

Board of Supervisors Hearing Date: July 22, 2008; continued to October 29, 2008

**Case Summary: Project No. R2005-00055-(5)
(Conditional Use Permit RCUP200500005)**

Project applicant: Roy Ramey

RPC Hearing Dates: August 17, 2005, August 1, 2007, October 17, 2007, January 9, 2008 and March 19, 2008.

Synopsis

This is an appeal, by interested parties, of the Regional Planning Commission's approval decision of March 19, 2008. The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to authorize the operation and maintenance of a water distribution facility at 12800 Sierra Highway (APN# 3214-039-026). The operator is currently in business, but not using the well that is subject to approval through a conditional use permit. The proposed operation that would make use of the subject well and would include the use of three 3,800 gallon water tanker trucks that would haul approximately 40,000 gallons of water per day, which is approximately 14 million gallons (45 acre feet) per year. The number of truck trips is projected to be 15 one-way trips per day, with a year-round operation.

The well is supplied by the non-adjudicated Mint Canyon aquifer. The Sleepy Valley Water Company (SVWC), whose wells are located less than a quarter of a mile down grade of the applicant's wells, uses the subject aquifer to supply 60 residences in the Sleepy Valley Community located west of and adjacent to the project site. The total number of parties using the aquifer, in addition to the applicant and the Sleepy Valley Water Company is not known.

Conditional Use Permit: To authorize the operation and maintenance of the existing well on the subject property for a water distribution operation.

Project Proponents

- Provides needed water delivery service to residents in the Agua Dulce area.
- Bases on the data analyzed, there is adequate supply in the aquifer for the proposed operation (with a safeguards in place).

Project Opposition

- Extraction for water distribution purposes negatively affects the supply of wells further down grade in the aquifer.
- Claims that riparian habitat would be affected by the water hauling operation.

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