

Supervisors and Regional Planning Commission. Speaker cards were available for those who wished to comment on the item for consideration.

Staff made with a general presentation on the overall One Valley One Vision (OVOV) project history, including the need for IEC recommendations to be presented at the continued Regional Planning Commission hearing that is scheduled for December 8, 2010, before continuing with the item for consideration:

The Area Plan includes a change to the Master Plan of Highways that would remove the designation of Sloan Canyon Road (north of Hillcrest Parkway) as a Limited Secondary Highway. Some of the public comments request that the Limited Secondary Highway designation be retained.

Staff explained that the County's draft OVOV document recommended that the Limited Secondary Highway designation be removed. Staff noted that this issue had been raised at previous Regional Planning Commission hearings, which necessitated the referral to the IEC. Staff noted that the IEC had discussed this matter at its meeting on September 23, 2010 but did not make a recommendation at that time. Staff also noted that extensive correspondence had been received regarding the matter, copies of which were provided to the IEC. Eleven individuals spoke on this item, and expressed a variety of viewpoints. Some individuals supported removal of the Limited Secondary Highway designation and cited the incompatibility of such a designation with the rural character of the area. Other individuals opposed removal of the Limited Secondary Highway designation and cited the need for greater circulation in the area and anticipated development projects in the area, such as the proposed Castaic High School.

The IEC noted that the Limited Secondary Highway designation being discussed could be broken into two sections: the southerly section, which extends from Hillcrest Parkway (to the south) to Mandolin Canyon Road (to the north); and the northerly section, which extends from recorded Tract Map No. 46443 (to the west) and Quail Valley Road (to the east). The IEC noted that there was a lack of community consensus with regard to the southerly section and felt that it should be removed, as recommended by the County's draft OVOV document. The County's draft OVOV document determined that the removal of the southerly section would not have negative impacts on area circulation, and the southerly section is affected by engineering and environmental constraints.

The IEC noted that there appeared to be strong community consensus with regard to the northerly section and felt that it should be retained. The IEC further noted that the Castaic Area Town Council had endorsed this approach. Although the County's draft OVOV document determined that the removal of the northerly section would not have negative impacts on area circulation, the IEC noted that the northerly section would serve recorded Tract Map No. 46443 and the proposed Castaic High School and that the northerly section is affected by fewer engineering and environmental constraints. The IEC stated that its recommendation entailed realignment of the northerly section and the dedication of additional right-of-way.

If the Regional Planning Commission accepts the IEC's recommendation, the County's draft OVOV document will be revised accordingly.

ACTION: IEC recommends that the Limited Secondary Highway designation be removed between Hillcrest Parkway (to the south) and Mandolin Canyon Road (to the north). IEC recommends that the Limited Secondary Highway designation be retained between recorded Tract Map No. 46443 (to the west) and Quail Valley Road (to the east).

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