants referenced above do not constitute an offsite easement, license, title or interest in favor of the County. Therefore, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that the provisions of Government Code Section 66462.5 do not apply to this condition and that the County shall have no duty or obligation to acquire by negotiation or by eminent domain any land or any interest in any land in connection with this condition. (Offsite work is shown on the tentative map, but not required for public improvements, and design changes during the improvement change may allow the offsite improvements or impacts to be omitted or mitigated, respectively)

2. Provide approval of:

   a. The latest drainage concept/hydrology/Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP)/Low Impact Development (LID) plan (if applicable) by the Storm Drain and Hydrology Section of Land Development Division.

   b. The location/alignment and details/typical sections of any park/trail, as shown on the grading plan, to the satisfaction of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

   c. The grading plan by the Geotechnical & Materials Engineering Division (GMED).

   d. Permits and/or letters of non-jurisdiction from all State and Federal Agencies, as applicable. These agencies may include, but may not be limited to the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, State of California Department of Fish and Game, State of California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), and the Army Corps of Engineers.

   e. A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from FEMA to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

   f. Identify all oak trees on the grading plan; use the same numbers as the oak tree report, and provide status (to remain, to be encroached, or to be removed) in concurrence with the arborist's oak tree report and oak tree permit.

REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO FINAL MAP RECORDATION:

3. Submit a grading plan for approval. The grading plan must show and call out the following items, including but not limited to: construction of all drainage devices and details, paved driveways, elevation and drainage of all pads, SUSMP and LID devices (if applicable). Acknowledgement and/or approval from all easement holders may be required.

4. Construct curb, gutter, base, pavement, and sidewalk (if applicable) on all private drives to the satisfaction of Public Works. In addition, if applicable, construct additional sidewalk pop-outs in the vicinity of any above ground utilities to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements to the satisfaction of Public Works. All final design criteria (alignment, curvature, slopes, right-of-way widths) for private drives shall conform to the approved "Private Drives and Traffic Calming Design Guidelines Manual". All private drives shall be constructed per an approved grading plan to the satisfaction of Public Works.

5. A maintenance agreement or CC&Rs may be required for all privately maintained drainage devices, slopes, and other facilities.

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The subdivision shall conform to the design standards and policies of Public Works, in particular, but not limited to the following items:

1. If TR 61105 records before TR 53295, construct offsite street improvements on Magic Mountain Parkway from the easterly Tract boundary line to The Old Road to the satisfaction of Public Works. Interim improvements pertaining to the required width of Magic Mountain Parkway may be permitted upon further traffic analysis to the satisfaction of Public Works.

2. A minimum centerline curve length of 100 feet shall be maintained on all local streets and a minimum centerline curve radius of 100 feet on all cul-de-sac streets. Curves through intersections should be avoided when possible. If unavoidable, the alignment shall be adjusted so that the proposed BC and EC of the curve through the intersection are set back a minimum of 100 feet away from the BCR's of the intersection. Reversing curves of local streets need not exceed a radius of 1,500 feet and any curve need not exceed a radius of 3,000 feet.

3. Compound curves are preferred over broken-back curves. Broken-back curves must be separated by a minimum of 200 feet of tangent (1,000 feet for multi-lane highways or industrial collectors). If compound curves are used, the radius of the smaller curve shall not be less than two-thirds of the larger curve. The curve length of compound curves shall be adjusted to exceed a minimum curve length of 100 feet, when appropriate, in accordance with AASHTO guidelines.

4. The minimum centerline radius is 350 feet on all local streets with 64 feet of right of way and on all the streets where grades exceed 10 percent.

5. The central angles of the right of way radius returns shall not differ by more than 10 degrees on local streets.

6. Driveways will not be permitted within 25 feet upstream of any catch basins when street grades exceed six (6) percent.

7. Provide maximum 6% grade through the knuckles.

8. Provide a standard knuckle on "S" Street (as shown on the tentative map) to the satisfaction of Public Works.

9. Provide a different street name on the terminus leg of "S" Street (portion that lies west of the knuckle) if determined necessary by Public Works.

10. Provide minimum landing area of 100 feet for local collectors, 50 feet for local access roads, and 25 feet for cul-de-sacs at a maximum three (3) percent grade on all "tee" intersections.

11. The Commerce Center Drive bridge alignment and grade shall conform with the ultimate alignment and grade of the Commerce Center Drive/Henry Mayo/SR 126 interchange.

12. The centerline alignment of Magic Mountain Parkway and Commerce Center Drive shall conform to the approved Interdepartmental Engineering Committee (IEC) P-282 (PW) to the satisfaction of Public Works.

13. Dedicate variable width right of way on Magic Mountain Parkway, varying from 46 feet from centerline to 69 feet from centerline, to the satisfaction of Public Works.

14. Dedicate variable width right of way on Commerce Center Drive, varying from 56 feet from centerline to 73 feet from centerline, to the satisfaction of Public Works.

15. Dedicate right of way 43 feet from centerline on "GG" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

16. Dedicate right of way 42 feet from centerline on Westridge Parkway to the satisfaction of Public Works.

17. Dedicate right of way 39 feet from centerline on "MM" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

18. Dedicate right of way 33 feet from centerline on "QQ" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

19. Dedicate right of way 32 feet from centerline on "A" Street, "B" Street, "R" Street, "HH" Street" and, "RR" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works. Additional right of way dedication may be necessary on "A" Street between Commerce Center Drive and "EE" Private Drive to accommodate adequate curb/striping transitions. The additional required right of way shall be consistent with an approved detailed signing and striping plan.

20. Dedicate right of way 30 feet from centerline on "Q1" Street, "Q2" Street, and "Q3" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

21. Dedicate right of way 29 feet from centerline on "H" Street and "I" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

22. Make an offer of variable width private and future right of way on "S" Street, varying from 45 feet from centerline at the intersection of "R" Street to 29 feet from centerline at the intersection of "Z" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

23. Make an offer of variable width private and future right of way on "UU" Street, varying from 45 feet from centerline at the intersection of "R" Street to 32 feet from centerline at the intersection of "V" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

24. Make an offer of private and future right of way 45 feet from centerline on "K" Street, to the satisfaction of Public Works.

25. Make an offer of private and future right of way 30 feet from centerline on "C" Street, "D1" Street, "D2" Street, "E" Street, "L" Street (from "N" Street to "M" Street) and "N" Street (from "O" Street to "L" Street) to the satisfaction of Public Works.

26. Make an offer of private and future right of way 29 feet from centerline on"L" Street (south of "M" Street), "M" Street, "N" Street (west of "O" Street and east of "L" Street), "O" Street, "S" Street (north of "Z" Street), "T" Street, "U" Street, "V" Street, "W" Street, and "Z" Street (east and west of "S" Street) to the satisfaction of Public Works.

27. The design elements (alignment, curvature, slopes, easement widths) of the Private Drives "F", "G", "J", "P", "BB", "CC", "DD", "EE", "FF" "II","JJ","KK", "PP" "LL1", "LL2", "NN", "OO", "SS", "TT", "VV", "WW", "XX", "YY",and "ZZ" are not necessarily approved. Conform to the final design criteria (alignment, curvature, slopes, right-of-way widths) of the approved "Private Drives and Traffic Calming Design Guidelines Manual". All private drives shall be constructed per an approved grading plan to the satisfaction of Public Works.

28. Provide a minimum of 25 foot curb return radii at all intersections to the satisfaction of Public Works. Larger radius returns shall be provided at all highway intersections and other intersections where larger radii are warranted at the discretion of Public Works. The following intersections may require larger radii (than that shown on the tentative map or conceptual striping plan) to accommodate turning trucks: Magic Mountain Parkway at "EE" Private Drive, Commerce Center Drive at "A" Street, Commerce Center Drive at "DD" Private Drive. This list of intersections shall not serve as a comprehensive list as every intersection shall be constructed appropriately to provide adequate design features to the satisfaction of Public Works.

29. Dedicate adequate property line return radii at all intersections to adequately construct a curb ramp to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and to the satisfaction of Public Works. At a minimum, the property line return radii shall be consistent with the necessary curb return radii and parkway widths that are deemed appropriate by Public Works. Additional right of way corner cut offs shall be dedicated at all signalized intersections and other locations where deemed appropriate by Public Works.

30. Reserve easements for ingress/egress purposes over any sidewalks or paseos constructed outside the public right of way to the satisfaction of Public Works.

31. Construct curb, gutter, base, pavement, and sidewalk on all public, and private and future streets to the satisfaction of Public Works. In addition, construct additional sidewalk pop-outs in the vicinity of any above ground utilities to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements to the satisfaction of Public Works.

32. Construct curb, gutter, base, pavement, and sidewalk (if applicable) on all private drives to the satisfaction of Public Works. In addition, if applicable, construct additional sidewalk pop-outs in the vicinity of any above ground utilities to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements to the satisfaction of Public Works. All final design criteria (alignment, curvature, slopes, right-of-way widths) for private drives shall conform to the approved "Private Drives and Traffic Calming Design Guidelines Manual". All private drives shall be constructed per an approved grading plan to the satisfaction of Public Works.

33. Construct a slough wall outside the street right of way when the height of the slope is greater than five feet above the sidewalk and the sidewalk is adjacent to the street right of way. The wall shall not impede any required line of sight. Slough wall is not required if there is a minimum of 3 feet wide flat area between the right of way and the toe of the slope provided there is appropriate drainage system to minimize the sloughing of the slope.

34. The site layout for the elementary school located on Lot 157 is not necessarily approved.

35. Permission is granted to reduce the centerline curve radius to 250 feet on "K" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

36. The driveway leading to lot 380 from "B" Street shall align with "K" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works unless an alternate driveway entrance location acceptable to Public Works is provided.

37. The driveway leading to lot 513 from "II" Private Drive shall align with "CC" Private Drive to the satisfaction of Public Works unless an alternate driveway entrance location acceptable to Public Works is provided.

38. Monument signs located on medians (within private drives or driveways to individual lots) shall not impede adequate line of sight to vehicles or pedestrians.

39. Provide adequate curb/striping transitions on "A" Street between Commerce Center Drive and "EE" Private Drive to the satisfaction of Public Works. Additional right of way dedication may be necessary to accommodate the necessary transitions. The additional right of way (if necessary) shall be consistent with an approved detailed signing and striping plan.

40. Provide adequate curb transitions on "DD" Private Drive where the private drive right of way transitions from 84 feet to 60 feet (located approximately 550 feet east of "HH" Street) to the satisfaction of Public Works.

41. All gated entries proposed for any commercial lots shall substantially conform to the typical gate details provided in the "Private Drives and Traffic Calming Design Guidelines Manual" to the satisfaction of Public Works. Provide additional stacking distance if determined to be necessary to the satisfaction of Public Works.

42. All emergency vehicle access gates shall remain closed at all times except during an emergency.

43. The gates located on the driveway serving the Park on Lot 469 shall remain open during business hours.

44. Provide intersection sight distance to the satisfaction of Public Works for a design speed of:

    (1) 65 mph (725 feet) on Commerce Center Drive from "A" Street (both directions) and from "GG" Street (easterly direction);

    (2) 40 mph (415 feet) on "A" Street from "R" Street (easterly direction) and from "CC" Street (both directions); on "B" Street from "C" Street (southerly direction);

    (3) 30 mph (310 feet) on "C" Street from "F" Private Drive (northerly direction), on "E" Street from "D1" Street (westerly direction); on "L" Street from "M" Street (northerly direction); on "N" Street from "L" Street (both directions); and on Q1 street from the driveway leading to the Elementary School on

Lot 157 (northerly direction).

(4) 25 mph (260 feet) on "L" Street from "M" Street (southerly direction); on "GG" Street from the driveway leading to Lot 483 (southerly direction);

Line of sight requirements for corner sight distance are not necessarily restricted to the above intersections. Additional line of sight for all other intersections and driveways shall be required if deemed necessary by the Department of Public Works. Line of sight shall be within right of way or dedicate airspace easements to the satisfaction of Public Works. Additional grading may be required.

45. Provide stopping sight distance where applicable along all public and private and future streets. Line of sight shall be within right of way or dedicated airspace easements to the satisfaction of Public Works. In areas where the intersection sight distance overlaps with the stopping sight distance, the more stringent of the two shall govern.

46. All line of sight easements shall be depicted on grading and landscaping plans to the satisfaction of Public Works.

47. Comply with the following street lighting requirements:

a. Provide street lights on concrete poles with underground wiring along the property frontage on all streets and highways to the satisfaction of Public Works. The operation and maintenance of the street lights on the private and future street shall be the responsibility of the Developer/Home Owners Association until such time as the street is accepted for maintenance by the County. Submit street lighting plans as soon as possible for review and approval to the Street Lighting Section of the Traffic and Lighting Division. For additional information, please contact the Street Lighting Section at (626) 300-4726.

b. The proposed development, or portions thereof, are not within an existing Lighting District. Annexation and assessment balloting are required. Upon tentative map approval, the applicant shall comply with conditions listed below in order for the Lighting District to pay for the future operation and maintenance of the street lights. The Board of Supervisors must approve the annexation and levy of assessment (should assessment balloting favor levy of assessment) prior to filing of the final subdivision maps for each area with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

(1) Request the Street Lighting Section to commence annexation and levy of assessment proceedings.

(2) Provide business/property owner's name(s), mailing address(es), site address, Assessor Parcel Number(s), and Parcel Boundaries in either Microstation or Auto CADD format of territory to be developed to the Street Lighting Section.

(3) Submit a map of the proposed development including any roadways conditioned for street lights that are outside the proposed project area to Street Lighting Section. Contact the Street Lighting Section for map requirements and with any questions at (626) 300-4726.

c. The annexation and assessment balloting process takes twelve months or more to complete once the above information is received and approved. Therefore, untimely compliance with the above will result in a delay in receiving approval of the street lighting plans or in filing the final subdivision map for recordation. Information on the annexation and the assessment balloting process can be obtained by contacting Street Lighting Section at (626) 300-4726.

d. For acceptance of street light transfer of billing, the area must be annexed into the Lighting District and all street lights in the development, or the current phase of the development, must be constructed according to Public Works approved plans. The contractor shall submit one complete set of "as-built" plans. Provided the above conditions are met, all street lights in the development, or the current phase of the development, have been energized, and the developer has requested a transfer of billing at least by January 1 of the previous year, the Lighting District can assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the street lights by July 1 of any given year. The transfer of billing could be delayed one or more years if the above conditions are not met.

48. The roadway median layouts (pocket lengths, widths, etc) shown in the plan view of the tentative map are not necessarily approved.

49. Conform to the approved conceptual signing and striping plan (approved on August 19, 2010) and submit detailed signing and striping plans (scale 1" = 40') for all multi-lane streets, private drives, and highways in the vicinity of this project and at any other offsite location if required to mitigate any traffic impact (per the attached letter from our Traffic and Lighting Division dated September 30, 2010 which supersedes their December 7, 2006 letter) to the satisfaction of Public Works.

It shall be noted that the conceptual striping plan approved on August 19, 2010 shows the existence of a cul-de-sac ("A" Street) east of Commerce Center Drive. This cul-de-sac was eliminated from the tentative map after approval of the conceptual striping plan and was replaced by a driveway (from Commerce Center Drive) to the park located on Lot 469. Striping at the park driveway / Commerce Center Drive intersection shall substantially conform to the general striping layout originally approved on the August 19, 2010 Conceptual Striping Plan to the satisfaction of Public Works.

50. Traffic Signal Plans (scale 1"=20') shall be required at any location where modification to the existing traffic signal has been deemed necessary and at locations where new traffic signals are to be installed (per the attached letter from our Traffic and Lighting Division dated September 30, 2010 which supersedes their December 7, 2006 letter) to the satisfaction of Public Works.

51. Provide adequate signal easements at the entrance to the Park located on Lot 469 to the satisfaction of Public Works.

52. Signing and striping plans, signal plans (where applicable), and cost estimates, are required for any segment of roadway or intersection identified in the approved traffic study as one for which the project is obligated to submit a pro-rata share payment. Should improvements to any segment of roadway or intersection as described above be included in a full mitigation Bridge and Major Thoroughfare (B&T) District, the project shall be exempt from submitting signing and striping, signal plans, and corresponding cost estimates for those improvements and shall only be responsible for paying the appropriate B&T District fees in effect at the time of final map recordation. If required, signing and striping plans, signal plans, and cost estimates may be conceptual in nature and shall be used solely as a tool to obtain a monetary value for the pro-rata share percentages identified in the approved traffic study. Approved cost estimates from Public Works must be obtained and the appropriate payments made prior to final map recordation.

53. Comply with the mitigation measures identified in the attached September 30, 2010 letter (which supersedes the December 7, 2006 letter) from our Traffic and Lighting Division to the satisfaction of Public Works. If a Bridge and Thoroughfare District is formed, and if signals identified in the study are included as facilities specifically identified for inclusion in that approved District, then the amount and eligibility for a credit against your District obligation may be given if approved by Public Works.

54. Plant street trees on all public and private and future streets to the satisfaction of Public Works.

55. Install postal delivery receptacles in groups to serve two or more residential units to the satisfaction of Public Works.

56. Underground all new and existing service lines and distribution lines that are less than 50 KV and new utility lines to the satisfaction of Public Works and Southern California Edison. Please contact Construction Division at (626) 458-3129 for new location of any above ground utility structure in the parkway.

57. Establish a landscape maintenance district, subject to the approval of Parks and Recreation, for the purpose of maintaining landscaped medians and parkways on all streets and highways to the satisfaction of Public Works.

58. Prior to recordation of the first unit map, subdivider must acquire all right-of-way easements and fee interests necessary for the Commerce Center Drive/Henry Mayo/SR 126 interchange project to the satisfaction of Public Works.

59. Prior to recordation of the first unit map, subdivider shall provide an executed agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the Newhall Land and Farming Company that defines their funding responsibilities for the Commerce Center Drive/Henry Mayo/SR 126 interchange project to the satisfaction of Public Works.

60. Prior to final map approval, pay the fees established by the Board of Supervisors for the Magic Mountain/Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District in effect at the time of recordation.

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September 30, 2010

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Dear Mr. Zerfass:

MISSION VILLAGE
TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 61105
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (AUGUST 17, 2010)
CASTAIC JUNCTION AREA

As requested, we have reviewed the Traffic Impact Analysis for the proposed Mission Village project. The project site is generally located west of the Golden State (I-5) Freeway between State Route 126 to the north and Valencia Boulevard to the south in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles area of Castaic Junction.

We generally agree with the Traffic Impact Analysis that traffic signals shall be installed at the following intersections within the project site. The design and construction of the traffic signals shall be the sole responsibility of the project. The signals shall be in place to the satisfaction of Public Works. Detailed signing and striping plans and traffic signal plans shall be submitted to Public Works for review and approval.

- B Street at Magic Mountain Parkway
- A Street at Magic Mountain Parkway
- Commerce Center Drive at A Street
- KK Drive/HH Street at Magic Mountain Parkway
- II Drive at Magic Mountain Parkway
- Westridge Parkway at Magic Mountain Parkway
- Commerce Center Drive at Magic Mountain Parkway
- Commerce Center Drive at DD Drive
- Commerce Center Drive at GG Street
- Westridge Parkway at QQ Street (Fire Station Signal)

The following intersections may justify the installation of traffic signals due to the close proximity of the proposed elementary school. The applicant shall enter into a secured agreement/bond with Public Works to guarantee the installation of traffic signals when the traffic conditions warrant their installation. These intersections shall be monitored for the installation of the signals once the school is opened and every year thereafter for up to 5 years after the certificate of occupancy of the last residential unit of Mission Village (excluding age restricted/qualified residential units and residential units within the Saugus School District) is issued and the full planned occupancy of 900 students for the proposed school (or fewer students if official documentation from the Newhall School District shows no increase in student enrollment for five consecutive school years). The applicant or the current owner of the development shall submit an annual traffic signal warrant analysis to Public Works for review and approval. When traffic signals are warranted, the applicant or current owner of the development shall design the necessary striping and signal plans and construct the signals to the satisfaction of Public Works. Any security for the traffic signal construction submitted will be returned once the construction is completed to the satisfaction of Public Works or at the expiration of the above-mentioned monitoring program.

- A Street at B Street/CC Drive
- Q1 Street at A Street
- HH Street/R Street at A Street

In addition, the following intersection needs to be incorporated into the report with an acknowledgement that the traffic created by the project justifies the installation of a traffic signal. The project shall install a traffic signal at the following location after detailed signing and striping plans and traffic signal plans have been reviewed and approved by Public Works.

- Westridge Parkway at Old Rock Road

We generally agree with the Traffic Impact Analysis that the following off-site intersections will be significantly impacted by the proposed project. The implementation schedule for the required improvements listed below shall be consistent with the most current Public Works-approved Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis or, in the case of the Commerce Center Drive at State Route 126 location, with the threshold identified in Section 4.4 of the Traffic Impact Analysis if this threshold occurs before the one identified in the then-current Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis.

The Old Road at McBean Parkway

Stripe a third southbound through lane and a westbound right-turn lane

Commerce Center Drive at SR-126

Existing intersection shall be replaced by a grade separated interchange

We generally agree with the Traffic Impact Analysis that the cumulative traffic generated by the project and other related projects will significantly impact the off-site intersections listed in the tables referenced below. The project shall contribute its proportionate share of the cost for the mitigation measures identified in each table.

- Table 4-5: Off-Site Mitigation Measures for Project Impacts – 2021 Cumulative Conditions
- Table 4-9: Off-Site Mitigation Measures for Project Impacts – Build out 2035 Cumulative Conditions
- Table 4-11: Roadway Construction Stages
- Table 4-12: Intersection Improvements by Stage (County and Caltrans Locations)

Tables 4-5, 4-9, and 4-12 (and cross reference in some of these tables to Appendix J) state that the following intersections can be mitigated through the payment of a fair share towards the traffic impact. We recognize that Table 4-5, 4-9, and 4-12 depict the cumulative condition as distinguished from the project-specific condition. However, since the Traffic Impact Analysis indicates that the project alone plus ambient traffic will have a significant impact at the following two intersections, in addition to the cumulative impacts identified in the aforementioned tables, revisions to the tables are necessary to provide clarification.

- The Old Road at McBean Parkway
- Commerce Center Drive at State Route 126

Tables 4-12 and 4-13 also indicate several intersections (see enclosed annotated tables) that are located within the Valencia and Via Princessa Bridge and Thoroughfare Districts. The Traffic Impact Analysis indicates that no payment of Bridge and Thoroughfare District fees in those districts is required for the reasons stated in Section 4.2 of the Traffic Impact Analysis. The project applicant recently consulted with us on this matter and we concur with this approach. In addition, the project applicant is actively engaged in the formation efforts of the Westside Bridge and Thoroughfare

District that encompasses the area covered by the Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis. It is our requirement that this Westside Bridge and Thoroughfare District be formed prior to final recordation of the first map associated with the Mission Village project.

In addition to our technical review of the Traffic Impact Analysis, we have discussed the following conditions with the project applicant:

a) Acquisition of all necessary right of way, including reaching an agreement with the various utility companies (if any) that must carry out relocations in order to accommodate the work, for the construction by Public Works of the Commerce Center Drive at State Route 126 grade separated interchange shall be completed prior to final action by the Board of Supervisors on the Tentative Tract No. 61105 for the Mission Village project. Public Works will then be in a position to certify the right of way per Caltrans' procedures for federally funded projects.

b) The funding plan, which includes a cost sharing agreement between the County and the project applicant, for the construction of the Commerce Center Drive at State Route 126 grade separated interchange work must be in place prior to final recordation of the first map associated with the Mission Village project.

c) Our prior review of the Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis is dated May 15, 2007. As you know, the purpose of the Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis is to evaluate the timing of required improvements commensurate with the proposed phased land developments in the Westside Santa Clarita Valley area. An update to the Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis will allow us to make adjustments to the prior phasing assumptions based on current traffic conditions. Therefore, the update shall include actual traffic counts on newly constructed roadways and/or at intersections where traffic mitigation measures have been carried out. Consequently, our approval of an updated Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis is required prior to the final recordation of the first map associated with the Mission Village project. It is also our expectation that an annual report due January 30th of each year shall be submitted to Public Works for review and approval identifying the number and type of residential units and the square footage and type of nonresidential building permits issued during the prior year in Mission Village and any other development within the Westside Santa Clarita Valley area. The purpose of this annual report will be to track development progress against the development thresholds identified in the Traffic Impact Analysis and the then-current Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis. At a minimum, an update to the Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis is expected to occur at the following development thresholds:

1) 3,176 residential units and 13.17 million square feet nonresidential uses
2) 6,066 residential units and 14.87 million square feet nonresidential uses
3) 14,515 residential units and 16.00 million square feet nonresidential uses
4) 21,373 residential units and 17.65 million square feet nonresidential uses
5) 25,001 residential units and 19.78 million square feet nonresidential uses
6) 27,615 residential units and 22.08 million square feet nonresidential uses

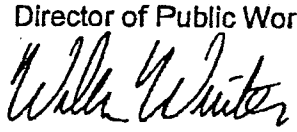
In addition, the project also needs to reach an understanding with Caltrans for the phasing of proposed improvements on State Highway facilities. Therefore, the following mitigation is required.

> The applicant shall work cooperatively with Caltrans to determine and provide transportation mitigation needed on State Highway facilities. The applicant shall construct mitigation improvements or pay an equitable share for mitigation projects to the satisfaction of Caltrans. The applicant shall enter into a traffic mitigation agreement with Caltrans before or within 6 months of certification of the Environmental Impact Report.

If you have any questions regarding the review of the document, please contact Ms. Courtney Sweeney of our Traffic Studies Section at (626) 300-4777.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER
Director of Public Works



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Newhall Land and Farming (Corey Harpole)
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Table 4-12: Intersection Improvements by Stage (County and Caltrans Locations)

Stage	Intersection	Improvements	Project Traffic Share %
1	7. I-5 SB Ramps & SR-126	Stripe 4th WBT	14.3%
	9. The Old Road & I-5 SB Ramps (at Rye Canyon Road)	Relocate intersection north of the existing location. Provide 1 NBL (U-Turns only), 2 NBT, 2 NBR, 2 SBL, 3 SBT, 2 WBL, and 1 WBR	1.4%
	10. I-5 SB Ramps & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Add 2nd SBR, 3rd EBT, 2nd EBR, 2nd WBL, and 4th WBT (part of the Magic Mountain Interchange Phase 2 project)	19.7%
	11. I-5 NB Ramps & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Add shared NBL/NBR, 2nd EBL, 3rd EBT and convert 4th WBT to shared WBT/WBR (part of the Magic Mountain Interchange Phase 2 project)	17.6%
	25. The Old Road & Rye Canyon Road	Add 2nd & 3rd NBT, 2nd SBL, and 3rd SBT. Restripe 1st WBR to a shared WBL/WBR. Convert the northbound and westbound free-flow right-turn lanes to conventional right-turn lanes with overlap phasing.	7.1%
	26. The Old Road & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Add 2nd NBL, 3rd NBT, 1st NBR, 2nd SBL, 3rd SBT, 1st SBR, 2nd EBL, 3rd & 4th EBT, 2nd WBL, and 4th WBT	21.1%
	28. The Old Road & McBean Pkwy	Signal modification to add a northbound right-turn overlap phase.	27.0%
	80. Wolcott Way & SR-126	Add 1st NBL, 1st & 2nd NBR, 2nd SBL, 3rd EBT, 1st EBR, 2nd WBL, and 3rd WBT	6.4%
	81. Commerce Center Drive & Henry Mayo Drive	Add 1st EBL, 1st & 2nd EBT, and 1st WBT (part of SR-126 grade separation project)	49.3%
	94 (82/83). Commerce Center Drive & SR-126	Construct grade separation for Commerce Center Drive at SR-126 to include direct on- and off-ramps for WB SR-126, a loop on-ramp for SB Commerce Center Drive to EB SR-126, a direct on-ramp for NB Commerce Center Drive to EB SR-126, and a direct off-ramp for EB SR-126 to Commerce Center Drive	44.8%
	106. Commerce Center Drive & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Construct new intersection. Provide 2 SBL, 2 SBR, 2 EBL, 3 EBT, 3 WBT, and 1 WBR with right-of-way reserved for future conversion to a free-flow right-turn lane (part of the project to extend Magic Mountain Parkway to west of Commerce Center Drive)	53.9%
	107. Westridge Pkwy & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Construct new intersection. Provide 1 NBL, 1 NBT, 1 NBR, 1 SBL, 1 Shared SBT/SBR, 1 EBL, 2 EBT, 1 Shared EBT/EBR, 2 WBL, 2 WBT, and 1 WBR	66.9%
	110. Chiquito Canyon Road/Long Canyon Road & SR-126	Add 1st NBL, 1st & 2nd NBT, 1st & 2nd NBR, 2nd SBL, convert SBR to 1st SBT, add 2nd SBT, 1st EBR, and 1st & 2nd WBL (part of the project to construct Long Canyon Road south of SR-126)	3.7%
	118. Six Flags Entrance & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Add 1st SBR, 1st & 2nd EBL, 2nd, 3rd & 4th EBT, and 2nd, 3rd & 4th WBT (part of the project to extend Magic Mountain Parkway to west of Commerce Center Drive)	32.3%
2	28. The Old Road & McBean Pkwy	Restripe southbound approach to add a 2nd SBL, signal modification to provide right-turn overlap phasing for NBR	27.0%
	81. Commerce Center Drive & Henry Mayo Drive	Add 1st NBL, 1st, 2nd & 3rd NBT, 2nd SBL, 1st, 2nd & 3rd SBT, 1st EBR, 1st WBL, (part of the project to extend Commerce Center Drive south over the Santa Clara River)	49.3%
	104. Poe Pkwy & Valencia Blvd	Construct new intersection. Provide 1 NBL, 1 NBR, 2 EBT, 1 EBR, 1 WBL, and 2 WBT (part of the project to extend Poe Parkway to Valencia Boulevard)	1.1%
3	101. Long Canyon Road & Valencia Blvd	Construct new intersection. Provide 2 SBL and 1 free-flow WBR (part of the project to construct Valencia Boulevard between Long Canyon Road & Magic Mountain Parkway)	2.1%
	102. Magic Mountain Pkwy & Valencia Blvd (Newhall Ranch)	Construct new intersection. Provide 1 free-flow SBR, and 2 EBL (part of the project to construct Valencia Boulevard between Long Canyon Road & Magic Mountain Parkway)	7.0%

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Table 4-12: Intersection Improvements by Stage (County and Caltrans Locations) (Cont'd)

Stage	Intersection	Improvements	Project Traffic Share %
4	25. The Old Road & Rye Canyon Road	Add 2nd & 3rd WBL	7.1%
	101. Long Canyon Road & Valencia Blvd	Add 1st NBT, 1st NBR, 1st SBT, and 1st WBL	2.1%
	102. Magic Mountain Pkwy & Valencia Blvd (Newhall Ranch)	Add 1st & 2nd NBL, 1st & 2nd NBT, 1st NBR, 1st & 2nd SBL, 1st & 2nd SBT, 1st & 2nd EBT, 1st EBR, 1st WBL, 1st & 2nd WBT, 1st WBR (part of the project to extend Valencia Boulevard west to Magic Mountain Parkway)	7.0%
5	12. I-5 SB Ramps & Valencia Blvd	Restripe 2nd WBR to a shared WBT/free-flow WBR	7.5%
	28. The Old Road & McBean Pkwy	Add 1st WBR	27.0%
	96. San Martinez Grande Canyon Road & SR-126	Add 1st SBL, and 1st WBR	4.7%
	101. Long Canyon Road & Valencia Blvd	Add 1st NBL, 1st SBR, 1st & 2nd EBL, 1st, 2nd & 3rd EBT, and 1st & 2nd WBT (part of the project to extend Valencia Boulevard west of Long Canyon Road)	2.1%
	103. Pico Canyon Road & Valencia Blvd	Construct new intersection. Provide 2 NBL, 1 NBR, 2 EBT, 1 EBR, 1 WBL, and 2 WBT (part of the project to extend Pico Canyon Road to Valencia Boulevard)	0.6%
	110. Chiquito Canyon Road/Long Canyon Road & SR-126	Add 2nd NBL, 3rd SBT, 1st SBR, 2nd EBL, 3rd & 4th EBT, and 3rd WBT	3.7%
6a	14. I-5 SB Ramps & McBean Pkwy	Add 2nd SBL	12.6%
	17. I-5 NB Ramps & Lyons Ave	Add 1st free-flow WBR	7.2%
6b	10. I-5 SB Ramps & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Re-stripe the shared SBL/SBT to a SBL and the 1st SBR to a shared SBL/SBT.	19.7%
	16. I-5 SB Loop Ramp & Pico Canyon Road	Restripe eastbound approach to add a 3rd EBT.	4.7%
	18. I-5 SB Ramps & Calgrove Blvd	Add 2nd EBT and 2nd WBT Via Princessa BRT	3.4%
	19. I-5 NB Ramps & Calgrove Blvd	Add 2nd EBT and 2nd WBT Via Princessa BRT	3.2%
	26. The Old Road & Magic Mountain Pkwy	Add 5th EBT and right-turn overlap signal phasing for SBR	21.1%
	29. The Old Road & Pico Canyon Road	Convert SBR to 2nd SBT	7.8%
	80. Wolcott & SR-126	Add 4th EBT, 4th WBT, and right-turn overlap signal phasing for NBR	6.4%
	96. San Martinez Grande Canyon Road & SR-126	Add 1st NBL, 1st NBT, 2nd SBL, 1st SBR, 1st EBR, and 1st WBL	4.7%

Regional Improvements

Source: Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis

NB = Northbound	NBL = NB Left-turn Lane	NBT = NB Through Lane	NBR = NB Right-turn Lane
SB = Southbound	SBL = SB Left-turn Lane	SBT = SB Through Lane	SBR = SB Right-turn Lane
EB = Eastbound	EBL = EB Left-turn Lane	EBT = EB Through Lane	EBR = EB Right-turn Lane
WB = Westbound	WBL = WB Left-turn Lane	WBT = WB Through Lane	WBR = WB Right-turn Lane

See Appendix J for Fair-Share Calculations

Table 4-13: Intersection Improvements by Stage (City Locations)

Stage	Intersection	Improvements	Project Traffic Share %
1	45. McBean Pkwy & Magic Mountain	Add 4th NBT, 3rd EBT and 3rd WBT Valencia BRT	11.2%
	48. McBean Pkwy & Newhall Ranch	Add 4th EBT and 4th WBT Valencia BRT	7.3%
	54. Orchard Village & Wiley Canyon	Add 1st NBR and 2nd SBL	2.2%
	55. Orchard Village & McBean Pkwy	Add 1st EBR	2.6%
	57. Valencia Blvd & Magic Mountain	Add 1st NBR, 3rd EBT, 2nd WBL and convert WBR to 3rd WBT Valencia BRT	5.6%
	65. Bouquet Canyon Road & Soledad Canyon Road	Add 4th NBT	3.2%
	66. Bouquet Canyon Road & Newhall Ranch Road	Add 2nd SBL, 3rd & 4th EBT and 4th WBT Valencia BRT	4.0%
4	55. Orchard Village & McBean	Add 1st SBL, shared SBL/SBT (part of the Henry Mayo Hospital Master Plan Phase 2 project)	2.6%
6a	30. Ave Stanford & Rye Canyon Rd	Add de-facto SBR	11.1%
	33. Rye Canyon Rd/Copper Hill Rd & Newhall Ranch Road	Add 4th EBT Valencia BRT	6.0%
	44. McBean Pkwy & Valencia Blvd	Add 4th WBT Valencia BRT	2.6%
	51. Wiley & Lyons	Convert EBR to 3rd EBT	4.9%
	54. Orchard Village & Wiley	Convert 2nd EBL to 3rd EBT	2.2%
6b	53. Valley & Lyons	Convert WBR to 3rd WBT Via Princessa BRT	3.6%
	57. Valencia Blvd & Magic Mountain	Add 1st WBR	5.6%

Source: Westside Santa Clarita Valley Roadway Phasing Analysis

NB = Northbound	NBL = NB Left-turn Lane	NBT = NB Through Lane	NBR = NB Right-turn Lane
SB = Southbound	SBL = SB Left-turn Lane	SBT = SB Through Lane	SBR = SB Right-turn Lane
EB = Eastbound	EBL = EB Left-turn Lane	EBT = EB Through Lane	EBR = EB Right-turn Lane
WB = Westbound	WBL = WB Left-turn Lane	WBT = WB Through Lane	WBR = WB Right-turn Lane

See Appendix J for Fair-Share Calculations

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION – SEWER
TRACT NO. 061105 (Rev.)

TENTATIVE MAP DATED 12-15-2010
EXHIBIT MAP DATED 12-15-2010

The subdivision shall conform to the design standards and policies of Public Works, in particular, but not limited to the following items:

For information only:

1. The outlet(s) for the proposed local sewer system and any Sanitation District facilities for any unit map must be accepted for public use prior to recordation, otherwise the unit map in question must have approved and secured plans for the outlet system on file with Public Works and/or the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

2. A sewer area study for the proposed subdivision (PC11831AS, dated 2-25-2010) was reviewed and approved. No additional mitigation measures are required. The sewer area study shall be invalidated should there be an increase in the total number of dwelling units, an increase in the density, dwelling units occur on previously identified building restricted lots, a change in the proposed sewer alignment, an increase in the tributary sewershed, a change in the sewer collection points, or the adoption of a land use plan or a revision to the current plan. A revision to the approved sewer area study may be allowed at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. The approved sewer area study shall remain valid for two years after initial approval of the tentative map. After this period of time, an update of the area study shall be submitted by the applicant if determined to be warranted by Public Works.

Prior to recordation of a Final Map:

3. The necessary improvement plans for VTTM 61105 must be prepared in conformance with the approved Newhall Ranch Conceptual Sewer Master Plan PC 11812AS. If the system appurtenances and maintenance responsibilities shown on the improvement plans do not match those detailed in the approved Newhall Ranch Conceptual Sewer Master Plan PC 11812AS, the master plan must be revised and/or improvement plans modified to the satisfaction of Public Works.

4. The subdivider shall install and dedicate main line sewers and serve each building/lot with a separate house lateral or have approved and bonded sewer plans on file with Public Works for all facilities to be operated by the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance Districts.

5. Provide on-site easements to the satisfaction of Public Works.

6. The subdivider represents and warrants that subdivider has fee title to, or has acquired a sufficient interest in, all property necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the above-referenced main line sewers, including, but not limited to, irrevocable offers of dedication recorded in the County of Los Angeles Recorder's Office on December 14, 2010 as Numbers 1844254 and 1844255. Accordingly, the subdivider acknowledges and agrees (a) no condition of approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 requires or otherwise involves the construction or installation of an offsite improvement within land that subdivider does not have sufficient title or interest to construct any such offsite improvement as referenced in Government Code Section 66462.5, (b) the provisions of Government Code Section 66462.5 are not applicable to the approval of this Vesting Tentative Tract Map, and (c) the County shall have no duty or obligation to acquire by negotiation or by eminent domain any land or interest in any land in connection with the conditions associated with this Vesting Tentative Tract Map approval. The subdivider further acknowledges that the County is relying on the foregoing representations and warranties of subdivider in approving Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105. Prior to the County's approval of any final map related to Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, the subdivider shall convey, or cause to be conveyed to the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County an easement, to the satisfaction of the Newhall County Sanitation District and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for the construction, operation and maintenance of the sewer.

7. The subdivider shall provide to the Public Works an annual status report throughout the construction phase of the project, until such time the new treatment plant is complete and operational, which reports the equivalent capacity units for this subdivision and the existing capacity units originating from the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan discharging into the Santa Clarita Valley Joint Sewerage System.

8. Prior to recordation of the first unit map, the subdivider shall:

   a. provide documentation demonstrating satisfactory compliance with the provisions specified in the Agreement between County Sanitation Districts Nos. 26 and 32 of Los Angeles County and the Newhall Land and Farming Company Regarding a Plan for the Coordination of Wastewater Management Facilities Relating to The Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Development, dated January 9, 2002, including documentation that the NRSD has become a party to both the Joint Administrative Agreement (JAA) and the modified Santa Clarita Valley Joint Sewerage System Agreement (SCVJSSA).

b. have approved regional sewer infrastructure plans on file with the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District or Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and furnished a bond, letter of credit or other acceptable means of guarantee satisfactory to the Newhall Ranch Sanitation District or Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for the sewer infrastructure system necessary to serve the subdivision.

9. Prior to obtaining the first Building Permit subdivider shall:

a. install and dedicate all required regional sewer infrastructure required for VTTM 61105 identified in the approved Newhall Ranch Conceptual Sewer Master Plan PC 11812AS. This infrastructure may exclude the Newhall Ranch WRP facility if its completion is not yet warranted per the Agreement between County Sanitation Districts Nos. 26 and 32 of Los Angeles County and the Newhall Land and Farming Company Regarding a Plan for the Coordination of Wastewater Management Facilities Relating to The Newhall Ranch Specific Plan Development, dated January 9, 2002 as determined by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

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Prepared by Julian Garcia Phone (626) 458-4921 Date 04-07-2011

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION - WATER
TRACT NO. 61105 (Rev.)

TENTATIVE MAP DATED 12-15-2010
EXHIBIT MAP DATED 12-15-2010

The subdivision shall conform to the design standards and policies of Public Works, in particular, but not limited to the following items:

Prior to recordation of a Final map:

1. A "Written Verification" and supporting documents from the water supplier to indicate the availability of a "Sufficient Water Supply" as required per Section 66473.7 of the Subdivision Map Act (SB 221) shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Department of Regional Planning and Public Works prior to filing any map.

2. A water system maintained by the water purveyor, with appurtenant facilities to serve all buildings/lots in the land division, must be provided. The system shall include fire hydrants of the type and location (both on-site and off-site) as determined by the Fire Department. The water mains shall be sized to accommodate the total domestic and fire flows.

3. There shall be filed with Public Works a statement from the water purveyor indicating that the water system will be operated by the purveyor, and that under normal conditions, the system will meet the requirements for the land division, and that water service will be provided to each lot.

4. Easements shall be granted to the County, appropriate agency or entity for the purpose of ingress, egress, construction and maintenance of all infrastructures constructed for this land division to the satisfaction of Public Works.

5. Depict all line of sight easements on the landscaping and grading plans.

Prior to Building Permit By Building and Safety Division:

- Prior to obtaining a building permit from the Building and Safety Office, submit landscape and irrigation plans for each commercial/multi-family/open space lot in the land division, with landscape area greater than 2,500 square feet, in accordance with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT

5823 Rickenbacker Road
Commerce, California 90040

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR SUBDIVISION - UNINCORPORATED

Subdivision: TR 61105 Map Date December 15, 2010

C.U.P. _____ Vicinity 3056C

☐ **FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLD** on the tentative map shall remain until verification from the Los Angeles County Fire Dept. Planning Section is received, stating adequacy of service. Contact (323) 881–2404.

☒ Access shall comply with Title 21 (County of Los Angeles Subdivision Code) and Section 902 of the Fire Code, which requires all weather access. All weather access may require paving.

☒ Fire Department access shall be extended to within 150 feet distance of any exterior portion of all structures.

☒ Where driveways extend further than 150 feet and are of single access design, turnarounds suitable for fire protection equipment use shall be provided and shown on the final map. Turnarounds shall be designed, constructed and maintained to insure their integrity for Fire Department use. Where topography dictates, turnarounds shall be provided for driveways that extend over 150 feet in length.

☒ The private driveways shall be indicated on the final map as "Private Driveway and Firelane" with the widths clearly depicted. Driveways shall be maintained in accordance with the Fire Code.

☒ Vehicular access must be provided and maintained serviceable throughout construction to all required fire hydrants. All required fire hydrants shall be installed, tested and accepted prior to construction.

☒ This property is located within the area described by the Fire Department as "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone" (formerly Fire Zone 4). A "Fuel Modification Plan" shall be submitted and approved prior to final map clearance. (Contact: Fuel Modification Unit, Fire Station #32, 605 North Angeleno Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702-2904, Phone (626) 969-5205 for details).

☒ Provide Fire Department or City approved street signs and building access numbers prior to occupancy.

☐ Additional fire protection systems shall be installed in lieu of suitable access and/or fire protection water.

☐ The final concept map, which has been submitted to this department for review, has fulfilled the conditions of approval recommended by this department for access only.

☐ These conditions must be secured by a C.U.P. and/or Covenant and Agreement approved by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department prior to final map clearance.

☐ The Fire Department has no additional requirements for this division of land.

Comments: **THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT AS PRESENTLY SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. (see additional page for details)**

By Inspector: Juan C. Padilla Date January 11, 2011

Land Development Unit – Fire Prevention Division – (323) 890-4243, Fax (323) 890-9783

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT

5823 Rickenbacker Road
Commerce, California 90040

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT REQUIREMENTS
ADDITIONAL PAGE

Subdivision No: TR 61105 **Map Date:** December 15, 2010

TENTATIVE MAP – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1 The proposed raised medians for Magic Mountain Parkway and all gated entrances on page 6 are missing. The medians shall be clearly depicted on all future road/street improvement plans and comply with the following condition of approval:
All raised center medians shall provide a break, a rolled curb, or curb depression at intervals determined by Public Works in consultation with the Fire Department. The location and distance between the median breaks will be determined by Public Works and the Fire Department during final road/street plan design. Road improvement plans must be forwarded to the Fire Department for review and approval prior to final Public Works approval for construction.

2 Flag lots shall provide a minimum paved unobstructed driveway width of 20', clear to the sky. This driveway shall provide a reciprocal access agreement if access is shared. Compliance is required prior to Final Map clearance.

3 The Fire Department's Planning Division has approved the fire station site for this project with the following conditions:
- Developer must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fire District that includes the operational date of the station prior to the issuance of any building permits.
- Developer to construct a minimum 13,500 square foot turnkey, fully operational fire station to the Fire District's specifications. The Developer is responsible for all on-site and off-site improvements the Fire District deems necessary for the operation of the station.
- Developer to equip the station with one pumper engine and one ladder truck to the Fire District's specifications.
- All other details to be clearly definced in the Agreement between the Developer and the District.

EXHIBIT MAP – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

4 Fire lanes where parking is proposed shall comply with the following:
- driveway width of 34' will allow parking on one side
- driveway width of 36' will allow parking on both side

5 Buildings being served by a 26' wide Private Driveway and Fire Lane will have a height restriction not to exceed 35'. Buildings that are 35' in height or greater shall provide a minimum paved driveway width of 28'. Such driveway shall be parallel to one side of the building, preferably the longer side.

5 Divided Fire Department access shall not be less than 20ft in width, clear to the sky.

7 Clearly depict the Fire Department turnaround dimension on the final design plan. All proposed turnarounds shall be designed to accommodate the adequate Fire Department vehicle due to the size of the building and comply with the Fire Department access standards.

3 Provide a minimum No Parking clearance of 15' on each side of the required public fire hydrant, indicate compliance on the final design plan. The required amount of parking spaces shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Regional Planning. Adequate signage and/or stripping shall be required prior to occupancy.

) All proposed roundabout shall be reviewed and approved during the architectural plan review or during the CUP approval process.

10 Final access approval, including all proposed gates, for the proposed developments within the Exhibit Maps shall be further reviewed for compliance at which time the final design plans are submitted to the Fire Department for review as architectural drawings or revised Exhibit A as the CUP process.

.1 Fire hydrants location for the proposed development within the Exhibit Maps will be determined at which time the final design plans are submitted to the Fire Department for review as architectural drawings or revised Exhibit A as the CUP process.

By Inspector: Juan C. Padilla Date: January 11, 2011

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT

5823 Rickenbacker Road
Commerce, California 90040

WATER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS - UNICORPORATED

Subdivision No. TR 61105 Tentative Map Date December 15, 2010

Revised Report YES

☐ The County Forester and Fire Warden is prohibited from setting requirements for water mains, fire hydrants and fire flows as a condition of approval for this division of land as presently zoned and/or submitted. However, water requirements may be necessary at the time of building permit issuance.

☒ The required fire flow for public fire hydrants at the single family dwellings locations is **1250** gallons per minute at 20 psi for a duration of 2 hours, over and above maximum daily domestic demand. 1 Hydrant(s) flowing simultaneously may be used to achieve the required fire flow.

☒ The required fire flow for public fire hydrants at the detach condos/duplex locations is **1500** gallons per minute at 20 psi for a duration of 2 hours, over and above maximum daily domestic demand. 1 Hydrant(s) flowing simultaneously may be used to achieve the required fire flow.

☒ The required fire flow for public fire hydrants at the multi-family/commercial locations is **5000** gallons per minute at 20 psi for a duration of 5 hours, over and above maximum daily domestic demand. 3 Hydrant(s) flowing simultaneously may be used to achieve the required fire flow.

☒ The required fire flow for private on-site hydrants is **2500** gallons per minute at 20 psi. Each private on-site hydrant must be capable of flowing **1250** gallons per minute at 20 psi with two hydrants flowing simultaneously, one of which must be the furthest from the public water source.

☒ Fire hydrant requirements are as follows:

Install 224 public fire hydrant(s).

Install ____ private on-site fire hydrant(s).

☒ All hydrants shall measure 6"x 4"x 2-1/2" brass or bronze, conforming to current AWWA standard C503 or approved equal. All on-site hydrants shall be installed a minimum of 25' feet from a structure or protected by a two (2) hour rated firewall.
☒ Location: As per map on file with the office.
☒ Other location: ____

☒ All required fire hydrants shall be installed, tested and accepted or bonded for prior to Final Map approval. Vehicular access shall be provided and maintained serviceable throughout construction.

☐ The County of Los Angeles Fire Department is not setting requirements for water mains, fire hydrants and fire flows as a condition of approval for this division of land as presently zoned and/or submitted.

☒ Additional water system requirements will be required when this land is further subdivided and/or during the building permit process.

☐ Hydrants and fire flows are adequate to meet current Fire Department requirements.

☐ Upgrade not necessary, if existing hydrant(s) meet(s) fire flow requirements. Submit original water availability form to our office.

Comments: **The required fire hydrants shall be installed and tested or bonded for prior to Final Map clearance. The required fire flow of 5000 gpm may be reduced at which time the final design plans are submitted to the Fire Department for review as architectural drawings or revised Exhibit A as the CUP process.**

All hydrants shall be installed in conformance with Title 20, County of Los Angeles Government Code and County of Los Angeles Fire Code, or appropriate city regulations. This shall include minimum six-inch diameter mains. Arrangements to meet these requirements must be made with the water purveyor serving the area.

By Inspector Juan C. Padilla Date January 11, 2011

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"
Russ Guiney, Director

May 3, 2011

Mr. Sam Dea
Supervising Regional Planner
Special Projects Section
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Dea:

VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 61105
PARK CONDITIONS OF MAP APPROVAL
Regional Planning Map dated December 15, 2010
January 13, 2011 Subdivision Committee Meeting

These are primarily park conditions; trail and Landscaping and Lighting Act District (LLAD) conditions may be submitted under separate cover. The basic Quimby park land obligation is 27.33 net acres (maximum slope 3%). As shown on the attached Quimby Obligation Report and Worksheet, the park obligation of this development will be met by providing the following approximate acreages: private parks (14.4 acres), trails (9.3 acres), river corridor (21.3 acres), and developed public park land (25.0 acres) to the County, including a 20.0 net-acre community park (Lot 469) and a 5.0 net-acre neighborhood park (Lot 612). For detailed requirements for pre-public hearing submittals referenced in the following conditions, please refer to the ***Public Park Checklist of Required Submittals*** attached to this report.

1. Lot 469, Community Park. Provide a 20.00 net-acre (maximum slope 3%) "Community Park" on Lot 469, consistent with the layout shown on page 20 of the "Site Plan – Exhibit Map" to the tentative map and with the schematic design approved by the Department's Design Review Committee on April 15, 2010. The park shall include the following: park restrooms (with a drinking fountain, storage room for baseball equipment, and a park office); informal seating area and "park plaza" seating; one (1) youth baseball field with overlay soccer field; one (1) baseball field; park entry monument; children's play area; two (2) hard courts (lighted, for either tennis or basketball); locking gates; 110-space parking lot with ADA parking spaces; themed rail fencing; ADA accessible internal pathways (sidewalks); landscaping, irrigation, drainage and utilities. In addition, trees and tree wells shall be placed adjacent to the office building, and between the parking area and the children's play area. The modifications to the park layout made to accommodate an adjacent spineflower preserve are consistent with the project scope for the park and the revised boundary is acceptable to the Department. The Department may comment and request revisions to the park plan relating to grading, plant and site materials, site furnishings, etc., and will do so during the Design Development phase. The overall layout and park boundary are acceptable to the Department.

2. Subdivider shall commence construction of the Community Park prior to pulling the 3,041st residential building permit and complete park construction and convey the

park to the County prior to pulling the 3,812th residential building permit or 20 months after commencing park construction, whichever comes first. Commencing when the first residential building permit is issued, Subdivider shall submit monthly reports to the Department that identify for each unit map the number of residential units for which building permits were issued ("permitted units") for the month and cumulative to date, and which relate permitted units to owner, building number, building type (e.g., single family home, condominium, apartment) and lot number. The monthly reports are due on the first Tuesday of each month until the Community Park is conveyed to the County. Failure to provide the Department with a report or to convey the park to the County by the time the 3812th building permit is issued will result in the Department requesting the Department of Public Works to withhold further issuance of residential building permits until the respective report is received or the Community Park is conveyed to the County.

3. Lot 612, Neighborhood Park. Provide a 5.0 net-acre (maximum slope 3%) "Neighborhood Park" on Lot 612, consistent with the layout shown on page 2 of the "Site Plan – Exhibit Map" to the tentative map and with the schematic design approved by the DRC at its March 30, 2006 meeting. The park shall include the following: an open turf play field with overlay soccer fields; five (5) (including 3 ADA) picnic tables; pre-school (ages 2-5) play area; group picnic shelter; park entry monument; parking lot (10 spaces); park restroom with drinking fountain; trash enclosure; bollard vehicular control at maintenance road; basketball court; bluff edge rail fencing; 2 view overlook areas with bench seating; landscaping, irrigation, and drainage; internal pathway (sidewalk); 16-foot DWP maintenance road (concrete surface); and utilities.

4. Subdivider shall commence construction of the Neighborhood Park prior to pulling the 1,545th residential building permit and complete park construction and convey the park to the County prior to pulling the 1,985th residential building permit or 20 months after commencing park construction, whichever comes first. Commencing when the first residential building permit is issued, Subdivider shall submit monthly reports to the Department that identify for each unit map the number of residential units for which building permits were issued ("permitted units") for the month and cumulative to date, and which relate permitted units to owner, building number, building type (e.g., single family home, condominium, apartment) and lot number. The monthly reports are due on the first Tuesday of each month until the Community Park is conveyed to the County. Failure to provide the Department with a report or to convey the park to the County by the time the 1,985th residential building permit is issued will result in the Department requesting the Department of Public Works to withhold further issuance of residential building permits until the respective report is received or the Neighborhood Park is conveyed to the County.

5. Coordinate the quit claim of all recorded easements affecting the proposed public park sites with the Chief Executive Office Real Estate Division (CEORED).

6. Prior to approval of the grading plan for the Community Park, currently Lot 469 of VTTM 61105 dated December 15, 2010 ("the map"), Subdivider shall provide the

Department and Public Works with a recorded copy of the quitclaim deed from Southern California Edison to Newhall Land relinquishing all rights stated in the easement identified by notation #53 and #119 on said map.

7. Provide the Community Park and Neighborhood Park (collectively "the public parks") with the following "off-site" park improvements: full street improvements and utilities/utility connections, including, but not limited to curbs, gutters, relocation of existing public utility facilities if applicable, street paving, traffic control devices, public trees, public streets and sidewalks for the parks. Utility types, sizes, and locations shall be to the satisfaction of the Department. Utilities shall include water meter and utility lines (electricity, gas, sewer, and telephone).

8. Whenever these conditions require the Subdivider to enter into a Park Development Agreement (PDA) and to posts bonds (Faithful Performance; Labor and Materials) with the Department and to submit a Park Delivery Schedule:
   a. the PDA shall be substantially similar in form and content to the PDA approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 8, 2006;
   b. the bonds shall be substantially similar in form and content to the bonds used by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department may require them to be updated prior to construction commencement if contracted construction costs change; and
   c. the Park Delivery Schedule shall use the critical path method (CPM), identify the design development phase and the various stages of construction document development, include all submittals, reviews, and approvals required by said phase/stages; permits; park construction commencement and completion dates identified as milestones; tests, inspections, and sign-offs; preparation and review time for the park deed, ALTA title policy and survey; and deed recordation. The Initial Park Delivery Schedule shall serve as the baseline for all activities. Subdivider shall update the Park Delivery Schedule on a monthly basis to show actual progress compared to planned progress and submit the updates to the Department on the first County business day of each month. If as a result of these monthly schedule updates it appears that the Park Delivery Schedule does not comply with the critical path, the Subdivider shall submit a Recovery Schedule as a revision to the Park Delivery Schedule showing how all work will be completed within the period for park delivery. In the event Subdivider fails to comply with any submittal required by this condition, the Department shall give written notice to Subdivider describing such breach. If Subdivider fails to cure said breach, the Department may do one or both of the following: (1) withhold further clearance of final maps which contain residential units and (2) request the Department of Public Works to withhold further issuance of residential building permits until the required submittal is made. Notice shall be deemed given when sent by Certified Mail, postage prepaid or by reliable over-night courier to Subdivider's address set forth in the PDA.

9. Whenever a final map having multiple residential units on one or more lots is submitted to the Department for clearance, it shall be accompanied by a letter/table

signed by the engineer of record identifying each residential lot by the number and amount of residential units organized into the following categories:

a. Single-family (SF) detached units (includes detached condominium product);
b. Multi-family dwelling units, <5 units per building (duplex-, tri-plex-, four-plex-, and town-home product types, condominiums and apartments); and
c. Multi-family dwelling units, 5 or more units per building (townhomes, condominiums, apartments).

10. Prior to the Department clearing the unit map where the park(s) are located, Subdivider shall provide DPW with the following to obtain DPW Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division's recommendation that DPW Land Development Division approve the final map:

    a. Documentation showing that the limits of environmental concerns identified in the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Reports for the public parks have been adequately defined and properly mitigated to an extent compatible with each site's intended use as a park.

    b. Construction-Site Plan approval from the State of California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources for the abandonment and/or re-abandonment of the oil wells located within the proposed public park sites.

    c. Regulatory approval from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Health Hazardous Materials Division, Site Mitigation Unit for the sites as proposed public parks.

11. The covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) shall require the private park/recreational lots to be used for park and/or recreational purposes only and to be owned, operated, and maintained by the homeowner's association ("Association") or other similar entity. The unitized map where these facilities occur shall contain a notation restricting residential construction on the park and/or recreation center lots and each private park/recreational lot shall be clearly identified and labeled on the condominium plan and/or final unitized map. Prior to the Department clearing the first unitized map where these facilities occur, Subdivider shall deliver the final version of the CC&Rs, along with a letter stating that the CC&Rs will be recorded after the recordation of the final map and approval by the Department of Real Estate. Recorded copies of the CC&Rs shall be delivered to: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, 510 S. Vermont Avenue, Room 201, Attention: Chief of Planning, Los Angeles, CA, 90020. No Quimby credit will be given for improvements to private parks/recreational lots.

12. Subdivider may elect to receive Quimby credit for the public park improvements, excluding "off-site" park improvements, by giving the Department written notification thirty (30) days prior to SUBDIVIDER's Notice of Construction Commencement for the respective public park.

13. A carry forward of Quimby credit from Tract 61105 to any other approved subdivision within the Newhall Ranch *Specific Plan* Area shall not result in a reimbursement to Subdivider from the County's Quimby funds or a return by the County to Subdivider of any public park land previously conveyed to County for Subdivider's Newhall Ranch *Specific Plan* Area Quimby obligation.

14. Submit park plans and specifications to the Department for review and approval during the design development stage, fifty percent (50%), ninety percent (90%), and one hundred percent (100%) stages of construction document development. Specifications and a grading plan (scale 1 inch = 40 feet or as required by the Department) shall be submitted to the Department concurrent with the final grading plan submittal to DPW. The respective stage of each submittal shall be clearly labeled on the drawings. Plan submittals shall be made by giving the Department three (3) sets of drawings and a CD-ROM containing the drawings in AutoCAD 2006 format. The Department shall have twenty-one (21) County business days from receipt of any design/construction document submittal to review and approve it. If the Department does not respond within said time period, the submittal shall be deemed approved by the Department. Any corrections or changes made by the Department during review of one stage shall be incorporated into a revision of the current drawings and specifications and resubmitted for the Department's approval of the next said stage unless it is determined that the change is significant whereas the construction document would be resubmitted prior to permission by Department for SUBDIVIDER to proceed with the next stage. The public parks shall be developed in accordance with the *Specific Plan* park improvement plans approved by the Department, using standard construction activities and responsible contractors licensed by the State of California to perform this type of work. Sole responsibility for completion of the park improvements, and payment of all costs incurred, lies with the Subdivider.

15. Obtain all applicable jurisdictional approvals, comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, codes, and regulations; obtain, coordinate and pay for all studies, permits, fees and agency inspections required to design and build the park; provide one (1) copy of all studies, permits, inspection reports, and written approvals to the Department's representative; provide the County with certification that the playgrounds constructed in the public parks meet American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards, United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (USCPSC) standards, and all State of California accessibility playground guidelines.

16. Provide the Department with written Notice of Construction Commencement for each public park site. Construction Commencement is defined as when the Subdivider starts precise grading and/or installing utilities for the Neighborhood Park or the Community Park. The Construction Phase is defined as the period of time from said notice to the date the Department issues its Notice of Acceptance of Completed Park Improvements, inclusive of the 90-day plant establishment period. Upon completing park construction, and obtaining final sign off from DPW on all code compliance issues, notify the Department in writing by submitting a Notice of Completion of Park Construction. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice, Department shall

inspect the park and reasonably determine whether or not the park improvements have been constructed in accordance with the construction documents, and to a level of quality and workmanship for the Department to issue its Notice of Acceptance of Completed Park Improvements. If park construction is unacceptable, within fifteen (15) County business days after inspection, Department shall provide Subdivider with a list of items that need to be corrected, after receipt of said list, in order for the Department to issue its Notice of Acceptance of Completed Park Improvements, or issuance of said notice will be delayed until the items on the list are corrected.

17. Designate and identify a project manager who will oversee design and construction of the public parks. The project manager shall communicate by providing written documentation via facsimile or mail to County's representative and abide by County's requirements and direction to ensure acceptable park completion; provide the County with reasonable access to the public park sites and the park improvements for inspection purposes and at a minimum initiate and coordinate the following inspections and approvals during the course of construction with not less than two County business days advanced notice of any request for inspection or approval: (1) contractor orientation/pre-construction meeting; (2) construction staking and layout; (3) progress/installation inspections to be scheduled on a weekly basis or as required to insure conformance with construction documents; (4) irrigation mainline and equipment layout; (5) irrigation pressure test; (6) irrigation coverage test; (7) weed abatement after abatement cycle, to review degree of kill; (8) plant material approval; (9) plant material/Hydroseed/pre-maintenance inspection; (10) substantial completion and commencement of maintenance period; (11) final walk through and acceptance. Continued work without inspection and approval shall make Subdivider and its subcontractors solely responsible for any and all expenses incurred for required changes or modifications. County reserves the right to reject all work not approved in conformance with this condition.

18. Upon Department's Notice of Acceptance of Completed Park Improvements, provide the Department with two (2) sets of record drawings, maintenance manuals, and irrigation controller charts, and contact information for utility companies and utility account codes in order for the Department to request timely transfer of utilities serving each respective public park. These documents shall also be submitted on a CD-ROM with the drawings in AutoCAD 2006 format.

19. Convey the public parks by recordable grant deeds showing the fee vested with the County of Los Angeles, and free of all encumbrances except those that do not interfere with the use of the property for park or recreational purposes. Subdivider's designated title company shall provide the County with an ALTA title policy and shall record each respective park deeds simultaneously to County's acceptance of the park improvements, as evidenced by the County's issuance of a Certificate of Acceptance for each respective park, and shall deliver the recorded deeds to the Chief Executive Office Real Estate Division, Property Management Section, 222 South Hill Street, Third Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

20. Any major change proposed by the Subdivider to either public park's size (not more than 2 acres variance), shape, location, or terrain as shown on the approved tentative tract or parcel map, or to the schematic designs approved at the March 30, 2006 meeting of the Department's Design Review Committee, shall be deemed a revision of the tentative tract or parcel map and shall require the filing of a revised map, as described in Los Angeles County Code Section 21.62.030.

Please contact me at (213) 351-5117 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James Barber, Section Head
Land Acquisition and Development Section

JB:CL 61105 DRPmd 12.15.10 scm 01.13.11

Attachments
Park Obligation Report and Worksheet
Public Park Checklist of Required Submittals

c: F. Gonzales, N.E. Garcia, J. McCarthy (Parks and Recreation)
Roger Hernandez (CEO-RED)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PARK OBLIGATION REPORT

Tentative Map # 61105	DRP Map Date: 12/15/2010	SCM Date: 01/13/2011	Report Date: 01/10/2011
Park Planning Area # 35A	NEWHALL / VALENCIA		Map Type: REV. (REV RECD)

Total Units **4,055** = Proposed Units **4,055** + Exempt Units **0**

Sections 21.24.340, 21.24.350, 21.28.120, 21.28.130, and 21.28.140, the County of Los Angeles Code, Title 21, Subdivision Ordinance provide that the County will determine whether the development's park obligation is to be met by:

1) the dedication of land for public or private park purpose or,
2) the payment of in-lieu fees or,
3) the provision of amenities or any combination of the above.

The specific determination of how the park obligation will be satisfied will be based on the conditions of approval by the advisory agency as recommended by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Park land obligation in acres or in-lieu fees:

ACRES:	27.33
IN-LIEU FEES:	$8,121,929

Conditions of the map approval:

The park obligation for this development will be met by:

The dedication of 25.00 acres for public park purposes.
Provide 45.00 acres for private park purposes.
Conditions of approval attached to report.

Trails:

See also attached Trail Report.

Please contact Clement Lau at (213) 351-5120 or Sheela Mathai at (213) 351-5121, Department of Parks and Recreation, 510 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020 for further information or to schedule an appointment to make an in-lieu fee payment.

For information on Hiking and Equestrian Trail requirements, please contact the Trails Coordinator at (213) 351-5134.

By: James Barber

James Barber, Land Acquisition & Development Section

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PARK OBLIGATION WORKSHEET

Tentative Map # 61105	DRP Map Date: 12/15/2010	SMC Date: 01/13/2011	Report Date: 01/10/2011
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The formula for calculating the acreage obligation and or In-lieu fee is as follows:

(P)eople x (0.003) Ratio x (U)nits = (X) acres obligation

(X) acres obligation x RLV/Acre = In-Lieu Base Fee

Where:

P = Estimate of number of People per dwelling unit according to the type of dwelling unit as determined by the 2000 U.S. Census*. Assume * people for detached single-family residences; Assume * people for attached single-family (townhouse) residences, two-family residences, and apartment houses containing fewer than five dwelling units; Assume * people for apartment houses containing five or more dwelling units; Assume * people for mobile homes.

Ratio = The subdivision ordinance provides a ratio of 3.0 acres of park land for each 1,000 people generated by the development. This ratio is calculated as "0.0030" in the formula.

U = Total approved number of Dwelling Units.

X = Local park space obligation expressed in terms of acres.

RLV/Acre = Representative Land Value per Acre by Park Planning Area.

Total Units **4,055** = Proposed Units **4,055** + Exempt Units **0**

	People*	Ratio 3.0 Acres / 1000 People	Number of Units	Acre Obligation
Detached S.F. Units	3.23	0.0030	351	3.40
M.F. < 5 Units	2.29	0.0030	904	6.21
M.F. >= 5 Units	2.11	0.0030	2,800	17.72
Mobile Units	1.74	0.0030	0	0.00
Exempt Units			0	
			Total Acre Obligation =	27.33

Park Planning Area = **35A NEWHALL / VALENCIA**

Ratio	Acre Obligation	RLV / Acre	In-Lieu Base Fee
@(0.0030)	27.33	$297,180	**$8,121,929**

Lot #	Provided Space	Provided Acres	Credit (%)	Acre Credit	Land
605,606,607,608	River Corridor	212.60	10.02%	21.30	Private
	Trails	9.30	100.00%	9.30	Private
424	Private Rec. Center	4.60	100.00%	4.60	Private
469	Public Park	20.00	100.00%	20.00	Public
526	Private Rec. Center	6.90	100.00%	6.90	Private
527	Private Park	2.90	100.00%	2.90	Private
612	Public Park	5.00	100.00%	5.00	Public
			Total Provided Acre Credit:	**70.00**	

Acre Obligation	Public Land Crdt.	Priv. Land Crdt.	Net Obligation	RLV / Acre	In-Lieu Fee Due
27.33	25.00	45.00	-42.67	$297,180	**$0**

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Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation

SUBDIVISION MAP REVIEW
TENTATIVE MAP STAGE – PRE-PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC PARK CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

When proposing a public park, please submit the following items to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the Department's clearance for the public hearing stage. Include an electronic file (PDF) for each submittal:

☐ **PARK SITE GRADING PLAN** – Provide a small scale (1" = 40') drawing that shows park lot boundary lines and the proposed limits of grading to achieve the level (net acreage: maximum slope 3%) pad upon which the park will be developed. Note the net acreage, the park's lot number, and identify land use adjacent to the park lot. Include a vicinity map insert showing the park in context to the subdivision and the subdivision's surrounding area. This submittal will be used by the Department when developing the Facility Program that will be given to the Subdivider to base the park's schematic design on.

☐ **PARK SCHEMATIC DESIGN** – Schematic design at scale 1" = 40' for proposed park(s) showing proposed improvements, their relationships, and space requirements. Submit this plan on sheets 24" x 36" in size or larger and include the following information:

- Gross Acreage Notation;
- Net Acreage (maximum slope 3%) Notation and limits of grading line for net acreage;
- Park Site(s) Lot Number(s)
- Park Lot Boundary Lines;
- Layout of Park Improvements;
- Owner and Consultant/Designer Information and Drawing Date;
- Pertinent topographical features;
- Hazard Zone Information (flood plains, seismic set back zones etc.);
- Easements(s) or Rights-of-Way Lines (including conservation easements) – existing and proposed;
- Trails and Staging Area(s);
- Names of Adjacent Streets;
- Graphic Scale (1" = 40');
- North Arrow; and
- Legend of Improvements and Symbols;
- Parking Space Calculation Table showing: 1) total number of parking spaces required by Section 22.52.1175 of the Los Angeles County Code; 2) total number of parking spaces provided; and 3) number of handicapped accessible spaces.

The Park Schematic Design must be reviewed and approved by the Department's Design Review Committee (DRC).

☐ **PARK EXHIBIT MAP (include as sheet to the Tentative Map/C.U.P Exhibit A): This is the DRC-approved Schematic Design converted into a line—preferably CAD—drawing.**

☐ **PHASING MAP, EXHIBIT & TABLE (include as a sheet to the Tentative Map)** – Map must show each phase and related unit map numbers. Include a table which shows for each unit map, the number of residential units in column form for each of the following categories:

- Single-family detached;
- Multi-family dwelling units, less than 5 units per building;
- Multi-family dwelling units, 5 or more units per building;
- Total number of residential units in each column category; and
- Cumulative total for all units combined (phase-to-phase running total amount of units), and projected recordation dates of each unit map.

Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation

SUBDIVISION MAP REVIEW
TENTATIVE MAP STAGE – PRE-PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC PARK CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

☐ **SCHEMATIC DESIGN LEVEL COST ESTIMATE** – Provide schematic design level cost estimate to design and build the proposed park(s).

☐ **PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT (ESA)** – Submit one (1) hardcopy of the ESA and a CD-ROM containing the report. The ESA must:

- Be prepared for each proposed public park site by a State of California Registered Professional Geologist or Registered Civil Engineer;
- Meet all current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements;
- Meet ASTM E1527-05 or current standards; and
- Be less than one year old.

Submit copies of all existing Phase I, Phase II ESAs, and Phase III Site Remediation Reports for each park site and/or for the proposed land subdivision.

☐ **GEOTECHNICAL REPORT** – The Department will request Public Works' Geotechnical and Engineering Division to review the geotechnical report that the applicant submits to Public Works to determine the geotechnical stability of each proposed park site.

☐ **PRELIMINARY TITLE REPORT** – Submit a preliminary title report on the park site(s) and copies of all existing easements affecting the park site.

☐ **COPIES OF ALL EASEMENT DOCUMENTS AFFECTING PARK SITE(S)** – Submit copies of all recorded easements or other encumbrances affecting the proposed park site(s) with a notation on the Park Exhibit Map stating Subdivider's intent to coordinate the quit claim of particular easements with the Chief Executive Office's Real Estate Division.

☐ **LETTER FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT** (if applicable) – Submit a letter from the school district serving the proposed subdivision that certifies that the school sited adjacent to the proposed public park can meet its recreational requirement without using land dedicated for park purposes.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

January 13, 2011

TO: Ms. Carolina Blengini, Planner
Land Divisions Section
Regional Planning

FROM: Mr. Frank Moreno, Section Head
Planning and Trails Research
Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF TRAIL CONDITIONS FOR VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP #61105 MAP STAMPED BY REGIONAL PLANNING ON DECEMBER 15, 2010**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) has completed the review of VTTM #61105. The proposed #71 Santa Clara River Trail alignment as shown on map is approved. The Department requires applicant to provide a sixteen (16) foot wide trail easement at recordation of final map.

Because of the necessity to show the trail alignment as it pertains to topographical lines, all information pertaining to trail requirements must be shown on the tentative map, prior to final map.

The map is approved with the following conditions, prior to final map recordation.

Trail Specific Conditions

1. Dedications and the exact following language must be shown for trail dedications on each phase of final map recordation containing said trail(s):

   a. Title Page: We hereby dedicate to the County of Los Angeles a sixteen (16) foot wide easement for multipurpose (equestrian, bicycling, and hiking) purposes, designated as the Santa Clara River Trail, estimated length of 600 linear feet

   b. If a waiver is filed, a Plat Map depicting the trail alignment must accompany the waiver.

2. Prior to final map, a covenant shall be recorded for a trail easement reservation on offsite property owned by Newhall Land and Farming Company (APN 2826-003-031 & 2826-004-040). This covenant will include language agreeable to the

Department's Planning and Trail Research Section representatives describing the reservation of a sixteen (16) foot wide trail easement to be jointly used by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles Sanitation District, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, and yet to be named utility companies. The covenant will also describe that any future trail easement will be subordinate to any future utility easements.

3. Commerce Center Drive Bridge will provide a minimum trail height clearance of twelve (12) feet.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Frank Moreno, Planning and Trails section Manager at (213) 351-5136.

c: Corey Harpole, & Fred Macmurdo (Newhall Land)
James Barber, Robert Ettleman, (Parks and Recreation)

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Tract Map No. 61105

Vicinity: Newhall

Vesting Tentative Tract Map Date: December 15, 2010 (9th Revision)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health – Environmental Health Division recommends approval of **Vesting Tentative Tract Map 61105** with the following conditions:

1. Potable water will be supplied by the Valencia Water Company.

2. Sewage disposal will be provided through the public sewer and wastewater treatment facilities of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 32 and Newhall Ranch WRP as proposed.

3. Prior to installation of any reclaimed water infrastructure, the developer shall obtain the necessary approvals from the Department's Cross Connection and Water Pollution Control Program (626) 430-5290.

Any change to the method of sewage disposal and approved source of potable water supply shall invalidate this approval.

Prepared by: _____ Phone No: (626) 430-5382 Date: January 5, 2011
Ken Habaradas

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DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
PROJECT NUMBER 04-181-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200500080
(DEVELOPMENT WITHIN SEA)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. This grant authorizes development of improvements associated with the Mission Village project within the boundaries of Significant Ecological Area SMA/SEA 23 including the Commerce Center Drive Bridge, Commerce Center Drive, neighborhood park, river trail, drainage facility access roads, grading, trails, water quality basins and associated features, bank stabilization, water and sewer utility crossings, utility corridor, storm drain outlets and potential riparian mitigation sites, subject to the following conditions of approval.

2. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, the owner of the property if other than the permittee, its successors and assigns, and any other person, corporation, or entity making use of this grant.

3. Unless otherwise apparently from the context, the term "date of final approval" shall mean the date the Los Angeles County ("County") approval become effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the County Code.

4. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until a duly authorized representative of the permittee and the owner of the subject property, if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") an affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all the conditions of this grant and that the conditions have been recorded as required by Condition No. 8, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 17 and 40 below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition (No. 4), and Conditions Nos. 5, 6, 9, and 17 shall be effective immediately upon final approval of this grant by the County.

5. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009. The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.

6. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with Regional Planning in the amount of up to $5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

   If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of $5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

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At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

7. If any material provision of this permit is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.

8. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall **record the terms and conditions** of the grant in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("Recorder"). In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.

9. This grant shall be considered used after the recordation of a final map for **Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105**. In the event that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 should expire without recordation of a final map, this grant shall terminate upon the expiration of the tentative map. Entitlements to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect.

10. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that pursuant to Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the Zoning Code, the Regional Planning Commission or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if it finds that these conditions have been violated, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety, that the use for which the approval was granted has been exercised so as to be a nuisance, or that any other provisions of Section 22.56.1780 have been met. The permittee shall pay or reimburse the County for all necessary costs associated with such hearing.

11. The development of the subject property shall conform to all requirements and conditions approved for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit Nos. 200500032 and 200500043, and Parking Permit No. 200500011. CUP 94-087, which was previously approved with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, will remain in effect, and the development of the subject property shall conform with the terms of that grant as well. The conditions of this grant and the related entitlements supplement (and do not replace) the previous permits.

12. The subject property shall be graded, developed, and maintained in substantial compliance with the approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 and the conceptual site design depicted on the Exhibit "A", subject to the provisions found in Section 5.2.2 of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. No additional grading or development shall be permitted beyond that depicted on the approved "Exhibit "A" (Exhibit Map) or Revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director to Section 5.2 of the Specific Plan.

    If changes to the site plan are required as a result of the instruction given at a public hearing, five (5) copies of a revised Exhibit "A" (Exhibit Map) shall be submitted to Regional Planning within 60 days of the date of final approval of this grant.

13. The project site is within the boundaries of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, with the exception of approximately 39.1 acres, which are located off-site but adjacent to the Specific Plan boundaries. The permittee shall comply with the requirements of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan unless specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions, including the approved Exhibit "A" or revised Exhibit "A" and as

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outlined in Substantial Conformance 201000001 approved by the Director of Regional Planning.

14. The mitigation measures set forth in the Mission Village Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH No.2005051143) that comprise the Mitigation Monitoring Program ("MMP") are incorporated by this reference and made conditions of this grant. The permittee shall comply with all mitigation measures identified in the MMP.

15. Within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant by the County, the permittee shall record a covenant and agreement, which attaches the MMP and provides that the permitee agrees to comply with the mitigation measures imposed by the MMP. The date of final approval is the date that County's action becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the Los Angeles County Code. Prior to recordation, the permittee shall submit a draft copy of the covenant and agreement to Regional Planning for review and approval. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures, the permittee shall submit annual mitigation monitoring reports to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval, as otherwise required by these conditions, or as required by the Director of Regional Planning until such time as all mitigation measures have been implemented or completed.

16. The permittee shall deposit the sum of $6,000.00 with Regional Planning within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant in order to defray the cost of reviewing and verifying the information contained in the reports required by the MMP. The permittee shall replenish the mitigation monitoring account if necessary until all mitigation measures have been implemented and completed. The permittee shall retain the services of a qualified environmental/mitigation monitoring consultant, subject to the approval of the Director, to ensure that all applicable mitigation measures are implemented as reported in the required Mitigation Monitoring Report.

17. Within three (3) days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, the permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, currently or **$2,867.25** ($2,792.25 for an Environmental Impact Report plus $75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested, or operative until the fee is paid.

18. All utilities shall be placed underground to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("Public Works").

19. All development undertaken pursuant to this grant shall comply with the requirements of Public Works.

20. Detonation of explosives or any other blasting devices or material is prohibited unless all required permits have been obtained and adjacent property owners have been notified.

21. All requirements of Title 22, the County Zoning Code, and of the specific zoning of the subject property shall be complied with unless otherwise modified as set forth in these conditions or as shown on the approved plans.

22. All grading and construction and appurtenant activities, including engine warm-up, shall be restricted to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m on Saturday. Pile driving and drilling is prohibited on Saturdays. No Sunday or holiday operations are permitted. All stationary construction noise sources shall

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be sheltered or enclosed to minimize adverse effects on nearby residences and neighborhoods. Generator and pneumatic compressors shall be noise protected in a manner that will minimize noise inconvenience to adjacent residences.

23. The permittee shall implement a dust control program during grading and construction to the satisfaction of the Director of Regional Planning and Public Works.

24. All graded materials shall be sufficiently watered to prevent excessive amounts of dust during the grading and construction phase consistent with the mitigation measures. Watering shall occur at least twice daily with complete coverage, preferably in the late morning and after construction or grading activity is completed for the day. All clearing, grading, earthmoving, or excavation shall cease during periods of high wind (i.e., greater than 20 miles per hour average over one hour) to prevent excessive amounts of dust.

25. Grading shall be limited to that which is necessary to construct the on-site and off-site improvements depicted on the Exhibit "A" and potential riparian mitigation sites. No additional grading or development shall be permitted beyond that depicted unless approved by the Director subject to the provisions of Section 5.2.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

26. Phased grading is authorized pursuant to this grant to allow transporting of soil within the boundaries of the Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 prior to or during any off-site import. Such grading may require additional interim infrastructure improvements not depicted on the Exhibit "A" but necessary to ensure compliance with the County Code such as debris basins, access roads, temporary utility lines, and other similar improvements to the satisfaction of Public Works.

27. The permittee or its designee shall provide the Director of Regional Planning with an annual status report throughout the construction phase of the project, which states the number of residential units constructed, the number of affordable housing units constructed, the square footage of all commercial and industrial buildings completed, the dates of dedication or completion for all required infrastructure and community amenities, and the status of compliance with the project's Mitigation Monitoring Plan, and/or other items as determined to be necessary by the Director of Regional Planning.

28. The permittee shall, upon the commencement of any grading activity allowed by this permit, diligently pursue all grading to completion.

29. No construction equipment or vehicles shall be parked or stored on any existing public or private street.

30. The permittee shall obtain all necessary permits from Public Works and shall maintain all such permits in full force and effect throughout the life of this permit.

31. All construction and development within the subject property shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Building Code and the various related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire, grading, and excavation codes as adopted by the County of Los Angeles.

32. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of graffiti and other extraneous markings, drawings, or signage that was not approved by Regional Planning. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the use of the property or that do not provide pertinent information about the premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.

    In the event that graffiti or other extraneous markings occur, the permittee shall remove or cover said graffiti or markings within 24 hours of such occurrence, weather permitting.

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Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

33. The permittee shall utilize water saving devices and technology in the construction of this project consistent with the County Building and Plumbing Code and the MMP.

34. If during construction, soil contamination is suspected or detected, construction in the area shall stop and appropriate health and safety procedures shall be implemented to the satisfaction of Public Health. If it is determined that contaminated soils exist, remediation shall be conducted to the satisfaction of Public Health and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

35. The permittee shall comply with the Newhall Ranch Stormwater Mitigation Plan requirements to the satisfaction of Public Works.

36. All development undertaken pursuant to this grant shall conform to and be kept in full compliance with the County Fire Code. Upon the final approval of this grant by the County, the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the County Fire Department to confirm the facilities that may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. Any necessary facilities including, but not limited to, water mains, fire hydrants, and fire flow facilities, shall be provided to the satisfaction of and within the time periods established by the County Fire Department.

37. Improvements on Lots 358 and 359 (Lion Canyon) shall comply with the Newhall Ranch Tributary Channel Design Guidelines, as approved by Public Works. Final determination of appropriate drainage devices, geomorphic channel design and associated grading shall be to the satisfaction of Public Works in consultation with Regional Planning if necessary.

38. During construction, all large size truck trips shall be limited to off-peak commute periods.

39. During construction, the permittee shall obtain and maintain in effect all necessary Caltrans transportation permits for any transportation of heavy equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of over-size transport vehicles on State highways.

40. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file. Within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall deposit the sum of **$2,000.00**. The deposit shall be placed in a performance fund, which shall be used exclusively to compensate Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval, including adherence to development in accordance with the site plan on file. The deposit provides for **ten (10) annual inspections**. Inspections shall be unannounced.

    If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any condition of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible for and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be $200.00 per inspection, or the current recovery cost at the time any additional inspections are required.

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41. The subject property shall be developed and maintained in substantial compliance with the plans marked Exhibit "A" and the Mission Village Planning Notebook, dated May 2011. If changes to the site plan are required as a result of instruction given at the public hearing, three (3) copies of a modified Exhibit "A" shall be submitted to Regional Planning within 60 days of the date of final approval.

PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A GRADING PERMIT

42. As noted in Condition No. 15 above, in addition to any annual mitigation monitoring report that may be required, the permittee shall submit a mitigation monitoring report to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval prior to the issuance of any grading permits.

43. Prior to the issuance of any precise grading permit, the permittee shall submit site plans for review and approval by the Director of Regional Planning indicating that the proposed grading and/or construction:

    (a) complies with the conditions of this grant and the provisions of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan; and

    (b) is compatible with hillside resources as required by the substantial conformance provisions found in Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and with Significant Ecological Area resources.

44. Prior to the issuance of a rough or precise grading permit, the permittee shall submit site plans for review and approval by the Director of Regional Planning and Director of Public Works showing that the project design provides for the filtering of flows to capture contaminants originating from the project site consistent with the Newhall Ranch Stormwater Mitigation Plan and approved mitigation measures to the satisfaction of Public Works.

PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF A FINAL MAP

45. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures found in the Final EIR, mitigation monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Director of Planning (Director) for approval prior to the recordation of a final map.

46. The Permittee shall submit a copy of the project CC&Rs to Regional Planning for review and approval prior to final map approval. Those provisions required by the County to be contained in the CC&Rs shall be identified as such, and shall not be modified in any way without prior authorization from Regional Planning.

47. The Permittee shall include conditions in the project CC&Rs, which require continued maintenance of the planting for lots having planted slopes. The permittee shall provide in the CC&Rs a method for the continuous maintenance of all common areas, including driveways, landscaping, and lighting system along all walkways and outdoor seating areas, to the satisfaction of Regional Planning. The Permittee shall include conditions in the project CC&Rs that require continued maintenance of the planting for lots having planted slopes.

48. The permittee shall comply with the provisions of the park development agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks and Recreation"). The permittee shall provide evidence of compliance with such agreement from Parks and Recreation to the Director of Regional Planning

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PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT

49. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for the principal use of the property, site plans shall be submitted to the Director indicating that the proposed construction:

    (a) complies with the conditions of this grant and the provisions of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and the design principles referenced in the Planning Notebook dated May, 2011;

    (b) complies within the limits established by geologic and engineering constraints, grading amount and technique, preservation of natural features, landscaping of altered open space and graded slopes, and placement of residences, onsite infrastructure and other features as deemed necessary by the Director. Other features to be indicated on all site plans include walls, landscaping, driveways, and building setbacks;

    (c) has completed the Newhall Land Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Process identified in the Mission Village Planning Notebook to the satisfaction of the Director Regional Planning. The ARC will review projects for consistency with Design Guidelines that emphasize architectural styles, colors and materials, roof type, setbacks, parking layouts, lighting standards, signage criteria, landscaping palette, among other things; and

    (d) has received final approval from Regional Planning.

50. Three copies of a landscape plan(s), which may be incorporated into a revised site plan, shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director before issuance of a building permit. The landscaping plan(s) shall show compliance with the County's drought tolerant landscaping ordinance and the native species coverage guideline as shown on the On-Site Landscape Zones map in the Mission Village Planning Notebook. Landscaping shall include native and non-native, non-invasive species, including trees, shrubs, and ground covering at a mixture and density determined by the Director of Regional Planning and the Los Angeles County Fire Departments Fuel Modification Unit. Fire retardant plants should be given first consideration.

    The landscape plan(s) shall show size, type, and location of all plants, trees, percentage of native plant materials, and sprinkler facilities, including all landscaping and irrigation. Watering facilities shall consist of a permanent water-efficient irrigation system such as "bubblers" or drip irrigation, where applicable. All landscaping shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and healthful condition, including proper pruning, weeding, removal of litter, fertilizing, and replacement of plants when necessary.

    In addition to the review and approval by the Director of Regional Planning, the landscaping plan(s) shall be reviewed and approved by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and Public Works. The review will include an evaluation of the balance of structural diversity (e.g. trees, shrubs and groundcover) that could be expected 18 months after planting in compliance with fire safety requirements and determination of compliance with water conservation requirements. Fire retardant plants should be given first consideration. All graded slopes (cut and fill) shall be revegetated.

51. Prior to the issuance of any building permit, the permittee shall demonstrate compliance with the State Seismic Hazard Safety laws to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

52. The site of the proposed Library, Lot 515, is currently shown on the Exhibit "A" at 3.3 acres. Pursuant to mitigation adopted as part of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (Mitigation Measure SP 4.19-1), the applicant is required to enter into a

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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Librarian regarding library construction requirements, including location, size, funding, and timing of construction, prior to the issuance of the first building permit on Newhall Ranch. At this time, the final library size and configuration has not been determined. These details will be addressed in the MOU and may affect the lot size. Accordingly, the applicant may increase or decrease the size of Lot 515 based on the final details of the future library as defined in the MOU between the Applicant and the County Librarian.

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 61105
(TENTATIVE AND EXHIBIT MAP DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2010)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. This grant authorizes the subdivision of the approximately 1,854.6 acres project site into 621 lots with 4,055 residential units (351 single-family units and 3,704 multi-family units); 1,555,100 square feet of mixed-use/commercial space; approximately 693 acres of open space, including 26.8 acres for public parks, 14.7 acres for private recreational facilities, and 85.8 acres in three spineflower preserves connected to open space; a 9.5-acre elementary school; 3.3-acre library; 1.5-acre fire station; and 1.2-acre bus transfer station. Mission Village also includes facilities and infrastructure to support the project, including roads (including the Commerce Center Drive Bridge), trails, drainage improvements, flood protection (including buried bank stabilization within and adjacent to the Santa Clara River), potable and recycled water systems (including water tanks), sanitary sewer system and dry utility systems to be developed in compliance with the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. Except as modified herein, this approval is subject to the requirements of Title 21 of the Los Angeles County Code ("County Code") (Subdivision Ordinance) and the requirements of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"). The approval also is subject to all those conditions set forth in Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") Nos. 200500080, 200500081 and 94-087, Oak Tree Permit Nos. 200500032 and 200500043, Parking Permit No. 200500011, the Mission Village Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") Mitigation Monitoring Plan ("MMP"), which is incorporated herein by reference, and the attached reports recommended by the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee ("Subdivision Committee") and submitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("Public Works"), Los Angeles County Fire Department ("Fire Department"), Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, which are attached hereto and incorporated by this reference as if set forth fully herein.

2. As used herein, the term "subdivider" shall include the property owner and any successor in interest.

3. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the "date of final approval" shall mean the date the County's action becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the Zoning Code and Section 21.56.010 of the Subdivision Code.

4. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009. The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.

5. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with the County Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") in the amount of up to $5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in

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the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of $5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

6. Within three (3) days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, the permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, currently or $2,867.25 ($2,792.25 for an Environmental Impact Report plus $75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested, or operative until the fee is paid.

7. Prior to use of this grant, the subdivider shall submit evidence that the MMP and the Conditions of the associated CUP Nos. 200500080 and 200500081, Oak Tree Permit Nos. 200500032 and 200500043, and Parking Permit No. 200500011 have been recorded in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and that all fees as required by Condition Nos. 5 and 7 have been paid.

8. The subdivider shall deposit the sum of $6,000.00 with Regional Planning within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant in order to defray the cost of reviewing the subdivider's reports and verifying the information contained in the reports required by the MMP. The permittee shall replenish the mitigation monitoring account if necessary until all mitigation measures have been implemented and completed.

9. The subdivider shall comply with all mitigation measures identified in the MMP, which are incorporated by this reference as if set forth fully herein.

10. Within 30 days of the date of final approval of the grant by the County, the subdivider shall record a covenant and agreement, which attached the MMP and agrees to comply with the mitigation measures imposed by the EIR for this project, in the office of the Recorder. Prior to recordation of the covenant, the subdivider shall submit a draft copy of the covenant and agreement to Regional Planning for review and approval. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures, the subdivider shall submit annual Mitigation Monitoring Reports to Regional Planning for approval or as required. The reports shall describe the status of the subdivider's compliance with the required mitigation measures.

11. Permission is granted to adjust lot lines on the final map to the satisfaction of Regional Planning and Public Works.

12. Permission is granted to use modified street sections as shown on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, including the development of private drives designed per the Westside Communities Private Drive and Traffic Calming Design Guidelines, to the satisfaction of Public Works.

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13. Permission is granted to create additional open space lots to the satisfaction of Regional Planning.

14. No grading permit shall be issued prior to the recordation of a final map unless the Director of Regional Planning determines that the proposed grading conforms to the conditions of this grant and the conditions of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, CUP Nos. 200500080, 200500081 and 94-087, Oak Tree Permit Nos. 200500032 and 200500043, and Parking Permit No. 200500011.

15. Permission is granted to record a conservation easement to the California Department of Fish and Game on lots 46, 468, 470, 500 and 501. Subdivider shall submit a copy of the document to be recorded to Regional Planning for approval prior to final map recordation.

16. For lots 384-387, 397-407, 411, 434, 439 and 442, the front yard, as established along the Private Drive frontage identified on sheet 1 of the Exhibit Map, may be reduced to not less than 10 feet consistent with the allowable front yard for side entry garages permitted by the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

    Where access is provided from a private drive and fire lane driveway, the length of the driveway apron to individual units shall be either a less or equal than three (3) feet or more or equal than 18 feet.

17. Permission is granted to record a large lot parcel map as the first unit, without improvements, subject to the following:

    (a) The lots shall conform to those shown on the tentative map as approved by Regional Planning;

    (b) Each lot shall be numbered on the final map and shall have a minimum gross area of 20 acres;

    (c) Access to each lot shall be provided to the satisfaction of Regional Planning and Public Works; and

    (d) All Public Works conditions shall be met to the satisfaction of Public Works.

PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF THE FINAL MAP

12. Subdivider shall submit a draft copy of the project Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions ("CC&Rs") and any maintenance agreements and covenants to Regional Planning for review and approval prior to recordation of any final map.

13. In order to ensure compliance with the previously approved CUP No. 94-087, approved with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, the subdivider shall submit a report, prior to recordation of the first unit map, describing how the conditions of approval of that permit have been or are being met.

14. Concurrent with recordation of the first unit map, subdivider shall record a covenant with the County of Los Angeles agreeing to comply with the required environmental mitigation measures set forth in the approved MMP of the EIR. Prior to recordation, subdivider shall submit a copy of the covenant to the Director for review and approval.

15. Except for flag lots, subdivider shall provide at least 40 feet of street frontage at the property line for all lots fronting on a cul-de-sac and knuckles, and at least 50 feet of street frontage for all lots with a net area greater than 5,000 square feet. Lots with a minimum net area between 4,000 and 4,999 square feet shall provide at least 40 feet of street frontage at the property line for all lots fronting on a cul-de-sac and knuckles, and at least 50 feet of street frontage for all lots. No more than 91 single-family lots may have a minimum net area of 4,000 square feet (Lots 550-640). Subdivider shall provide

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approximately radial lot lines for each lot. Four lots are flag lots (Lot Nos. 48, 49, 297 and 298, as shown on the VTTM No. 061105 and Exhibit Map dated December 15, 2010).

16. Subdivider shall show "A" Street, "B" Street, "H" Street, "I" Street, "Q1" Street", "Q2" Street", "Q3" Street", "R" Street, "GG" Street, "HH" Street, "MM" Street, "QQ" Street, "RR" Street, Commerce Center Drive, Magic Mountain Parkway, and Westridge Parkway, as dedicated streets on the final map to the satisfaction of Public Works.

17. Subdivider shall make an offer of private and future right-of-way on "C" Street, "D1" Street, "D2" Street, "E" Street, "K" Street, "L" Street, "M" Street, "N" Street, "O" Street, "S" Street, "T" Street, "U" Street, "V" Street, "W" Street, "X" Street, "Y" Street, "Z" Street, "AA" Street, and "UU" Street to the satisfaction of Public Works.

18. Subdivider shall conform to the final design criteria of the approved Westside Communities Private Drives and Traffic Calming Manual for private drives "F" Private Drive, "G" Private Drive, "J" Private Drive, "P" Private Drive, "BB" Private Drive, "CC" Private Drive, "DD" Private Drive, "EE" Private Drive, "FF" Private Drive, "II" Private Drive, "JJ" Private Drive, "KK" Private Drive, "LL1" Private Drive, "LL2" Private Drive, "NN" Private Drive, "OO" Private Drive, "PP" Private Drive, "SS" Private Drive, "TT" Private Drive, and "ZZ" Private Drive.

19. Subdivider shall dedicate vehicular access rights on the final map for all lots abutting Commerce Center Drive, Magic Mountain Parkway, and Westridge Parkway.

20. Subdivider shall construct or bond with Public Works to the satisfaction of that department for driveway paving associated with private driveways and fire lanes.

21. Subdivider shall provide for the ownership and maintenance of the common driveways through a maintenance agreement or CC&R that shall be entered into by the owners of the lots served or a homeowners' association. Subdivider shall submit a copy of the agreement to be recorded with Regional Planning for approval prior to recordation.

22. Subdivider shall post all common driveways less than 26' in width with signs stating "No Parking-Fire Lane" and provide for continuous posting and enforcement of this restriction in the project's CC&Rs or in a maintenance agreement. Subdivider shall submit a copy of the CC&Rs or maintenance agreement to be recorded to Regional Planning for approval prior to recordation.

23. Subdivider shall provide reciprocal easements for ingress and egress over shared or common driveways. Subdivider shall submit a copy of the document to be recorded to Regional Planning for approval prior to final map recordation.

24. Subdivider shall reserve easements for ingress/egress purposes over any sidewalks or paseos constructed outside the public right of way to the satisfaction of Public Works.

25. The private driveways shall be indicated on the final map as "Private Driveway and Fire Lane" with the widths clearly depicted. Subdivider shall include conditions in the project CC&Rs stating that driveways shall be maintained in accordance with the Fire Code.

26. Subdivider shall dedicate to the County of Los Angeles on the final map the right to restrict building construction on the following open space lots, as designated on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105: 35-45 (Open Space), 46 (Spineflower Preserve), 146-150 (Open Space), 151 (Open Space LDZ), 152-155 (Open Space Arroyo Walk), 156 (Open Space), 159-160 (Open Space LDZ), 266-273, 353-356 (Open Space), 358-359 (Lion Canyon), 360, 362-366 (Open Space), 367 (Open Space River Adjacent), 377-379, 382-383 (Open Space LDZ), 391-395, 408-410, 414-422, 425 (Open Space), 426 (Open Space LDZ), 428-431, 435-437 (Open Space), 438 (Open Space LDZ), 440 (Open Space), 444, 446 (Open Space LDZ), 449, 451-452 (Open Space), 453-454, 460-467

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(Open Space LDZ), 468, 470 (Spineflower Preserve), 471-475 (Open Space), 476-479 (Open Space LDZ), 487-495, 498-499 (Open Space), 500-501 (Spineflower Preserve), 502-507 (Open Space LDZ), 531-532 (Open Space Arroyo Walk), 541-549 (Open Space LDZ), 603 (Open Space), 605-608 (Open Space River), 609 (Open Space River Adjacent), and 611, 614-615, 617-620 (Open Space).

27. Subdivider shall dedicate to the County of Los Angeles on the final map the right to prohibit building construction on water quality and debris basin lots 352, 413, 432, 450, 486, 496, 497, 602, and 610; private and future street lots 47-54, 274-278, 368-370; private drive lots 371-375, 388-390, 412, 441, 455-459, 485, and 533-540; recreation lots 178, 424, and 526; public park lots 469, and 612; private park lot 527 and public facility lots 157 (elementary school), 396 (fire access road), 423 (water tanks), 515 (library), 516 (transit), 357, 601 and 613 (sewer lift station), 433 (water facilities), 448 (fire station), 604 (Commerce Center Drive bridge), and 616 (future right of way).

28. Subdivider shall provide for the ownership and maintenance of the following lots by a homeowners' association, dedication to the County or other acceptable agency/entity to the satisfaction of the Department of Regional Planning, or as described in other conditions of approval: 35-45 (Open Space); 46 (Spineflower Preserve); 146-150 (Open Space); 151 (Open Space LDZ); 152-155 (Open Space Arroyo Walk); 156 (Open Space); 159-160 (Open Space LDZ); 266-273, 353-356 (Open Space); 358-359 (Lion Canyon); 360, 362-366 (Open Space); 367 (Open Space River Adjacent); 377-379, 382-83 (Open Space LDZ); 391-395, 408-410, 414-422, 425 (Open Space); 426 (Open Space LDZ); 428-431, 435-437 (Open Space); 438 (Open Space LDZ); 440 (Open Space); 444, 446 (Open Space LDZ); 449, 451-452 (Open Space); 453-454, 460-467 (Open Space LDZ); 468, 470 (Spineflower Preserve); 471-475 (Open Space); 476-479 (Open Space LDZ); 487-495, 498-499 (Open Space); 500-501 (Spineflower Preserve); 502-507 (Open Space LDZ); 531-532 (Open Space Arroyo Walk); 541-549 (Open Space LDZ); 603 (Open Space); 605-608 (Open Space River); 609 (Open Space River Adjacent); 611, 614-615 (Open Space); 352, 413, 432, 450, 486, 496, 497, 602, and 610 (Water Quality and Debris Basin); 47-54, 274-278, 368-370 (Private and Future Street); 371-375, 388-390, 412, 441, 455-459, 485, 533-540 (Private Drive); 178, 424, and 526 (Recreation/Recreation Center); 469 and 612 (Public Park); 527 (Private Park); 157 (Elementary School); 396 (Fire Access Road); 423 (Water Tanks); 515 (Library); 516 (Transit); 357, 601, and 613 (Sewer Lift Station); 433 (Water Facilities); 448 (Fire Station); 604 (Commerce Center Drive Bridge); 616 (Future R/W); and 617-620 (Open Space).

29. Subdivider shall number all open space lots on the final map and ensure access to each open space lot to the satisfaction of Regional Planning.

30. Subdivider shall include conditions in the project CC&Rs, which require continued maintenance of the planting for lots having planted slopes.

31. Per Section 21.32.195 of the County Code, subdivider shall plant or cause to be planted at least one tree of a non-invasive species within the front yard of each single-family residential lot. The location and the species of said trees shall be incorporated into a site plan or landscape plan. Subdivider shall post a bond with Public Works to ensure the planting of the required trees to the satisfaction of Regional Planning.

32. Subdivider shall place a note on the final map indicating that lots 469 and 612 are for public parks.

33. Subdivider shall provide for the maintenance of the private park lot 527, private recreation lots 178, 424, and 526, and open space lots 531-532, and 152-155 in the project CC&Rs.

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34. Subdivider shall dedicate the multi-use trail to the County of Los Angeles concurrent with recordation of the applicable final map, and shall submit evidence to Regional Planning that conditions related to trail dedication have been met to the satisfaction of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

35. Subdivider shall place a note on the final map indicating that lot 448 is for a fire station.

36. This development shall comply with the Newhall Ranch Affordable Housing Implementation Plan ("the Plan") dated June 25, 2010, as may be amended by the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission ("CDC"), to the satisfaction of the Director of Regional Planning.

37. Concurrently with the recordation of the applicable final map, the applicant shall record a covenant and agreement, deed restriction, or other document furnished by the subdivider and deemed appropriate after review and approval by the County Counsel and the CDC, to effectively assure the continuing availability of the designated affordable housing for qualified persons and families for the time specified in the Plan. This document shall be in conformance with the Specific Plan and the Plan approved by the CDC and shall assure construction and continued occupancy of all designated affordable units identified on the tentative map. The subdivider shall be responsible for the continued administration of the provisions of the Plan.

38. Multi-family lots designated for apartment or condominium uses on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 are approved for either use. Recordation of any apartment or condominium lot where development plans have not yet been reviewed, through either the Revised Exhibit "A" or revised Exhibit Map process, shall require a note on the final map that use or construction of any structure, except for authorized model homes, is prohibited until such time as a final map that depicts required access, utility easements and any other information required by the County of Los Angeles is recorded.

18. Permission is granted to allow future design flexibility within lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 396 (fire access), 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 480-484, 508-532, 621 and associated private drives CC, DD, EE, FF, II, JJ, KK, LL1, LL2, NN, OO, PP, SS, TT, YY, ZZ noted on the Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Exhibit Map, including changing apartments to condominiums or condominiums to apartments, changing attached units to detached units, changing the building type and location, changing the driveway location, alignments, driveway widths and drive entries, changing the private drive alignments and locations, changing the lotting configurations, and changing the residential unit location and commercial building type and location. The total dwelling unit count, commercial square footage shown on VTTM No. 61105 and the accompanying site plan exhibit maps shall not be exceeded. Specifically, project buildout shall not exceed 3,704 multi-family dwelling units and 1,555,100 total commercial square feet. In addition, the open space/recreational acreage shown on VTTM No. 61105 shall not be reduced.

    The increase in the number of units or square footage of commercial space in the lots mentioned above depends on the decrease in another lot. An increase in the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage among lots may be allowed if it does not exceed 20 percent of the number of multi-family residential units and commercial square footage allowed for that lot as approved by VTTM No. 61105. The designated land use category in each lot shall not change (i.e. lots designated as Mixed-Use shall remain Mixed-Use, lots designated as Medium Residential shall remain Medium Residential, lots designated as Open Area shall remain Open Area.)

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The subsequent changes to the tentative map shall be subject to Section 5.2.2.e and 5.2.5 of the Specific Plan, and consistent with the environmental analysis in the project EIR. The changes on the map shall be reviewed and approved by the Subdivision Committee through the Amended Exhibit Map process prescribed in Section 21.16.15 of the County Subdivision Ordinance.

The submittal of each Amended Exhibit Map shall be accompanied by a matrix or similar chart to track the development of multi-family units, commercial and open space/recreation area square footage. The matrix shall include information on the number of multi-family residential units and square footage of commercial and open space/recreation area approved on the VTTM No. 61105 and proposed on the Amended Exhibit Map. Lot 528 is depicted as a continuing care retirement community on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 for the development with 351 independent and assisted living units. The subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to Section 21.60.015 of the County Code indicating the number of for sale (condominium) and/or for lease units. Use the standard lease project or condominium note on the final map.

39. Or if the permittee chooses not to develop Lot 528 as a continuing care retirement community, it may be developed as for sale or for lease multi-family residences with up to 351 units, provided that the site can be developed per the standards of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. In this case, the subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to Section 21.60.015 of the County Code indicating the number of for sale and/or for lease units.Recordation of any lot designated for commercial development where development plans have not yet been reviewed through either the Revised Exhibit "A" or Exhibit Map process, shall require a note on the final map that use or construction of any structure is prohibited until such time as a final map that depicts required access, utility easements and any other information required by the County of Los Angeles is recorded.

40. To obtain approval of development plans for a commercial development, the subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to the amended exhibit map process described in Section 21.60.015 of the County Code to ensure substantial conformance with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

41. For the multi-family lots, lots 158, 161, 162, 361, 376, 380, 381, 384-387, 397-407, 411, 427, 434, 439, 442, 443, 445, 511-514, 517-525 and 621, subdivider shall use the standard lease project or condominium note on the final map.

42. For the commercial lots, subdivider shall use the standard lease project note, if applicable.

43. Lot 528 is depicted as a continuing care retirement community on Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 for the development with 351 independent and assisted living units. The subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to Section 21.60.015 of the County Code indicating the number of for sale (condominium) and/or for lease units. Use the standard lease project or condominium note on the final map.

    Or if the subdivider chooses not to develop Lot 528 as a continuing care retirement community, it may be developed as for sale or for lease multi-family residences with up to 351 units, provided that the site can be developed per the standards of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. In this case, the subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for

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approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to Section 21.60.015 of the County Code indicating the number of for sale and/or for lease units.

44. Permission is granted to record multiple final maps for multi-family and commercial development, including the recordation of unit maps over previously recorded lots. The boundaries of the unit final maps shall be to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Subdivision Committee. Each final map to record shall comply on its own, or in combination with previously recorded maps, with the open space and lot area requirements of the Specific Plan. Prior to clearance of each final map, subdivider shall submit the following:

    (a) A phasing map, indicating the boundaries of the current final map, the boundaries and status of all previously filed final unit maps, and the expected boundaries and phasing of all future final maps; and

    (b) A summary sheet on the phasing map, indicating the number and type of all lots shown, including open space breakdown by acreage and type, on the current and all previous final maps.

    Multiple copies of the phasing map shall be submitted to Regional Planning for circulation and approval by the Subdivision Committee.

PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT

45. To obtain approval of development plans for any apartment or condominium project, the subdivider shall submit a revised Exhibit Map for approval by the Subdivision Committee pursuant to the amended exhibit map process described in Section 21.60.015 of the County Code to demonstrate conformance with the approved tentative tract map and the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Los Angeles County Code.

46. The site of the proposed Library, Lot 515, is currently shown on VTTM 61105 at 3.3 acres. Pursuant to mitigation adopted as part of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (Mitigation Measure SP 4.19-1), the applicant is required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Librarian regarding library construction requirements, including location, size, funding, and timing of construction, prior to the issuance of the first building permit on Newhall Ranch. At this time, the final library size and configuration has not been determined. These details will be addressed in the MOU and may affect the lot size. Accordingly, the applicant may increase or decrease the size of Lot 515 based on the final details of the future library as defined in the MOU between the Applicant and the County Librarian.

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PROJECT NUMBER 04-181-(5)
PARKING PERMIT NO. 200500011

1. This grant authorizes off-site reciprocal parking and shared parking within the Village Center portion of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 for lots 508, 509, 510, 511, 516, 526 and 529 and adjoining private drives DD, EE, FF, and II as depicted on the Parking Allocation Table. This grant also authorizes the right to provide less than required parking through the Joint-Use or Shared Parking Plan provisions of Section 3.7 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. Off-site parking may be provided on an adjacent or nearby lot (which may include a parking structure), on private drives, and on private driveways. Shared parking approval is subject to the submittal and approval of a Shared Parking Plan per the provisions of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

2. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, the owner of the subject property, its successors and assigns, and any other person, corporation, or entity making use of this grant.

3. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until a duly authorized representative of the permittee and the owner of the subject property, if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") an affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all the conditions of this grant and that the conditions of this grant have been recorded as required by Condition No. 9, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 14, 15 and 19 below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition (No. 3), and Conditions Nos. 4, 5, 7, and 14 shall be effective immediately upon final approval of this grant by the County.

4. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the "date of final approval" shall mean the date the County's approval becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the County Code.

5. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009. The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.

6. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with Regional Planning in the amount of up to $5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

   If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of $5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

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At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

7. If any material provision of this permit is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.

8. This grant shall be considered used after the recordation of a final map for **Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105**. In the event that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 should expire without recordation of a final map, this grant shall terminate upon the expiration of the tentative map. Entitlements to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect.

9. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall **record the terms and conditions** of the grant in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("Recorder"). In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.

10. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that pursuant ot Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the County Code, the Regional Planning Commission or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if it finds that these conditions have been violated, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be a nuisance, or that any other proivsions of Section 22.56.1780 have been met. The permittee shall pay or reimburse the County for all necessary costs associated with such hearing.

11. The development of the subject property shall conform to all requirements and conditions approved for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105, CUP No. 200500081, Oak Tree Permit Nos. 200500032 and 200500043, and Parking Permit No. 200500011. CUP 94-087, which was previously approved with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, will remain in effect, and the development of the subject property shall conform with the terms of that grant as well. The conditions of this grant and the related entitlements supplement (and do not replace) the previous permits.

    The subject property shall be graded, developed, and maintained in substantial compliance with the approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 and the conceptual site design depicted on the Exhibit "A" (Exhibit Map), subject to the provisions found in Section 5.2.2 of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. No additional grading or development shall be permitted beyond that depicted on the approved "Exhibit "A" (Exhibit Map) or Revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director to Section 5.2 of the Specific Plan.

    If changes to the site plan are required as a result of the instruction given at a public hearing, five (5) copies of a revised Exhibit "A" (Exhibit Map) shall be submitted to regional Planning within 60 days of the date of final approval of this grant.

12. The mitigation measures set forth in the Mission Village Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH No.2005051143) comprise the Mitigation Monitoring Program ("MMP") and are incorporated by this reference and made conditions of this grant. The permittee shall comply with all mitigation measures identified in the MMP.

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13. Within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant by the County, the permittee shall record a covenant and agreement, which attaches the MMP and provides that the permittee agrees to comply with the mitigation measures imposed by the MMP. Prior to recordation, the permittee shall submit a draft copy of the covenant and agreement to Regional Planning for review and approval. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures, the permittee shall submit annual mitigation monitoring reports to the Director of Regional Planning for review and approval, as otherwise required by these conditions, or as required by the Director of Regional Planning until such time as all mitigation measures have been implemented or completed.

14. The permittee shall deposit the sum of $6,000.00 with Regional Planning within 30 days of the date of final approval of this grant in order to defray the cost of reviewing and verifying the information contained in the reports required by the MMP. The permittee shall replensih the mitigation monitoring account as necessary until all mitigation measure have been implemented and completed. The permittee shall retain the services of a qualified environmental/mitigation monitoring consultant, subject to the approval of the Director, to ensure that all applicable mitigation measures are implemented as reported in the required Mitigation Monitoring Report.

15. Within three (3) days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, the permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, currently or $2,867.25 ($2,792.25 for an Environmental Impact Report plus $75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested or operative until the fee is paid.

16. All development undertaken pursuant to this grant shall comply with the requirements of the County Department of Public Works.

17. All requirements of Title 22 of the County Code and of the specific zoning of the subject property shall be complied with unless otherwise modified as set forht in these conditions or as shown on the appproved plans.

18. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of graffiti and other extraneous markings, drawings or signage that was not approved by Regional Planning. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the use of the property or that do not provide pertinent information about the premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.

    In the event graffiti or other extraneous markings occur, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

19. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. Inspections shall bwe made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file. Within 30 days of the date of final approval of this

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grant, the permittee shall deposit with the County the sum of **$2,000.00**. The deposit shall be placed in a performance fund which shall be used exclusively to compensate Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval, including adherence to development in accordance with the site plan on file. The deposit provides for **ten (10) annual inspections**. Inspections shall be unannounced.

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any condition of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible for and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional inspections and for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be $200.00 per inspection or the current recovery cost at the time any additional inspections are required.

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20. The permittee shall obtain all necessary permits from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and shall maintain all such permits in full force and effect throughout the life of this permit.

21. The proposed development shall provide parking in the number required as depicted on the Exhibit "A."

22. Parking facilities shall be developed to the specifications of Section 4.3 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Part 10 of Title 22, as applicable.

23. The permittee shall include provisions in the project CC&Rs or appropriate maintenance agreement providing for any necessary easements to ensure that the parking and access rights described in this permit are protected. Provide a copy of the CCRRs to be recorded for approval to the Director of Planning.

24. The permittee shall include provisions in the CC&Rs that provide for the parking enforcement and maintenance of the private driveway and fire lanes within the project and provide draft easement documents with exhibits which grant access to respective off-site property owners to be recorded for approval by the Director of Regional Planning.

25. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, site plans shall be submitted to the Director of Regional Planning indicating that the proposed construction complies with the conditions of this grant and the provisions of the approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. The site plan shall depict building locations, setbacks, walls, landscaping, driveways, and the number of required parking spaces and their location, either on the lot with the use they are intended to serve, or at an off-site location. All required parking spaces shall be consistent with the approved Exhibit "A."

26. If the site plan depicts less than required parking for a proposed use, the permittee shall submit a Parking Plan requesting approval of a Parking Program through the Substantial Conformance Review procedures of Section 5.2 of the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

27. The Parking Plan shall be prepared as required by Section 3.7 of the Specific Plan and shall provide all necessary information so that the Director may make the necessary findings for approval of the Parking Program.

28. The permittee or its designee shall provide information on the implementation of any approved Shared Parking Program through submittal of an annual report or other tracking document which will be a condition of the approval of any such Shared Parking Program.

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29. This permit shall not be effective until the owner of the subject property submits a covenant running with the land, providing that necessary easements to ensure that parking rights described in this grant are protected upon any change in the ownership of the lots as shown on Exhibit "A." The agreement shall be recorded on the applicable lots of the Tentative Tract Map. A copy of the recorded agreements shall be provided to the Director upon its recordation.

30. The property owner shall furnish and record an agreement in the office of the County Recorder, as a covenant running with the land for the benefit of the County of Los Angeles, providing that should this parking permit terminate, the owner or his successor in interest will develop the parking spaces needed to bring the new use or occupancy into conformance with the requirements of Part 11 of Chapter 22.52 of the County Code at the time such new occupancy is established.

31. The subdivider shall reserve in the CC&Rs the right for all business patrons, residents, and their guests within the project to use the internal driveway system for access and the guest parking spaces throughout the subdivision.

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DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
PROJECT NUMBER 04-181-(5)
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 200500032

1. This grant authorizes the removal of 11 (3 heritage) and encroachment on 2 of the 63 existing oak trees located within 200 feet of the proposed grading in connection with construction of the easterly extension of Magic Mountain Parkway (off-site).

2. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, the owner of the property, its successors and assigns, and any other person, corporation, or entity making use of this grant.

3. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the submit property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") an affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all the conditions of this grant, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 11 and 12. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 3, and Condition Nos. 6, 9, 10 and 12 shall be effective immediately upon final approval of this grant by the County.

4. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "date of final approval" shall mean the date the County's action becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the County Code.

5. Unless otherwise approved by the County Forester ("Forester"), no oak tree shall be removed or encroach upon until the permittee has obtained all permits and approvals required for the work that necessitates such removal or encroachment. However, upon the request of the applicant and subject to the approval of the Forester, activities associated with the relocation process for trees approved for removal that can be successfully transplanted may begin prior to all requisite permits and approvals. All work perform shall be done under the supervision of a qualified licensed arborist.

6. This grant shall be considered used after the recordation of a final map for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105. In the event that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 should expire without recordation of a final map, this grant shall terminate upon the expiration of the tentative map. Entitlements to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect.

7. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that, pursuant to Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the County Code, the Regional Planning Commission or Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if it finds that these conditions have been violated, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be a nuisance, or that any other provisions of Section 22.56.1780 has been met. The permittee shall pay or reimburse the County for all necessary costs associated with such hearing.

8. If any provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.

9. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009.

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The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.

10. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with Regional Planning in the amount of up to $5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

    If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of $5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

    At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

11. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, deposit with the Los Angeles County Fire Department ("Fire Department") a sum of $7,000. Such fee shall be used to compensate the Forester $100 per inspection to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval related to oak tree removal, encroachment and mitigation.

    The above fees provide for one pre-construction meeting required to determine fencing placement in order to secure the protected zone of the remaining oak trees, inspection of temporary fencing prior to commencement of any construction and subsequent five (5) year monitoring period requiring inspections until the conditions of approval have been met.

    The Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections, and the permittee shall pay or reimburse the County for the cost of any additional inspection if any such additional inspections are required. The cost of such additional inspections by the County Forester shall be $100 per inspection or the current recovery cost at the time the inspections are required.

12. Within three (3) days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, the permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, currently or $2,867.25 ($2,792.25 for an Environmental Impact Report plus $75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested or operative until the fee is paid.

13. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the document on file by Impact Sciences, Inc., the consulting arborist, dated December 2006 and addendum dated November 26, 2007 with update reports submitted March 2010, August 2010, and as revised December 23, 2010.

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14. The permittee shall retain a consulting arborist to perform or supervise the work allowed pursuant to this grant relating to removal of or encroachment on oak trees. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director and the Forester stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that her or she agrees to report to the Director of Planning and County Forester any failure to fully comply with the conditions of this grant. The arborist shall prepare a schedule of construction activities wherein the arborist will be present on the project site to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.

15. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impacts as determined by the Forester for the life of this Oak Tree Permit or VTTM No. 61105.

16. The permittee shall install temporary chain-link fencing not less than four feet in height to secure the protected zone of the remaining oak trees on site as necessary. The fencing shall be determined at the pre-construction meeting with the retained arborist, County Forester, and the on-site project supervisor. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending five (5) feet beyond the dripline of the oak tree (before pruning), or 15 feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.

17. The permittee shall keep copies of the oak tree report, oak tree map, mitigation planting plan, and conditions of approval on the project site and available for review, and shall produce such copies upon the request of Regional Planning or the County Forester.

    All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan, and conditions of approval of this Oak Tree Permit and Oak Tree Permit No. 200500043.

18. This grant authorizes the removal of a total of eleven (11) trees of the Oak genus identified as trees numbered **3***, 4, 5, 6, **29***, **84***, 86, 85, 152, 153, 154 on the permittee's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Three (3) Oak tree removals have been identified as **Heritage*** (in bold with an asterisk*) having a diameter greater than 36 inches.

19. This grant allows encroachment within the protected zone of two (2) trees of the Oak genus (Quercus lobata) identified as trees numbered 42 and 43 on the permittee's site plan map and Oak Tree Report. All authorized, trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an Oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools. Any major roots encountered shall be conserved to the extent possible and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.

20. If any tree grows into ordinance size during the duration of this permit, removals encroachments or any additional impacts shall be inclusive within this permit to ensure proper mitigation.

    In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines are available from the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. In no case shall more than 20 percent of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

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21. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance", prepared by the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

22. Except as otherwise modified herein, the permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions and requirements set forth in the letter from the Forester dated September 16, 2010, to the satisfaction of the Forester. The September 16, 2010 letter is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference as if set forth fully herein.

MITIGATION TREES:

23. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) trees for each removed and a rate of ten to one (10:1) for each Heritage tree, removed for a total of 46 mitigation trees. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at the same rate for any tree specified above that dies as a result of the approved encroachments.

24. Mitigation trees shall be at a rate consistent with the species removed unless an authorized substitution is allowed by the County Forester. There shall be forty (40) Quercus lobata, two (2) Quercus berberidifolia, and four (4) Quercus lobata berberidifolia hybrid. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties grown from a local seed souce.

25. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible; the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees shall measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one foot above the base.

26. In addition to the required mitigation trees, the permittee shall plant one acorn of the Quercus agrifolia variety for each mitigation tree planted. The acorns shall be planted at the same time as, and within the same watering zone, of each mitigation tree

27. Mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the permitted Oak tree removals. Additional mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the death of any tree which results from permitted encroachment. Mitigation trees shall be planted either on-site or at an off-site location approved by the County Forester. Alternatively, a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Tree Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the oak resource loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal".

28. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The five- year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Planning and the County Forester indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive five (5) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.

    The retained Arborist shall submit at the end of each year an annual monitoring report. This report shall include all performance standards in this oak permit. The report will include a diagram showing the exact number and locations of all mitigation trees planted and describe their health, planting dates, any mortality, re-planting and mitigation timeframes relating to permit compliance.

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29. All mitigation oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the County Oak Tree Ordinance, once the trees have survived the required five (5) year maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS

30. Encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited.

31. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within five (5) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the then current edition of the International Society of Arborculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal".

32. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any Oak tree that will be retained.

33. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.

34. Equipment, materials and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any oak.

35. Violations of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a Notice of Correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the notice of correction.

36. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance.

Attachment:
September 16, 2010 County Forester Letter

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September 16, 2010

Carolina Blengini, Principal Regional Planner
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320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Blengini:

OAK TREE PERMIT #2005-00032, EASTERLY TERMINUS OF MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY, SANTA CLARITA

We have reviewed the "Request for Oak Tree Permit #2005-00032." The project is located at easterly terminus of Magic Mountain Parkway in an unincorporated area of Santa Clarita. The Oak Tree Report is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition and species of the Oak trees on the site. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the document on file by Impact Sciences, the consulting arborist, dated August 2010.

We recommend the following as conditions of approval:

OAK TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

1. This grant shall not be effective until the permittee and the owner of the property involved (if other than the permittee), have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all conditions of this grant. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation or other entity making use of this grant.

2. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, deposit with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department a sum of $2000. Such fees shall be used to compensate the County Forester $100 per inspection to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of

approval. The above fees provide for one (1) preconstruction meeting required to determine fencing placement in order to secure the protected zone of all remaining Oak trees and inspection of temporary fencing before the commencement of any construction. This grant requires a subsequent five (5) year monitoring period requiring inspections until the conditions of approval have been met. The Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections.

3. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director of Regional Planning and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that he or she agrees to report to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester any failure to fully comply with the conditions of the grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.

4. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining Oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impact as determined by the County Forester for the life of the Oak Tree Permit or the Conditional Use Permit.

5. The permittee shall install temporary chainlink fencing, not less than four (4) feet in height, to secure the protected zone of all remaining Oak trees on site as necessary. Fencing placement shall be determined at the required preconstruction meeting. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal, and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending five (5) feet beyond the dripline of the Oak tree (before pruning), or fifteen (15) feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.

6. Copies of the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval shall be kept on the project site and available for review. All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval.

PERMITTED OAK TREE REMOVAL AND ENCROACHMENT:

7. This grant allows the removal of eleven (11) trees of the Oak genus identified as trees numbered; 3H, 4, 5, 6, 29H, 84H, 85, 86, 152, 152, 154 on the applicant's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Three (3) *Quercus lobata* removals are indentified as being Heritage (with an H after the tree number) having a diameter greater than 36 inches.

   This grant allows encroachment within the protected zone of 2 (two) trees of the Oak genus *Quercus lobata* identified as trees numbered 42 and 43 on the applicant's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an Oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools.

Any major roots encountered shall be conserved to the extent possible and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.

8. Should additional oak trees grow into ordinance size within the duration of this permit, removal, encroachment or other impacts shall be included into the conditions of this permit to ensure proper mitigation. In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two-inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines are available from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. In no case shall more than 20% of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

9. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance," prepared by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

MITIGATION TREES:

10. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) and a rate of ten to one (10:1) for Heritage tree removal for a total of fourty-six (46) mitigation trees. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at the same rate for any tree specified above that dies as a result of the approved encroachments.

11. Each mitigation tree shall be of the same species of Oak as was removed and be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible; the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees shall measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one (1) foot above the base.

12. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties at a rate of forty (40) *Quercus lobata*, two (2) *Quercus berberidifolia*, and four (4) *Quercus lobata berberidifolia hybrid* grown from a local seed source.

13. Mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the permitted Oak tree removals. Mitigation trees shall be planted either on site or at an off-site location approved by the County Forester. Alternatively, a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."

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specifications set forth above. The five-year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive five (5) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.

15. All mitigation Oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance once they have survived the required maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS:

16. Encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited.

17. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within five (5) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."

18. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any Oak tree that will be retained.

19. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an Oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.

20. Equipment, materials and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any Oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any Oak tree.

21. Violations of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a notice of correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the notice of correction.

22. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (818) 890-5758.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL Y. TAKESHITA, ASSISTANT CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
PROJECT NUMBER 04-181-(5)
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 200500043

1. This grant authorizes the removal of 143 (8 heritage) and encroachment on 50 (2 heritage) of the 501 existing oak trees located within the Tentative Map and within 200 feet of the proposed grading limit line of Tentative Map.

2. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, the owner of the property, its successors and assigns, and any other person, corporation, or entity making use of this grant.

3. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the submit property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") an affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all the conditions of this grant, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 11 and 12. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 3, and Condition Nos. 6, 9, 10 and 12 shall be effective immediately upon final approval of this grant by the County.

4. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "date of final approval" shall mean the date the County's action becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the County Code.

5. Unless otherwise approved by the County Forester ("Forester"), no oak tree shall be removed or encroach upon until the permittee has obtained all permits and approvals required for the work that necessitates such removal or encroachment. However, upon the request of the applicant and subject to the approval of the Forester, activities associated with the relocation process for trees approved for removal that can be successfully transplanted may begin prior to all requisite permits and approvals. All work perform shall be done under the supervision of a qualified licensed arborist.

6. This grant shall be considered used after the recordation of a final map for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105. In the event that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61105 should expire without recordation of a final map, this grant shall terminate upon the expiration of the tentative map. Entitlements to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect.

7. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that, pursuant to Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the County Code, the Regional Planning Commission or Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if it finds that these conditions have been violated, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety, that the use for which this approval was granted has been exercised so as to be a nuisance, or that any other provisions of Section 22.56.1780 has been met. The permittee shall pay or reimburse the County for all necessary costs associated with such hearing.

8. If any provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.

9. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009.

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The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.

10. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with Regional Planning in the amount of up to $5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

    If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of $5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

    At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

11. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, deposit with the Los Angeles County Fire Department ("Fire Department") a sum of $7,000. Such fee shall be used to compensate the Forester $100 per inspection to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval related to oak tree removal, encroachment and mitigation.

    The above fees provide for one pre-construction meeting required to determine fencing placement in order to secure the protected zone of the remaining oak trees, inspection of temporary fencing prior to commencement of any construction and subsequent five (5) year monitoring period requiring inspections until the conditions of approval have been met.

    The Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections, and the permittee shall pay or reimburse the County for the cost of any additional inspection if any such additional inspections are required. The cost of such additional inspections by the County Forester shall be $100 per inspection or the current recovery cost at the time the inspections are required.

12. Within three (3) days of the date of final approval of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, the permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, currently or $2,867.25 ($2,792.25 for an Environmental Impact Report plus $75.00 processing fee). No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested or operative until the fee is paid.

13. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the document on file by Impact Sciences, Inc., the consulting arborist, dated December 2006 and addendum dated November 26, 2007 with an update reports submitted March 2010 and as revised December 2010.

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14. The permittee shall retain a consulting arborist to perform or supervise the work allowed pursuant to this grant relating to removal of or encroachment on oak trees. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director and the Forester stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that her or she agrees to report to the Director of Planning and County Forester any failure to fully comply with the conditions of this grant. The arborist shall prepare a schedule of construction activities wherein the arborist will be present on the project site to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.

15. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impacts as determined by the Forester for the life of this Oak Tree Permit or VTTM No. 61105.

16. The permittee shall install temporary chain-link fencing not less than four feet in height to secure the protected zone of the remaining oak trees on site as necessary. The fencing shall be determined at the pre-construction meeting with the retained arborist, County Forester and the on-site project supervisor. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending five (5) feet beyond the dripline of the oak tree (before pruning), or 15 feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.

17. The permittee shall keep copies of the oak tree report, oak tree map, mitigation planting plan, and conditions of approval on the project site and available for review and shall produce such copies upon the request of Regional Planning or the County Forester.

    All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval.

18. This grant authorizes the removal of a total of one hundred and forty three (143) trees of the Oak Genus. One hundred twenty-six (126) are Coast Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia) and identified as trees numbered 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, **185***, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 197, 214, 218, 219, 220, 241, 242, **255***, 396, 397, 398, 400, 401, 434, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 523, 524, 525, 592, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, **611***, 626, 627, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 805, 806, 813, 814, 822, 824, 825, 826, 828, 829, 851, 853, 854, **856***, 863, **865***, 867, 868, 869, 871, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 958, 2246, 2424, 4118, 4122, 4123, 4124, 4161, 4172, 4174, 4175, 4176, 4177, 4178, 4179, 4180, 4181, 4182, 4183, 4214, 4215, 4216, 4217, 4218, 4219, 4296, 4297, 4298, 4299, 4327, **4328***, 4329, 4330, **4331***, 4334, 4363, 4376, and 4377 on the permittee's site plan and Oak Tree Report. There are twelve (12) Valley Oak (Quercus lobata) numbered: 7, 713, **714***, 716, 717, 4333, 4341, 4342, 4343, 4344, 4351 and 4361 and four (4) Scrub Oak (Quercus berberidifolia) numbered 762, 2461, 4366 and 4368 and one (1) (Quercus macdonaldii) a hybrid of valley oak and scrub oak, numbered 761 to be removed as shown on the permittee's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Eight (8) oak removals have been identified as **Heritage*** (in bold with an asterisk*) having a diameter greater than 36 inches.

19. This grant allows encroachment within the protected zone of fifty (50) trees of the Oak genus. There are forty-six (46) (Quercus agrifolia) encroahments indentified as Tree Numbers: 139, 161, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 225, 243, 254, 612, 807, 816, 817, 818, 819, 823, 845, 855, 862, 893, 894, 895, 896, 932, 957, 961, 962, 2320, 2325, 2354, 4111,

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4184, 4200, 4273, 4300, 4307, 4308, 4309, 4310, 4311, 4312, 4321, 4322, 4325, 4326. There is one (2) (Quercus lobata) 4345 and 719 and two (2) (Quercus berberidifolia) 659, 2458 on the permittee's site plan and Oak Tree Report. All authorized trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an Oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools. Any major roots encountered shall be conserved to the extent possible and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.

20. If any tree grows into ordinance size during the duration of this permit, removals encroachments or any additional impacts shall be inclusive within this permit to ensure proper mitigation.

    In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two inches in diameter or less accordance with the guidelines published by the national Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines are available from the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. In no case shall more than 20% of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

21. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "Oak Trees: care and Maintenance", prepared by the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

22. Except as otherwise modified herein, the permittee shall comply with all recommended conditions and requirements set forth in the letter from the Forester dated January 27, 2011 to the satisfaction of the Forester. The January 27, 2011 letter is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference as if set forth fully herein.

MITIGATION TREES:

23. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) trees for each removed and a rate of ten to one (10:1) for each Heritage tree removed for a total of 358 mitigation trees. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at the same rate for any tree specified above that dies as a result of the approved encroachments.

24. Mitigation trees shall be at a rate consistent with the species removed unless an authorized substitution is allowed by the County Forester. There shall be three hundred eight (308) Quercus argifolia, two (2) Quercus macdonaldii, ten (10) Quercus berberidifolia, thirty eight (32) Quercus lobata required as mitigation for the removal of a sum total of one hundred forty seven (143) Oak trees. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties grown from a local seed souce.

25. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible; the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees shall measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one foot above the base.

26. In addition to the required mitigation trees, the permittee shall plant one acorn of the Quercus agrifolia variety for each mitigation tree planted. The acorns shall be planted at the same time as, and within the same watering zone, of each mitigation tree. [This should also be included in the other OTP – I don't think it's there.]

27. Mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the permitted Oak tree removals. Additional mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the death of any tree that

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results from permitted encroachment. Mitigation trees shall be planted either on-site or at an off-site location approved by the County Forester. Alternatively, a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Tree Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the oak resource loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the then-most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal".

28. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The five- year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Planning and the County Forester indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive five (5) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.

    The retained Arborist shall submit at the end of each year an annual monitoring report. This report shall include all performance standards in this oak permit. The report will include a diagram showing the exact number and locations of all mitigation trees planted and describe their health, planting dates, any mortality, re-planting and mitigation timeframes relating to permit compliance.

29. All mitigation oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the County Oak Tree Ordinance, once the trees have survived the required five (5) year maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS

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31. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within five (5) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the then-most current edition of the International Society of Arborculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal".

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36. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance.

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Attachment:
January 27, 2011 County Forester Letter

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 27, 2011

Carolina Blengini, Regional Planning Assistant
Department of Regional Planning
Land Divisions Section
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Blengini:

REVISED OAK TREE PERMIT #2005-00043, MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT, VTTM#061105, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

We have reviewed the project related changes for Oak Tree Permit #2005-00043 located south of State Route 126 and the Santa Clara River and west of I-5 and Six Flags Magic Mountain in an unincorporated area of the Santa Clarita Valley. The Oak Tree Report revision is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition and species of the Oak trees on the site. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the documents on file by Impact Sciences, Inc., the consulting arborist dated December 2006 with corrections November 26, 2007, March 2010, and the latest changes submitted December 23, 2010.

We recommend the following as conditions of approval:

OAK TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

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8. If any oak grows into ordinance size given the duration of this permit, removals, encroachments or any additional impacts shall be inclusive within this permit to ensure proper mitigation.

   In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two-inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines are available from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. In no case shall more than 20% of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

9. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance," prepared by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

MITIGATION TREES:

10. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) trees for each tree removed and a rate of ten to one (10:1) for each Heritage tree removed for a total of 350 mitigation trees.

11. Mitigation trees shall be at a rate consistent with the species of oak removed. There shall be three hundred eight (308) *Quercus agrifolia*, two (2) *Quercus macdonaldii*, eight (8) *Quercus berberidifolia*, thirty two (32) *Quercus lobata* required as mitigation for the removal of a sum total of three hundred fifty oak trees. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties grown from a local seed source.

12. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible provided the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one (1) foot above the base.

13. Mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the permitted Oak tree removals. Additional mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the death of any tree, which results from its permitted encroachment. Mitigation trees shall be planted either on site or at an off-site location approved by the County Forester. Alternatively, a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."

14. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to a lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The five-year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive five (5) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.

    The retained Arborist shall submit at the end of each year an annual monitoring report. This report shall include all performance standards in this oak permit. The report will include a diagram showing the exact number and locations of all mitigation trees planted and describe their health, planting dates, any mortality, re-planting and mitigation timeframes relating to permit compliance.

15. All mitigation Oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance once they have survived the required five (5) year maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS:

16. Encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited.

17. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within five (5) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."

18. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any Oak tree that will be retained.

19. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an Oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.

20. Equipment, materials and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any Oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any Oak tree.

21. Violations of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a notice of correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the notice of correction.

22. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (818) 890-5758.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

OAK TREES:
Care and Maintenance

This Oak Tree Care and Maintenance Guide offers basic information and practical guidelines aimed at the preservation and continued health and survival of oak trees in the residential landscape.

Increasing pressure for development is changing the oak woodland of Los Angeles County. Heritage oaks which once survived in open rolling hills are now being preserved or replanted and incorporated into the community.

How do we protect these trees during the planning and development process, and ensure their survival once they are in the home garden?

The Oak Tree

Oak Trees in the residential landscape often suffer decline and early death due to conditions that are easily preventable. Damage can often take years to become evident, and by the time the trees show obvious signs of disease it is usually too late to help.

Improper watering, especially during the hot summer months, and disturbance to critical root areas are most often the causes. This booklet will provide guidelines on where these critical areas lie and ways to avoid disturbing them, as well as information on long-term care and maintenance of both natural and planted oaks. Lists of additional resources for more information and demonstration areas to visit are also included.

The Oak Tree Ordinance

The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance has been established to recognize oak trees as significant historical, aesthetic, and ecological resources. The goal of the ordinance is to create favorable conditions for the preservation and propagation of this unique and threatened plant heritage. By making this part of the development process, healthy oak trees will be preserved and maintained.

The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance applies to all unincorporated areas of the County. Individual cities may have their own ordinances, and their requirements may be different.

Permit Requirements:

Under the Los Angeles County Ordinance, a person shall not cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage, or encroach into the *protected zone* (see text) of any ordinance sized tree of the oak tree genus without first obtaining a permit.

Damage includes but is not limited to :

- Burning
- Application of toxic substances
- Pruning or cutting
- Trenching
- Excavating
- Paving
- Operation of machinery or
- equipment
- Changing the natural grade

Chapter 22.56.2050: Oak Tree Permit Regulations, Los Angeles County, Adopted: August 20, 1982. Amended: September 13, 1988.

For more information about the County Oak Tree Ordinance, visit the Forestry Division's website at:

http://lacofd.org/Forestry_folder/otordin.htm

Or contact:

Department of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple Street, 13th floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3284
(213) 974-6411
TDD: (213) 617-2292
http://planning.co.la.ca.us

Types of oaks commonly found in Los Angeles County:

Many kinds of oak trees are native to Los Angeles County. A few of the more common ones are shown below, but *all* oak trees are covered by the Oak Tree Ordinance.

Older oaks which have thrived under the natural rainfall patterns of dry summers and wet winters often can't handle the extra water of a garden setting. These trees must be treated with special care if they are to survive.

Those oaks that have been planted into the landscape or sprouted naturally tend to be more tolerant of watered landscapes. These vigorous young trees may grow 1½ to 4 feet a year in height under good conditions. Once established these trees would benefit from the same special care outlined in this guide.

Valley Oak
QUERCUS LOBATA

LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE 60'-75' HIGH, BROADLY SPREADING 50'-80' WIDE.

LEAVES: DEEP GREEN, 3"-4" LONG: PAPER-LIKE TEXTURE WITH DEEP ROUNDED LOBES ON THE LEAF EDGE.

TENDS TO FAVOR VALLEY BOTTOMS: FOR THIS REASON THE VALLEY OAK HAS DISAPPEARED FROM THE LANDSCAPE MORE RAPIDLY, IMPACTED SEVERLY BY AGRICULTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Coast Live Oak
QUERCUS AGRIFOLIA

LARGE EVERGREEN TREE WITH A BROAD, ROUND SHAPE AND LARGE LIMBS. 30'-70' HIGH, 35'-80' WIDE.

LEAVES: GLOSSY GREEN, 1"-3" LONG: SPINY, ROUNDED, AND HOLLY-LIKE: BUT DISTINCTLY CUPPED OR CURLED UNDER AT THE EDGES.

Interior Live Oak
QUERCUS WISLIZENII

EVERGREEN TREE 30'-75' HIGH OR A SHRUB 8'-10' HIGH IN CHAPARRAL AREAS. HAS A FULL, DENSE ROUNDED SHAPE, NOT BROAD OR WITH LARGE LIMBS LIKE A COAST LIVE OAK. THEY TEND TO GROW IN CLUMPS RATHER THAN AS A SINGLE TREE.

LEAVES: DARK GREEN, 1"-4" LONG. EDGES EITHER SMOOTH OR SPINY, BUT ALWAYS FLAT — NOT CURLED UNDER.

OTHER COMMON OAKS:
CALIFORNIA BLACK OAK: QUERCUS KELLOGGI
CANYON LIVE OAK: QUERCUS CHRYSOLEPIS
ENGELMANN OAK: QUERCUS ENGELMANNII

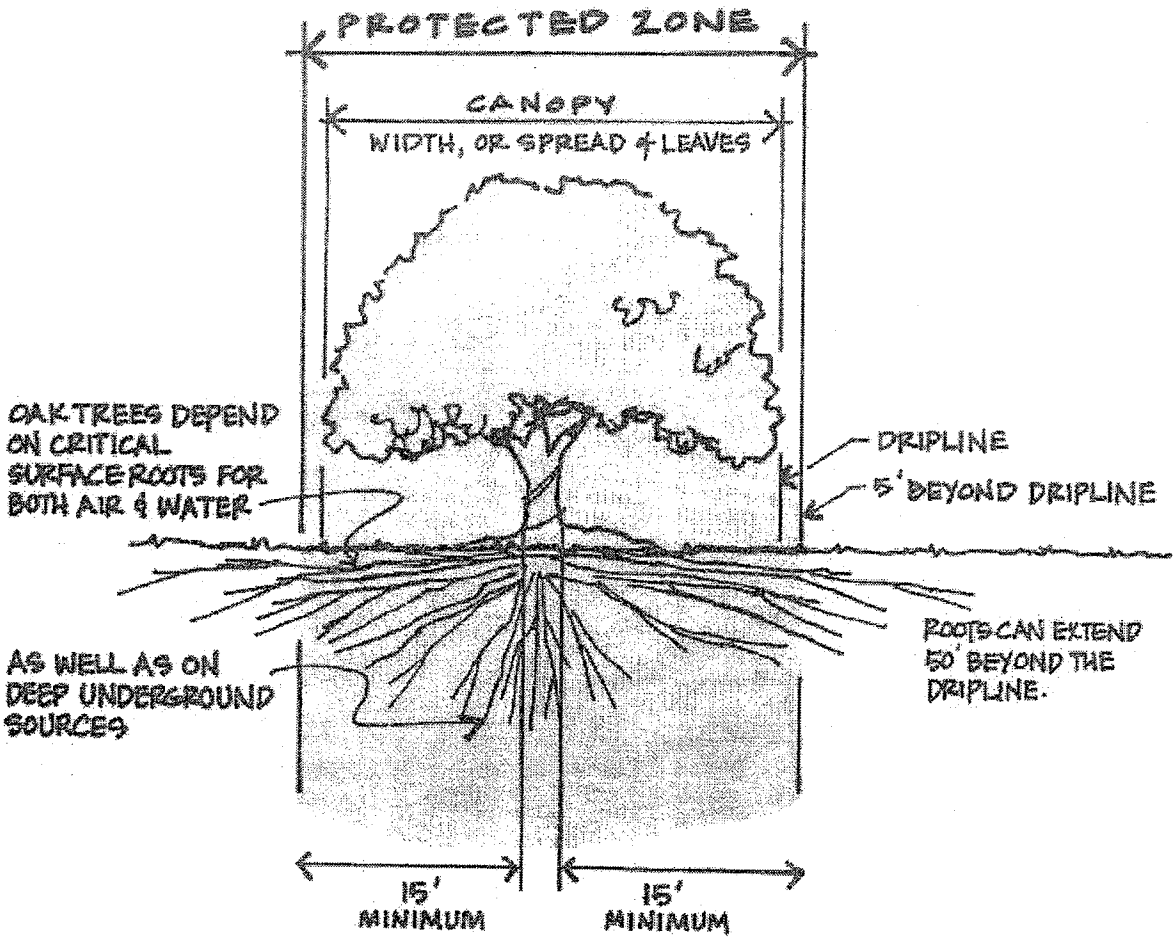
THE PROTECTED ZONE

The ***protected zone*** defines the area most critical to the health and continued survival of an oak tree. Oaks are easily damaged and very sensitive to disturbances that occur to the tree or in the surrounding environment.

The root system is extensive but surprisingly shallow, sometimes radiating out as much as 50 feet beyond the spread of the tree leaves, or canopy. The ground area at the outside edge of the canopy, referred to as the *dripline*, is especially important: the tree obtains most of its surface water and nutrients here, and conducts an important exchange of air and other gases.

The protected zone is defined in the Oak Tree Ordinance as follows:

> "The Protected Zone shall mean that area within the dripline of an oak tree and extending there from to a point at least 5 feet outside the dripline or 15 feet from the trunk, whichever distance is greater."



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WITHIN THE PROTECTED ZONE

Changes in Grade

Any change in the level of soil around an oak tree can have a negative impact. The most critical area lies within 6' to 10' of the trunk: no soil should be added or scraped away. Water should drain away from this area and not be allowed to pond so that soil remains wet at the base.

Retaining walls designed to hold back soil above or below an existing tree should avoided if at all possible, especially within the protected zone. These types of structures cause critical areas at the dripline to be buried, or require that major roots be severed. Water trapped at the base of the tree could lead to root rot or other impacts, and to the decline and premature death of a highly valued landscape tree.

Construction activities outside the protected zone can have damaging impacts on existing trees. Underground water sources can be cut off due to falling water tables, or drainage may be disrupted.

Trenching

Digging of trenches in the root zone should be avoided. Roots may be cut or severely damaged, and the tree can be killed.

If trenches must be placed within the protected zone, utilities can be placed in a conduit, which has been bored through the soil, reducing damage to the roots. Insist that as many utilities as allowed be placed in a single trench, instead of the common practice of digging a separate trench for each individual line.

Trenching can also be accomplished using hand tools or small hand held power equipment to avoid cutting roots. Any roots exposed during this work should be covered with wet burlap and kept moist until the soil can be replaced.

Soil Compaction and Paving

The roots depend upon an important exchange of both water and air through the soil within the protected zone. Any kind of activity that compacts the soil in this area blocks this exchange and can have serious long-term negative effects on the tree.

If paving material must be used, some recommended surfaces include brick paving with sand joints, or ground coverings such as wood chips (note the advantages of natural materials for providing nutrients under *mulching*).

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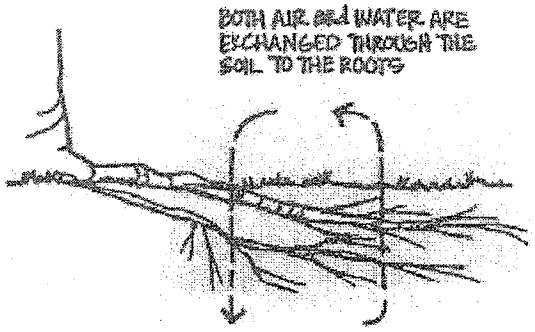

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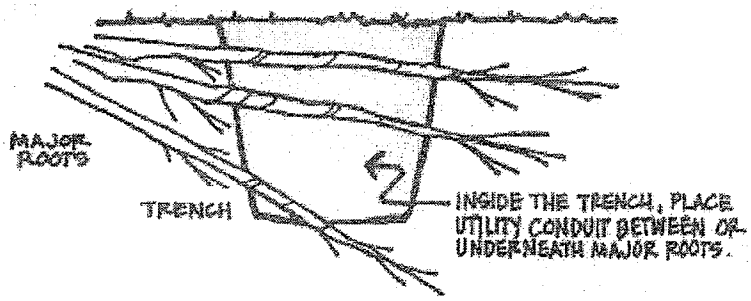
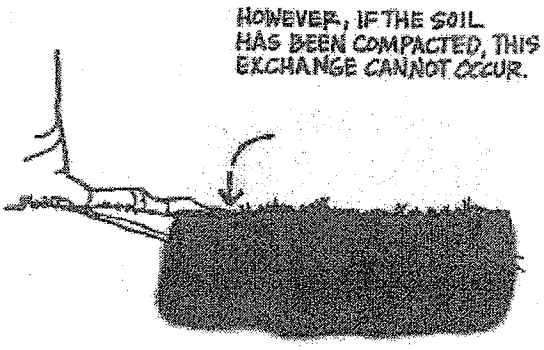




MAINTENANCE

Watering

The key is prevention – **do not over water.** Improper watering is often overlooked as the cause of tree death because it can take years for the damage to show. Once the tree shows obvious signs of decline, it is often too late to correct the problem.

The seasonal weather pattern for this region is one of dry summers and winter rain. Oak trees are naturally drought tolerant and adapted to this cycle. If the tree is vigorous and thriving it should not require any additional water.

If the natural source of surface or underground water has been altered, some supplemental water may be necessary, but proceed with caution. The goal of any watering schedule for oak trees should be to supplement natural rainfall and it should occur only when the tree would normally receive moisture. This might be in the winter, if rains are unusually late, or in spring if rainfall has been below normal levels.

Over watering, especially during the summer months, causes a number of problems which can lead to decline and eventual death of the tree. It creates ideal conditions for attacks of Oak Root Fungus by allowing the fungus to breed all year. In addition, both evergreen and deciduous oaks grow vigorously in the spring and naturally go dormant in the summer. Extra water only encourages new tip growth which is subject to mildew. Oaks need this period of rest.

Newly planted oaks may need supplemental watering during their first few summers. After they become established water should be applied according to the previous guidelines.

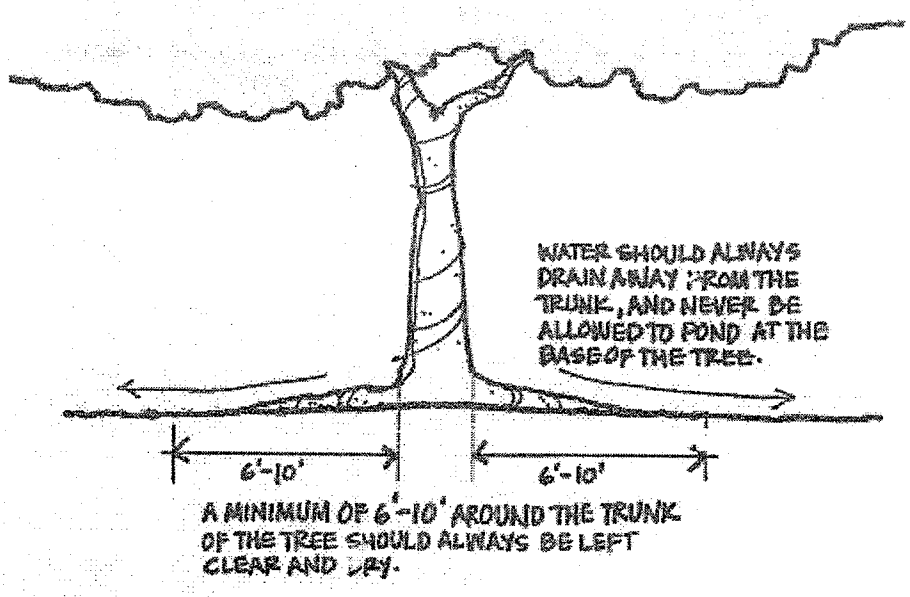
Pruning

For oak trees the periodic removal of dead wood during periods of tree dormancy should be the only pruning needed. Any cutting of green wood opens scars that could allow the entry of organisms or disease.

Before pruning obtain the advice of a certified arborist or other professional and consult the local city or county where the tree is located to find out what regulations apply. Pruning of both live and dead wood can sometimes require a permit.

Mulching

Leaf litter from the tree is the best mulch and should be allowed to remain on the ground within the protected zone. Crushed walnut shells or wood chips can be used, but the oak leaves that drop naturally provide the tree with a source of nutrients. Avoid the use of packaged or commercial oak leaf mulch which could contain Oak Root Fungus. Redwood chips should not be used due to certain chemicals present in the wood.



Disease and Pests

Trees that are stressed, especially because of improper watering practices, are prone to certain diseases and attacks by pests.

The most damaging of these diseases is the Oak Root Fungus *Armillaria mellea*. Occurring naturally in the soil, the fungus thrives under wet conditions and dies back in the summer when soils dry out. This is why summer watering of oaks can be a deadly practice. As noted in the watering guidelines, wet soil in the summer allows the fungus to grow all year. As the population grows, their natural food sources are depleted and they begin feeding on oak tree roots. The fungus does not require an open wound in the tree to gain entry.

Indications of the fungus include:

- die back of branches or tips.
- honey colored fungus at or near the root crown.
- white fan-like fungus between wood and bark.
- the presence of black, shoestring-like growths in the soil.

Once the tree begins to show obvious signs of infection treatment is generally ineffective. The best treatment is to *avoid* the conditions that lead to Oak Root Fungus infections.

Pit Scale, Oak Moth, and other pests: any significant changes in leaf color, branch die back, presence of black sooty materials on leaves or other changes should be noted. Seek the advice of a professional forester, arborist, farm advisor or other expert before the application of any pesticides on an oak tree.

Planting Underneath Oaks

The natural leaf litter is by far the best ground cover within the protected zone. If plants must be placed, the following guidelines should be followed:

There should be no planting within a minimum 6 to 10 feet of the trunk.

Avoid plants that require any supplemental water once established.

Choose plants suited for "dry shade." Those listed in the box below offer some good choices. To see some examples of how these plants have been used under oaks refer to the Additional Resources section on the following page.

PLANTS TO CONSIDER:

Plant Name	Description
Arctostaphylos densiflora 'Howard McMinn' Manzanita	3' high, 6' wide. Toughest of available forms. Whitish-pink flowers.
Arctostaphylos edmundsii Little Sur Manzanita	1-2' high, 4-5' wide. Tolerant of full shade.
Arctostaphylos hookeri Monterey Carpet Manzanita	1-2' high, spreading to 12' wide by rooting branches. White to pink flowers.
Ceanothus griseus horizontalis Carmel Creeper	Less than 2 1/2' tall, low & creeping. Clusters of small blue flowers.
Heuchera spp. Coral Bells	2-4' mound. Flowers on an upright stem 2-3" high and spotted with red or pink.
Mahonia aquifolium compacta Oregon Grape	2-4' high, spreading by underground roots. Bright yellow flower clusters.
Ribes viburnifolium Evergreen or Catalina Currant	2-3' high, spreading to 12' wide. Flowers pink to red in small clusters.

NOTES:

Before deciding on plants, check a source such as the *Sunset Western Garden Book* to determine which plants will grow in your area.

When choosing shade tolerant plants, consider that the ground under the south side of the tree will get more sunlight while the northern side will tend to remain more deeply shaded.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES and Places to Visit

Public Agencies

County of Los Angeles Fire Department
Prevention Bureau, Forestry Division
5823 Rickenbacker Road, Rm #123
Commerce, CA 90040-3027
(323) 890-4330
http://lacofd.org/forestry.htm

University of California
Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program
163 Mulford Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-3114
http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp

Private Organizations

The Theodore Payne Foundation
10459 Tuxford Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352-2126
(818) 768-1802
www.theodorepayne.org

California Native Plant Society
1722 J Street, Suite 17
Sacramento, CA 95814-3033
(916) 447-2677
www.cnps.org

The California Oak Foundation
1212 Broadway, Suite 810
Oakland, CA 94612-1810
(510) 763-0282
www.californiaoaks.org

Arboretums and Botanic Gardens

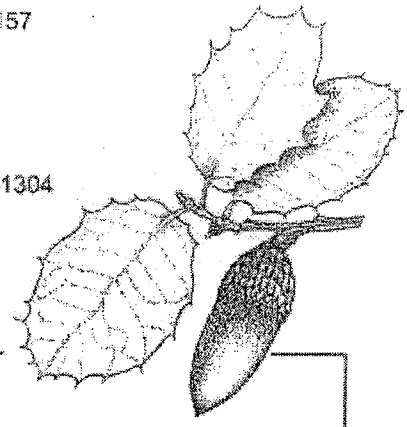
Los Angeles County Arboreta and Botanic Gardens
301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91007-2697
(626) 821-3222
www.arboretum.org

Los Angeles County South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274-2515
(310) 544-6815
www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

Los Angeles County Descanso Gardens
1418 Descanso Drive
La Canada-Flintridge, CA 91011-3102
(818) 949-4200
www.descansogardens.org

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 North College
Claremont, CA 91711-3157
(909) 625-8767
www.rsabg.org

The Lummis Home
200 E. Avenue 43
Los Angeles, CA 90031-1304
(213) 222-0546



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Azusa, CA 91702-2904
(626) 969-2375

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6555 Stephens Ranch Road
La Verne, CA 91750-1144
(909) 593-7147

Environmental Review Unit
12605 Osborne Street
Pacoima, CA 91331-2129
(818) 890-5719

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Pacoima, CA 91331-2129
(818) 890-5783

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Azusa, CA 91702-2904
(626) 969-5205

Henninger Flats Forestry Unit
2260 Pinecrest Drive
Altadena, CA 91001-2123
(626) 794-0675

Lake Hughes Forestry Unit
42150 N. Lake Hughes Road
Lake Hughes, CA 93532-9706
(661) 724-1810

Malibu Forestry Unit
942 N. Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302-2137
(818) 222-1108

San Dimas Forestry Unit
1910 N. Sycamore Canyon Road
San Dimas, CA 91773-1220
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(661) 296-8558

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