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RCA UPDATE



Subject **RE: TEAM RCD MOU**
From Correa, Laurie <LDCORREA@wrcrca.org>
To Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2018-01-23 15:09

Rose, you're welcome!

-----Original Message-----
From: Rose Corona [mailto:rose.corona@teamrcd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:59 AM
To: Correa, Laurie <LDCORREA@wrcrca.org>
Subject: Re: TEAM RCD MOU

Laurie,
I've been out of town so haven't looked at TEAM RCD at all. Except for my meeting....Thanks and welcome PARTNER!!

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On 2018-01-08 16:14, Correa, Laurie wrote:

Rose,

Ward and I agreed that since Charlie hadn't signed the MOU yet it wasn't final. To make it final, I replaced the exhibits in the version you signed with the correct exhibits (Greer Ranch only) and had Charlie sign. No changes were needed to the MOU text so no amendment is needed. So it's all done! Please see attached and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Laurie

CROP SWAP UPDATES

FVS PARTNERS



January 24, 2018

Mr. Karl L. Osmundson
HELIX Environmental Planning
7578 El Cajon Boulevard
Suite 200
La Mesa, CA 91942

Mr. Jason Keller
Mission Pacific Land Company
4100 Newport Place, Suite 480
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Re: Funding Agreement for Conservation Easement Management at the Benton Channel for the French Valley South Tentative Tract 30837 Project ("Project")

Dear Mr. Osmundson and Mr. Keller:

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District ("TEAM RCD") has not yet received FVS Partners, LLC ("FVS") response to our letter dated October 31, 2017 ("October 31, 2017 Letter") regarding FVS' proposed contribution of \$90,000 ("Endowment") to TEAM RCD for its ongoing management within TEAM RCD's existing Conservation Easement in the Benton Channel regarding the above-referenced Project.

Pursuant to the October 31, 2017 Letter, TEAM RCD requested FVS to include certain provisions in the proposed Funding Agreement. Please be advised that if TEAM RCD does not receive FVS' response and endowment funding by March 1, 2018, FVS' proposed Funding Agreement will not be approved by TEAM RCD's Board of Directors.

As stated in the October 31, 2017 Letter, TEAM RCD's acceptance of the Funding Agreement is conditioned on the approval of TEAM RCD's Board of Directors. Please be advised that the proposed Funding Agreement as well as the Endowment amount is based on a start date for work in the Benton Channel of April 1, 2018. Should the deadline dates be missed, it might trigger further review by the appropriate agencies.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Best Regards,



Rose Corona

TEAM RCD – President

cc: Tawny Lieu-District Counsel

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STRATEGIC PLAN

TEAM RCD

2018-2022 Strategic Plan

Introduction

TEAM RCD is a public agency organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code and authorized to provide conservation work within its boundaries. TEAM has the legal authority to cooperate with the United States, the State of California, counties, cities, public districts, other resource conservation districts, persons, associations, and corporations. With the consent of the owner, TEAM also has the authority to construct on privately- or publicly-owned lands necessary work for the prevention and control of soil erosion and water conservation. The expenditure of public funds for planning, designing, or implementing resource conservation work constitutes expenditure for the general public benefit.

The RCD was organized to provide a number of services, including soil, water, and related resource conservation and restoration and technical assistance in open space, agricultural areas, urbanized areas, wildlife habitats, and recreational developments. The district is managed by non-paid volunteer directors who are landowners in the district and who have an understanding of local concerns.

The Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District was organized in June 1949, by special election called for by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, to the State Soil Conservation Commission, by private landowners. The district is currently called Temecula-Anza-Elsinore-Murrieta (TEAM) RCD. The district boundary encompasses a service area of 505,000 acres (789 square miles) in western Riverside County, including the communities of Elsinore, Murrieta, Wildomar, Temecula and Anza, and the Santa Margarita and Santa Ana watersheds.

2018-2022 Strategic Plan

TEAM RCD has adopted a strategic plan to guide the work and the investments of resources of the organization over the next five years. The plan has two elements: the Strategic Direction and the Five-Year-Plan.

The **Strategic Direction** includes the organization's vision of success, its mission statement, the goals it wants to achieve over the next five years, and the strategies it will use to accomplish its goals. TEAM RCD has defined two broad goals:

- Increase the reach and influence of TEAM RCD
- Increase the impact and sustainability of TEAM RCD

The **Five-Year-Plan** identifies the specific activities that staff and board members will undertake each year over the life of the strategic plan, and identifies success measures TEAM RCD will use to assess its progress toward goals.

Vision and Mission

It is the vision of TEAM to be Relevant, Excellent, and Visible, a "go-to" hub for natural resource conservation and agriculture on public and private lands in its service area. TEAM RCD serves as an important local infrastructure that will provide high-quality, relevant service to its communities by:

- Providing meaningful, quantifiable conservation benefits to the district's natural resources through high quality, timely, and applied scientific programs on the ground.
- Upholding excellent operational management through having appropriate technical capacity and retaining quality key staff.
- Serving as critical partners in an active agricultural and local natural resource network
- Serving as a reputable education and information source on natural resource conservation.

Vision: It is the vision of TEAM RCD to grow into a full-capacity organization that can serve as a strong advocate, technical resource, and partner to public and private landowners in their service area, including strategic partnerships with private and public agencies and organizations

Mission: TEAM RCD promotes the conservation of soil, water and other natural resources through cooperation with landowners, local, state and federal agencies, the agricultural community, conservation and community groups. It is our continued mission to provide leadership and education to all residents of the district to insure quality of life, economic benefits and encouragement to conserve our natural resources for tomorrow's generations.

Values and Beliefs of Team RCD

TEAM RCD is at the forefront helping landowners, agencies and organizations solve their service areas most pressing conservation and agricultural challenges.

- Conservation and stewardship of agricultural and natural resources have significant environmental, economic and societal value, and TEAM RCD plays a critical role in these efforts.
- Voluntary, locally-led conservation is an effective and efficient strategy.
- Locally led conservation requires good relationships with and among local communities, landowners and partners; TEAM RCD should be the best entities to make these connections.
- TEAM RCD needs resources to realize its core values, create resource conservation benefits, and support agriculture in their service area.
- There is greater impact working collectively than working alone.
- Decision-makers who are educated about natural resources, agriculture, and the important role of TEAM RCD make better decisions.

- Landowners, RCDs, and partners require responsive, innovative, transparent support that meets their needs and addresses today's environmental challenges. TEAM RCD believes in and supports a diversity of participation and ideas that are essential for effective resource conservation and agriculture in their service area.

In order to fulfill our vision, mission and values, TEAM RCD will implement the following goals and strategies:

Goals and Strategies

Program Goals

1. Increase the reach and influence of TEAM RCD
 - a. Foster collaborations and information sharing among partners
 - b. Build public and government support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD
 - c. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD service area

Organizational Goals

2. Increase the impact and sustainability of TEAM RCD
 - a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams
 - b. Develop a strong team within the organization
 - c. Develop business plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization

Benchmarks

Driven by the strategic plan, the following benchmarks will be used to evaluate TEAM RCD performance.

1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD
 - a. Foster collaboration and information sharing among partners

Long-term Outcome: TEAM RCD has strategic partnerships with public agencies and private organizations.

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Existing, signed MOUs and Working Agreements
 - Mission RCD
 - Antelope Valley RCD
 - Inland Empire RCD
 - Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA)
 - Riverside-Corona RCD
 - Riverside Conservation Authority
 - Rivers and Land Conservancy (pending)

ii. Potential new Contract

- Riverside County Flood Control District

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Signed MOUs and working agreements with ten strategic partners

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Signed MOUs and working agreements with twelve strategic partners

b. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD

Long-term Outcome: Residents in the service area know and support TEAM RCD

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Create a consistent process of education on policies, procedures, and general information regarding TEAM RCD and its history for all current directors and associate directors to enable them to speak confidently to potential clients, organizations, governmental agencies, and residents about TEAM RCD, its services and its goals.

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Program materials from projects for public dissemination

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Events at successful projects (for friend-raising and fundraising purposes)

c. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD service area.

Long-term Outcome: Public understand the benefits of resource conservation to the quality of their lives.

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. No specific benchmarks for year one, as TEAM concentrates its limited resources in building a sustainable business. It will revisit benchmarks for this Program Goal after year one of this plan.

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. To be determined

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. To be determined

2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD

a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams

Long-term Outcome: Revenue for TEAM has met the operations and program requirements of the strategic plan

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Continue existing programs with Rancho California Water District—\$33,000
- ii. Establish a program with Riverside County Flood Control District—\$20,000 (est.)
- iii. Strengthen the purpose and management of Endowment Funds for current and future conservation easements.
- iv. Decide purpose and management of past mitigation funds and owned lands.

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Revenue from projects—\$50,000

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Revenue from projects—\$75,000
- b. Develop a strong team within the organization

Long-term Outcome: TEAM has built and supported a professional staff and Board of Directors that can meet the goals and vision of the board and fulfill its strategic plan.

One-Year Benchmarks

- i. Board Development
 - Clarification on the Brown Act
- ii. Add two Associate Board Members
- iii. Part-time administrative support (create job description and hire)

Three-Year Benchmarks

- i. Full-time Administrative Assistant

Five-Year Benchmarks

- i. Full-time Administrative Assistant
- ii. Full-time District Manager (create job description and hire)
- c. Develop plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization

Long-term Outcome: TEAM's programs, systems and plans build and maintain its efficiency, effectiveness and accountability

One-Year Benchmark

- i. Complete Tier 1 accreditation with CA Department of Conservation (DOC)
- ii. Create and implement cloud infrastructure for TEAM RCD documents
- iii. Set up, improve and re-style website to provide more informative, creative presentation of TEAM RCD goals and work
- iv. Monitor progress against strategic plan goals and benchmarks

		TEAM RCD 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN		
GOAL 1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD				
	Sub-strategies	Year One-2018	Year Three-2020	Year Five-2022
Strategy A. Foster collaboration and Information sharing among partners	MOUs, Working Agreements & Contracts	6 Existing/Pending MOUs and 1 potential project contract	10 MOUs	12 MOUs
Strategy B. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD	Education/Outreach	Education process for Board & Associates on workings and importance of TEAM RCD, its services and goals	Create program materials from projects for public decdmination	Events at successful projects for friendraising and fundraising
Strategy C. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in service area	Communications	No specific benchmark. Will revist after year one.	To be determined	To be determined
GOAL 2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD				
Strategy A. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams	Project Income	Rancho CA Water District-\$33,000	Revenue from Projects-\$50,000	Revenue from Projects-\$75,000
		Establish progarm with Riverside County Flood Control District-\$20,000 (estimate)		
	Working funds	Endowment Funds management and purpose policies	To be determined	To be determined
		Decide purpose and management of mitigation funds and fee lands	To be determined	To be determined
Strategy B. Develop a strong team	Board development	Clarification of Brown Act	To be determined	To be determined
		2 new Associate Board members	To be determined	To be determined
	Staff	Part-time administrative support	Full-time Administrative Assistant	Full-time Administrative Assistant
Strategy C. Develop plans, systems, and Infastructure	Technology	Create/Implement cloud Infastructure for documents	To be determined	To be determined
		Set up, Improve and re-style website to provide more Informative, creative presentation ot TEAM RCD goals and work	Website review/revision	Website review/revision
	Planning	Complete Tier 1 accreditation	Complete Tier 2 accreditation	Complete Tier 3 accreditations
		Monitor progress against strategic plan goals and benchmarks	Monitor/update strategic plan	Monitor/update strategic plan

TEAM RCD 2018 Work Plan

1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD
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 - Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA)
 - Riverside-Corona RCD
 - Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
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 - ii. Potential new Contract
 - Riverside County Flood Control District
 - b. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD
 - i. Create a consistent process of education on policies, procedures, and general information regarding TEAM RCD and its history for all current directors and associate directors to enable them to speak confidently to potential clients, organizations, governmental agencies, and residents about TEAM RCD, its services, and its goals.
 - c. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD's service area
 - i. NA for 2018 (see strategic plan)
2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD
 - a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams
 - i. Continue existing programs with Rancho California Water District—\$33,000
 - ii. Establish a program with Riverside County Flood Control District—\$20,000
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Presenter: Frances Rogers, Liebert Cassidy
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9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Grassroots Outreach and
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10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Professional Development
Ethics Program (with O&A)



NEW BUSINESS

**GRANT UPDATE &
WATERSHED
PROTECTION
PROGRAM**

Subject **[Funding Opportunity] RFP for the California Watershed Protection Fund**



From Sara Schremmer
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Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <sara-schremmer@carcd.org>
Date 2018-01-25 15:24

Good afternoon,

In the current grant round of the California Watershed Protection Fund, the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment is encouraging projects in the following watersheds and their ecosystems:

- Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta and their watersheds including American River, Feather River, and Lake Oroville
- Southern California Bight and Los Angeles area watersheds, including Santa Ana River and San Gabriel River
- Humboldt Bay and Mad River
- There are also limited funds for San Francisco Bay, Monterey Bay, and Russian River

If your RCD is engaged in water quality improvement work (or would like to) in any of the above watersheds, this funding source could be a great fit.

Letters of inquiry are due February 16! [Information on how to apply can be found here.](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sara

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Sara Schremmer
Project Manager
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
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How to Apply California Watershed Protection Fund

1) SUBMIT LETTER OF INQUIRY

All interested applicants must submit an online letter of inquiry as an initial step. This letter allows Rose Foundation to determine if the proposal appears to be a good fit for the fund. The letter of inquiry must be submitted via our online application system. The online letter of inquiry will include:

- ▶ Contact Information: Organization; Contact Name; Mailing Address; Email Address; and Phone Number
- ▶ The Big Picture: Total Project Budget; Location; Start and End Dates; Narrative Description; and Strategy
- ▶ Organizational Profile: Organizational Budget; Top Three Funders; Programs and Achievements; Tax Status

[Click here](#) to begin your online Letter of Inquiry.

2) INVITED APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications will be invited based on received Letters of Inquiry.

- ▶ Grant Request: Adjustments Since LOI; Workplan and Timeline; Outcomes, Deliverables and Evaluation
- ▶ Financial Information: Other Funders; Grant Budget; Organizational Budget; Financial

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People: Board List; Staff and Key Volunteers;
Consultants; Diversity; Allies
Fiscal Sponsor: Contact Information and EIN
number
Optional Attachments

What Happens Next

You will receive an email acknowledgement of your Letter of Inquiry or Application within a few days of receipt. Applicants may or may not be contacted for follow up information or interviews. Final funding decisions will be announced in May 2018.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tim Little, Executive Director
Email: [tlittle\[AT\]rosefdn.org](mailto:tlittle@rosefdn.org) (please replace AT with @)

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Subject **Re: Resource Conservation Needed in Wine Country**

From Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>

To Larry Smalley <lsmalley4@gmail.com>

Cc Jeff Brandt <Jeff.Brandt@wildlife.ca.gov>, Bartels, Peggy SPL <Peggy.J.Bartels@usace.army.mil>, <Darren.Bradford@waterboards.ca.gov>

Bcc Justus, Kerstin <KJustus@RIVCO.ORG>, Jcomerchero <jcomerchero@rivco.org>, Lieu, Tawny <TLieu@RIVCO.ORG>

Date 2018-01-31 09:31

Priority Highest



Dear Mr. Smalley,

Thank you for your extensive letter. Since the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District has no enforcement authority on matters such as these, we have forwarded it to the appropriate agencies and individuals within the County which have jurisdiction regarding these matters. It appears you are following the appropriate procedure in letting the agencies involved with the appropriate enforcement authority know of your concerns. I am sorry we cannot be of more help but you appear to be contacting the correct authorities that can address and resolve this issue.

Best Regards,

Rose Corona
TEAM RCD
President

On 2018-01-31 07:05, Larry Smalley wrote:

Hello Rose,

My name is Larry Smalley and I live in Wine Country. I am very concerned about the environmental impacts regarding a land development project directly across from my property. I am seeking your advice and input on how to get the County to address these quality of life issues for wine country. To date they have been courteous yet unresponsive.

Specifics

There is a 50 acre vacant parcel across from me (APN 927450002) it is in the Wine Country-Winery District. The Owner wants to convert this from a vineyard to a residential subdivision, including doubling the allowable housing density. They have been working with the County Planning Staff and the Planning Commission will vote on this matter on Feb. 21, 2018. There are many issues with this project that impact the environment and community:

- The Developer started grading without County approval or inspection. A stop work order has been issued but they have violated many of the resource protections specified in the Conditions list for the unapproved Track Map 37254/BGR170265.
- The southern half of the Property is in a sensitive 100-year flood plane (see attached image). I do not believe the Owner adequately addressed this issue.
- A Blue Line Stream runs through the southern edge of the Property (see attached image). The Owner does not have a Stream Bed Alteration Agreement with CA Fish & Wildlife.
- The Owner is working and dumping building materials in this watercourse / Blue Line Stream.
- The eastern 1/3 of the property is a historically significant tribally sensitive area-the site of the Temecual Massacre. The Tribal

Counsel has been notified because of my emails.

- The Property is on Los Nogales Road. This is not County maintained and frequently washes out (after all it is in the watercourse). In the 1980s the intersection of Los Nogales Rd. and Camino Del Vino Rd. washed out.
- The Owner's Plan is to realign Los Nogales Rd. so that it connects to Camino Del Vino Rd. This will create a 10 X increase in traffic on Los Nogales Rd. This new road is in the 100 year flood plain, is close to the Blue Line Stream and runs through the Temecual Massacre site. The County is not requiring the Los Nogales Rd. to be fully upgraded. Just the road area adjacent to the property will be upgraded to Class 3, Aggregate Base. This is not sufficient or sustainable. Los Nogales needs to be paved from Anza Rd. to Camino Del Vino Rd. with appropriate protections for the Blue Steam.
- The Developer should be required to mitigate the impact the project will have on the area and water flow generally. We don't want a repeat of 1994-1995 when water caused Los Nogales to fail and soil and debris washed down to Rancho California Rd. This might include a conservation easement and endowment for monitoring the area in perpetuity.
- The Plans calls for 4 crossings/driveways across the watercourse/flood plane/Blue Line stream. This is an excessive and unnecessary intrusion into the Blue Line Stream. In a previous plan, only one crossing was proposed.
- The County has not required a Transportation study. This should be required.
- The County has not required the Developer restore the Property to the pre-graded state. The land has been stripped of all vegetation. A large storm event could cause soil and debris to flow into the Blue Line Stream. In a severe condition, Los Nogales Road could fail and soil and debris could continue to Rancho California Road. This is not that far fetched—it happen in 1985 and again in 1994-1995. We at the end of the road might be trapped in our homes.

Something is very wrong with this project. How can we get the County to do its job and be an advocate for a sustainable and healthy environment? I have notified US Army Corps of Engineers and California Fish & Wildlife.

I am wondering if we might meet for coffee and I can give you more info. Attached is a situation assessment, FAQs and details list. I have included the flood plane and Blue Line Stream images. I will send you the Tract Map in a separate email. I have all of the backup documents and hundreds of pictures.

Thanks for any help you can provide in this conservation issue. I will reach out to you by phone.

All the best,

Larry Smalley
35725 Los Nogales Rd. Temecula CA 92592 / APN927460001
949-677-7154 (please feel free to call anytime)

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From **Larry Smalley**
To **rose.corona@emarcd.org**
Cc **Mimi Chang**
Date **Today 07:05**
Priority **Highest**

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Questions About the Owner/Applicant

- Q.** *Is the Owner/Applicant following the County Rules? Do they have a grading permit?*
- A.** No. They have displayed a flagrant disregard for County rules and authority by starting grading without approval. They were hoping no one would notice, and that the County would not “connect the dots” about grading before approval of the zoning exception. This behavior was reported to Code Enforcement on Dec. 29, 2017 and a stop work order (“red tagged”) was put in place on Jan. 19, 2018.
- Q.** *Is it true that Owner/Applicant is causing environmental problems with the unpermitted grading?*
- A.** Yes. They moved 1000’s of cubic yards of dirt without the required soil erosion control measures. They also performed earthwork and dumped building materials in a protected creek/stream without the required notification / agreement with CA Fish & Wildlife.
- Q.** *Has the Owner/Applicant engaged with the Community residents?*
- A.** No. They have not communicated their plan or sought feedback from local residents. They may be trying to “fly under the radar” and quickly complete this project.
- Q.** *How could Owner/Applicant get so much momentum on this project without the County taking action?*
- A.** The Owner’s actions made it difficult to “connect the dots” by making parallel requests of different Departments:
- * The Developer worked with the *Planning* Department to apply for the zone exception.
 - * A subcontractor worked with the *Building & Safety* Department to secure a lot-clearing permit.
- The lot-clearing subcontractor then started quickly grading the land (even on New Years Day!) consistent with the unapproved subdivision map submitted to the Planning Department. The Owner/Applicant did not implement the proper erosion or environmental controls while conducting the unpermitted grading perhaps hoping to have the activity go undetected. Since Code Enforcement staffing has been cut back in recent years, fewer Officers are in the field looking for problems. Local residents observed and reported this activity to the County and other Agencies and corrective action is now in place.
- Q.** *Does the Owner/Applicant have a financial incentive move quickly?*
- A.** Yes. The Note on this Property comes due in 2019. This might explain why they are moving quickly to dupe the County into approving this misguided exception and conducting unpermitted grading.
- Q.** *Is it true that the Developer hired by the Owner is embroiled in legal case involving misrepresentations?*
- A.** Yes. They are being sued by a Wine Country couple who hired the Developer, Greg Koll, to build a home for them, only to have that home built without utilities or access to the property—“...empty promises, broken dreams...” Here is a link to an NBC News story — <https://goo.gl/5xw5sC> — it is 2.5 minutes long and is very illuminating.

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Frequently Asked Questions About the “Wine Country Flip” (1/27/2018)

Questions About the Exception Request

- Q.** *Why is this exception request incompatible with the Wine Country Plan?*
- A.** The Wine Country Plan was specifically crafted to prevent this kind of residential sprawl. No one wants Wine Country to become “OC/Newport Coast (East)”. This is a unique area within the County and needs to be protected and preserved—only the County has the power to do that.
- Q.** *How does this exception request increase density?*
- A.** The Owner wants his parcel reclassified into the Residential District so that he can double the density of homes on the Property. The Owner's rationale: some adjacent properties are also 5 acres. To a limited extent this is true (it is adjacent to the Residential District), yet that is not the standard for approving an exception request. Under this reasoning the entire Winery District could be reclassified as Residential for 5 acre estate homes.
- Q.** *What financial gains are involved?*
- A.** The Owner stands to make enormous additional gains (\$20M to \$28M) if the exception is approved. The Developer and Builder will also make a great deal more money if the exception is approved. All of this will be at the expense of the Wine Country experience, the Temecula Valley Wine brand, and people living nearby.
- Q.** *What do Winegrowers Association Members have to say?*
- A.** Danny Martin (President TVWA) said he was not in favor of this exception, “We need more wineries not more housing.” Ben Drake (Board Member TVWA) said the County needs to do more to protect and extend the Temecula Valley Wine brand.
- Q.** *Is this exception request necessary?*
- A.** No. The Owner has profitable options for developing the Property within the existing Winery District regulations. No change in the rules is needed. The Owner submitted a plan in 2016 that was in keeping with the Winery District regulations. That plan showed the Property 75% planted in grapes and 5 homes vs. 50% planted in grapes with 8 homes. There was a 2009 plan that also was in showed keeping with the Winery District regulations. That plan showed 3 homes and large open area. The point is several options exist to develop the land.
- Q.** *Is this exception request in the County's best interest?*
- A.** No. The County has no compelling need to grant this exception. A similar exception has never been approved. There may be unintended consequences of encouraging more requests to increase density and/or inviting more lawsuits.
- Q.** *Why would the County approve this exception when it hurts Wine Country and only helps the Owner?*
- A.** It is not clear at this time. Perhaps the Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors can answer this question.

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Details and Contacts for County Communications (1/27/2018)

Details About the Property and Project

Topic	Doc. Type	Specific Doc.	Comments
Land / Property	Asser Parcel Number	APN 927450002	Vineyard for 40+ years
Exception Request	General Plan Amendment	GPA01202	Changes to Residential from Winery District
Subdivision Plan	Tentative Tract Map	TR37254	8 lots, realigns road to connect to Camino del Vino
Grading Plan	Grading Permit	BGR170265	Not approved, being reviewed by County
Lot Clearing Permit	AG Grading Exemption, <i>note: application falsified</i>	BFE170061	Approved, lot cleared in December; now going beyond and performing subdivision grading
Grading without a Permit-County	Code Enforcement Case	CV1704079 Grading CV1800160 NPDES	Opened case when lot clearing moved to subdivision grading; erosion control
Grading without a Permit-CSLB	Contractor State License Board Complaint	NA 2017-10552	Opened complaint when lot clearing moved to subdivision grading
Grading without erosion control	Lake and Streambed Alteration Notification	Pending	Environmental Department involved, reported on 1-11-2018, erosion control added 1-12 to 15-2018

Details About the People Involved

Topic	Who	Contact Info	Comments
Property Owner	Heavenstone Corp. Visman Chow, COB "Jack" Qin, CEO William Sluss, CFO	(Could not locate email) (626) 581-3335	IRS #: 47-1445393 See SEC K-10 for HVSC www.hstone.us
Property Developer	Koll Custom Homes Inc. Greg S. Koll	greg@kollcustomhomes.com (951) 225-1065	License No. 985772 www.kollcustomhomes.com
Vineyard Installer	Drake Enterprises, Inc. Ben Drake	bendrake@drakeag.com (951) 775-5500	No License www.drakeag.com
Project Planner	Riverside Planning Deborah Bradford	dbradfor@rivco.org (951) 955-6646	With County since 2016, primary contact for this exception request
Contract Planner	Riverside Planning Russell Brady	rbrady@rctlma.org (951) 955-3025	Contract employee for 2.5 years, Mgr. of Deborah Bradford
Principal Planner	Riverside Planning Larry Ross	lross@rivco.org (951) 955-9294	Planning supervisor of 2 nd District: Corona, etc., Mgr. of Russell Brady
Initial Planner	Riverside Planning John Hildebrand	jhildebr@rctlma.org (951) 955-1888	With County since 2016, made initial recomm. to proceed with exception
Building & Safety Deputy Director	Riverside County Rendell Klaarenbeek	rklaaren@rivco.org (951) 955-1833	Monitoring case developments, made initial assessment of grading problems
Riverside Planning Commissioner	Ruthanne Taylor Berger (Elizabeth Sarabia, EA)	esarabia@rivco.org (951) 955-7436	Representative for 3 rd District: Wine Country, Chair of Plgn. Commission
Riverside County Supervisor	Chuck Washington (Jeff Comerchero, CoS)	jcomerchero@rivco.org (951) 955-1030	Supervisor for 3 rd District: Wine Country, Chair of Board of Supervisors

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AREA DATA

General Location: South of Garbani Road, North of Wickerd Road, East of El Centro Lane and West of Leon Road. The LaVentana Ranch project, Tract 36785, adjacent to the west of the new High School.		
Topography and significant physical features: The site is relatively flat with some low rises and some depressions, the site has a few on-site drainages.		
Acreage: 171 acres	Estimated Dwelling Units: 511	Estimated Population: ~1,413 to 1,575

Describe the proximity of the subject area to currently developed areas.

North of Garbani Road is open space and low-density residential, east of the site is low-density residential, open space and is a mix of low-density residential and open space.

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LAND USE APPROVALS	COUNTY	CITY
General Plan Designations	MDR & OS-R	N/A
Zoning or Pre-Zoning	R-4	N/A
Subdivisions	Tract 36785	N/A

Is any portion of the subject territory within a redevelopment area? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is any portion of the subject territory subject to a Williamson Act Contract (Agricultural Preserve)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, Contract/Preserve Number: N/A Date established: N/A

List all amendments by date: N/A , _____ , _____

Date Notice of Non-Renewal filed: N/A



Has the city filed a protest pursuant to government code section 51243.5? Yes ☐ No ☒

Provide an official map of the Agricultural Preserve.

The City ☐ will succeed ☐ will not succeed to the contract.

Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), its officers, agents and employees from any claim, action or proceeding, and for any damages, penalties, fines or other costs imposed on or incurred by LAFCO wherein LAFCO, its officers, agents or employees should be named as a party in any litigation or administrative proceeding in connection with this application. Applicant agrees that LAFCO has the right to appoint its own counsel for its defense and conduct its own defense in the manner it deems in its best interest and taking such action shall not limit Applicant's obligation to indemnify and reimburse LAFCO, its officers, agents and employees.

Furthermore, I hereby certify that the statements and information presented within this application and associated attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that anyone who is involved with any annexation to be considered by the Commission and who has made a contribution of more than \$250 in the past twelve months to any member of the Commission must disclose the Commission member to whom the contribution was made and the matter of consideration with which they are involved. Furthermore, the Agent designated herein is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Applicant for the purpose of processing this application until such time as written notice to the contrary is provided by the Applicant to the Executive Officer of the Riverside LAFCO.

 Signature of Agent Date: <u>12/5/17</u> <u>Susan Stollenberg</u> Printed Name of Agent and Firm (if applicable)	 Signature of Applicant Date: <u>Nov-3-17</u> <u>Joseph Rivani - Global Investment & Development, LLC</u> Printed Name of Applicant
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APPLICATION TO THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

LAFCO 2017-22-3

ANNEXATION TO VALLEY-WIDE RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT (TR 36785)

17 DEC -6 PM 4:00

RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RECEIVED

PROPOSAL: Annexation into the Valley Wide Recreation & Parks District, detachment from the County of Riverside's Park & Recreation District.	FOR LAFCO USE ONLY
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition, or <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Complete
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map / Legal Description.
APPLICANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps
Name: Joseph Rivani - Global Investment & Development, LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan of Services (1 copy unbound)
Address: 3470 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1020	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Docs (1 copy - unbound)
City, State, Zip: Los Angeles, CA 90010	<input type="checkbox"/> F & G Fee Exempt, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receipt
Phone: (213) 369-9600 Email: JRivani@GIDLLCO.COM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prop. Tax Reso. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Indiv.
CONTACT PERSON/AGENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAFCO Fees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal Descript. Dep.
Name: Jeff Anderson - ACE	<input type="checkbox"/> City Pre-zoning Ordinance N/A
Address: 12526 High Bluff Drive, Suite 300	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal (city >100 ac.) (1 copy unbound)
City, State, Zip: San Diego, CA 92130	<input type="checkbox"/> S. O. I. Factors N/A
Phone: (858) 925-7918 Email: jeff@ace-civil.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing Labels

NOTICES: List below the names, email address, and addresses of persons to whom notices and staff reports should be directed (3 maximum). In the event the document is too large to email, a hard copy will be sent. **Please provide six sets of mailing labels for persons to whom notices and reports are to be sent.**

Name: Joseph Rivani - Global Investment & Development, LLC Telephone: (213) 369-9600
 Address: 3470 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1020 City, State, Zip: Los Angeles, CA 90010
 Email: JRivani@GIDLLCO.COM

Name: Jeff Anderson - ACE Telephone: (858) 925-7918
 Address: 12526 High Bluff Drive, Suite 300 City, State, Zip: San Diego, CA 92130
 Email: jeff@ace-civil.com

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: _____

Does this proposal have the consent of 100 percent of the affected property owners? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, include written statements of consent and proof of ownership (assessor roll printout, grant deed, etc).

Also, attach all correspondence to/from existing residents and/or property owners.

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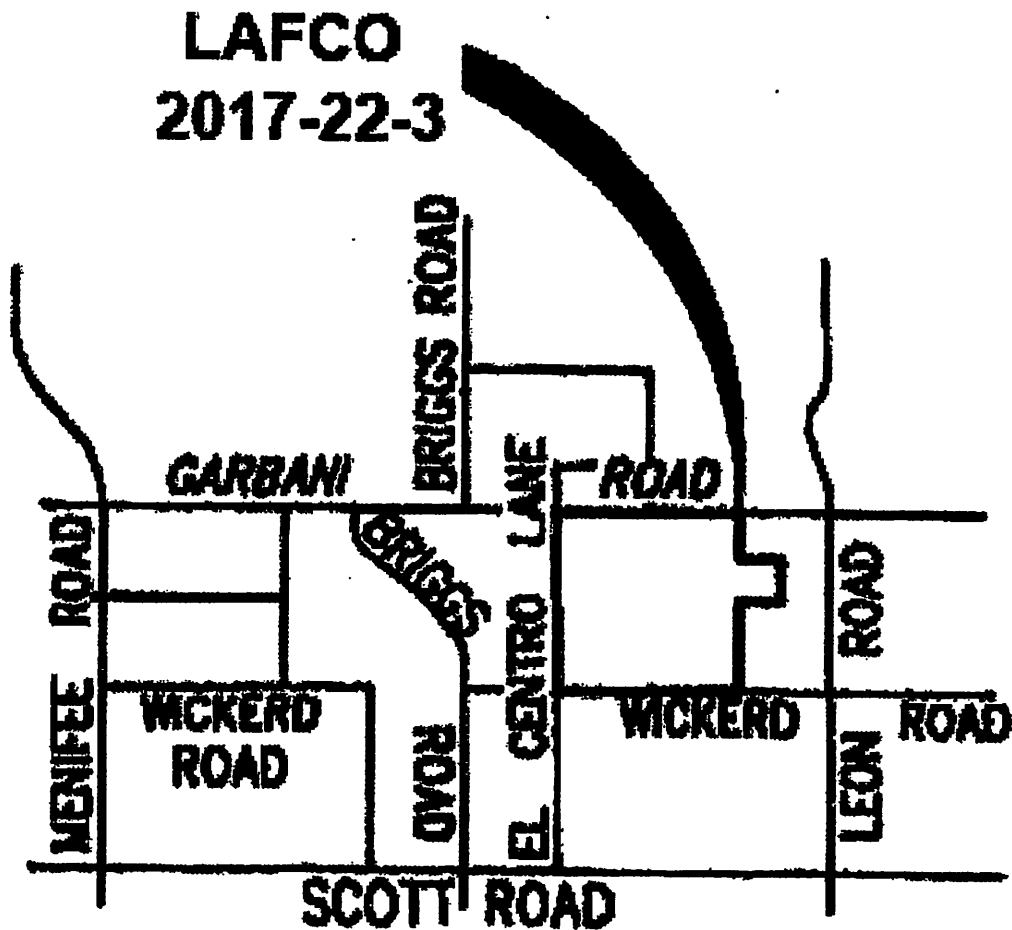
Annexation to Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District (TR 36785)

APPLICANT: Joseph Rivani, Global Investment & Development

PROPOSAL: To annex for the provision of park & recreation services.

GENERAL LOCATION: Generally located south of Garbani Rd., west of Leon Rd., north of Wickerd Rd., and east of El Centro Ln., east of the City of Menifee.

ACREAGE: The proposal contains approximately 170.25 acres.



PERMISSION FOR RCRCD

Rose Corona

From: Brandt, Jeff@Wildlife <Jeff.Brandt@wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 5:55 PM
To: Rose Corona
Cc: Arlee Montalvo (montalvo@rcrcd.org); Shelli Lamb; Julie Beeman; Brandt, Jeff@Wildlife
Subject: Lake Elsinore borrow pit assessment RE: Requesting Permission
Attachments: Boat Launch Borrow Site-Lake Elsinore_v2.kmz

Good afternoon Rose.

Thank you for the rapid response—and apologies for reaching out like this on a Friday. We need to have an assessment of a borrow pit in the back basin at lake Elsinore (see attached kmz google earth placemark). We're looking at options for mitigating the impacts of the Mission Trails Apartment project and understanding the ecological potential of the borrow pit is the critical path milestone we need to prepare our LSA.

Dr. Arlee Montalvo holds two formal positions. She is both the Senior Plant Restoration Ecologist for the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District, and an Associate at the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences at the University of California Riverside. She is "well published", and is the co-author of the elegantly simple and useful *Flora of the Santa Ana River and Environs*. She is also a leader in the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society, and has lectured (me) on fire ecology. I place a great deal of trust in her expertise in the field of restoration ecology, her local field experience, and in her ability to assist CDFW to better understand the ecological potential of the borrow pit. On a personal note: she is maddeningly thorough and often tells me things that I'd rather not hear. In short—she can help us identify problems and opportunities.

Thank you,

Jeff Brandt
Habitat Conservation
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
3602 Inland Empire Blvd, Suite C-220
Ontario, CA 91764
Phone (909) 987-7161
Fax (909) 481-2945
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From: Rose Corona [<mailto:rosecorona@bighorsefeed.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 5:13 PM
To: Julie Beeman <JBeeman@vcseenvironmental.com>

Cc: Brandt, Jeff@Wildlife <Jeff.Brandt@wildlife.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: Requesting Permission

Dear Julie,

I apologize I was unable to take your call but I was in a meeting. I listened to your voicemail and understand the urgency and also Fish and Wildlife's insistence on having an expert in this particular area. I understand Ms. Montalvo is one of the few that can do this kind of work and is excellent at it so I have no problem giving our permission for her to do the work and assist you, along with any one of her assistants she chooses to use as long as she and her staff are the acceptable expert for Jeff Brandt at Fish and Wildlife. If he approves of Ms. Montalvo in writing to us, then we have no problem giving our permission. I have copied him on this e-mail so he can follow up with you if necessary. I hope this helps and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Rose Corona
TEAM RCD
President

From: Julie Beeman [<mailto:JBeeman@vcsevenvironmental.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 3:41 PM

To: Rose Corona <rosecorona@bighorsefeed.com>; rneuge@gmail.com

Cc: Erin Hayes <EHayes@vcsevenvironmental.com>; Wade Caffrey <wcaffrey@vcsevenvironmental.com>

Subject: Requesting Permission

Hi Rose and Rick – I have a challenging mitigation site in the Back Basin of Lake Elsinore that requires some expert analysis. I need to bring in Arlee Montalvo because of her expertise on alkali systems. Would you please allow her to assist me? I have a very time sensitive affordable housing project riding on this so time is of the essence. We are planning on going out in the field on February 7 pending your approval.

Please advise. Thank you very much,

Julie Beeman
President

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FORESTRY PROGRAM NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Forestry Program Needs Assessment
Initial Inquiry
September 2017

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) utilizes standing committees to assist with policy implementation and issue identification to better build the network and impact of local RCDs. The CARCD Forestry Committee (Forestry Committee) is one of three standing committees whose mission it is to provide expertise, advice and support to conserve, restore and sustain the health, diversity and productivity of California's forested landscapes.

The Committee works closely with the California Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee and a number of associates are members of both committees. Over the past year, both committees have worked on updating their individual charters. During that process, the Forestry Committee received a request to increase its visibility with RCDs and to provide expertise and assistance towards improving or developing individual RCD forestry programs. A Forestry Program Needs Assessment is in development to determine how best to proceed.

The following initial inquiry survey is intended to provide the Forestry Committee a baseline of information from which a more thorough needs assessment can be conducted. The results will be reviewed and discussed when the Committee meets at the CARCD Annual Conference in November. Your completion of this initial survey is an important first step by identifying which RCDs currently manage a forestry program and the basic components of the active programs, as well as gauging the interest in an RCD developing a forestry program.

We are asking each District Manager to complete the following survey, which should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Please complete this survey by November 1, 2017. Thank You.

1. RCD:
2. Name:
3. Email:
4. Phone Number:
5. Does your RCD currently have a forestry program (may include interfacing with urban trees and/or greenbelts, wildland forests, or fire preparedness issues):
 - ☐ YES (please proceed to Question 7)
 - ☐ NO

6. If you answered NO to Question 5, is your RCD interested in developing a forestry program:
- ☐ YES (Please fill out the remainder of the survey with what you would like to see in a future forestry program)
 - ☐ NO (You have completed the survey & we thank you for your time)
 - ☐ MAYBE (Please explain)
7. For RCDs with a forestry program, is your program focused in –
- ☐ Wildland forests
 - ☐ Urban forests (within a municipality)
 - ☐ Both
8. Please identify the components of your forestry program (check all that apply) –
- ☐ Provide site specific management advice to landowners
 - ☐ Connect landowners to state and federal managers for program assistance
 - ☐ Provide technical services for municipalities or other agencies
 - ☐ Develop land management objectives with landowners
 - ☐ Write Forest Conservation/Stewardship/Management Plans
 - ☐ Conduct forest inventory
 - ☐ Run or manage a tree nursery/seed orchard
 - ☐ Facilitate seedling orders for reforestation
 - ☐ Cone or seed collection
 - ☐ Reforestation (wildland)
 - ☐ Tree planting (urban)
 - ☐ Tree care or management in an urban setting (arboriculture)
 - ☐ Address tree mortality
 - ☐ Agroforestry/silvopastoral management &/or implementation
 - ☐ Fuel reduction and/or forest stand improvement project management &/or implementation
 - ☐ Forest product removal
 - ☐ Biomass utilization
 - ☐ Fire Safe Council leadership/management
 - ☐ Fire Safe Council participation
 - ☐ Firewise Program leadership/management
 - ☐ Third Party forest certification (e.g., American Tree Farm, SFI, FSC)
 - ☐ Environmental or Conservation Education
 - ☐ Research
 - ☐ Other (Please describe)