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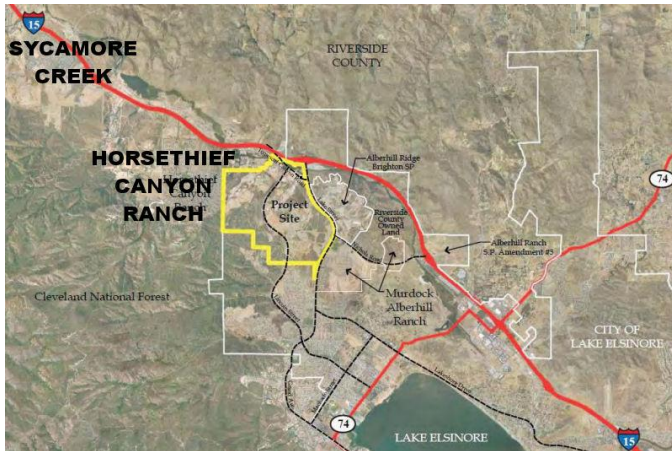
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BORDER WARS

Cities could add 10,050 homes at our north/south boundaries



8,244 HOMES: The Lake Elsinore Planning Commission at its Feb. 16 meeting could OK plans for Alberhill Villages, outlined in yellow above.

Developer wants to build mega-project south of Horsethief Canyon Ranch

Comments either for or against the 1,400-acre **Alberhill Villages** development are now being accepted by the city of Lake Elsinore prior to a public hearing for the project at the Planning Commission meeting **Tuesday, Feb. 16**.

The project is located at the city's northern boundary, north of Lake Street, and will be built just south of Horsethief Canyon Ranch.

Land owner Castle & Cooke wants to build 8,244 homes and devote an additional 4,007,000 square feet to non-residential uses including a hospital and 6,000-student university. The project's specific plan and draft environmental impact report (DEIR), could be approved at the Feb. 16 planning meeting.

The DEIR found that the development will have significant environmental impacts that no mitigation measures can correct. The DEIR "... determined that, even with the imposition of all feasible mitigation measures, the project will have significant and unavoidable project-level and cumulative impacts related to Air Quality, Transportation, Traffic, and project-level impacts related to Noise, which cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance."

Comments should be emailed to **Roy Stephenson**, land use engineer, at rstephenson@hrgreen.com. For those wishing to comment at the public hearing, the meeting is at 6 p.m. at the Lake Elsinore Cultural Center, 183 N. Main St.



1,806 HOMES: Corona is seeking comments on the amended plans for Arantine Hills, a housing project that was approved in 2012.

EIR will allow 308 homes to be built prior to beginning Cajalco improvements

The city of Corona is accepting comments on the **Arantine Hills** amended specific plan and draft supplemental environmental impact report. The deadline to submit comments is **Monday, Feb. 22**.

The project is located west of the I-15 in the Bedford Wash between Eagle Glen and the northern boundary of Temescal Valley. The gated 1,806-home development was approved by the city in July 2012.

New Home Company, which purchased the development after the city's approval, is asking for changes to what was originally approved.

Notable changes include a reduction in general commercial acreage, increasing open space, reducing parkland and deleting a public recreational trail and bikeway. Additionally, the developer wants to construct 308 homes before construction starts on improvements to the Cajalco interchange. The 2012 approval was conditioned on bridge improvements being completed prior to homes being built.

The bridge improvements cost \$62 million. If allowed to build homes prior to the bridge improvements, the developer will advance the entire amount including the city's share. Email comments, either for against the project, to city planner **Terri Manuel** at terrim@ci.corona.ca.us.

QUICK HITS & UPDATES ...

TWO TO WATCH: At a meeting earlier this month, the county **Board of Supervisors** approved changes to the general plan for land use designations and zoning for two properties located on the east side of the I-15. The first, owned by **USA Waste**, involved four parcels adjacent to the **El Sobrante Landfill** – about 327 acres – that once included the **Synagro** (human waste) composting plant. The land use allowed for clay mines that are no longer active. Zone changes were approved from Mineral Resources and Mineral Resources & Related Manufacturing to Natural Assets (conservation habitat), and Heavy Manufacturing. The second property – about 6.3 acres owned by Greg Tonkinson, is located in Dawson Canyon, adjacent to Park Canyon Drive and the Temescal Wash. Zone changes approved were from Water to Conservation and Light Industrial. Any development proposed for either of the properties must go through the planning process and eventually will require public hearings for community comments.

FIRE PREVENTION FEE: There might be relief soon for residents who live in rural areas of the valley or in neighborhoods that back up to forest lands and now pay the state-mandated Fire Prevention Fee. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, which claims that the fee is really a tax and needed to be approved by a two-thirds vote, has filed a class action suit that automatically includes anyone who submitted a petition to Cal Fire disputing the fee. Good news – if the taxpayers group wins, you can be reimbursed for what you've paid. Bad news – if the group loses, the court decision is legally binding and you won't have future legal recourse. You can opt out of the class action suit if you send notification to the Association's attorney by March 7. Check out the website to learn more: www.hjta.org/

MAIL THEFTS: Mail carriers have been assaulted and the master keys that open ALL cluster mailboxes have been stolen. Mail theft has occurred repeatedly in Temescal Valley since before the holidays, much of it by use of a master key. If you can, pick up your mail as soon as it is delivered. Never leave mail sitting in the box overnight and never put outgoing checks in the mailboxes. It's best to drive to the post office, park and go inside to deposit your mail. Never put mail in the drive-thru lane's collection box. If you see suspicious activity near the mailboxes, call the sheriff's non-emergency number: **951-776-1099**. Please try to get a description of the suspect and license plate number.

TEMESCAL VALLEY TOWN HALL: The annual tradition for the **Temescal Valley Municipal Council** is no meeting in March, but a **Town Hall** instead. Mark your calendars – **Wednesday, March 9**, 6 p.m., Todd Elementary School, 25105 Mayhew Canyon Road in Sycamore Creek. Many county departments will be represented at the event to update residents about what's happening in the valley and to explain available county services.

BUTTERFLY BUSINESS: As reported in December, a community-wide effort by the **WeAreTV Beautification and Identity Committees** (chairmen **Bob Hafner** and **Tracy Davis**, respectively), the **El Cerrito Public Library** (Nancy Reiter, county librarian), and the **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center** (Erika Presley, **Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District**), is calling attention to the plight of the endangered Monarch butterfly. Entomologists theorize that the Monarchs are dying off because of the type of milkweed that is being planted – tropical, not native. Good news – native milkweed plants will be available in April due to coordination between **7 Oaks Nursery** and **The Acorn Cap** – a grower that specializes in natives and also is located in Temescal Valley. Stay tuned!

CALENDAR

EVENTS

- **Happy Valentine's Day:** Do something sweet for someone! **Sunday, Feb. 14.**
- **Todd Elementary School Daughters' Dance:** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," 6 p.m., **Friday, Feb. 19.** \$10 includes dinner, dance and pictures.
- **"Coronageddon" or "91 Steer Clear":** Fifty-five hour full closure of the westbound and eastbound 91 freeway, between the I-15 and the 71, from **9 p.m., Friday Feb. 19 to 4 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22.** More information: www.sr91project.info/91-steer-clear
- **Luiseno School PTSA Talent Show:** 6 to 8 p.m., **Friday, Feb. 26** at Temescal Canyon High School, 28755 El Toro Road, Lake Elsinore.
- **Temescal Valley Little League:** Opening Day ceremonies, **Saturday, Feb. 27**, Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- **El Cerrito County Library:** 7581 Rudell Road, behind El Cerrito Middle School. Many fun activities for the kids! 951-270-5012 or visit the library on Facebook.
- **County Bookmobile:** 2 to 4 p.m., **every Monday**, Tom's Farms; 9 to 11 a.m., **every Tuesday**, Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- **Tom's Farms:** Every weekend -- **Craft faire**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; **live music**, 1 to 4 p.m.; **Magic Show**, noon and 2 p.m. **"Swingin' Saturday Nights,"** last Saturday of the month — **FREE** swing dance lesson at 6 p.m.; open dancing 6:30 to 8 p.m.

TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee:** 6 p.m., **Monday, Feb. 15**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, Feb. 23**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **Temescal Valley Community Faire:** Planning meeting for this year's Faire, 6 p.m., **Thursday, Feb. 25**, at the Deleo Park rec center.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, March 3**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee:** 7 p.m., **Thursday, March 3**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, March 5**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway. This meeting is open to the public -- find out what's happening in Temescal Valley!
- **Temescal Valley Town Hall:** 6 p.m., **Wednesday, March 9**, Todd Elementary School, 25105 Mayhew Canyon Road in Sycamore Creek. Sponsored by Riverside County and the Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council.

MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Feb. 11**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Feb. 11**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Study session, 6 p.m., **Tuesday, Feb. 16**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Feb. 25**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.

DID YOU KNOW ... There are 1,235 people per square mile in Temescal Valley? Corona has 4,158 people per square mile. Ya gotta love our wide open spaces!