

**SMM North Area Plan (NAP) & Community Standards District (CSD) Update
Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation Meeting Notes
April 19, 2017 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.
Diamond X-King Gillette Ranch**

The following summarizes the comments discussed:

Pesticides/Rodenticides/Herbicides

- Poison Free Malibu – wants NAP to ban pesticides/rodenticides/herbicides. DRP discussed State preemption law that does not allow County to regulate this outside of the Coastal Zone. 3rd District discussed introducing motion for County to be poison free on County property. Other commenters, indicated policy language would be beneficial to include in plan even if we can't outright regulate. Commenters indicated they were pursuing legislative change with Bloom's office.
- Even in LCP area where pesticides/rodenticides/herbicides are regulated, the implementation is unclear, it's complaint driven and hard to enforce. Recommended neighbor notification law (cited Colorado as example), where neighbors receive notice.
- Recommended requiring signage for public establishments that use pesticides/rodenticides/herbicides and requiring them to list what they use. Also, not allowing stores to sell pesticides/rodenticides/herbicides.
- Vineyards usually do not disclose the pesticides they use
- If pesticides are used, they could percolate or runoff downstream and contaminate groundwater well supplies as many homes in the SMM use onsite wells
- Mentioned impacts to native wildlife from ingesting rodenticides, herbicides, and insecticides
- Recommended language educating homeowners of natural ways to reduce rodent populations (removing bird feeders and other feed items at night)

Wildlife

- Commenter asked how the plan would address the wildlife bridge that will be completed in 5-7 years that might change wildlife patterns. DRP will address it in the environmental document and suggested potentially doing amendment to the plan if needed.
- Vineyards strip all the chaparral from the land that is important for wildlife and may adversely affect water quality and species in adjacent habitat.
- No razor wire
- Risk from roadkill, rodenticides, and human interactions
- Mentioned noise, lighting, and water quality impacts to wildlife
- Conflicts with hobby farming and risks to mountain lions and other predators

Fertilizer/Sedimentation

- Malibu Mountain Club –impaired water body list, due to nutrients. Recommends education on fertilizer and impact to water

- Exceeds Total Daily Maximum Load (TDML) for phosphorus, nitrogen, algae and turbidity due to the extensive use of fertilizers
- Nutrients part of TMDL controlled by Regional Water Quality Control Board, possibility of calling out nutrient regulation order to meet TMDL levels. Discuss with DPW Watershed Management Division

Trees

- The Oak tree permit should have a scorched earth policy
- At what point does a tree become native to the area, if it's been there for decades? Example: commenter does not believe eucalyptus grove at King Gillette is invasive. They have become home for the butterflies. Birds will evolve.
- Wants protection for eucalyptus trees
- Trees have naturalized enough to be considered native
- Consider tree policies for City of LA and Ventura County. They have a heritage tree protection policy that could apply in NAP.
- Importance of the Mediterranean ecosystem, SMM one of five in world.
- Sycamore /black walnut should be protected, trees not part of the Mediterranean ecosystem should not be protected
- Should be a distinction between existing trees allowed to remain and new trees being planted.
- Would like to make it easier for people to actually plant oak trees (without the fear of not being able to trim them without permit once they reach ordinance size). Recommends some kind of safe harbor agreement, where residents that plant them are allowed to trim them without permit process.
- Needs to be difference between commercial and homeowner
- New development should not be allowed to cut down mature oak trees and plant small ones elsewhere, they should have to respect the existing trees.

Lighting

- More enforcement needed
- Some homeowners do not abide by dark skies ordinance and have extremely bright lights on during the night. These can impact wildlife movement patterns. Citizens stated they have been working with DRP Enforcement to cite some violators and have been successful

Noise

- Motorcycles and events are noise nuisances
- Concerns with movie productions

Horses

- Retain equestrian character of community. Open to way that would make horse keeping more environmentally friendly, berms, etc.

- Commercialization of horse boarding should be avoided and education component needed.
- Impacts to streams and rivers should be considered. Setbacks and berms important
- Horses stripping native trees of their bark and are located in riparian areas

Hobby Farming

- The keeping of livestock/animals should require a discretionary permit. Owner should be required to demonstrate knowledge of best management practices
- Risks to wildlife from this type of farming

Miscellaneous

- More enforcement needed.
- Cultural resource protection – Commenter recommended looking at Washington State laws.
- Social media component for final plan
- Use social media avenues such as Facebook, Twitter and the “Next Door” app to notify residents of community meetings or plan updates
- Annexation
- Education – let outside communities know what resources are in SMM and how they should be treated. Possibility of including information in welcome packet from CEO to new unincorporated residents.
- Update the trails element and be more aggressive in securing offers to dedicate
- Ingress/egress standards should be considered (related to ADU’s)
- Be cognizant of additional signage, keep to minimum
- Parking for Air B&B – San Diego has parking regulations requiring you to park on property, not on street.
- Parking on roads a problem, painting fog lines would help so cars could be ticketed.
- Control number of homes with single access points
- Use of nanny flats