



Appendix A Notice of Preparation and Written Comments on the NOP



Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Meeting for the City of Yorba Linda Adopted 2021–2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs

Date: April 29, 2022

TO: Reviewing Agencies and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Nate Farnsworth, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Meeting for the City of Yorba Linda 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs Project

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: April 29, 2022 to May 30, 2022

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to notify reviewing agencies, including Responsible and Trustee Agencies (Agencies) that the City of Yorba Linda (City), as the Lead Agency, will be preparing a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the City of Yorba Linda Adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs Project (Project).

The City is requesting comments and guidance on the scope and content of the PEIR from Responsible and Trustee agencies, interested public agencies, organizations, and the general public (State of California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] Guidelines §15082). The City will need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information; which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. The project description, location, and the probable environmental effects are contained in this notice (which may also be accessed at: <https://www.yorbalindaca.gov/341/Environmental-Documents>).

Scoping Meeting: As a part of the NOP process, the City will conduct a public scoping meeting in order to present the proposed Project and environmental process and to receive public comments and suggestions regarding the proposed Project. The scoping meeting is open to the public and all interested parties, and will **be held on May 23, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** at the City of Yorba Linda Community Center, Imperial Room at 4501 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.

Project Location: The Project encompasses the entire City of Yorba Linda, which is located in northeast portion of Orange County, California. The City is located approximately 38 miles southeast of City of Los Angeles and 12 miles north of City of Santa Ana. It is bounded by the cities of Corona to the east, Brea to the north, Placentia to the west and southwest, and Anaheim to the south. Chino Hills State Park is located to the north. Regional access is provided by primarily via State Routes 90 (SR-90) and 91 (SR-91). (See Figure 1, *Regional and Vicinity Map*, and Figure 2, *Aerial Photograph*).

Project Description: The City adopted the 2021–2029 Housing Element (Housing Element) on February 9, 2022. On April 8, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved the City's Housing Element and found it to be in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Government Code Article 10.6). Following HCD approval, the City is required to ensure the continued and effective implementation of the Housing Element Programs.



The Project requires a General Plan Amendment and Amendments to the Zoning Code and Zoning Map to implement the Project. The General Plan Amendment would revise the: 1) Land Use Element to update the text and maps consistent with the proposed zoning, and 2) Safety Element pursuant to SB 1241 to incorporate fire hazard planning, including review by Cal Fire. Amendments to the Zoning Code include modification to the text and maps to rezone 27 opportunity sites, including applicable planned development zones, and adoption of housing overlay zones (Affordable Housing Overlay, a Mixed-Use Housing Overlay, and a Congregational Land Overlay) consistent with the Housing Element. The Project is intended to cover all implementation programs outlined in the Housing Element Section V (C), Housing Programs 1–20. The Housing Element can be accessed at: <https://www.ylhousingelementupdate.com/>.

California's Housing Element law requires that each city and county develop local housing programs to meet its "fair share" of existing and future housing needs for all income groups. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is responsible for developing and assigning these regional needs, or "RHNA", to Southern California jurisdictions. On March 4, 2021, SCAG's Regional Council adopted the final RHNA allocation, resulting in a final RHNA of 2,415 housing units for the City of Yorba Linda broken down into the following income categories as shown in Table 1-1, *City of Yorba Linda 2021-2029 RHNA Allocation*.

Table 1-1 City of Yorba Linda 2021-2029 RHNA Allocation

Income Level	Dwelling Units	Percent
Very Low Income (0-50% of AMI)*	765	32%
Very Low Income (51-80% of AMI)	451	19%
Moderate Income (81-120% of AMI)	457	19%
Above Moderate (>120% of AMI)	742	30%
Total	2,415	100%

Note: Local jurisdictions must consider Extremely Low income households as part of the Very Low income allocation. The Yorba Linda Housing Element assumes 50% of City's Very Low income housing needs are for Extremely Low income households (382 units) earning less than 30% Area Median Income (AMI) varies by household size.

To specifically address the need for housing for the needs of lower income households, Housing Opportunity Sites recommended for re-zoning were selected based on several factors: existing land use and feasibility for redevelopment within the planning period; property owner interest; neighborhood compatibility and community context; and an overriding goal to disperse affordable housing opportunities throughout the community. Table 1-2, *Housing Opportunity Sites for Rezoning*, shows the sites inventory through rezoning for this RHNA cycle. Through rezoning, the City would provide the maximum capacity for meeting the City's RHNA obligation. Figure 3, *Housing Opportunity Sites*, depicts the locations of each housing opportunity site within the City.

Table 1-2 Housing Opportunity Sites for Rezoning

Site Description and Address	Acres (developable acres)	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning Action	Total Net Unit Potential	Realistic Unit Potential
Affordable Housing Overlay (AHO) Sites – up to 35 units/acre					
SEC Rose Dr/Blake Rd	5.94	RE	RM-20 with AHO	208	178
5300-5392 Richfield Rd	9.7	RU	RM-20 with AHO	340	291
Yorba Linda Preschool 18132 Yorba Linda Blvd	0.42	CG	RM-20 with AHO	15	13
4791 and 4811 Eureka Ave	1.75	CG	RM-20 with AHO	61	53



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Site Description and Address	Acres (developable acres)	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning Action	Total Net Unit Potential	Realistic Unit Potential
4742 Plumosa Drive	1.62	CG	RM-20 with AHO	57	48
Prior John Force Racing 22722 Old Canal Road	2.56	PD	PD with AHO	89	77
Extended Stay America 22711 Oak Crest Circle	10.35	PD	RM-20 with AHO	143	122
Realistic Unit Potential on AHO Sites:					782
Total Net Unit Potential on AHO Sites:					913
Congregational Land Overlay (CLO) Sites – up to 35 units/acre					
Friendship Baptist Church 17151 Bastanchury Rd	4.92 (2.01)	RE	RE with CLO	60	60
Richfield Community Church 5320 Richfield Rd	9.48 (3.7)	RU	RU with CLO	55	55
Messiah Lutheran Church 486 Liverpool St	6.2 (2.03)	RU	RU with CLO	40	40
Friends Church Overflow Parking	17.45 (1.61)	RE	RE with CLO	48	48
Chabad Center 19045 Yorba Linda Blvd	1.85 (0.93)	RE	RE with CLO	17	17
Islamic Center of Yorba Linda 4382 Eureka Ave	3.88 (1.58)	RS	RS with CLO	30	30
Shinnyo-En USA 18021-18111 Bastanchury Rd	9.23 (4.09)	PD-26	PD-26 with CLO	105	105
Realistic Unit Potential on CLO Sites:					355
Total Net Unit Potential on CLO Sites:					355
Mixed Use Overlay (MUO) Sites – up to 35 units/acre					
Vacant Parcel (W of 16951 Imperial Hwy) APN 322-121-07	1.76	CG-(I)	CG-(I) with MUO	62	53
Bryant Ranch Shopping Center 23611-23801 La Palma Ave	9.15	CG	CG with MUO	320	272
Realistic Unit Potential on MUO Sites:					325
Total Net Unit Potential on MUO Sites:					382
RM-20 – up to 20 units/acre					
18597-18602 Altrudy Lane	2.0	RS	RM-20	40	40
19081-19111 Yorba Linda Blvd	3.90	RE	RM-20	78	66
Realistic Unit Potential on RM-20 Sites:					106
Total Net Unit Potential on RM-20 Sites:					118
RM – up to 10 units/acre					
4341 Eureka Avenue	2.19	RS	RM	22	19
5225-5227 Highland Ave	7.08	RE	RM	71	60
17651 Imperial Highway	2.32	RS	RM	23	20
SWC Kellogg Dr/ Grandview Ave	0.98	RE	RM	10	9
5541 South Ohio St	0.96	RE	RM	10	9
5531 South Ohio St	1.82	RE	RM	18	15
Fairmont Blvd	23.01	PD	RM	230	196



Site Description and Address	Acres (developable acres)	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning Action	Total Net Unit Potential	Realistic Unit Potential
NWC Camino de Bryant/ Meadowland	3.06	RU	RM	30	10
Realistic Unit Potential on RM Sites:					338
Total Net Unit Potential on RM Sites:					414
Planned Development					
18101-19251 Bastanchury	22.83	PD	PD	228	194
Realistic Unit Potential on PD Sites:					194
Total Net Unit Potential on PD Sites:					228
Realistic Potential on all Opportunity Sites:					2,100
Total Net Unit Potential on all Opportunity Sites:					2,410

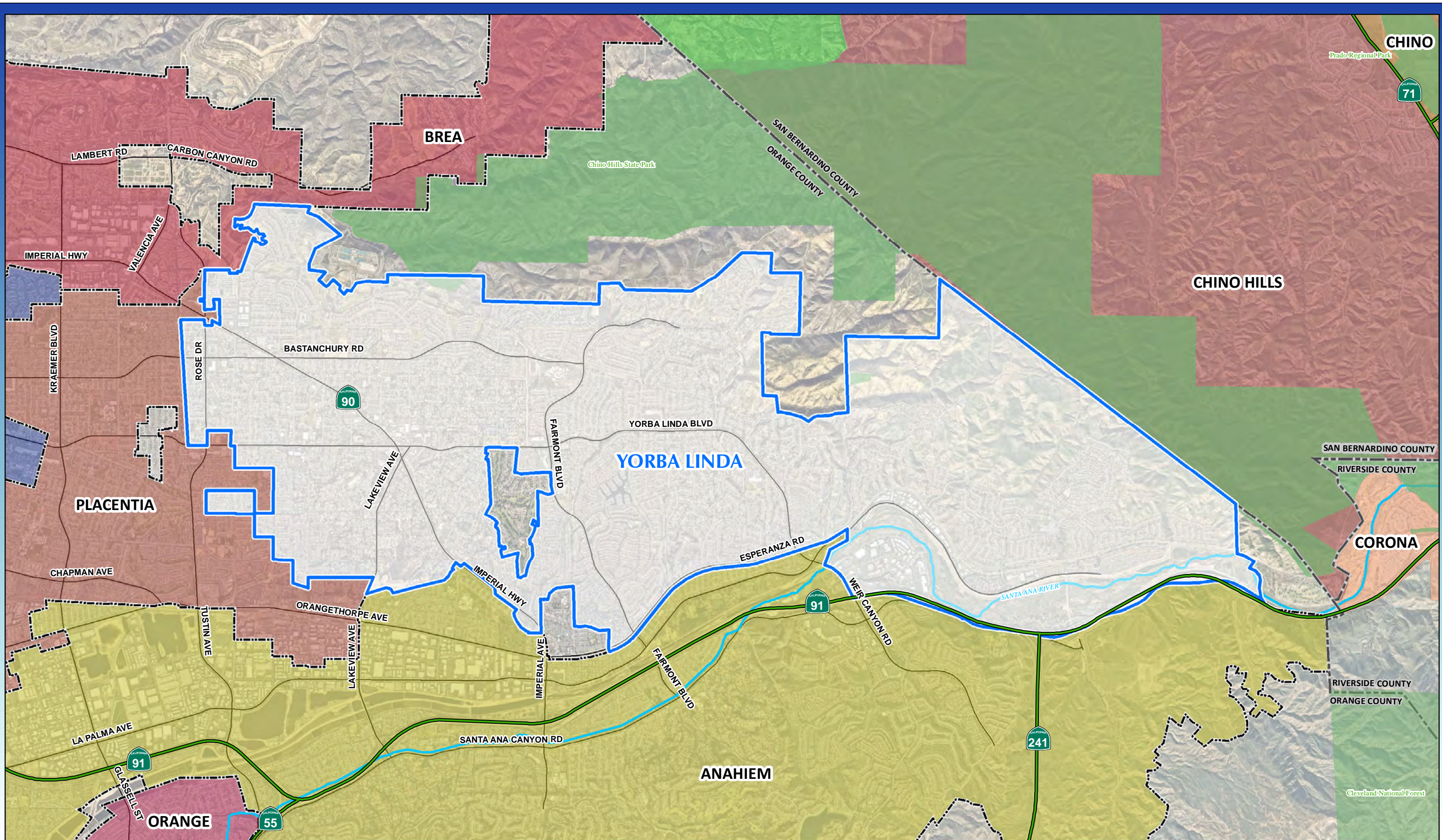
Environmental Determination:

The City has determined that an EIR will be required for the Project. The following environmental topics marked with a check mark below have the potential to result in significant environmental impact and will be further evaluated in the PEIR.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire |

Public Review: The City requests your careful review and consideration of this notice, and it invites any and all input and comments from interested agencies, persons, and organizations regarding the preparation of the PEIR. Comments in response to this notice must be submitted to the City through the close of business on **May 30, 2022**. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization. All comments should be submitted in writing to:

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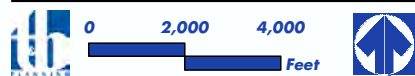


ESRI, OC Landbase (2022), SB County (2022), RCTLMA (2022), Nearmap (2022)

FIGURE 1

CITY OF YORBA LINDA 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS PROJECT

REGIONAL AND VICINITY MAP



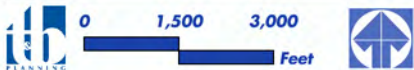


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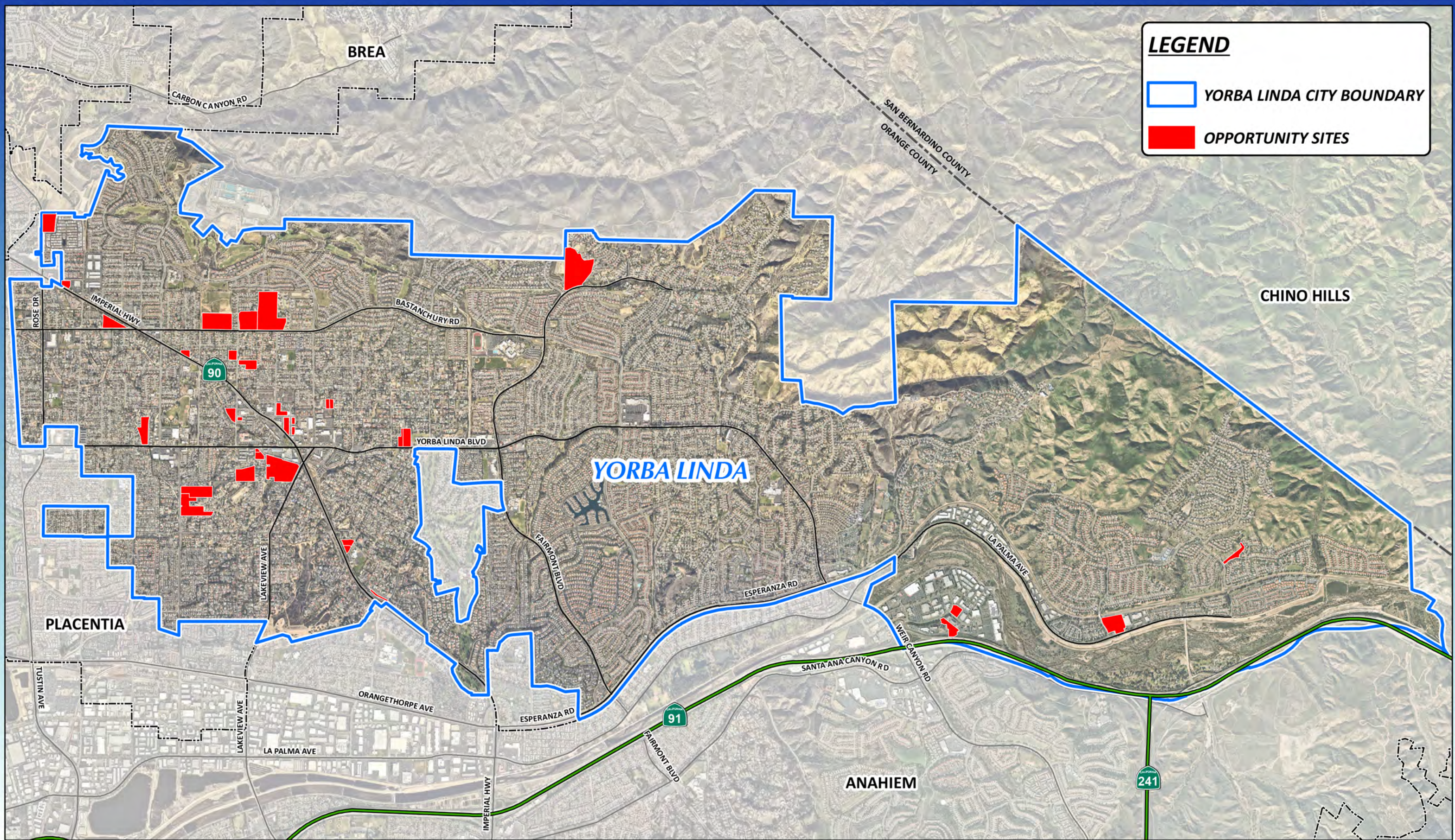
FIGURE 2

CITY OF YORBA LINDA 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS PROJECT

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH



NOTICE OF PREPARATION



Source(s): ESRI, OC Landbase (2022), SB County (2022) Nearmap (2022), City of Yorba Linda (2022)

FIGURE 3

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

May 9, 2022

Nate Farnsworth
City of Yorba Linda
4845 Casa Loma Avenue
Yorba Linda, CA 92885

Re: 2022040574, City of Yorba Linda 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs Project, Orange County

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) or Early Consultation for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code §21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit.14, § 15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code §21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 5064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines §15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources within the area of potential effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a separate category of cultural resources, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code §21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.2). Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation, a notice of negative declaration, or a mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. §800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends consultation with California Native American tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments.

Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.



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AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project:

Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a lead agency shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:

- a. A brief description of the project.
- b. The lead agency contact information.
- c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d)).
- d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21073).

2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report:

A lead agency shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or Environmental Impact Report. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

- a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code §65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.1 (b)).

3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:

- a. Alternatives to the project.
- b. Recommended mitigation measures.
- c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:

- a. Type of environmental review necessary.
- b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
- c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
- d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (a)).

5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code §6254 (r) and §6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (c)(1)).

6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document: If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:

- a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
- b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (b)).

- 7. Conclusion of Consultation:** Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
- a.** The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
 - b.** A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code §21080.3.2 (b)).
- 8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document:** Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code §21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (a)).
- 9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation:** If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code §21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (e)).
- 10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:**
- a.** Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
 - i.** Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
 - ii.** Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
 - b.** Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i.** Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
 - ii.** Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
 - iii.** Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
 - c.** Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
 - d.** Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code §21084.3 (b)).
 - e.** Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a non-federally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code §815.3 (c)).
 - f.** Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code §5097.991).
- 11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource:** An Environmental Impact Report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
- a.** The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 and §21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080.3.2.
 - b.** The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
 - c.** The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code §21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code §21082.3 (d)).

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf

SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires local governments to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code §65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf.

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. Tribal Consultation: If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code §65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation. There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. Confidentiality: Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code §65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code §5097.9 and §5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code §65352.3 (b)).
4. Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation: Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
 - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
 - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>.

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
 - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - b. If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.

- b.** The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.
- 3.** Contact the NAHC for:
- a.** A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
 - b.** A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.
- 4.** Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
- a.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - b.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - c.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code § 7050.5, Public Resources Code § 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address:
Andrew.Green@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Andrew Green
Cultural Resources Analyst

cc: State Clearinghouse

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

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May 23, 2022

File No.: 675.18109.15159

T&B Planning
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RE: SCH#2022040574

The Santa Ana Area office of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) received the "Notice of Completion" of the environmental impact document for the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs Project, in the city of Yorba Linda, (SCH) #2022040574. After our review, we have some concerns with the potential impact this project could have on traffic congestion.

Our concerns relate to the potential impact on departmental operations, with primary emphasis on increased traffic and changes in traffic congestion patterns during the construction stage. Additionally, anticipated increased response times are a concern. The proposed project would have an adverse impact on Area operations due to the increased traffic congestion, which would necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate the potential increase in traffic collisions.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact Sergeant J. Beam, #15159, at (714) 567-6000.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of B. A. Palmer, written in a cursive style.

B. A. PALMER, Lieutenant
Acting Commander
Santa Ana Area

Cc: Border Division
Special Projects Section



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File: IGR/CEQA
SCH#: 2022040574
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Dear Mr. Farnsworth,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report and Scoping Meeting for the City of Yorba Linda Adopted 2021–2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs. California's Housing Element law requires that each city and county develop local housing programs to meet its "fair share" of existing and future housing needs for all income groups.

On March 4, 2021, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council adopted the final Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA), resulting in providing 2,415 housing units for the City of Yorba Linda. The Project encompasses the entire City of Yorba Linda, which is in northeast portion of Orange County, California.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that services all people and respects the environment. Caltrans is a responsible agency on this project and has the following comments:

Traffic Operations

1. New developments resulting from the City's Housing Element Implementation Program should provide a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) based Traffic Impact Study (TIS). VMT metric is now the standard California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) transportation metric that replaces the level of service (LOS) metric, the prior widely applied metric used for CEQA transportation analysis.

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2. The EIR must include a traffic study to address potential impacts to the State Highway System. The focus of the Traffic Study must no longer be on traffic at intersections and roadways immediately around project sites. Instead, the focus should be on how the project would influence the overall amount of automobile use and to identify potential non-capacity increasing mitigation measures. Caltrans' Strategic Management Plan goal is to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, provide a safe transportation system, reduce per capita VMT, increase accessibility to projects be aligned with destinations via cycling, walking, carpooling, and transit, and reduce GHG emissions.

Transportation Planning

3. Caltrans recognizes our responsibility to assist communities of color and under-served communities by removing barriers to provide a more equitable transportation system for all. The Department firmly embraces racial equity, inclusion, and diversity. These values are foundational to achieving our vision of a cleaner, safer, and more accessible and more connected transportation system. Please consider a discussion on equity.

System Planning

4. Please provide discussion of multimodal transportation mobility options of the current transit services and regional rail services and look for opportunities and connectivity to safe and convenient access. Please encourage the use of transit among future residents, visitors, and workers as part of the project development.
5. For the preparation of the EIR, consider discussing the potential impacts to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Caltrans supports the design of Complete Streets that include high-quality pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities that are safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities. Consider potential opportunities to encourage the development of Complete Streets facilities and/or connections to these facilities, as transportation is closely linked to housing. Complete Streets improvements promote regional connectivity, improve air quality, reduce congestion,

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promote improved first-/last-mile connections, and increase safety for all modes of transportation.

Please continue to coordinate with Caltrans for any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Lugaro, at Julie.lugaro@dot.ca.gov. or Maryam Molavi at Maryam.Molavi@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Shelley', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Subject: City of Yorba Linda 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs Project (PROJECT), Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), SCH #2022040574

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed the above-referenced Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the City of Yorba Linda 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs (Project) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the Project that may affect California fish and wildlife. Likewise, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding those aspects of the Project that CDFW, by law, may be required to carry out or approve through the exercise of its own regulatory authority under the Fish and Game Code.

CDFW ROLE

CDFW is California's **Trustee Agency** for fish and wildlife resources and holds those resources in trust by statute for all the people of the State. (Fish & G. Code, §§ 711.7, subd. (a) & 1802; Pub. Resources Code, § 21070; CEQA Guidelines § 15386, subd. (a).) CDFW, in its trustee capacity, has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species. (*Id.*, § 1802.) Similarly, for purposes of CEQA, CDFW is charged by law to provide, as available, biological expertise during public agency environmental review efforts, focusing specifically on projects and related activities that have the potential to adversely affect fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW is also submitting comments as a **Responsible Agency** under CEQA. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069; CEQA Guidelines, § 15381.) CDFW may need to exercise regulatory authority as provided by the Fish and Game Code for either CDFW's lake and streambed alteration regulatory authority. (Fish & G. Code, § 1600 et seq.) or in the event the Project may result in "take" as defined by State law of any species protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & G. Code, § 2050 et seq.).

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Proponent: City of Yorba Linda (City)

Objective: The objective of the Project is to develop local housing programs to meet the City's goal for existing and future housing needs for all income groups per the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (SCAG 2022). Primary Project activities include a General Plan Amendment and Amendments to the Zoning Code and Zoning Map, revision of the Land Use Element to update maps consistent with proposed zoning, and revision of the Safety Element to incorporate fire hazard planning. Amendments to the Zoning Code include modification to the text and maps to rezone 27 opportunity sites, including applicable planned development zones, and adoption of housing overlay zones (Affordable Housing Overlay, a Mixed-Use Housing Overlay, and a Congregational Land Overlay). Housing opportunity sites are identified as potential sites for future housing development. These sites are recommended based on several factors: existing land use and feasibility for redevelopment within the planning period; property owner interest; neighborhood compatibility and community context; and an overriding goal to disperse affordable housing opportunities throughout the community. Through rezoning, the City would provide a total of 2,410 additional housing units.

Location: The Project encompasses the entire City of Yorba Linda, which is located in northeast portion of Orange County, California. The City is located approximately 38 miles southeast of City of Los Angeles and 12 miles north of City of Santa Ana. It is bounded by the cities of Corona to the east, Brea to the north, Placentia to the west and southwest, and Anaheim to the south. Chino Hills State Park is located to the north.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CDFW offers the comments and recommendations below to assist the City in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Project's significant, or potentially significant, direct and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife (biological) resources. CDFW looks forward to commenting on the DEIR when it is released. CDFW may have additional comments to the DEIR not addressed in this letter.

Specific Comments

1) Biological Baseline Assessment

CDFW recommends providing a complete assessment and impact analysis of the native/naturalized vegetation communities, flora, and fauna within and adjacent to the Project area, with emphasis upon identifying endangered, threatened, sensitive, regionally and locally unique species. Impact analysis will aid in determining any direct, indirect, and cumulative biological impacts, as well as specific mitigation or avoidance measures (including provision for buffers between impacts and locations of sensitive species) necessary to avoid, minimize, or mitigate for significant impacts. CDFW recommends avoiding any sensitive natural communities found on or adjacent to the Project. The DEIR should include the following information:

- a) Information on the regional setting that is critical to an assessment of environmental impacts, with special emphasis on resources that are rare or unique to the region [CEQA Guidelines, § 15125(c)]. The DEIR should include measures to fully avoid and otherwise protect Sensitive Natural Communities from Project-related impacts. Project implementation may result in impacts to rare or endangered plants or plant communities that have been recorded adjacent to the Project vicinity;

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- b) A complete floristic assessment within and adjacent to the Project area, with particular emphasis upon identifying endangered, threatened, sensitive, and locally unique species and sensitive habitats. This should include a thorough, recent, floristic-based assessment of special status plants and natural communities;
- c) A complete, recent, assessment of the biological resources associated with each habitat type onsite and within adjacent areas that could also be affected by the Project. CDFW's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) in Sacramento should be contacted to obtain current information on any previously reported sensitive species and habitat. CDFW recommends that CNDDDB Field Survey Forms be completed and submitted to CNDDDB to document survey results. Online forms can be obtained and submitted at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/Submitting-Data>; and,
- d) A recent, wildlife and rare plant survey. CDFW generally considers biological field assessments for wildlife to be valid for a one-year period, and assessments for rare plants may be considered valid for a period of up to three years as long as there was not a prevailing drought during the time of the botanical survey. Some aspects of the proposed Project may warrant periodic updated surveys for certain sensitive taxa, particularly if build out could occur over a protracted time frame, or in phases.

2) Analyses of the Potential Project-Related Biological Direct, Indirect, and Cumulative Impacts

Due to the aim of providing maximum capacity for the City's housing needs, rezoning will occur and thus have the potential to impact biological resources. Project activities may cause direct impacts if parcels are rezoned from open space to residential, resulting in direct take of habitat and the species therein. Project activities may also have indirect impacts resulting from increased noise, lighting, traffic, and human activity adjacent to open space or sensitive areas. Specific mitigation or avoidance measures may be necessary to offset such impacts. CDFW recommends providing a thorough discussion of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts expected to adversely affect biological resources, with specific measures to offset such impacts. The following should be addressed in the DEIR:

- a) A discussion of potential adverse impacts from lighting, noise, human activity, exotic species, and drainage should also be included. The latter subject should address Project-related changes on drainage patterns on and downstream of the Project site; the volume, velocity, and frequency of existing and post-Project surface flows; polluted runoff; soil erosion and/or sedimentation in streams and water bodies; and post-Project fate of runoff from the Project site. The discussions should also address the proximity of the extraction activities to the water table, whether dewatering would be necessary, and the potential resulting impacts on the habitat, if any, supported by the groundwater. Mitigation measures proposed to alleviate such impacts should be included;
- b) Discussions regarding indirect Project impacts on biological resources, including resources in nearby public lands, open space, adjacent natural habitats, riparian ecosystems, and any designated and/or proposed or existing reserve lands (e.g., preserve lands associated with a NCCP). Impacts on, and maintenance of, wildlife corridor/movement areas, including access to undisturbed habitats in adjacent areas, should be fully evaluated in the DEIR. Specifically potential impacts to biological resources located in Chino Hills State Park should be discussed;

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- c) The zoning of areas for development projects or other uses that are nearby or adjacent to natural areas may inadvertently contribute to wildlife-human interactions. A discussion of possible conflicts and mitigation measures to reduce these conflicts should be included in the environmental document;
- d) An analysis of impacts from land use designations and zoning located nearby or adjacent to natural areas that may inadvertently contribute to wildlife-human interactions. A discussion of possible conflicts and mitigation measures to reduce these conflicts should be included in the DEIR; and,
- e) A cumulative effects analysis should be developed as described under CEQA Guidelines, section 15130. General and specific plans, as well as past, present, and anticipated future projects, should be analyzed relative to their impacts on similar plant communities and wildlife habitats.

3) Impacts to Bird Species

The Project plans identify 27 opportunity sites including some areas zoned as open space and/or adjacent to open space with existing shrubs and trees. These open spaces include, but are not limited to: Chino Hills State Park, Vista Del Verde Park, and Black Gold Golfclub. Project activities occurring during the avian breeding season could result in the incidental loss of fertile eggs, or nestlings, or otherwise lead to nest abandonment in trees directly adjacent to the Project boundary. Some sites identified for the Project could also lead to the loss of foraging habitat for sensitive bird species. CNDDDB indicates the occurrence of several special status species within the Project vicinity, specifically least Bell's vireo (vireo; *Vireo bellii pusillus*; CESA- and ESA-listed endangered) and coastal California gnatcatcher (gnatcatcher; *Poliopitila californica californica*, ESA-listed threatened and California Species of Special Concern). CNDDDB also indicates the occurrence of two additional bird species listed as a CDFW Species of Special Concern (SSC): yellow-breasted chat (*Icteria virens*) and coastal cactus wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus sandiegensis*). The following should be addressed in the DEIR:

- a) CDFW recommends that measures be taken to avoid Project impacts to nesting birds. Migratory nongame native bird species are protected by international treaty under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918 (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, § 10.13). Sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of all birds and their active nests including raptors and other migratory nongame birds (as listed under the Federal MBTA). Proposed Project activities including (but not limited to) staging and disturbances to native and nonnative vegetation, structures, and substrates should occur outside of the avian breeding season which generally runs from February 15 through August 31 (as early as January 1 for some raptors) to avoid take of birds or their eggs; and,
- b) If avoidance of the avian breeding season is not feasible, CDFW recommends surveys by a qualified biologist with experience in conducting breeding bird surveys to detect protected native birds occurring in suitable nesting habitat that is to be disturbed and (as access to adjacent areas allows) any other such habitat within 100-feet of the disturbance area (within 500-feet for raptors). Project personnel, including all contractors working onsite, should be instructed on the sensitivity of the area. Reductions in the nest buffer distance may be appropriate depending on the avian species involved, ambient levels of human activity, screening vegetation, or possibly other factors.

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4) Fire Hazard Planning and Fuel Modification

The NOP discusses fire hazard planning, which implies that Project activities may include fuel modification within and around the Project boundaries. The DEIR should include information as to how the Project or adjacent land may be affected by fuel modification requirements. Fuel modification should not adversely impact resources in the adjacent areas or mitigation lands. A discussion of any fuel modification requirements for this Project should be included in the DEIR to allow CDFW to assess potential impacts to biological resources. CDFW recommends all fuel modification requirements be met on the Project, and not in mitigation lands or habitat adjacent to the Project. Habitat being subjected to fuel modification (e.g., thinning, trimming, removal of mulch layer) should be considered an impact to these vegetation communities and mitigated accordingly. CDFW also recommends any irrigation proposed in fuel modification zones drain back into the development and away from natural habitat areas because perennial sources of water may have negative impacts such as the introduction of invasive Argentine ants.

General Comments

5) Project Description and Alternatives

To enable CDFW to adequately review and comment on the proposed Project from the standpoint of the protection of plants, fish, and wildlife, CDFW recommends the following information be included in the DEIR:

- a) A complete discussion of the purpose and need for, and description of, the proposed Project, including all staging areas and access routes to the construction and staging areas (if applicable); and,
- b) A range of feasible alternatives to Project component location and design features to ensure that alternatives to the proposed Project are fully considered and evaluated. The alternatives should avoid or otherwise minimize direct and indirect impacts to sensitive biological resources and wildlife movement areas.

6) Compensatory Mitigation

The DEIR should include mitigation measures for adverse Project-related impacts to sensitive plants, animals, and habitats. Mitigation measures should emphasize avoidance and reduction of Project impacts. For unavoidable impacts, onsite habitat restoration or enhancement should be discussed in detail. If onsite mitigation is not feasible or would not be biologically viable and therefore would not adequately mitigate the loss of biological functions and values, offsite mitigation through habitat creation and/or acquisition and preservation in perpetuity should be addressed. Areas proposed as mitigation lands should be protected in perpetuity. Under Government Code section 65967, the Lead Agency must exercise due diligence in reviewing the qualifications of a governmental entity, special district, or non-profit organization to effectively manage and steward land, water, or natural resources on mitigation lands that it approves.

7) Wetland Permitting Obligations

CDFW has regulatory authority over activities in streams and/or lakes that will divert or obstruct the natural flow, or change the bed, channel, or bank (which may include associated riparian resources) of any river, stream, or lake or use material from a river, stream, or lake. For any such activities, the project applicant (or "entity") must provide written notification CDFW pursuant to

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section 1600 *et seq.* of the Fish and Game Code. Based on this notification and other information, CDFW determines whether a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) with the applicant is required prior to conducting the proposed activities. CDFW's issuance of a LSAA for a project that is subject to CEQA will require CEQA compliance actions by CDFW as a Responsible Agency.

Figure 3 of the NOP identifies opportunity sites adjacent to the Santa Ana River. The DEIR should include an analysis of the project's direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on hydrologic features, including a discussion of impacts as they pertain to Fish and Game Code section 1600 *et seq.* If impacts to the bed, bank, or channel of a stream may occur, we encourage the City to consult further with CDFW regarding the possible submittal of a LSA Notification package. A Notification package for a LSA may be obtained by accessing CDFW's web site at <http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/LSA>.

8) Landscaping

Habitat loss and invasive plants are a leading cause of native biodiversity loss. CDFW recommends that the DEIR stipulate that no invasive plant material shall be used. Furthermore, we recommend using native, locally appropriate plant species for landscaping on the Project site. A list of invasive/exotic plants that should be avoided as well as suggestions for suitable landscape plants can be found at <https://www.cal-ipc.org/solutions/prevention/landscaping/>.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

CEQA requires that information developed in environmental impact reports and negative declarations be incorporated into a database which may be used to make subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21003, subd. (e).) Accordingly, please report any special status species and natural communities detected during Project surveys to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). The CNDDB field survey form can be filled out and submitted online at the following link: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDB/Submitting-Data>. The types of information reported to CNDDB can be found at the following link: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDB/Plants-and-Animals>.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEES

The Project, as proposed, would have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of environmental document filing fees is necessary. Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by the Lead Agency and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW. Payment of the environmental document filing fee is required in order for the underlying Project approval to be operative, vested, and final. (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 753.5; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, § 21089.

CONCLUSION

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP to assist the City in identifying and mitigating Project impacts on biological resources. Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to Alex Troeller, Environmental Scientist, at Alexandra.Troeller@wildlife.ca.gov.

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RE: SCAG Comments on the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of Yorba Linda Adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs [SCAG NO. IGR10622]

Dear Mr. Farnsworth,

Thank you for submitting the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of Yorba Linda Adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs ("proposed project") to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for review and comment. SCAG is responsible for providing informational resources to regionally significant plans, projects, and programs per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to facilitate the consistency of these projects with SCAG's adopted regional plans, to be determined by the lead agencies.¹

Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 375, SCAG is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency under state law and is responsible for preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) including the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). SCAG's feedback is intended to assist local jurisdictions and project proponents to implement projects that have the potential to contribute to attainment of Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) goals and align with RTP/SCS policies. Finally, SCAG is the authorized regional agency for Intergovernmental Review (IGR) of programs proposed for Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development activities, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372.

SCAG staff has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the City of Yorba Linda Adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element Implementation Programs in Orange County. The proposed project includes a General Plan Amendment and Amendments to the Zoning Code and Zoning Map to implement the 2021-2029 Housing Element approved by California Department of Housing and Community Development.

When available, please email environmental documentation to IGR@scag.ca.gov providing, at a minimum, the full public comment period for review.

If you have any questions regarding the attached comments, please contact the Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Program, attn.: Anita Au, Senior Regional Planner, at (213) 236-1874 or IGR@scag.ca.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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¹ Lead agencies such as local jurisdictions have the sole discretion in determining a local project's consistency with the 2020 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal) for the purpose of determining consistency for CEQA.

**COMMENTS ON THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
CITY OF YORBA LINDA ADOPTED 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS
[SCAG NO. IGR10622]**

CONSISTENCY WITH CONNECT SOCIAL

SCAG provides informational resources to facilitate the consistency of the proposed project with the adopted 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS or Connect SoCal). For the purpose of determining consistency with CEQA, lead agencies such as local jurisdictions have the sole discretion in determining a local project's consistency with Connect SoCal.

CONNECT SOCIAL GOALS

The SCAG Regional Council fully adopted [Connect SoCal](#) in September 2020. Connect SoCal, also known as the 2020 – 2045 RTP/SCS, builds upon and expands land use and transportation strategies established over several planning cycles to increase mobility options and achieve a more sustainable growth pattern. The long-range visioning plan balances future mobility and housing needs with goals for the environment, the regional economy, social equity and environmental justice, and public health. The goals included in Connect SoCal may be pertinent to the proposed project. These goals are meant to provide guidance for considering the proposed project. Among the relevant goals of Connect SoCal are the following:

SCAG CONNECT SOCIAL GOALS	
Goal #1:	<i>Encourage regional economic prosperity and global competitiveness</i>
Goal #2:	<i>Improve mobility, accessibility, reliability and travel safety for people and goods</i>
Goal #3:	<i>Enhance the preservation, security, and resilience of the regional transportation system</i>
Goal #4:	<i>Increase person and goods movement and travel choices within the transportation system</i>
Goal #5:	<i>Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality</i>
Goal #6:	<i>Support healthy and equitable communities</i>
Goal #7:	<i>Adapt to a changing climate and support an integrated regional development pattern and transportation network</i>
Goal #8:	<i>Leverage new transportation technologies and data-driven solutions that result in more efficient travel</i>
Goal #9:	<i>Encourage development of diverse housing types in areas that are supported by multiple transportation options</i>
Goal #10:	<i>Promote conservation of natural and agricultural lands and restoration of habitats</i>

For ease of review, we encourage the use of a side-by-side comparison of SCAG goals with discussions of the consistency, non-consistency or non-applicability of the goals and supportive analysis in a table format. Suggested format is as follows:

SCAG CONNECT SOCIAL GOALS	
Goal	Analysis
Goal #1: <i>Encourage regional economic prosperity and global competitiveness</i>	<i>Consistent: Statement as to why;</i> <i>Not-Consistent: Statement as to why;</i> <i>Or</i> <i>Not Applicable: Statement as to why;</i> <i>DEIR page number reference</i>
Goal #2: <i>Improve mobility, accessibility, reliability and travel safety for people and goods</i>	<i>Consistent: Statement as to why;</i> <i>Not-Consistent: Statement as to why;</i> <i>Or</i> <i>Not Applicable: Statement as to why;</i> <i>DEIR page number reference</i>
etc.	etc.

Connect SoCal Strategies

To achieve the goals of Connect SoCal, a wide range of land use and transportation strategies are included in the accompanying twenty (20) technical reports. Of particular note are multiple strategies included in Chapter 3 of Connect SoCal intended to support implementation of the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) framed within the context of focusing growth near destinations and mobility options; promoting diverse housing choices; leveraging technology innovations; supporting implementation of sustainability policies; and promoting a Green Region. To view Connect SoCal and the accompanying technical reports, please visit the [Connect SoCal webpage](#). Connect SoCal builds upon the progress from previous RTP/SCS cycles and continues to focus on integrated, coordinated, and balanced planning for land use and transportation that helps the SCAG region strive towards a more sustainable region, while meeting statutory requirements pertinent to RTP/SCSs. These strategies within the regional context are provided as guidance for lead agencies such as local jurisdictions when the proposed project is under consideration.

SCAG staff would like to call your attention to resources available from SCAG's [Regional Climate Adaptation Framework](#) including the [Southern California Climate Adaptation Planning Guide](#), [Communication and Outreach Toolkit](#), [Library of Model Policies](#), and [SB 379 Compliance Curriculum for Local Jurisdictions](#).

DEMOGRAPHICS AND GROWTH FORECASTS

A key, formative step in projecting future population, households, and employment through 2045 for Connect SoCal was the generation of a forecast of regional and county level growth in collaboration with expert demographers and economists on Southern California. From there, jurisdictional level forecasts were ground-truthed by subregions and local agencies, which helped SCAG identify opportunities and barriers to future development. This forecast helps the region understand, in a very general sense, where we are expected to grow, and allows SCAG to focus attention on areas that are experiencing change and may have increased transportation needs. After a year-long engagement effort with all 197 jurisdictions one-on-one, 82 percent of SCAG's 197 jurisdictions provided feedback on the forecast of future growth for Connect SoCal. SCAG also sought feedback on potential sustainable growth strategies from a broad range of stakeholder groups – including local jurisdictions, county transportation commissions, other partner agencies, industry groups, community-based organizations, and the general public. Connect SoCal utilizes a bottom-up approach in that total projected growth for each jurisdiction reflects feedback received from jurisdiction staff, including city managers, community development/planning directors, and local staff. Growth at the neighborhood level (i.e., transportation analysis zone (TAZ) reflects entitled projects and adheres to current general and specific plan maximum densities as conveyed by jurisdictions (except in cases where entitled projects and development agreements exceed these capacities as calculated by SCAG). Neighborhood level growth projections also feature strategies that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from automobiles and light trucks to achieve

Southern California's GHG reduction target, approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in accordance with state planning law. Connect SoCal's Forecasted Development Pattern is utilized for long range modeling purposes and does not supersede actions taken by elected bodies on future development, including entitlements and development agreements. SCAG does not have the authority to implement the plan -- neither through decisions about what type of development is built where, nor what transportation projects are ultimately built, as Connect SoCal is adopted at the jurisdictional level. Achieving a sustained regional outcome depends upon informed and intentional local action. To access jurisdictional level growth estimates and forecasts for years 2016 and 2045, please refer to the [Connect SoCal Demographics and Growth Forecast Technical Report](#). The growth forecasts for the region and applicable jurisdictions are below.

	Adopted SCAG Region Wide Forecasts				Adopted City of Yorba Linda Forecasts			
	Year 2020	Year 2030	Year 2035	Year 2045	Year 2020	Year 2030	Year 2035	Year 2045
Population	19,517,731	20,821,171	21,443,006	22,503,899	69,478	71,122	71,132	70,552
Households	6,333,458	6,902,821	7,170,110	7,633,451	23,130	23,170	23,283	23,329
Employment	8,695,427	9,303,627	9,566,384	10,048,822	17,937	18,762	18,997	19,276

MITIGATION MEASURES

SCAG staff recommends that you review the [Final Program Environmental Impact Report](#) (Final PEIR) for Connect SoCal for guidance, as appropriate. SCAG's Regional Council certified the PEIR and adopted the associated Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations (FOF/SOC) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on May 7, 2020 and also adopted a PEIR Addendum and amended the MMRP on September 3, 2020 (please see the [PEIR webpage](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page for the PEIR Addendum). The PEIR includes a list of project-level performance standards-based mitigation measures that may be considered for adoption and implementation by lead, responsible, or trustee agencies in the region, as applicable and feasible. Project-level mitigation measures are within responsibility, authority, and/or jurisdiction of project-implementing agency or other public agency serving as lead agency under CEQA in subsequent project- and site- specific design, CEQA review, and decision-making processes, to meet the performance standards for each of the CEQA resource categories.

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION

On March 4, 2021 SCAG's Regional Council adopted the [6th cycle Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment \(RHNA\) Allocation Plan](#) which covers the planning period October 2021 through October 2029. The 6th cycle Final RHNA allocation for the applicable jurisdiction is below.

SCAG 6 th Cycle Final RHNA Allocation for City of Yorba Linda	
Income Category	RHNA Allocation (Units)
Very low income	765
Low income	451
Moderate income	457
Above moderate income	742
Total RHNA Allocation	2,415

SCAG staff would like to call your attention to SCAG's [HELPR 2.0](#), a web-mapping tool developed by SCAG to help local jurisdictions and stakeholders understand local land use, site opportunities, and environmental sensitivities for aligning housing planning with the state Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) [6th cycle housing element requirements](#).

From: Dee Dee Friedrich <d2bridn@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:52 PM

To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>; Dee Dee Friedrich <d2bridn@aol.com>

Subject: Housing Element

Hi Nate, it's Dee Dee Friedrich from the Yorba Linda Country Riders, many of my members are BUZZING about the idea of the 2 Ohio Properties being listed as possible addresses for zone changes for perhaps low income housing.

Here are the questions I have received and I am hoping you can answer them for us.

1. Is it too late to remove the 2 Ohio addresses off the list?
2. Will it require a Measure B vote to pass the Ohio properties?
3. How could anyone from City staff think a low income project of 10 & 18 units would be a good idea mixed in with 1 acre and 1/2 Equestrian Sites, across from and elementary school where the traffic is already horrendous?
4. Why aren't the neighbors told of these plans PRIOR to being sent to the Stat

If there was opportunity to speak to these plans no one in the Ohio neighborhood was notified and with the Covid - Closed meetings this seems to be a poor time to push this through.

Thanks for any answers or clarification that you can provide prior to the meeting, I'm sure you will see us next Monday,

Dee Dee Friedrich
President/Yorba Linda Country Riders
Serving Yorba Linda for 52 Years
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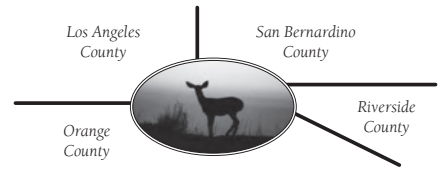
Below is a response from one of our members, she asked that I pass it along to you...

Why can't they put apartments down along the river bed by savvy ranch! No current neighborhoods there so add the low income around the businesses out there...
I don't understand the refining of rural neighborhoods?

Concerned neighbor!
- Shari Lakes Carte

H i l l s F o r E v e r y o n e

*Southern California comes
together at the Puente-Chino Hills*



May 25, 2022

Submitted via email to: NFarnsworth@yorbalinga.gov

Nate Farnsworth
City of Yorba Linda
4845 Casa Loma Ave.
Yorba Linda, CA 92885

RE: Notice of Preparation for the Housing Element Update Program EIR

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

Hills For Everyone (HFE) is a regional non-profit organization that founded Chino Hills State Park (CHSP). Our work has and will continue to be focused on the preservation of natural lands in the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor which spans from the 605/60 freeways in Whittier across four Southern California Counties to the 91/71 freeways in Corona. To date over 19,000 acres of protected lands exist within the Wildlife Corridor. Yorba Linda has access to CHSP, which affords existing residents recreational opportunities, beautiful views, and an increase in property values due to the proximity of this natural setting.

We write with comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Housing Element Update (HEU) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). Our primary concern is with the potential impacts associated with the Opportunity Site S5-008 (along Fairmont Blvd.) ("Opportunity Site"), which shares a border with CHSP. (See **Attachment 1**)

Our comments are as follows in terms of what items should be studied for the PEIR and this Opportunity Site:

Biological Impacts

According to DataBasin, a science based online mapping platform, this Opportunity Site is *completely within* the Critical Habitat of the federally threatened California Gnatcatcher (See **Attachment 2**) and has neighboring properties that include California Gnatcatcher occurrences (See **Attachment 3**). The PEIR must include an analysis of the impacts of proposed development on this and other listed and sensitive species.

Further, edge effects remain an issue with CHSP. This includes things from invasive plant spread to dogs on CHSP trails (which are not allowed on dirt trails), and illegal access points into the State Park. Park data shows enormous use of the State Park late into the night at unapproved entrances. For example, Rimcrest is an unapproved entrance into the State Park. Additional park visitors increase management costs, staff time/need, and risks associated with wildfire ignitions at the City-CHSP border. Impacts associated with these types of wildland-urban interface issues should be evaluated and offset.

Land Use Planning or Population/Housing

The Opportunity Site proposes 196 as its “realistic” number of units across 23 steep acres. To put this in perspective, the number of houses west of Rimcrest Road is only 85. Based on the unit count of this particular Opportunity Site, it likely means that this site would be developed with multi-family residential units to allow for so many units on such a constrained site, instead of single-family homes like the surrounding community. Analysis of General Plan consistency and maintaining the character of this neighborhood should be included.

Hydrology/Water Quality

Further, a 3D view of the property site suggests considerable topographic challenges. (See **Attachment 4**) The average slope is nearly 18% from the roadway to the northern edge of the property. According to the California State GeoData Portal, the Opportunity Site also contains a water feature through the center of the property. Impacts from potential development must be analyzed within the Hydrology/Water Quality section of the PEIR, which isn’t currently included as a topic in the PEIR. (See **Attachment 5**)

Hazards/Hazardous Materials

HFE completed a Wildfire Study that spans 1914-2018 to determine the cause, location, and frequency of fires in and around CHSP. Our study, using publicly available data sets, indicates that this Opportunity Site has burned three times: Santa Ana Canyon Fire (1943), Owl Fire (1980), and Freeway Complex Fire (2008). (See **Attachments 6, 7, and 8**) This information was further defined in a Fire Frequency Map (See **Attachment 9**) This means the site has a propensity to burn ~33 years. Further research indicates the unplanned State Park entrance at Rimcrest and along South Ridge Trail is the location of frequent fire ignitions with illegal fireworks and incendiary devices. Therefore, potential impacts of wildfires should be examined under the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the PEIR. And, since evacuation issues from the residents in the hills of Yorba Linda is known and well documented issue, a complete analysis of evacuation issues should be reviewed and appropriately mitigated as well in the Circulation or Public Safety section(s). Our Fire Study is **Attachment 10**.

CEQA Notification

At this time, we also request that the City of Yorba Linda provide HFE with all future CEQA notices issued for the above-referenced project. This request is filed pursuant to Public Resources Code §21092.2.

The requested notices should be mailed to the following address:

Hills For Everyone
P.O. Box 9835
Brea, CA 92822

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Yorba Linda Housing Element Update PEIR.

Sincerely,



Claire Schlotterbeck
Executive Director

Attachments:

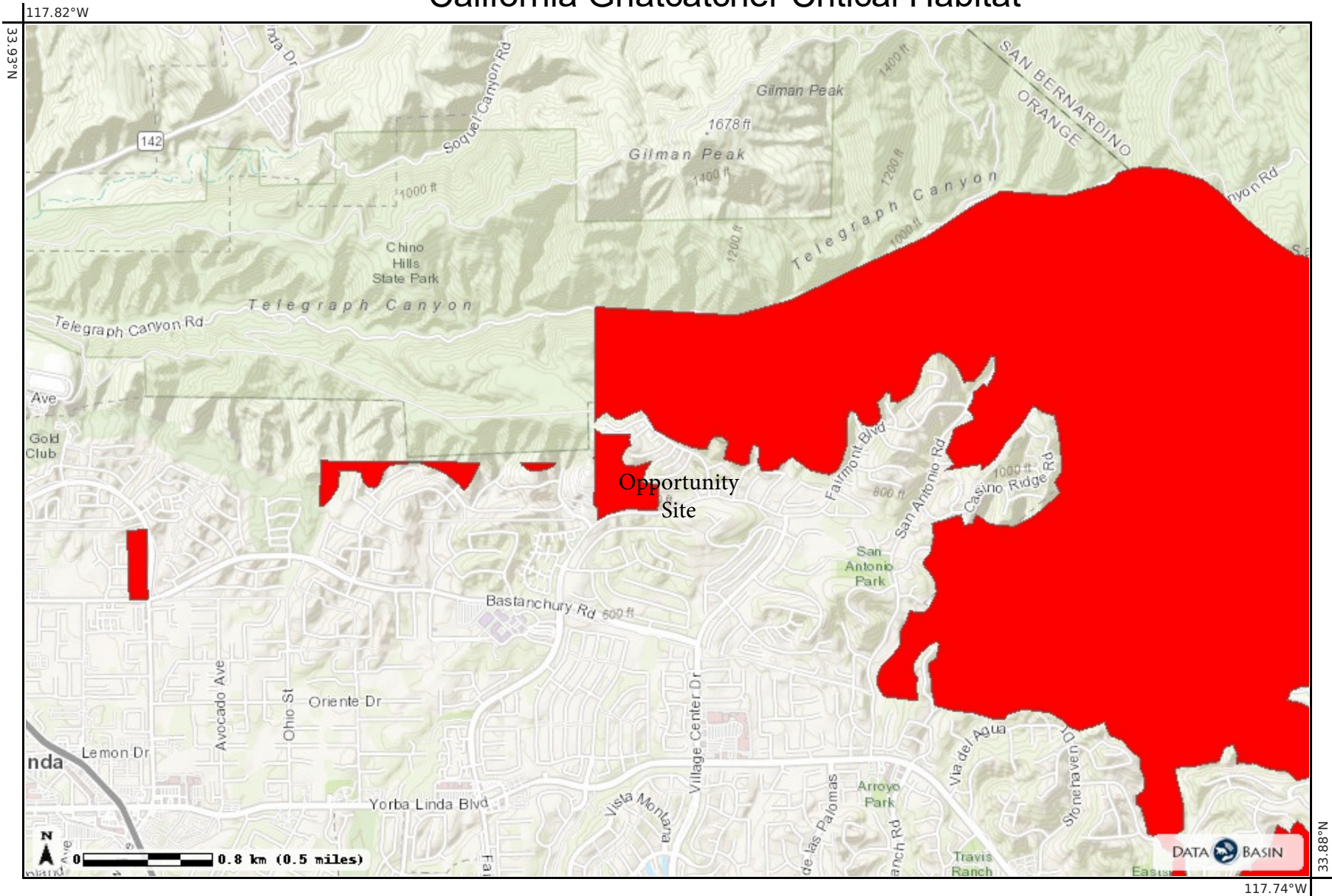
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Opportunity Site Proximity to Chino Hills State Park



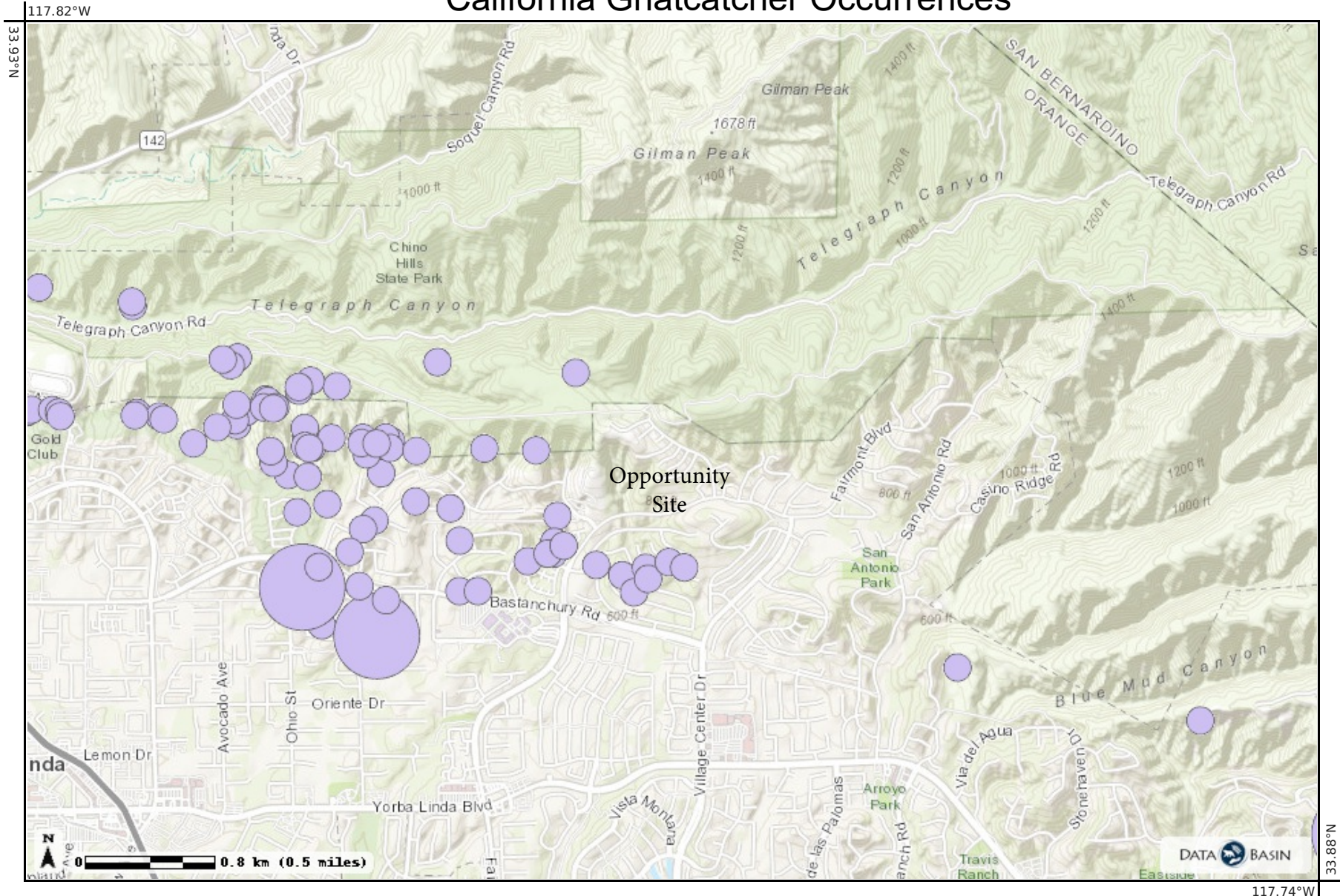
California Gnatcatcher Critical Habitat

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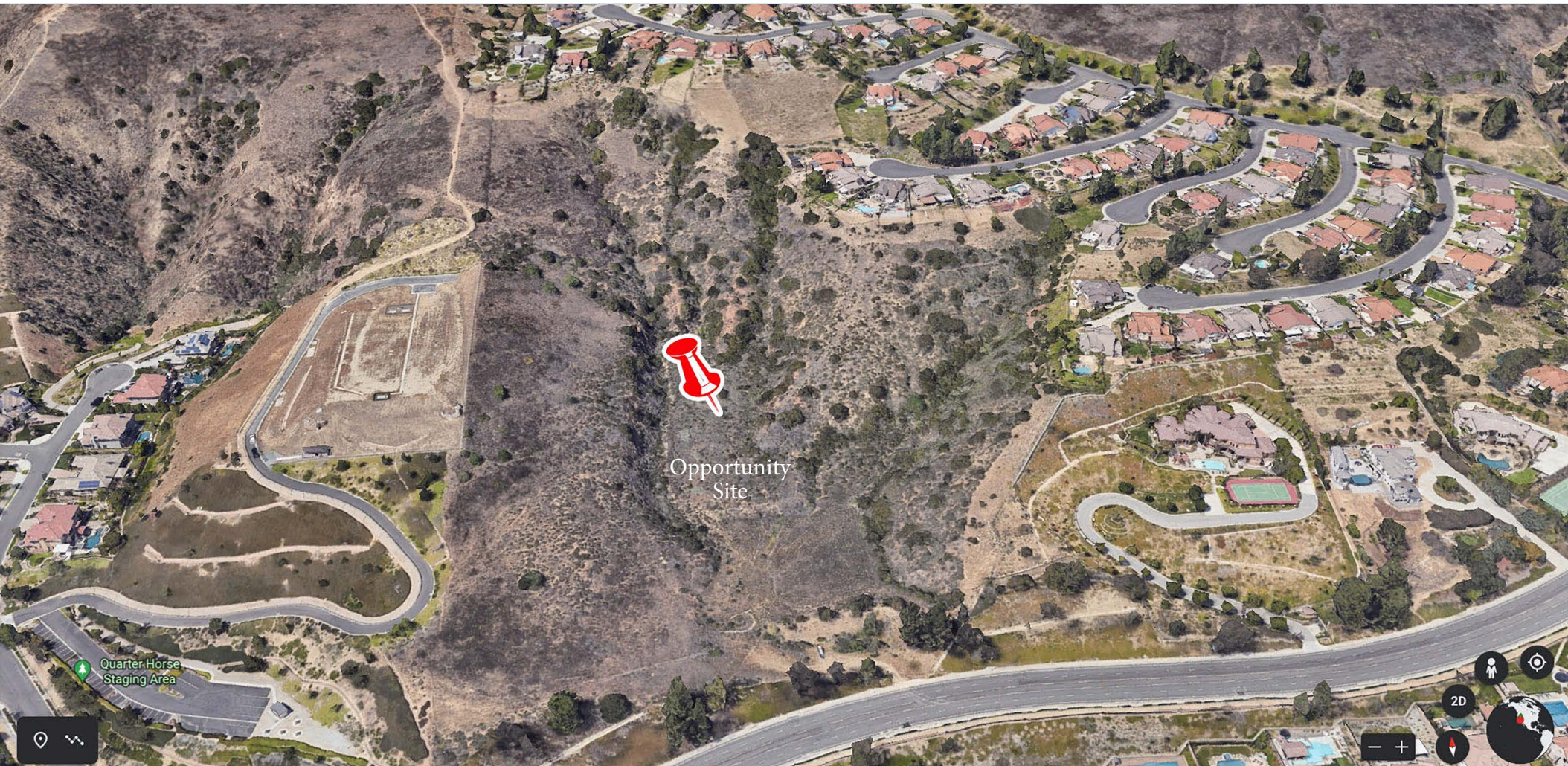


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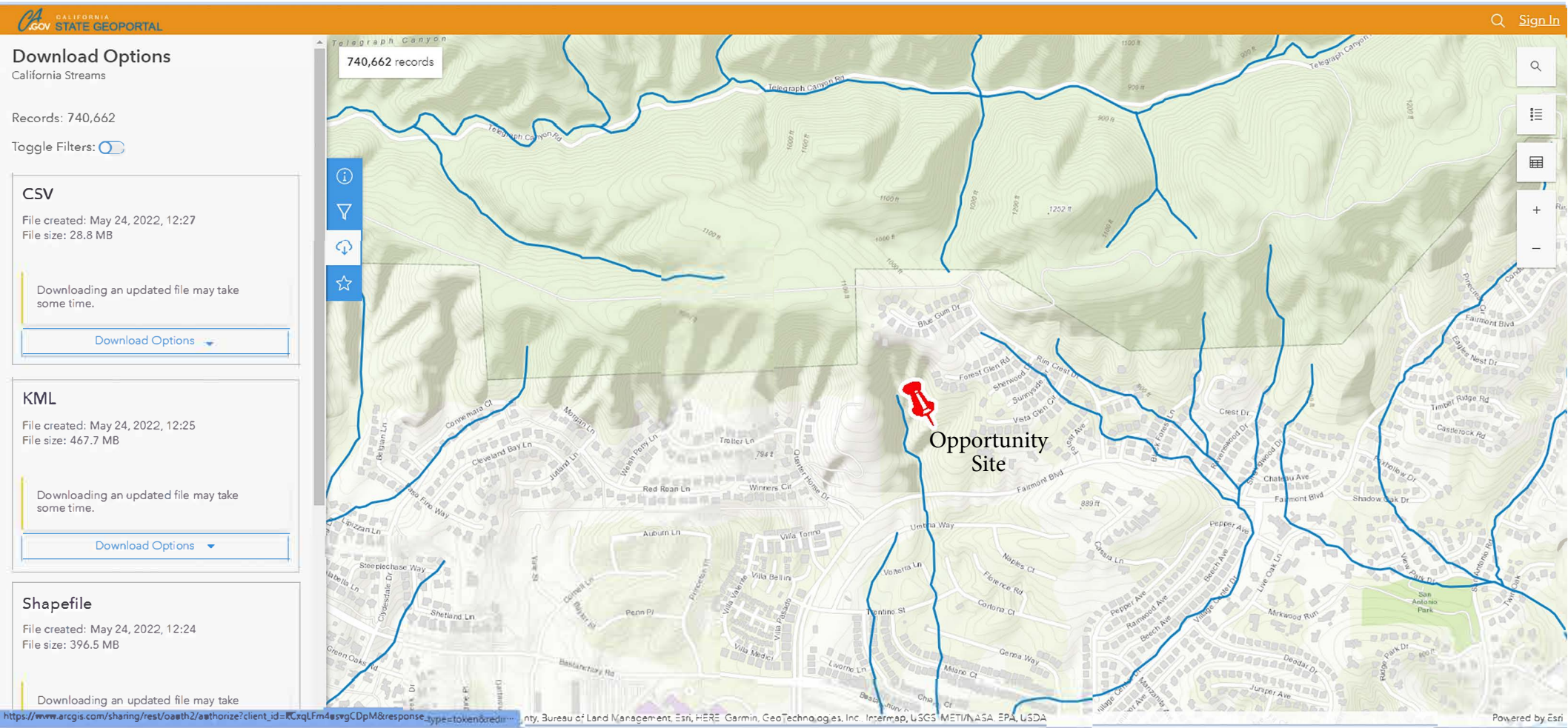
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Aerial Image of Opportunity Site



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Opportunity Site Overlap with Santa Ana Canyon Fire

Santa Ana Canyon
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Opportunity Site Overlap with Owl Fire

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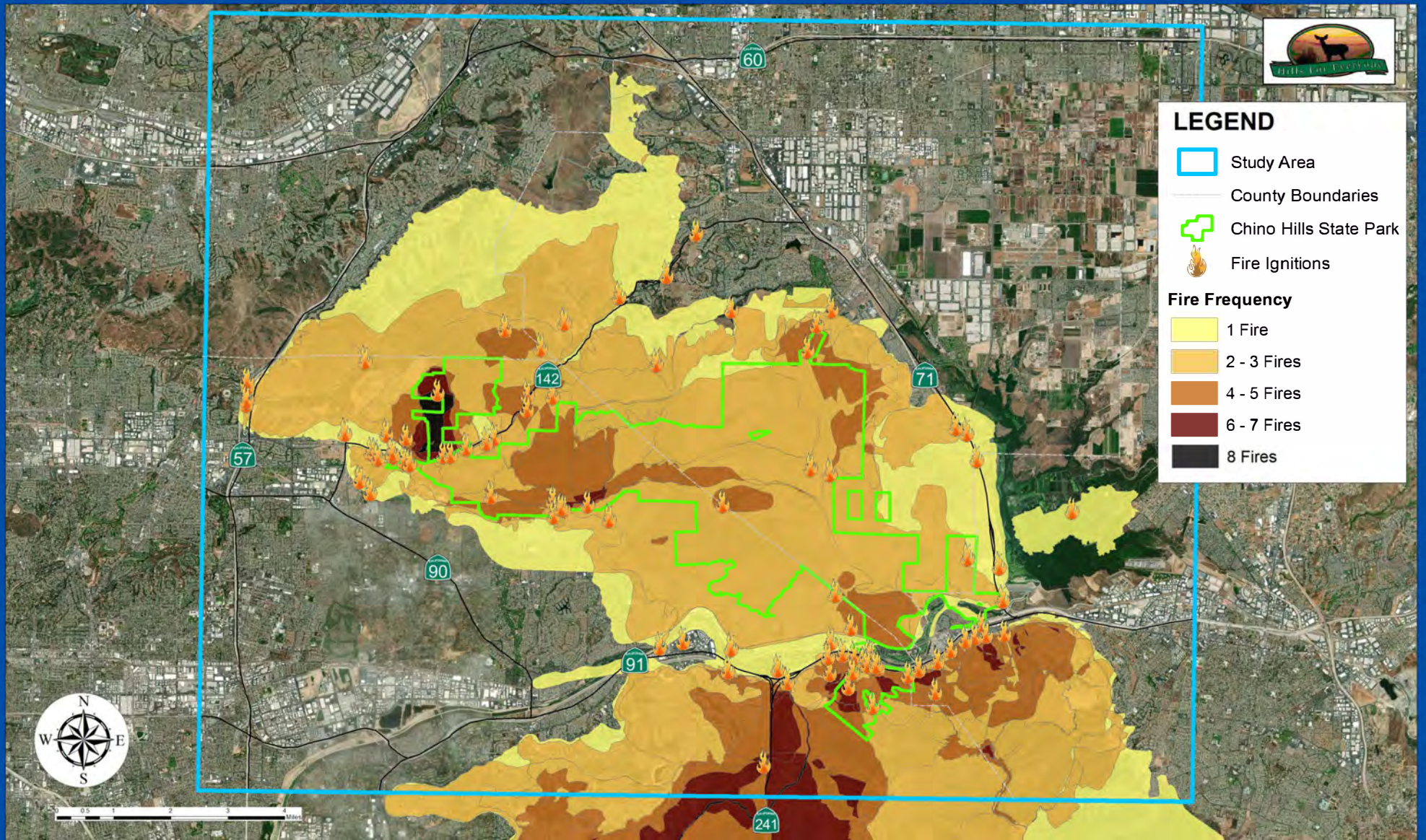
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Fire Frequency Near Chino Hills State Park (1914-2018)



Data Provided by CalFire, Chino Hills State Park, Chino Valley Fire District and City of Brea.
Last Updated September 2020

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Datum: North American 1983
Scale: 1:60,000

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104 Years of Wildfire History



Near Chino Hills State Park





HILLS FOR EVERYONE

Hills For Everyone (HFE) was formed in 1977 to protect, preserve, and restore the environmental resources and natural environs of the Puente-Chino Hills. These hills lie at the juncture of Southern California's four most populous counties: Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Our first goal was the creation of Chino Hills State Park which now covers 14,100 acres near the Cities of Anaheim, Brea, Yorba Linda, Corona, and Chino Hills.



While advocating for acquisition funding at the state level and receiving bipartisan support, volunteers also became involved in planning processes and land use decisions of local governments. Even today, HFE opposes projects that damage the still evolving Park and supports decisions that protect it.

With our increased understanding of the principles of conservation biology and the need to save large habitat to preserve the region's rich biodiversity, HFE began working with open space advocates on the western side of the hills in Whittier who had already saved 4,000 acres. Our goal now is to link the remaining critical parcels of undeveloped land across the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor to provide a backdrop and backbone of open space for this highly urbanized region.

The Original Study

Our previous research is included in the document "A 100 Year Fire History Near Chino Hills State Park" and can be downloaded for free from HFE's website at:

<https://www.hillsforeveryone.org/news-and-publications/research-reports/wildfire-studies/fire-study/>.

The Updated Study

This document is the update to the 2012 report, called "104 Years of Wildfire History Near Chino Hills State Park" and can be downloaded for free from HFE's website at: <https://www.hillsforeveryone.org/news-and-publications/research-reports/wildfire-studies/updated-fire-study/>. Digital datasets viewable in Google Earth are also available for download on that page.

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Data Sharing

With an appropriate datasharing agreement in place HFE will share, at its discretion, its fire data from this study in GIS format with non-profits, local jurisdictions, and agencies. Please contact us to learn more or request the data from this study at: FireStudy@HillsForEveryone.org.

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ABSTRACT

Given the recent upsurge in large damaging wildfires in California, six years after completing its first Wildfire History Report for Chino Hills State Park, the regional conservation non-profit Hills For Everyone updated its research to include fires between 2012 and 2018. The Study now includes 104 years of wildfire history. Though fires are a natural part of the ecosystem, there is nothing natural about the size and frequency of the fires destroying our wildlands year after year. Data, mainly from fire agencies, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and newspapers, provided details on fire perimeters, points of origin, and fire causes. This paper updates tables, statistics, and maps, and reviews the recommendations from the 2012 Study to determine if progress has been made at reducing fire ignitions. A few additional recommendations and future areas to study are included in this report as well. We will continue to work with fire and natural resource agencies to bring the necessary resources to this area.

INTRODUCTION

In 2012, Hills For Everyone (HFE) completed a near 100 year fire study of wildland fires that burned in and around Chino Hills State Park (CHSP). This analysis was undertaken to understand the fire causes, locations, and how these fires were impacting the State Park and nearby residences. Initially, the report spanned 1914-2011 with enough data to display 103 fires. Recently, HFE expanded the research to include fires from 2012-2018. These seven years added 48 more wildland fires. It appears that most of the new fires were small in size, extinguished quickly, and occurred on “normal” temperature, humidity, and wind days. A few fires in the update did not meet this norm and ravaged both the wildlands and homes in the region. The continued goal is to reduce fire ignitions ultimately saving lives, homes, and natural resources by understanding why and where wildland fires start.

CHINO HILLS STATE PARK — BACKGROUND

The State Park sits at the juncture of four of Southern California’s most urbanized counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. The Park has been assembled through more than 30 different acquisitions to grow to more than 14,100 acres. The Park’s first acquisition was in 1981. It continued to expand. That said, no new acquisitions have occurred since the previous report’s release in 2012.

HFE a regional non-profit conservation organization, founded CHSP in the early 1980s and has been working over the last 40 years to connect and protect this anchor parcel with conserved lands across the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife

Corridor. Due to the work of HFE and State Parks, along with many other non-profits, agencies, and jurisdictions, a permanent connection at Coal Canyon was secured in 2001. Coal Canyon links the Trabuco District of the Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Ana Mountains with CHSP and the greater Puente-Chino Hills ecosystem. This linkage provides a critical connection that allows wildlife to move freely between the Santa Ana Mountains and the Puente-Chino Hills. It also provides a source to repopulate natural areas should a catastrophic event, like a fire or disease outbreak, occur.

CHSP was established to protect its many rare natural resources. Its gently rolling hills are covered in grasslands and dotted with oak and walnut trees. In the steep canyons of the interior, sycamore-lined streams and walnut woodlands abound. The normal fire frequency for coastal sage scrub and chaparral is a fire every 30 -150 years. This gives the plants time to regenerate from a fire. Based on our original research, 103 fires over 97 years means that fires were burning portions of the State Park every 11 months.

Fires that occur too frequently inhibit the plants ability to recover in between the fires. When habitats burn too frequently, the plants don’t have enough stored energy to recover and non-native grasses tend to take over. This is called type conversion, when one natural habitat type converts to a non-native habitat. Non-native grasses dry out earlier in the season, ignite fire faster, and spread fire more quickly.



Melanie Schlotterbeck, CHSP (2/19)



THE ORIGINAL STUDY

HFE originally launched a study to try to understand why so many fires burned in or adjacent to the State Park and to see if any actions could be taken to reduce the number of fires, resulting in the protection of both houses and natural resources.

When we originally tried to understand what was going on with fires by reading reports and reviewing maps from various fire agencies, the data from each agency stopped at its jurisdictional boundary. No one was looking beyond those boundaries for a broader view of the problem. That realization propelled us to do this homework.



Bob Kanne, Canyon 1 Fire (9/17)

HFE had three main objectives in carrying out this study:

1. Gather the data available to document the fire perimeters, points of origin, causes, and weather conditions for each fire that burned in, adjacent to, or near CHSP;
2. Analyze the results of the research and determine any fire-prone areas that needed particular attention; and,
3. Provide general recommendations for residents and agencies to reduce the number of fires and impacts associated with wildland fires, and concurrently protect homes, people, and parkland from unnaturally frequent fires.

There are important terms used throughout this report and their meaning is useful to understand:

Cause: The confirmed or unconfirmed source of the wildland fire's ignition.

Fire Perimeter: The farthest geographical extent, also known as the outer boundary, of a fire.
Note: Not all areas within the perimeter necessarily burned.

Fire Frequency: The number of times a specific geographic region has burned. The darker the color the more frequent the area has burned.

Natural Fire Regime: The general classification of the role fire would play in the natural environment in the absence of modern human intervention.

Point of Origin (Fire Ignition): The approximate or exact location where the wildland fire ignited within the Study Area.

Study Area: CHSP and environs.

Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI): The boundary between developed regions and the natural wildland areas.

This research resulted in the digital history of 103 documented fires that burned between 1914 and 2011. There was data on 71 fire perimeters and 70 fire ignitions, totaling 103 individual fires. Only two fires were natural (caused by lightning), the remainder were human caused. The high level of fire frequency will eventually change the habitat types in CHSP, if it hasn't already.



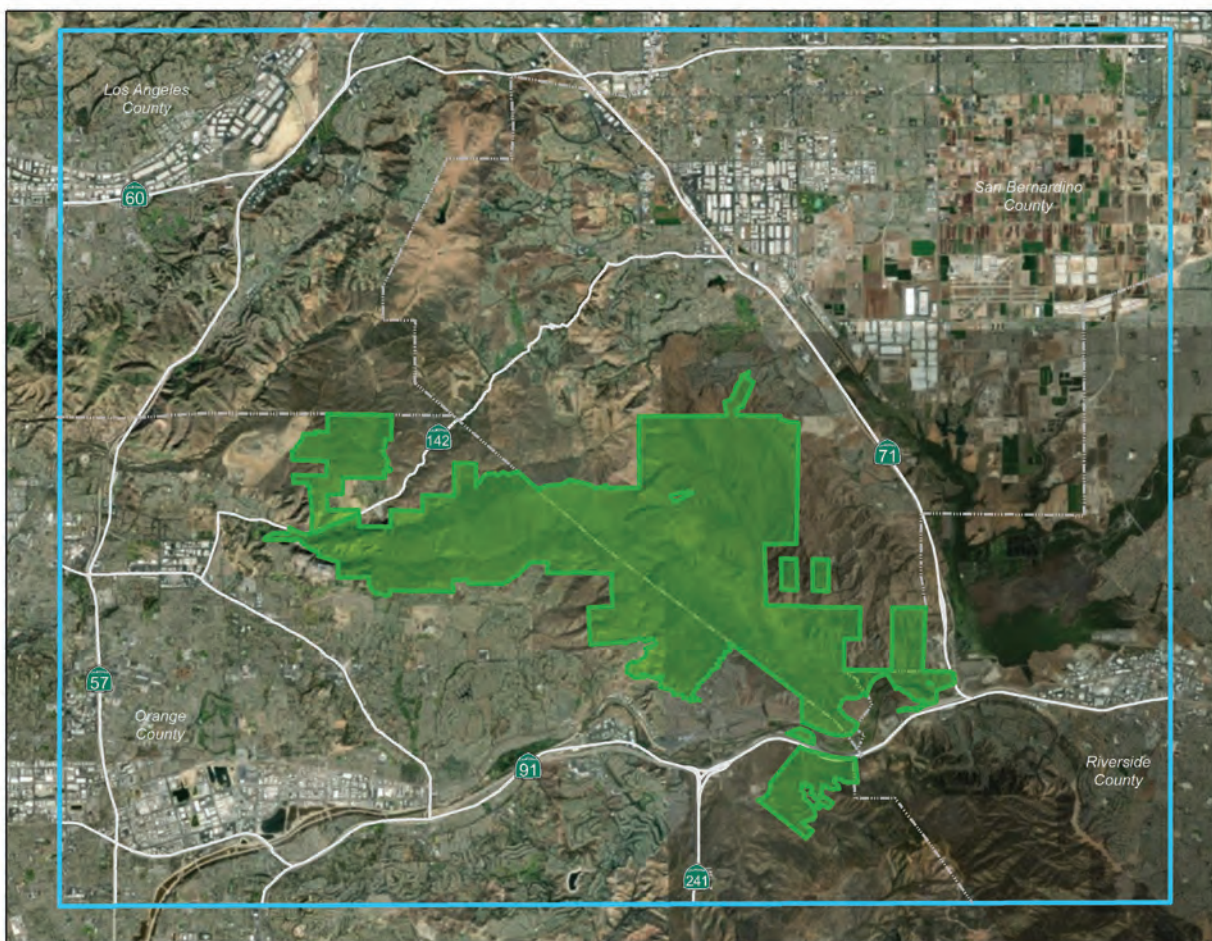


Figure 1. The Study Area, shown in blue, includes Chino Hills State Park (shown in green) and surrounding hillsides.

STUDY AREA

The Study Area includes lands generally bounded by the 57 Freeway on the west, the 60 Freeway to the north, the 71 Freeway to the east, and the 91 Freeway to the south. The region studied includes all of CHSP, but due to the proximity of other protected natural lands, portions of the northern section of the Cleveland National Forest's Trabuco District, the northern portion of the Irvine Ranch Lands (OC Parks), and the Prado Wetlands were also reviewed. Numerous private ownerships in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties that abut these protected lands were also included due to proximity.

The most recent analysis excluded fires that started in very urban areas (generally more than one-half mile from the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)). That said, if a fire started in any of the open space lands—it was included, as was any fire along the main transportation corridors (91, 71, and 57 Freeways and State Route 142) due to their proximity to natural lands.

Information Sources and GIS Analysis

Similar to the 2012 Study, HFE secured the shapefiles (digital data sets) of fire perimeters and points of origin from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), and the Cities of Brea and Anaheim. Due to lack of detail, we were unable to use the information provided by Chino Valley Independent Fire District and Corona Fire Department.

Where appropriate, newspaper articles/maps, State Park Wildland Fire Reports, and personal accounts were used to digitally create a fire perimeter and/or point of origin. HFE used the ArcMap 10.1, a geographic information system (GIS) software program, to assimilate the fire data. To enable wide distribution, the files were exported from ArcMap for use in Google Earth. This program is available free to the public, unlike ArcMap.

Through this research, HFE was able to piece together a digital dataset that outlines where known (and documented) fires burned, and in some cases why the fires started. Similar to the 2012 Study, not all fires that burned in the Study Area were formally documented or no details about the perimeter or point of origin were complete enough to include in this report. Consequently, there are actually more fires that could not be included, due to lack of adequate data. The emergence of public safety apps allowed us to compare “on the ground” reports and look for additional data elsewhere (such as PulsePoint), but these were not considered reliable sources to add a fire without confirmation from a fire agency.

Fire Regime

HFE originally analyzed the fire regime (both natural and human caused) of all documented fires that burned in, adjacent to, or had the potential to burn into CHSP from 1914 – 2011. It seems in that 97 year history only two fires occurred naturally due to lightning strikes. This means the natural fire regime was one fire every 50 years. The remaining fires (101) were caused by humans, either intentionally or unintentionally.

The 2012 - 2018 data only included human caused ignitions. In other words, all 48 new fires were started intentionally or unintentionally by humans, as no lightning strikes were recorded. This equates to a fire regime that was reduced from every 11 months to every 8 months. Note, not all of the State Park burned in these fires, sometimes it had the potential to burn. Our habitat lands naturally burn every 30-150 years. This unnatural fire frequency does not provide plants with the ability to regenerate post-fire as successfully as they would if they actually had the proper time to recover between fires. Thus the significant state investment in protecting these natural resources is at risk.



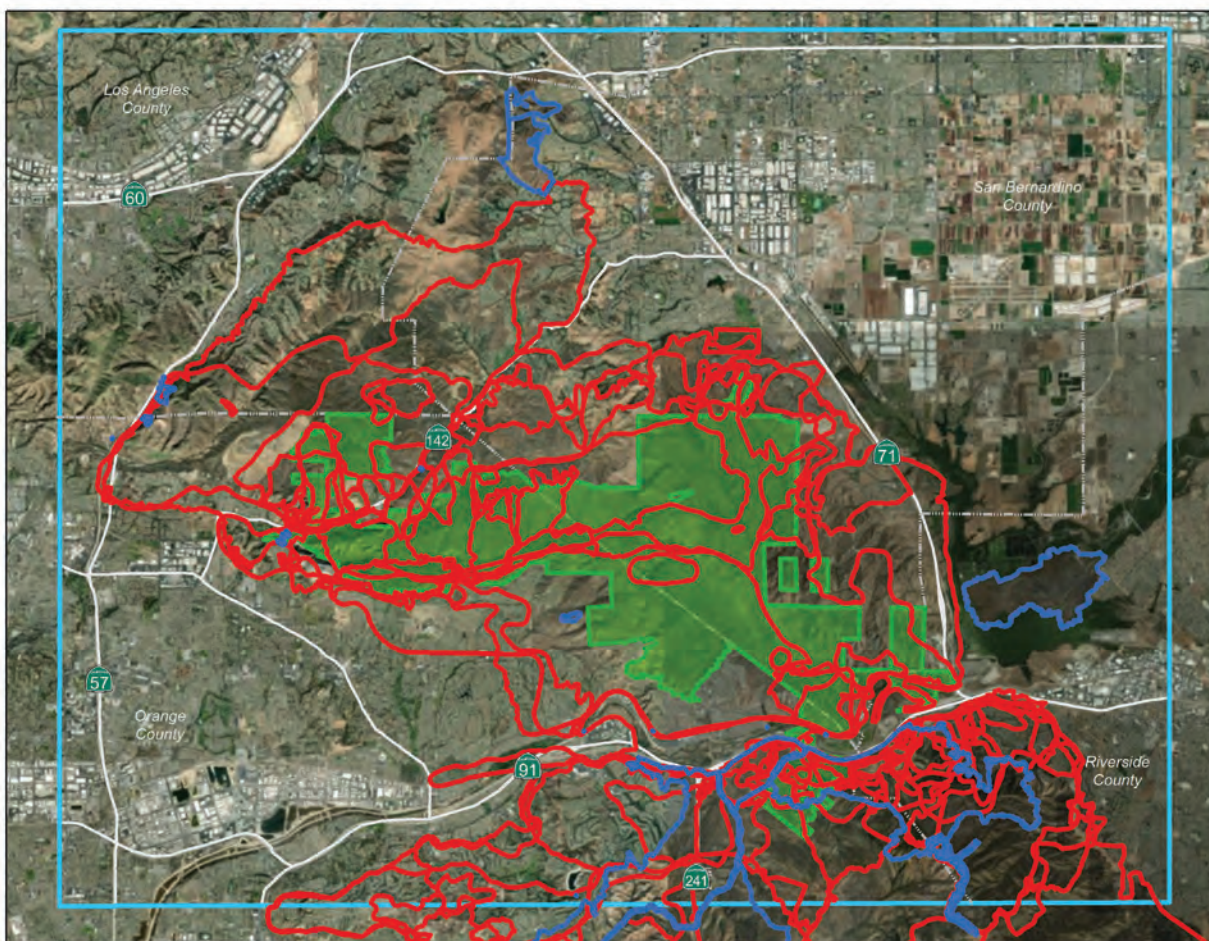


Figure 2. Fire perimeters from the original report are in red, while the new perimeters are blue. There are now a total of 90 fire perimeters.

Fire Perimeters

In the first report, HFE was able to assemble 71 separate fire perimeters with 37 of those fires having known points of origin. In the update, there are 19 new fire perimeters with seven known points of origin. Thus, there are now 90 documented fire perimeters.

It is important to note that with increased pressure from residential development and road creation or expansions that have increased access to the undeveloped hills and the Park—more fires have started. It appears that the added housing developments at the WUI surrounding the Park have significantly increased the number of fires burning in or near the Park.

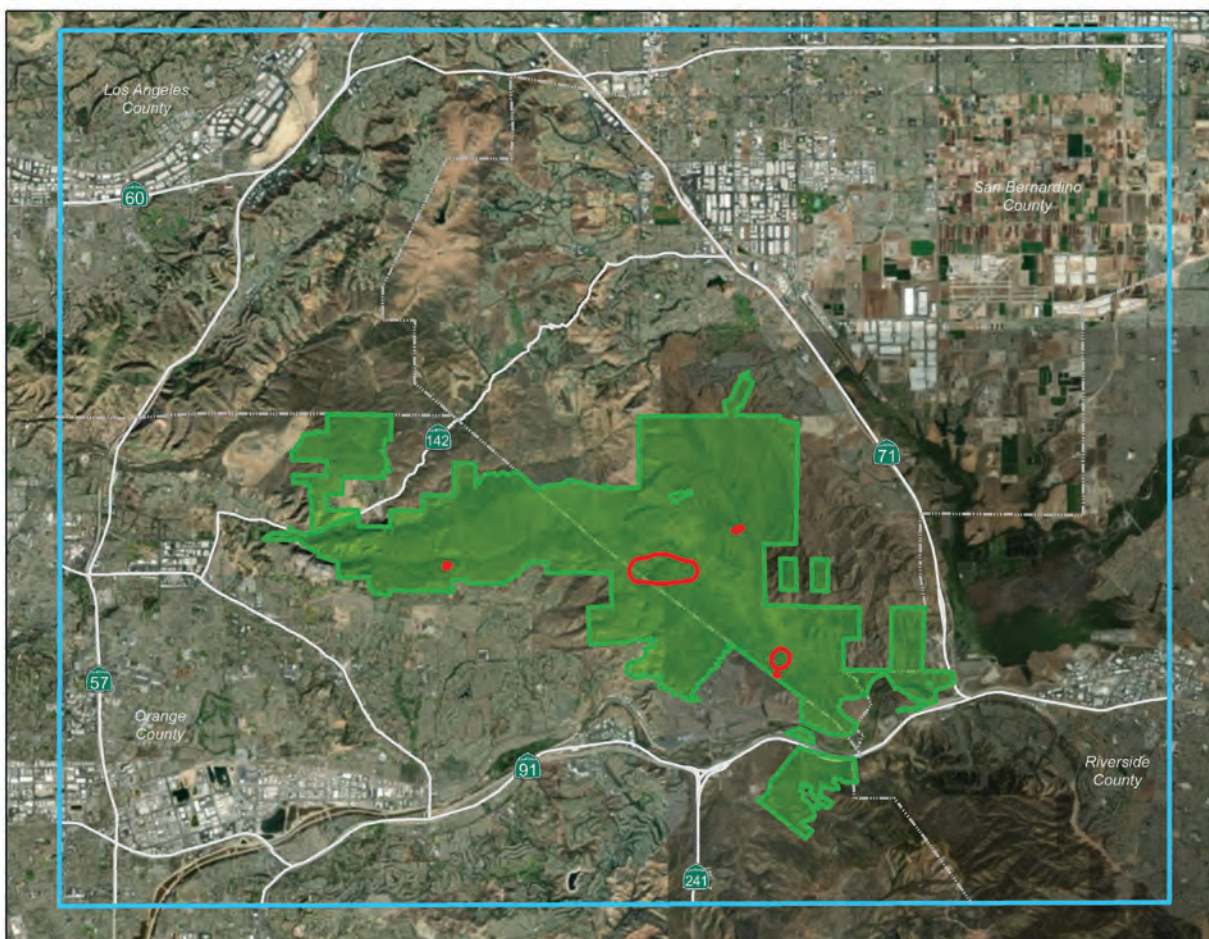


Figure 3. Five fires have started in Chino Hills State Park, but none have escaped the park's boundaries.

No fire that ever started in the State Park has escaped the Park boundaries. There are five fires that have ignited within its boundaries, including:

- 1989 - Aliso Canyon (43.7 acres) - Cause: unknown.
- 1989 - South Ridge (5 acres) - Cause: a mower doing brush clearance.
- 1992 - San Juan Hill (248 acres) - Cause: plane crash.
- 2006 - Brush Canyon (1.4 acres) - Cause: lightning.
- 2006 - Blue Gum (3.2 acres) - Cause: an illegal campfire.

On the other hand, many of the fires that start outside the State Park boundary do burn the State Park.

Fire Points of Origin

HFE documented 70 separate fire points of origin in the original Study, with 37 of the fires having known perimeters. In the update, there are 36 new fire ignitions with seven known fire perimeters. There are now 106 documented fire ignitions.

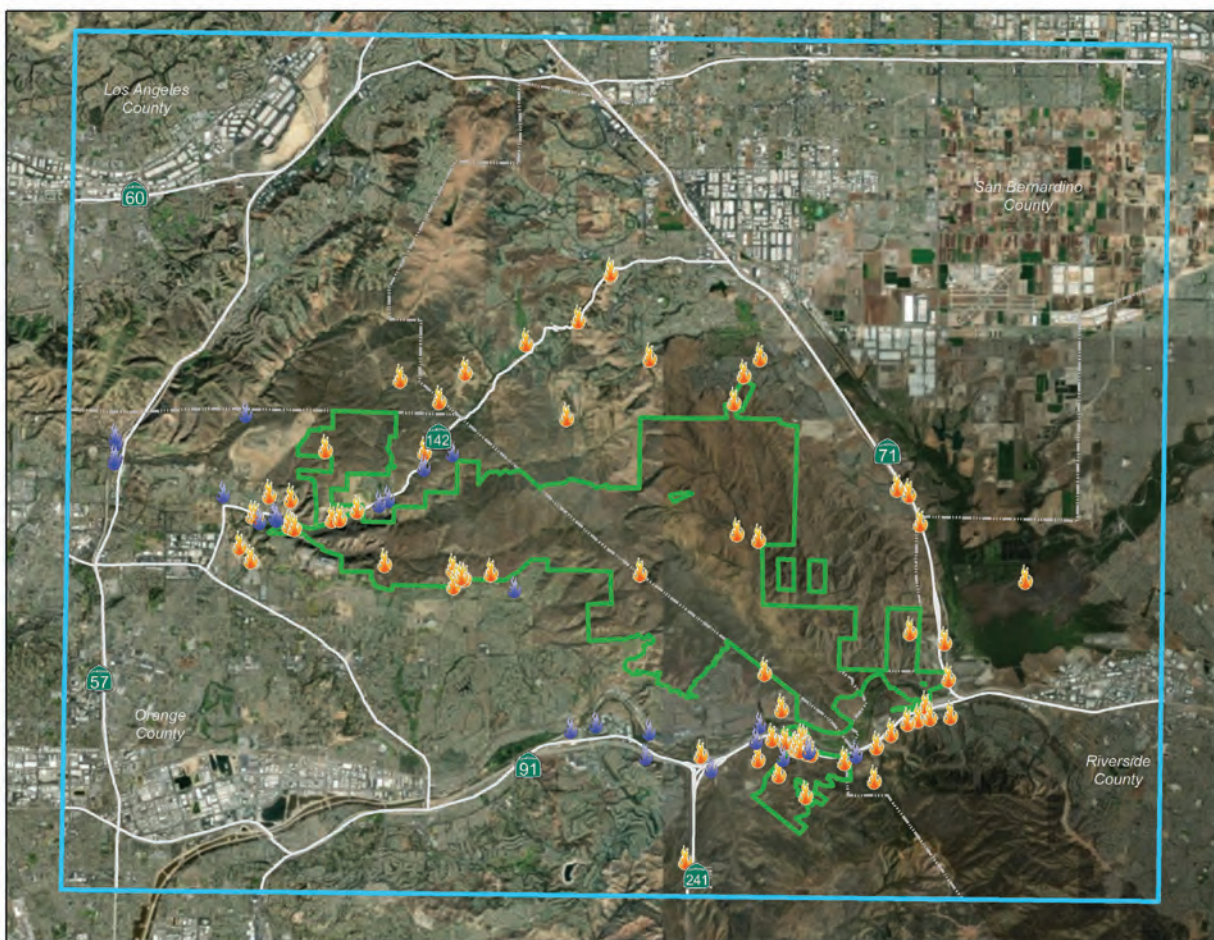


Figure 4. Fire ignitions from the original report are shown as orange flames, while the new ignitions are blue. There are a total of 106 fire ignitions.

With additional detail in this update, we've added five types of fire causes: road flare, cigarette, illegal campfire, prescribed burn, and accident.

The data indicate fires started due to a variety of causes. Details about fire ignitions are broken down as follows:

Table 1. Fire causes, quantities, and total acreage burned (using both fire perimeter and point of origin data).

Cause	Number of Fires (1914-2011)	Number of Fires (2012-2018)	Total Number of Fires (1914-2018)	Total Acreage Burned
Unknown	61	25	86	152,054 [*]
Arson	9	6	15	9,313 [*]
Automobiles	7	5	12	30,340 [*]
Fireworks	7	2	9	10,442 [*]
Power lines	6	0	6	22,225 [*]
Prescribed	2	5	7	14,978
Plane Crash	5	0	5	540 [*]
Sleeper Fire ^{**}	2	0	2	14,150
Machinery	4	0	4	59 [*]
Lightning	2	0	2	733 [*]
Road Flare ^{***}	0	2	2	11,877
Cigarette	0	1	1	2
Illegal Campfire	0	1	1	1,049
Accidental	0	1	1	1
Total:	103	48	151	253,613[*]

* indicates some acreages are unknown and therefore the number is actually higher than shown.

** indicates a re-ignited prescribed burn.

*** Canyon 1 Fire started with a road flare, and the fire went underground until a high wind day, which reignited it. The flare up was named the Canyon 2 Fire.



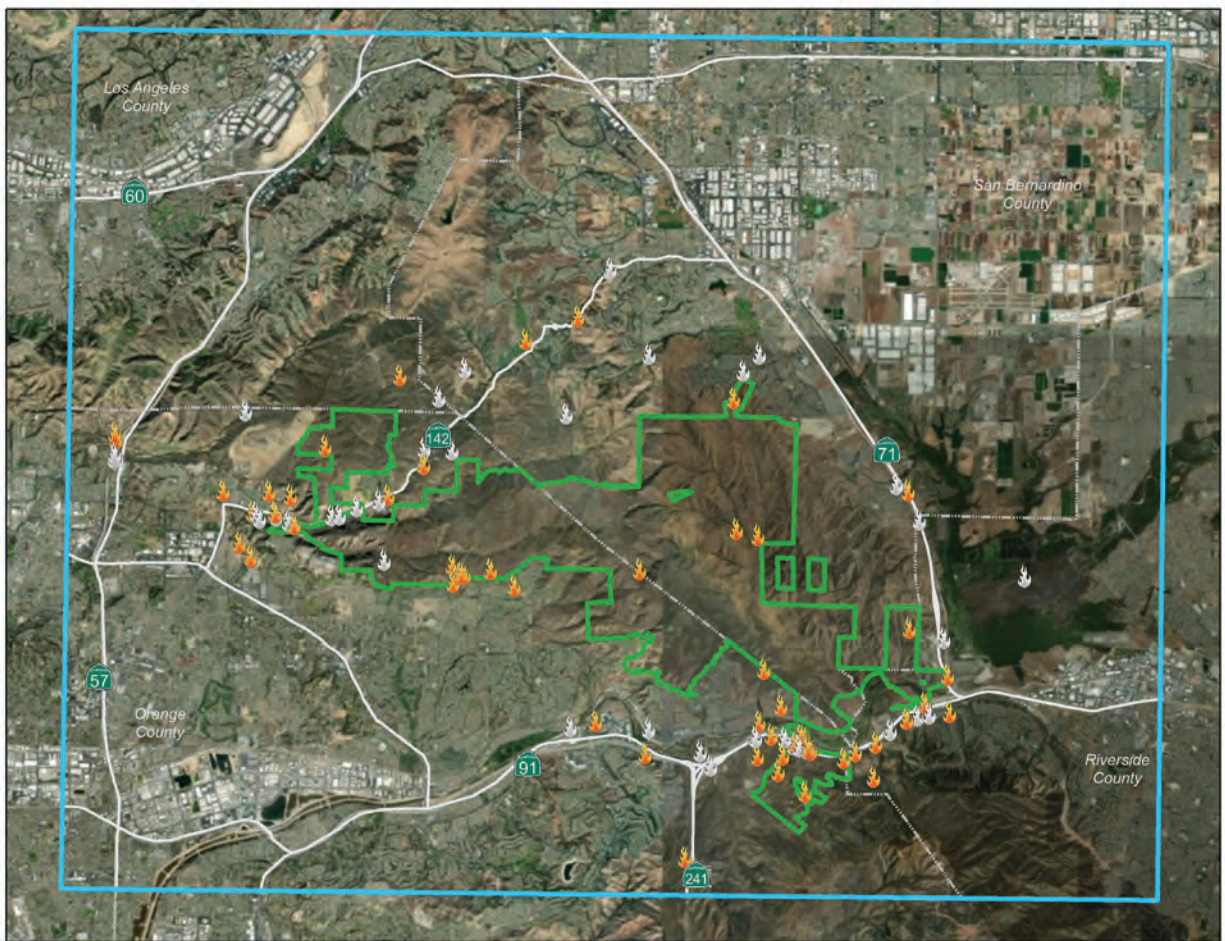


Figure 5. When the cause of the fire ignition is known, the flame is orange. When it is unknown the flame is gray.

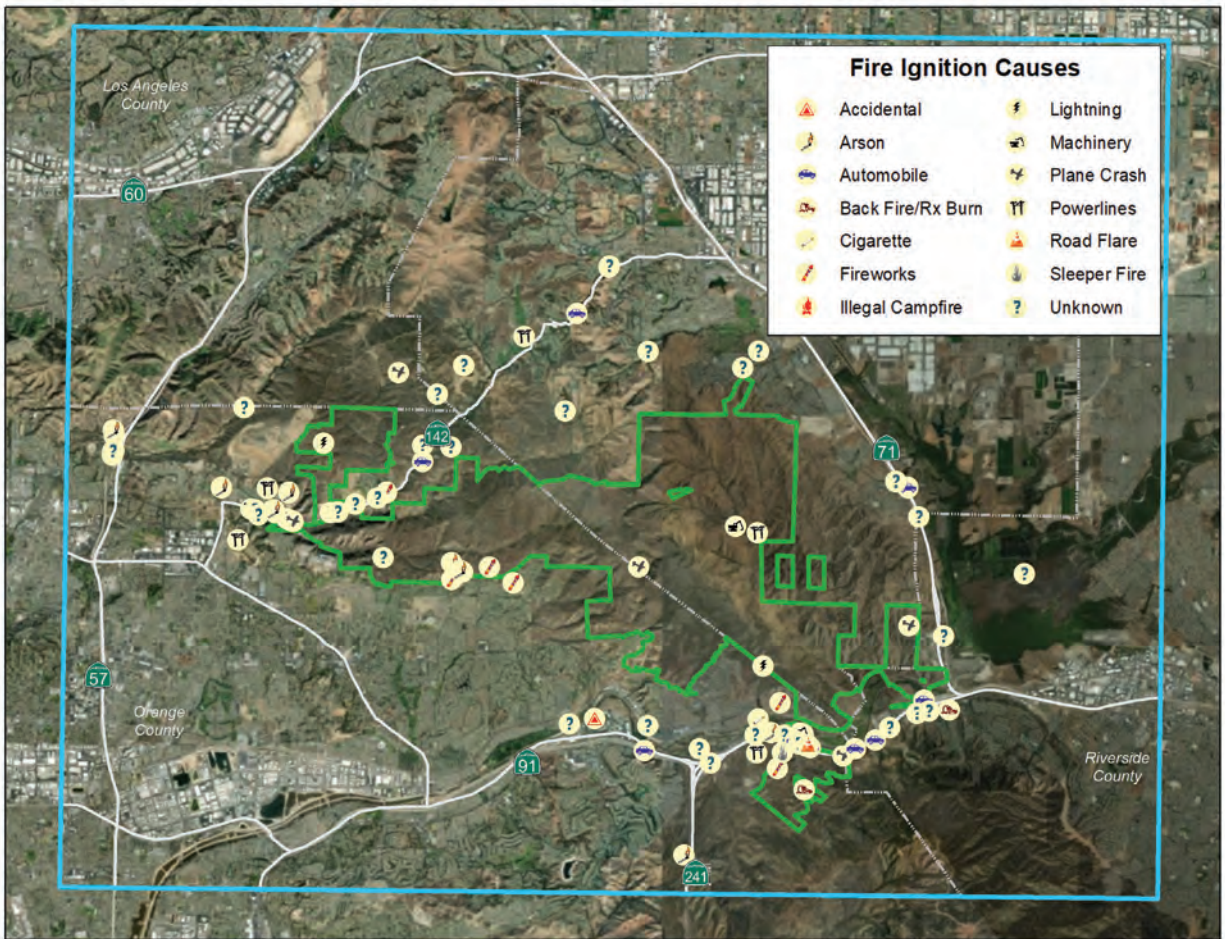


Figure 6. Fire ignitions by type, with the most ignitions from unknown sources.

As we found during the original study, obtaining a known or confirmed cause for a wildland fire was difficult. Sixty-one fires had no information regarding the fire's source and in the update there were 25. Originally, the top three most identifiable causes of wildland fires in the Study Area were: arson, automobiles, and fireworks. For the update, the categories remain the same.

Fire Frequency

By overlapping all the fire perimeters, HFE was able to determine the fire frequency in the Study Area. The lightest color (light yellow) on the map indicates that area only burned once. Whereas the darkest color on the map, black, indicates the area burned eight or more times.

When one looks at the fire frequency and the points of origin there are obvious locations (“hotspots”) that have burned repeatedly. The original data showed three hotspots: the 91 Freeway Corridor (Santa Ana Canyon) between Anaheim and Corona, Carbon Canyon in Brea, and the Rimcrest entrance to Chino Hills State Park in Yorba Linda. One third of all fires start along the 91 Freeway Corridor. With this update, the 57 Freeway may be becoming a hotspot as well with 11 fires in six years.

Later in this report, HFE will review the previous recommendations and provide an update and add new general recommendations for potential proactive steps to reduce the fire frequency at these known hotspots.

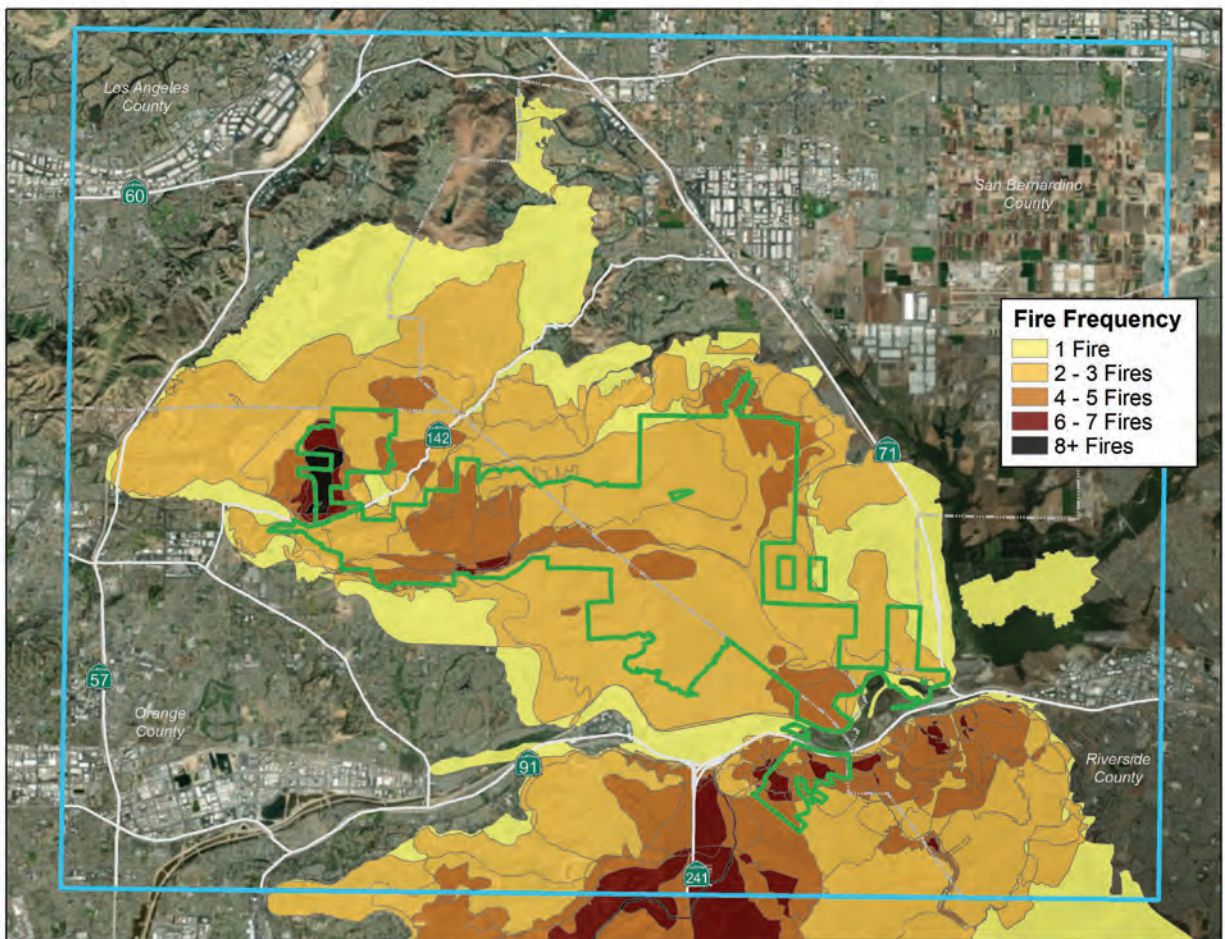


Figure 7. The fire frequency shows how often areas are burning. The darker the color means more fires.

Fires and Weather Patterns

The prevailing wind for this region is a westerly onshore flow and the majority of the fires occur during those normal conditions. The Santa Ana Winds (which come from the east/northeast) are the exception and as these winds tend to be hot and dry. Fires that start under these extreme conditions have a tendency to get out of control. The relative humidity and temperature play a significant role in reducing the fuel moisture in the vegetation, especially the thin dead fuel (such as annual grasses and mustard). Santa Ana Wind events are known for helping spread the fires and therefore require expanded and rapid fire protection presence.

Briefly, the foehn winds, known locally as Santa Ana Winds, are caused when high pressure systems sit inland and a low pressure system sits off the coast. In our area, the foehn/Santa Ana Winds are generated when the high pressure system is positioned over the high desert (Mojave and Great Basin). The winds blow from the southern side of the high pressure system toward the low pressure system over the Pacific Ocean. Typically they are hot and dry with a very low relative humidity (10-20%).¹ This is due to the compression of the wind after going up and over the mountains. Relative humidity indicates the ratio between the moisture in the air and the amount of moisture needed to saturate the air—it is a function of both moisture and temperature. Moisture in vegetation can be rapidly depleted in Santa Ana Wind conditions. Generally the finer the vegetation (grass) the quicker it dries out compared to a mature oak tree with a thick bark and a thick trunk.

Also researched were the weather patterns from the fires included in the Study. Weather Underground and The Weather Channel websites were used to collect the data, using Chino Hills as the location. HFE was unable to obtain weather data before 1977.

¹ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "Santa Ana Conditions – Southern California." Retrieved 20 June 2012 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website: http://www.noaa.gov/2008/santa_ana.php.



Table 2. Weather features during fire events.

Weather Features on Fire Days	Fires (1914-2011)		Fires (2012-2018)	All Fires (1914-2018)
Average Temperature was:	90°F (Data was available for 58 fires)		84°F (14 fires)	87°F (72 fires)
Average Relative Humidity was:	51% (Data was available for 34 fires)		79% (14 fires)	65% (48 fires)
Average Wind Speed was:	6 mph (Data was available for 78 fires)		10 mph (14 fires)	8 mph (92 fires)
Average Wind Gusts were:	28 mph (Data was available for 26 fires)		14 mph (12 fires)	21 mph (38 fires)
Wind Direction was: (The direction the wind originates from) (Data was available for 78 fires)	North (N, NE, NW)	11 fires	2 fires	13 fires
	East (E, ENE, ESE)	6 fires	0 fires	6 fires
	South (S, SE, SW)	16 fires	7 fires	23 fires
	West (W, WNW, WSW)	45 fires	5 fires	50 fires

Fires and Seasonal Patterns

It is not surprising that in the hotter, drier months between May and November there are more fires than in the moister winter months between December and April. There is a clear correlation between fire frequency and the summer months as seen in the table below. The majority of fires occur in July. However, October and November have the largest average acres burned. This is likely due to the fact that this is the end of the dry season and these months are prone to Santa Ana Wind conditions.

Table 3. Fires by month, acreage burned, and average acreage burned.

Month	Known Fires (1914-2011)	Known Fires (2012-2018)	All Fires (1914-2018)	Total Acreage Burned	Average Acreage Burned
Unknown	10	5	15	18,911*	1,382** (14 fires)
January	2	1	3	0*	175** (1 fire)
February	2	0	2	12,740	6,370 (2 fires)
March	3	0	3	1,618*	814** (1 fires)
April	3	5	8	1,950*	282* (7 fires)
May	7	4	11	6*	23** (5 fires)
June	10	1	11	8,649*	814 (10 fires)
July	22	11	33	18,362*	876** (26 fires)
August	10	5	15	2,673*	179** (13 fires)
September	11	8	19	7,238*	547** (13 fires)
October	11	8	19	94,149*	6,311** (18 fires)
November	10	0	10	87,316*	9,726 (8 fires)
December	2	0	2	4*	0** (1 fire)
Total:	103	48	151	266,586*	2,185** (122 fires)

* indicates some acreages are unknown and therefore the number is actually higher than shown.

** indicates acreages were averaged only where known fire acreages existed; if a fire acreage was unknown the fire was left out of the average.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2012 report indicated that there were three “hotspots” in the Study Area that show a propensity to burn: Santa Ana Canyon, Carbon Canyon, and Rimcrest. With that in mind HFE developed several suggestions for possible adoption by transportation and fire agencies, State Parks, cities, and homeowners. This section provides a snapshot of what activities have occurred since the original list of recommendations was established and what remains to be done. It is important to note that HFE made more than two dozen presentations. We remain willing to help develop the political will and partner on implementing these recommendations.

General Recommendations*	Action**	Status (2019)
Enforcement of fire rules and regulations is essential if fires in this region are to be reduced. Develop an effective and funded mechanism for fining violators to improve safety.	While fire agencies have developed brochures for fire prevention, to our knowledge the most effective education is a knock on the door.	Remains a recommendation.
OCFA and citizens of Yorba Linda should organize and work together to increase fire safety as the neighboring Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council has done.	Residents in Yorba Linda will form a Fire Safe Council due to a settlement agreement. It will be partially funded by the development's association dues. OCFA has not established one yet.	In Progress.
Communities around the hills should create volunteer FireWatch programs that patrol streets on high wind days, like the Santiago Canyon area residents have implemented.	Irvine Ranch Conservancy FireWatch programs were initiated. OC Parks hired the Conservancy to cover Carbon Canyon Regional Park. The City of Brea is using CERT members for the canyon areas.	Implemented in some locations.
Individual residents should take personal responsibility to improve the fire safety of their own homes.	Olinda Village in Brea's Carbon Canyon is now a FireWise Community. Brea's CERT program has implemented a special canyon program in case Olinda Village is cut off from emergency services.	Implemented in some locations. Remains a recommendation.
Jurisdictions should require the highest standard and state-of-the-art construction for fire prevention (e.g., installing passive closure attic vents, which close without human intervention).	The Fire Code was updated in 2016, but it doesn't account for lessons learned 2017 and 2018.	Retrofitting for older homes is still needed in most locations in the Study Area.

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General Recommendations*	Action**	Status (2019)
When planning for future development at the WUI, developers and lead agencies should involve fire agencies at the earliest planning stages.	In some instances, an ingress location approved by a fire agency was later moved, without concurrence from the agency. In other instances, fire agencies are consulted very early in the process.	Varies by location. Remains a recommendation.

Santa Ana Canyon Recommendations*	Action**	Status (2019)
Harden the edges of the 91 Freeway that abut natural lands using K-rails or similar structures.	There remain more than two miles of roadway touching open space that need to be hardened.	Work is underway at the state level to bring attention to this.
Incorporate and enforce an appropriately frequent maintenance program for the power lines owned or operated by Edison and any other utility providers.	Edison now has a Public Safety Power Shutoff program. Electric lines are turned off during potentially dangerous weather conditions. Edison staff is visually inspecting the wires by helicopter, wires are being insulated, additional staff have been hired for weather forecasting, and wood poles in high fire areas will be replaced with a composite material.	Restrictions have been implemented on red flag days. Remains a recommendation for private utilities.
The steep terrain and the wind tunnel effect of this east-west trending canyon heighten the threat of fire in this location. It seems prudent to add a new fire station at either Green River or Gypsum Canyon to improve response time to Santa Ana Canyon fires especially given that the 91 Freeway is often congested which reduces response time.	No known actions have been taken.	Remains a recommendation.
Include Caltrans-type flashing signage on high fire hazard days alerting commuters to be cautious and report suspicious behavior.	Some cities install signage on high wind days with the slogan "See Something, Say Something." Residents are posting bad behavior on social media.	Varies by location.

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Santa Ana Canyon Recommendations*	Action**	Status (2019)
Improve safety by enforcing violations caused by agencies, contractors, and businesses that work along the Santa Ana Canyon. For example, agencies should require spotters and water trucks when working in or next to natural lands.	No known actions have been taken.	Remains a recommendation.
Jurisdictions should require the highest standard and state-of-the-art construction for fire prevention (e.g., installing attic vents with finer screens).	No known new developments will occur in the Santa Ana Canyon. The focus should be on the ignitions adjacent to the highway. Retrofitting homes near the freeway should also occur.	Remains a recommendation.
When planning for future development at the WUI, developers and lead agencies should involve fire agencies at the earliest planning stages.	No known new developments will occur in the Santa Ana Canyon.	Remains a recommendation.

Carbon Canyon Recommendations*	Action**	Status (2019)
Caltrans should continue to improve consistency on fuel clearance in a more timely fashion along Carbon Canyon Road (Highway 142). Spraying of the plants in the Caltrans right-of-way should occur early in the growing season, when the plants are small making handcrew removal easier and more economical.	No known actions have been taken.	Remains a recommendation.
Consider reducing the participation for fire agency mutual aid for cities with a WUI and a history of fires. For example, the fire agencies serving Brea, Yorba Linda, and Chino Hills should be “at the bottom of the list” for sending mutual aid to other areas on high fire hazard days since they may have their own fire to respond to. Requests for mutual aid should first be made to more urbanized communities with no WUIs.	No known actions have been taken.	Remains a recommendation.
Continue to increase fire agency presence and patrols during high wind/high heat/low humidity days.	The Brea CERT Team has volunteers to serve as FireWatch members.	Partially Implemented.

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Rimcrest Recommendations*	Action**	Status (2019)
Include a door-to-door homeowner education program before fire season begins each year.	Outside of the existing Yorba Linda CERT and residents' planned Fire Safe Council, the City and Orange County Fire Authority have not implemented homeowner education programs.	Remains a recommendation.
Incorporate proactive steps by OCFA and the City of Yorba Linda for retrofitting homes with hardening techniques e.g., boxed eaves, automatic attic vent closures, roofs cleared of leaf debris, no ladder fuels near the house, etc.	No known actions have been taken.	Remains a recommendation.
Remove non-native highly flammable vegetation (such as palm trees and pampas grass).	No known actions have been taken.	Remains a recommendation.
Give fire risk the highest consideration in approving housing projects on the WUI.	The Yorba Linda General Plan was updated in 2016, with no new measures for high fire zones put in place to restrict development or make them safer. OCFA considers new developments an opportunity to experiment with new techniques.	Remains a recommendation.
Continue fire agency presence and patrols during high wind/high heat/low humidity days.	No known actions have been taken.	Remains a recommendation.
Require new developments to use native, fire resistant landscaping to reduce ignitions at the WUI and incorporate defensible space within the development.	The General Plan was updated in 2016 and no new measures regarding landscaping or defensible space were added.	Remains a recommendation.

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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

With some progress being made on the 2012 recommendations, additional ideas have been generated over the last few years. These include:

General Recommendations

- Consider the geography of residential units in the application of fire-protective codes when additional home remodeling projects are done. For example, when residents in a very high or high fire hazard severity zone upgrade their windows, they shouldn't be allowed to use vinyl windows which can easily melt in a fire.
- Ban use of flame flares along roadways or in very high or high fire hazard severity zones. Converting the flares to battery operated ones could have prevented the Canyon 1 and Canyon 2 Fires.
- OCFA should be proactive about starting a Fire Safe Council that covers all of Yorba Linda.
- Fire agencies and jurisdictions should aggressively pursue grants to retrofit older homes at the WUI.
- Fire agencies should support efforts by State Parks to improve the WUI with fire-resistant native vegetation.
- Provide additional information, outreach, and education about the Edison Public Safety Power Shutoff program to ensure residents are able to effectively evacuate with the power off.
- Include information, examples, and demonstrate how to make your home fire-safe during safety related events like the National Night Out.
- Require mitigation and repair, when natural resources burn due to incompetence or negligence, of an agency.



CONCLUSION

This update shows that CHSP and environs have endured significantly more fires, 151 to be exact, than would have naturally occurred by lightning strikes (2). Instead of a fire burning every 30-150 years in the natural fire regime, humans have increased the ratio essentially more than a fire a year. HFE recognizes that a sample size of two natural fires is not enough to draw firm conclusions. However, our local examples of natural fires indicate fewer acres burn (367 acres) on average than fires ignited by humans or human error (2,161 acres).

Natural fires tend to ignite on ridge tops with a lightning strike. The fire then generally spreads downhill and does so more slowly allowing firefighters more time to attack the blaze. Human caused fires tend to start at a canyon bottom, where roads usually are, and race uphill. Simply looking at the fire frequency map for the 91 Freeway Corridor shows you exactly where the canyon bottoms are that catch fire. More fires start along the unprotected edge than those with hardened edges. Measures should be in place to prevent fire ignition and fire spread.

That said, while there was a significant increase in the number of fires occurring between 2012 and 2018, likely due to better tracking, the average fire size (minus the two



big Santa Ana Wind driven fires) was 44 acres. And 23 of these most recent fires burned less than 10 acres.



COMMENTS

We continue to urge agencies to implement policies that reduce the risk of wildfires starting because of their negligence. High heat, high wind, and dry brush only need a spark to cause a devastating fire. Further, easy strategies exist, like weed mats, to reduce ignitions along roadways. This could not only save lives and homes, but also prevent fires from igniting all together. Weed mats do not impede wildlife movement along roadways like k-rails do.

The responsibility for protection of the community from wildland fires lies first with the developer during the planning phase of the development. Governmental jurisdictions also share in this responsibility because decision makers have the power to approve or deny inappropriate developments at the WUI. Additionally, from the resident or buyer perspective—even with the knowledge of a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone—they believe the project is safe simply because it was approved.

There is no “buyer beware” argument if government says it is safe. Zoning carries with it the responsibility for consequences. And yes, private homeowners have the responsibility to learn the vulnerabilities of their home and take proactive steps to remedy them where possible. We may be reaching the critical moment, where insurance companies refuse to insure properties at the WUI, or the premiums will sky rocket out of reach.

To reduce the unnatural frequency of fires to a more natural pace: education, outreach, planning, and a shift in approach is needed. HFE is committed to working with planners, natural resource, transportation, and fire agencies to reduce the fire frequency to a more natural fire regime in the Study Area.

Suggestions for Further Study

Similar to our 2012 report, there are many other opportunities that could use further investigation. These old and new ideas include:

2012 Study

- An analysis of the effect of repeated wildfires on habitat loss and its effect on wildlife.
- A historical analysis documenting the loss of valuable vegetation types and type conversion.
- The effects wildfires have on wildlife movement, foraging, reproduction, and survival.
- Whether enforcement measures for fire prevention are adequate.
- The expansion of the WUI and its impacts on the Park.

2018 Study

- The number of homes with defensible space and survival rates post fire.
- Insurance losses and financial consequences of building at the WUI.
- The impact of Edison’s Public Safety Power Shutoff on wildfire fighting, safe evacuation, and water availability/tank refilling.



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APPENDIX A

Fire Perimeter Data

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Point of Origin
Fuel Break (Historical)	—	132	—	—
Prescribed Burn**	—	132	Prescribed Burn	Unknown
Prescribed Burn**	—	90	Prescribed Burn	Unknown
Irvine Ranch	1914	14,830	Unknown	Unknown
Fresno Canyon*	1928	1,007	Unknown	Unknown
Gypsum*	1929	1,085	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon*	1930	733	Unknown	Unknown
Santa Ana Canyon	Nov. 8, 1943	9,375	Unknown	Unknown
Gaines	Sep. 22, 1944	270	Unknown	Unknown
Shell	July 2, 1947	118	Unknown	Unknown
Green River	Nov. 4, 1948	41,285	Unknown	Unknown
Nohl	June 21, 1951	176	Unknown	Unknown
Santiago	Oct. 15, 1958	110	Unknown	Unknown
La Vida	Nov. 29, 1959	611	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway*	1962	139	Unknown	Unknown
Paseo Grande	Oct. 29, 1967	39,872	Unknown	Known
Firestone	Oct. 30, 1967	236	Unknown	Known
Tonner Canyon	June 13, 1971	9	Unknown	Unknown
Serranos	Sep. 9, 1973	304	Unknown	Known
Mine	July 28, 1977	4,956	Unknown	Unknown
Soquel	Oct. 23, 1978	5,428	Unknown	Known
Soquel Canyon*	Oct. 25, 1978	251	Unknown	Unknown
Los Sarranos [Serranos]	June 19, 1979	172	Unknown	Known
Paseo	Sep. 15, 1979	3,644	Sleeper Fire	Known
Corona	1980	116	Unknown	Unknown
Green River	July 13, 1980	379	Unknown	Known
Owl	Oct. 28, 1980	18,332	Unknown	Known
Carbon Canyon	Nov. 16, 1980	14,613	Unknown	Known
Euclid	Oct. 30, 1981	714	Unknown	Known

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Fire Perimeter Data Continued...

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Point of Origin
Fresno Canyon*	Oct. 1982	211	Unknown	Unknown
Gypsum	Oct. 9, 1982	19,986	Powerlines	Known
Santa Ana Canyon*	Fall 1983	443	Unknown	Unknown
Fresno*	July 12, 1983	642	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway*	July 13, 1983	1,618	Unknown	Unknown
Bane Canyon*	Sep. 14, 1983	581	Unknown	Unknown
Wardlow Wash*	July 8, 1984	114	Unknown	Unknown
Coal Canyon	July 9, 1984	450	Fireworks (Bottle Rocket)	Known
Coal Canyon	July 2, 1985	540	Plane Crash into Power lines	Known
Shell	Aug. 11, 1985	1,635	Unknown	Known
Green River	Oct. 6, 1985	Less than 1	Unattended Children	Known
Fresno Canyon*	Aug. 2, 1986	95	Unknown	Unknown
Bane Canyon*	June 24, 1988	820	Unknown	Unknown
South Ridge	May 24, 1989	5	Mower hit rock, ignited brush	Known
Aliso Canyon	June 29, 1989	44	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	June 27, 1990	6,664	Arson	Known
Yorba	July 12, 1990	7,884	Model Rocket	Known
91 Freeway	July 5, 1991	50	Machinery	Known
San Juan Hill	June 10, 1992	249	Plane Crash	Known
Stagecoach	Oct. 26, 1993	581	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway*	1994	41	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon [Wagon]	June 25, 1994	757	Unknown	Known
91 Freeway*	Aug. 5, 1994	28	Unknown	Known
Prescribed Burn**	1995	494	Prescribed Burn	Unknown
Highway 91	Aug. 26, 1995	177	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	Aug. 31, 1998	733	Lightning	Known
Green	Feb. 9, 2002	2,234	Power lines	Known
Evening	Apr. 21, 2002	893	Fireworks	Known
Blue Gum	Nov. 20, 2002	497	Arson	Known
Coal Canyon	July 12, 2003	2	Arson	Known

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Fire Perimeter Data Continued...

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Point of Origin
Green River	July 24, 2004	16	Car Crash	Known
Carbon Canyon	Sep. 25, 2004	18	Car Fire	Known
Yorba Linda	July 5, 2005	1,079	Fireworks	Known
Carbon Canyon	Aug. 4, 2005	1	Arson	Unknown
Prescribed**	2006	43	Prescribed	Unknown
Prescribed**	2006	68	Prescribed	Unknown
Sierra Peak	Feb. 6, 2006	10,506	Backfire	Known
Brush Canyon	July 11, 2006	1	Unknown	Unknown
Blue Gum	Aug. 2, 2006	3	Illegal Campfire	Unknown
241 Incident	Aug. 22, 2006	Less than 1	Unknown	Unknown
Windy Ridge [241 Incident]	Mar. 11, 2007	1,618	Burning Car (Arson)	Known
Rose	Apr. 12, 2007	8	Machinery	Known
Freeway Complex	Nov. 15, 2008	30,306	Auto Exhaust & Power lines	Known
241 Incident	Sep. 25, 2009	Less than 1	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway Incident	June 16, 2010	47	Unknown	Known
Carbon Canyon	July 11, 2011	518	Arson	Known
Rose Drive*	Nov. 2, 2011	5	Power lines	Known
Carbon**	July 10, 2014	3	Arson	Known
Highway**	Apr. 18, 2015	1,049	Illegal Campfire	Unknown
Casino**	Sep. 17, 2015	16	Arson	Unknown
Carbon Canyon**	July 4, 2016	Less than 1	Car	Known
YBL Train**	July 16, 2016	Less than 1	Unknown	Known
Canyon**	July 4, 2017	1	Unknown	Unknown
Cross Creek**	Sep. 15, 2017	2	Cigarette	Known
Canyon 1**	Sep. 25, 2017	2,661	Roadflare	Known
Canyon 2**	Oct. 9, 2017	9,215	Roadflare - Sleeper	Known
Lambert**	Oct. 18, 2017	28	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon Park**	Oct. 25, 2017	4	Unknown	Unknown
Lambert**	May 25, 2018	Less than 1	Car	Unknown
B2 - Yorba**	Sep. 15, 2018	10	Unknown	Unknown
CostCo**	Sep. 29, 2018	1	Accidental	Known

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APPENDIX B

Fire Causes and Points of Origin Data

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Perimeter
Sonome Canyon	Unknown	Unknown	Plane Crash	Unknown
Paseo Grande	Oct. 29, 1967	39,872	Unknown	Known
Firestone	Oct. 30, 1967	236	Unknown	Known
Serranos	Sep. 9, 1973	304	Unknown	Known
Soquel	Oct. 23, 1978	5,428	Unknown	Known
Los Sarranos [Serranos]	June 19, 1979	172	Unknown	Known
Paseo	Sep. 15, 1979	3,644	Smoldering Sleeper Fire	Known
Green River	July 13, 1980	379	Unknown	Known
Owl	Oct. 28, 1980	18,332	Unknown	Known
Carbon Canyon	Nov. 16, 1980	14,613	Unknown	Known
Euclid	Oct. 31, 1981	714	Unknown	Unknown
Gypsum Canyon	Oct. 9, 1982	19,986	Electric Lines	Known
Coal Canyon	July 9, 1984	450	Fireworks (Bottle Rocket)	Known
Coal Canyon	July 2, 1985	540	Plane Crash into Power lines	Known
Shell	Aug. 11, 1985	1,635	Unknown	Known
Green River	Oct. 6, 1985	Unknown	Unattended Children	Known
Coal Canyon	Apr. 21, 1987	25	Vehicle Fire	Unknown
Gypsum Canyon	May 12, 1987	20	Incendiary Device	Unknown
Coal Canyon	July 7, 1987	5	Unknown	Unknown
Coal Canyon	July 28, 1987	10	Unknown	Unknown
Rim Crest	Mar. 13, 1988	10	Kids with Matches	Unknown
Coal Canyon	May 13, 1988	3	Unknown	Unknown
La Vida	Dec. 4, 1988	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
South Ridge	May 24, 1989	5	Mower hit rock, ignites brush	Known
Carbon Canyon	July 5, 1989	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Featherly Regional Park	July 14, 1989	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Fire Causes and Points of Origin Data Continued...

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Perimeter
Chino Hills State Park	Oct. 10, 1989	400	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	June 27, 1990	6,664	Arson	Known
Yorba	July 12, 1990	7,884	Model Rocket	Known
Carbon Canyon	July 22, 1990	1	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	July 27, 1990	2	Downed Power line	Unknown
91 Freeway	July 5, 1991	245	Machinery	Known
Coal Canyon	May 10, 1992	3	Unknown	Unknown
San Juan Hill	June 10, 1992	249	Plane Crash	Known
Chino Hills State Park	Sep. 8, 1992	500	Power lines	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	Nov. 15, 1993	40	Plane Crash	Unknown
Carbon Canyon [Wagon]	June 25, 1994	757	Unknown	Known
91 Freeway	Aug. 5, 1994	28	Unknown	Known
71 Freeway	Dec. 19, 1994	4	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	June 24, 1998	20	Road Flare (Arson)	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	Aug. 31, 1998	733	Lightning	Known
Chino Hills State Park	Jan. 19, 1999	Unknown	Plane Crash	Unknown
Woodview	Sep. 12, 2000	200	Unknown	Unknown
Chino Hills Parkway	Sep. 18, 2000	2	Unknown	Unknown
Green	Feb. 9, 2002	2,234	Downed Power lines	Known
Evening	Apr. 21, 2002	893	Fireworks	Known
71 Freeway	Aug. 3, 2002	10	Car Exhaust Pipe	Unknown
Blue Gum	Nov. 20, 2002	497	Arson	Known
Coal Canyon	July 12, 2003	2	Arson	Known
71 Freeway	Aug. 19, 2003	3	Unknown	Unknown
Coal Canyon	May 30, 2004	2	Unknown	Unknown
Green River	July 24, 2004	16	Car Crash	Known
Carbon Canyon	Sep. 25, 2004	18	Car Fire	Known
Yorba Linda	July 5, 2005	1,079	Illegal Fireworks	Known
Sierra Peak	Feb. 6, 2006	10,506	Back Fire	Known
Brush Canyon	July 23, 2006	1	Lightning	Unknown

Fire Causes and Points of Origin Data Continued...

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Perimeter
Feldspar	Sep. 26, 2006	Unknown	Car Crash	Unknown
Red Star	Jan. 7, 2007	175	Unknown	Unknown
Windy Ridge [241 Incident]	Mar. 11, 2007	1,618	Burning Car (Arson)	Known
Rose	Apr. 12, 2007	3	Machinery	Known
Coal Canyon	May 7, 2007	140	Caltrans Machinery	Unknown
Western Hills	May 16, 2008	15	Downed Power lines	Unknown
Freeway Complex	Nov. 15, 2008	30,306	Auto Exhaust Power lines	Known
Windy Ridge	Nov. 25, 2009	80	Unknown	Unknown
Coal Canyon	Mar. 16, 2010	Unknown	Car Accident	Unknown
91 Freeway Incident	June 16, 2010	47	Unknown	Known
Quarter Horse	Sep. 4, 2010	10	Fireworks	Unknown
Carbon Canyon	July 11, 2011	518	Arson	Known
Rose Drive	Nov. 2, 2011	5	Power lines	Known
Tonner Canyon**	July 2, 2012	Less than 1	Arson	Unknown
Carbon**	June 10, 2014	Unknown	Arson	Known
91 Freeway**	Sep. 10, 2014	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon**	Oct. 5, 2014	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway**	Apr. 17, 2015	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway**	May 22, 2015	Less than 1	Car	Unknown
Fairmont**	July 4, 2015	1	Fireworks	Unknown
91 Freeway**	July 14, 2015	Unknown	Car	Unknown
Tonner Canyon**	Oct. 9, 2015	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
57 Freeway**	July 2, 2016	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon**	July 4, 2016	Less than 1	Car	Known
Carbon Canyon**	July 4, 2016	2	Fireworks	Unknown
Olinda Ranch**	July 4, 2016	5	Arson	Unknown
YBL Train**	July 16, 2016	Less than 1	Unknown	Known

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Fire Causes and Points of Origin Data Continued...

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Perimeter
57 Freeway**	Aug 12, 2016	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
57 Freeway**	Aug. 24, 2016	Unknown	Car	Unknown
57 Freeway**	Aug. 24, 2016	1	Unknown	Unknown
Valencia**	Apr. 23, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Santa Fe**	Apr. 23, 2017	Less than 1	Arson	Unknown
57 Freeway**	May 2, 2017	1	Unknown	Unknown
Gypsum**	July 3, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Tonner Canyon**	July 3, 2017	Less than 1	Arson	Unknown
Cross Creek**	Sep. 15, 2017	2	Cigarette	Known
Canyon 1**	Sep. 25, 2017	2,661	Road Flare	Known
57 Freeway**	Sep. 25, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Canyon 2**	Oct. 9, 2017	9,215	Road Flare - Sleeper	Known
91 Freeway**	Oct. 23, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon**	Oct. 25, 2017	5	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Canyon Park**	Oct. 25, 2017	5	Unknown	Unknown
Carbon Ridge**	Jan. 18, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
57 Freeway**	Apr. 28, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
57 Freeway**	May 18, 2018	5	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway**	Aug. 2, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Yorba Linda**	Aug. 10, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
91 Freeway**	Sep. 15, 2018	Less than 1	Unknown	Unknown
CostCo**	Sep. 29, 2018	Less than 1	Accidental	Known

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APPENDIX C

All Fires Combined (Perimeters and Points of Origin) Data

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Data Type
Fuel Break (Historical)	—	132	—	Perimeter
Prescribed Burn**	—	90	Prescribed Burn	Perimeter
Prescribed Burn**	—	132	Prescribed Burn	Perimeter
Sonome Canyon	Unknown	Unknown	Plane Crash	Point of Origin
Irvine Ranch	1914	14,830	Unknown	Perimeter
Fresno Canyon*	1928	1,007	Unknown	Perimeter
Gypsum*	1929	1,085	Unknown	Perimeter
Carbon Canyon*	1930	733	Unknown	Perimeter
Santa Ana Canyon	Nov. 8, 1943	9,375	Unknown	Perimeter
Gaines	Sep. 22, 1944	270	Unknown	Perimeter
Shell	July 2, 1947	118	Unknown	Perimeter
Green River	Nov. 4, 1948	41,285	Unknown	Both
Nohl	June 21, 1951	176	Unknown	Perimeter
Santiago	Oct. 15, 1958	110	Unknown	Perimeter
La Vida	Nov. 29, 1959	611	Unknown	Perimeter
91 Freeway*	1962	139	Unknown	Perimeter
Paseo Grande	Oct. 29, 1967	39,872	Unknown	Both
Firestone	Oct. 30, 1967	236	Unknown	Both
Tonner Canyon	June 13, 1971	9	Unknown	Perimeter
Serranos	Sep. 9, 1973	304	Unknown	Both
Mine	July 28, 1977	4,956	Unknown	Perimeter
Soquel	Oct. 23, 1978	5,428	Unknown	Both
Soquel Canyon*	Oct. 25, 1978	251	Unknown	Perimeter
Los Serranos [Serranos]	June 19, 1979	172	Unknown	Both
Paseo	Sept. 15, 1979	3,644	Sleeper Fire	Both

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All Fires Combined (Perimeters and Points of Origin) Data Continued...

Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Data Type
Corona	1980	116	Unknown	Perimeter
Green River	July 13, 1980	379	Unknown	Both
Owl	Oct. 28, 1980	18,332	Unknown	Both
Carbon Canyon	Nov. 16, 1980	14,613	Unknown	Both
Euclid	Oct. 30, 1981	714	Unknown	Both
Fresno Canyon*	Oct. 1982	211	Unknown	Perimeter
Gypsum	Oct. 9, 1982	19,986	Power lines	Both
Santa Ana Canyon*	Fall 1983	443	Unknown	Perimeter
Fresno*	July 12, 1983	642	Unknown	Perimeter
91 Freeway*	July 13, 1983	1,618	Unknown	Perimeter
Bane Canyon*	Sep. 14, 1983	581	Unknown	Perimeter
Wardlow Wash*	July 8, 1984	114	Unknown	Perimeter
Coal Canyon	July 9, 1984	450	Fireworks (Bottle Rocket)	Both
Coal Canyon	July 2, 1985	540	Plane Crash into Power lines	Both
Shell	Aug. 11, 1985	1,635	Unknown	Both
Green River	Oct. 6, 1985	Less than 1	Unattended Children	Both
Fresno Canyon*	Aug. 2, 1986	95	Unknown	Perimeter
Coal Canyon	Apr. 21, 1987	25	Car Fire	Point of Origin
Gypsum Canyon	May 12, 1987	20	Incendiary Device	Point of Origin
Coal Canyon	July 7, 1987	5	Unknown	Point of Origin
Coal Canyon	July 28, 1987	10	Unknown	Point of Origin
Rim Crest	Mar. 13, 1988	10	Kids with Matches	Point of Origin
Coal Canyon	May 13, 1988	3	Unknown	Point of Origin
Bane Canyon*	June 24, 1988	820	Unknown	Perimeter
La Vida	Dec. 4, 1988	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
South Ridge	May 24, 1989	5	Mower hit rock, ignited brush	Both
Aliso Canyon	June 29, 1989	44	Unknown	Perimeter
Carbon Canyon	July 5, 1989	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
Featherly Regional Park	July 14, 1989	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin

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Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Data Type
Chino Hills State Park	Oct. 10, 1989	400	Unknown	Point of Origin
Carbon Canyon	June 27, 1990	6,664	Arson	Both
Yorba	July 12, 1990	7,884	Model Rocket	Both
Carbon Canyon	July 22, 1990	1	Unknown	Point of Origin
Carbon Canyon	July 27, 1990	2	Downed Power lines	Point of Origin
91 Freeway	July 5, 1991	50	Machinery	Both
Coal Canyon	May 10, 1992	3	Unknown	Point of Origin
San Juan Hill	June 10, 1992	249	Plane Crash	Both
Chino Hills State Park	Sep. 8, 1992	500	Power lines	Point of Origin
Stagecoach	Oct. 26, 1993	581	Unknown	Perimeter
Carbon Canyon	Nov. 15, 1993	40	Plane Crash	Point of Origin
91 Freeway*	1994	41	Unknown	Perimeter
Carbon Canyon [Wagon]	June 25, 1994	757	Unknown	Both
91 Freeway*	Aug. 5, 1994	28	Unknown	Both
71 Freeway	Dec. 19, 1994	4	Unknown	Point of Origin
Prescribed Burn	1995	494	Prescribed Burn	Perimeter
Highway 91	Aug. 26, 1995	177	Unknown	Perimeter
Carbon Canyon	June 24, 1998	20	Road Flare (Arson)	Point of Origin
Carbon Canyon	Aug. 31, 1998	733	Lightning	Both
Chino Hills State Park	Jan. 19, 1999	Unknown	Plane Crash	Point of Origin
Woodview	Sep. 12, 2000	200	Unknown	Point of Origin
Chino Hills Parkway	Sep. 18, 2000	2	Unknown	Point of Origin
Green	Feb. 9, 2002	2,234	Downed Power lines	Both
Evening	Apr. 21, 2002	893	Fireworks	Both
71 Freeway	Aug. 3, 2002	10	Car Exhaust Pipe	Point of Origin
Blue Gum	Nov. 20, 2002	497	Arson	Both
Coal Canyon	July 12, 2003	2	Arson	Both
71 Freeway	Aug. 19, 2003	3	Unknown	Point of Origin

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Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Data Type
Coal Canyon	May 30, 2004	2	Unknown	Point of Origin
Green River	July 24, 2004	16	Car Crash	Both
Carbon Canyon	Sep. 25, 2004	18	Car Fire	Both
Yorba Linda	July 5, 2005	1,079	Fireworks	Both
Carbon Canyon	Aug. 4, 2005	1	Arson	Perimeter
Prescribed	2006	43	Prescribed	Perimeter
Prescribed**	2006	68	Prescribed	Perimeter
Sierra Peak	Feb. 6, 2006	10,506	Backfire	Both
Brush Canyon	July 11, 2006	1	Unknown	Perimeter
Brush Canyon	July 23, 2006	1	Lightning	Point of Origin
Blue Gum	Aug. 2, 2006	3	Illegal Campfire	Perimeter
241 Incident	Aug. 22, 2006	Less than 1	Unknown	Perimeter
Feldspar	Sep. 26, 2006	Unknown	Car Crash	Point of Origin
Red Star	Jan. 7, 2007	175	Unknown	Point of Origin
Windy Ridge [241 Incident]	Mar. 11, 2007	1,618	Burning Car (Arson)	Both
Rose	Apr. 12, 2007	8	Machinery	Both
Coal Canyon	May 7, 2007	140	Caltrans Machinery	Point of Origin
Western Hills	May 16, 2008	15	Downed Power lines	Point of Origin
Freeway Complex	Nov. 15, 2008	30,306	Car Exhaust & Power lines	Both
241 Incident	Sep. 25, 2009	Less than 1	Unknown	Perimeter
Windy Ridge	Nov. 25, 2009	80	Unknown	Point of Origin
Coal Canyon	Mar. 16, 2010	Unknown	Car Crash	Point of Origin
91 Freeway Incident	June 16, 2010	47	Unknown	Both
Quarter Horse	Sep. 4, 2010	10	Fireworks	Point of Origin
Carbon Canyon	July 11, 2011	518	Arson	Both
Rose Drive*	Nov. 2, 2011	5	Power lines	Both
Tonner Canyon**	July 2, 2012	Less than 1	Arson	Point of Origin
Highway**	Apr. 18, 2014	1049	Campfire	Perimeter
Carbon**	June 10, 2014	3	Arson	Both
91 Freeway**	Sep. 10, 2014	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
Casino**	Sep. 17, 2014	16	Arson	Perimeter
Carbon Canyon**	Oct. 5, 2014	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin

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Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Data Type
Highway**	Apr. 8, 2015	1,049	Illegal Campfire	Perimeter
91 Freeway**	Apr. 17, 2015	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
91 Freeway**	May 22, 2015	Less than 1	Car	Point of Origin
Fairmont**	July 4, 2015	1	Fireworks	Point of Origin
91 Freeway**	July 14, 2015	Unknown	Car	Point of Origin
Casino**	Sep. 17, 2015	16	Arson	Perimeter
Tonner Canyon**	Oct. 9, 2015	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
57 Freeway**	July 2, 2016	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
Carbon Canyon**	July 4, 2016	Less than 1	Car	Both
Carbon Canyon**	July 4, 2016	2	Fireworks	Point of Origin
Olinda Ranch**	July 4, 2016	5	Arson	Point of Origin
YBL Train**	July 16, 2016	Less than 1	Unknown	Both
57 Freeway**	Aug. 12, 2016	Less than 1	Unknown	Point of Origin
57 Freeway**	Aug. 24, 2016	Unknown	Car	Point of Origin
57 Freeway**	Aug. 24, 2016	1	Unknown	Point of Origin
Valencia**	Apr. 23, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
Santa Fe**	Apr. 23, 2017	Less than 1	Arson	Point of Origin
57 Freeway**	May 2, 2017	1	Unknown	Point of Origin
Gypsum**	July 3, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
Tonner Canyon**	July 3, 2017	Less than 1	Arson	Point of Origin
Canyon**	July 14, 2017	1	Unknown	Perimeter
Cross Creek**	Sep. 15, 2017	2	Cigarette	Both
57 Freeway**	Sep. 25, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
Canyon 1**	Sep. 25, 2017	2,661	Road Flare	Both
Canyon 2**	Oct. 9, 2017	9,215	Road Flare - Sleeper	Both
Lambert**	Oct. 18, 2017	28	Unknown	Perimeter
91 Freeway**	Oct. 23, 2017	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
Carbon Canyon**	Oct. 25, 2017	5	Unknown	Point of Origin
Carbon Canyon Park**	Oct. 25, 2017	4	Unknown	Perimeter
Carbon Ridge**	Jan. 18, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
57 Freeway**	Apr. 28, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
57 Freeway**	May 18, 2018	5	Unknown	Point of Origin
91 Freeway**	Aug. 2, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin

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Fire Name	Fire Date	Acreage Burned	Cause	Data Type
Yorba Linda**	Aug. 10, 2018	Unknown	Unknown	Point of Origin
B2 - Yorba**	Sep. 15, 2018	10	Unknown	Perimeter
91 Freeway**	Sep. 15, 2018	Less than 1	Unknown	Point of Origin
Lambert**	May 25, 2018	Less than 1	Car	Perimeter
CostCo**	Sep. 29, 2018	1	Accidental	Both

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From: Paulina Rodriguez <pguerin67@att.net>

Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 5:30 PM

To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>

Cc: David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>; gary_p@dslextreme.com; Margaret Thurston <mthurst@dslextreme.com>

Subject: Re: Housing Element Discussion

Hi Nate,

We will continue to communicate any concerns in response to the notice of preparation prior to May 30, but here is a more comprehensive list if you intend to send to your consultant immediately.

1. Wildfire:
 - a. Prevention and Evacuation Plan/Path - This is high rated fire zone area
2. Geology/Soils:
 - a. Whittier Fault – previous earthquake epicenters on that property
 - b. Stability of slopes and previous hillside failure
 - c. Steep canyon on build site
 - d. Flood Channel / Draining
 - e. Water Basin
 - f. Aquafer running down under Forest Glen
 - g. Water Sump Pump at the end of Forest Glen
 - h. Natural Gas Line
3. Land/Use Planning:
 - a. Density Calculation unsafe - Overlay allowing RM-23 on 9 acres (density averaging) is unsuitable
 - b. Community Concerns

4. Population/Housing

- a. 200 additional Townhomes, 600 residents (avg 3 per household), 400-600 cars (avg 2-3 per household) to quiet established neighborhood - not consistent with existing community.
- b. Community concern around noise & light pollution (rises in the canyon)

6. Traffic

- a. Overflow Parking (cars not using garages - reference Heritage Crossing)

7. Wildlife

- a. Birds
- b. Redtail Hawks
- c. Owls
- d. Coyote Dens (2 that we are aware of and coyotes are territorial so they will have to relocate elsewhere)
- e. Prairie Dogs
- f. Roadrunners
- g. Rodents - Rats and field mice are a big problem in this area and fortunately the Coyotes keep that controlled. Without Coyotes, they will be driven into the adjacent neighborhoods.
- h. Rabbits
- i. Toads – Large population due to the water basin
- j. Other Wildlife impacted to be assessed

On May 9, 2022, at 4:10 PM, Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalingca.gov> wrote:

Hi Paulina,

Thank for sending over your comments related to the Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report on the Housing Element implementation program. I will forward these comments over to our consultant, who is preparing the EIR. If you have any additional comments, please let me know.

As we explained on Friday, our plan for now is to take the entire Housing Element implementation rezoning program under one Measure B vote for a variety of different reasons. However, as we stated on Friday, we are looking into alternatives to this approach and will keep you informed when we have more information.

Finally, we appreciate your suggestion of using the City's Twitter Account for notification. We will be working closely with our communications team to utilize a wide variety of our public outreach tools, including the website, eNewsletter, social media channels, direct mailers, and other forms of outreach.

Thank you again for your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

NATE FARNSWORTH
Planning Manager

From: Paulina Rodriguez <pguerin67@att.net>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 5:27 PM
To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>
Cc: David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>; gary_p@dslextrreme.com; Margaret Thurston <mthurst@dslextrreme.com>
Subject: Re: Housing Element Discussion

Dear Nate and David,

Thanks again for your time today. As discussed, as next steps we will prepare a consolidated comments to the notice of preparation Housing Element document outlining our concerns around the development of the Fairmont S5-008 lot for you to include in the EIR.

Some issues discussed in the meeting today (not limited to):

1. Wild Fire - Prevention and **Evacuation** - extremely high fire hazard area
2. Geology/Soils - Stability of slopes, water drainage, water basin, underground water stream running under the hillside and the earthquake fault that runs through this area, natural gas line.
3. Land/Use Planning - Allowing RM-23 on 9 acres. Factoring in the unbuildable 14 acres open space as RM-10 and allowing for density averaging of 200+ homes on the 9 acres of buildable land.

4. Population/Housing - Adding 600 residents, cars, etc / student/teacher impact on schools / noise and light pollution
5. Utilities/Service Systems - Water department seems to be unaware of proposed plan when contacted.
6. Traffic - parking and congestion on Fairmont Blvd. - overflow for people not using garages (reference Heritage Crossing)
7. Wildlife - Birds, Redtail Hawks, Coyote Dens, Prairie Dogs, etc

Please consider this a preliminary list and we will come back to you before May 30 with a more comprehensive response.

Also, please get back to us on the process for making this a separate Measure B action on the ballot since this is the only lot in in this area of YL and the lot's characteristics are unlike any other in the entire Housing Element plan.

May I also suggest that the City begin using its Twitter Account as a means for notifying residents of the Housing Element plan - dates, meetings and status. I found this an extremely useful resource of information during the last set of wildfires where we had to evacuate from this area.

Regards,

Paulina Rodriguez

On May 2, 2022, at 4:19 PM, Nate Farnsworth
<nfarnsworth@yorbalingca.gov> wrote:

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your comments and questions related to the Housing Element.

Sincerely,

NATE FARNSWORTH

Planning Manager

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From: David Debruhl <David_Debruhl@us.crawco.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>
Subject: Site S5-008 Vacant Parcel on Fairmont Bl.

Hello Nate My name is Dave DeBruhl and I reside at 3650 Sherwood Drive Yorba Linda CA 92886. I am aware that consideration is being made to develop into 230 high density housing units in this location. I am very much concerned with this as this entire area around here is filled with multi-million dollar homes surrounding this area and people come up to this area to access the China Hills park due to the beauty of the area and exercise and enjoy it. This complex of high density housing does not fit in at all to the surrounding homes and will cause a congestion problems in a now beautiful and unspoiled area. I travel with my job all around Southern CA and normally there is consistency with housing to where one does not see very high end homes and then right next door high density homes packed in together. I would ask if this project can be reconsidered for those reasons as my neighbors and I are very much concerned. Please let me know if there is any more I can do and thanks for your help!

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May 11, 2022

Dear Planning Department:

Thank you Nate and David for meeting with us last Friday to explain the background of this initiative and hear our communities' concerns.

We are here tonight to record our concerns into the public record and respectfully ask you to (tonight) not begin the *INITIATION* of Zoning Changes to facilitate the rezone program shown within the "Residential Sites Inventory" contained in the 2021-2029 Adopted Housing Element.

In fact, we are asking you to reconsider the inclusion and zoning of one of the properties listed in the inventory due to safety concerns and constraints which is the Fairmont lot site number S5-008 in the Housing Element inventory and APN #326-081-01.

The Fairmont lot is being designated for rezoning to RM-10 across the entire 23 acres, targeting 230 homes on the buildable portion of the lot which is 9 acres. 14 of the acres is deemed unbuildable open space with various constraints which are:

- Very High Severity Fire Zone
- Landslide Zone (fragile hillsides)
- Earthquake Zone (Whittier fault and previous epicenters)
- Steep Mountainsides
- Aquafer runs under bordering properties (sump pump installed by city)
- Water Basin / Swampy areas
- Endangered Wildlife Zone

This is the only property in the entire Housing Element located in this area and has these constraints.

This lot has sat empty for the past 30 years, but it went up for sale in late 2019 and has been under contract for the past year, and from what we understand the buyer is a developer waiting for the rezoning to occur to close the deal. The plan is to build 230 high density homes on this property which would add approximately 700 more people and 4 to 600 more cars to an already dense area.

This would create an extremely unsafe situation in the event of a fire with evacuation plans. And it's not a matter of **IF** there's a fire, but rather **WHEN**. There are many residents here tonight that lived through the Freeway Fire in 2008 and can attest to what it was like trying to evacuate this area.

In fact, I just received this brochure from So Cal Edison in my mailbox advising me to prepare for wildfire season.

So what I am specifically asking you tonight is to:

1. Not approve the resolution to initiate rezoning for this property in the Housing Element. It is unsuitable for high density housing as presented in your published Housing Element strategy:

Which reads:

- I-5 Don't build near hillsides due to fire dangers and need for adequate emergency evacuation routes (**The HE sites inventory focuses exclusively in infill areas**) – **by including this property, that is inaccurate statement.**
 - I-8 Several of the Housing Element sites do not appear realistic for development within the 8-year planning period and S5-008 is listed as one of those properties.
2. Do not use the consequences of state penalties as a reason to put citizens lives in danger. The safety of the community should come first. In an email response to me it was stated that "As it stands on the Housing Element, the City Council has determined that at this time it would be in the best interest of the City to move forward with the adoption of the Housing Element and to begin implementation of its programs in part to avoid the severe consequences for not having a compliant Housing Element."
 - While I understand that it may be in the best interest of the city's budget, it is certainly not in the best interest of the residents of this community to push through a plan that creates an extreme safety condition. The appeal letters from the city and residents that I have read so far supports the concerns of building on high risk constrained areas and again, this is the only property in the entire inventory that has these characteristics.
 - On April 5, 2022, The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Safety Element Update, which restricts new subdivisions in very high fire hazard severity zones and prohibits amendments that would increase residential density in fire and flood prone areas. These development restrictions in specified zones reduce harms to people, property, and wildlife. Although we are not in Los Angeles County, this does set a precedence for cities such as ours and that should be further explored by our city officials.
 3. Do not rezone 14 acres of unbuildable open space for RM-10. That is not a proper designation for this property. If the intention is to put 8-12 units per acre on the 9 acres of buildable space, then the maximum capacity is 90 homes not 230. Otherwise, you are essentially doing RM-23 and just calling RM-10.
 - And by rezoning the entire 23 acres (including the 14 acres of unbuildable) for RM-10 you are essentially allowing the future developer to build on the constrained areas without having to submit plan zoning changes. We are asking

for assurance from the city's planning department this will not happen due to the constraints with this property and the only way to do that is for the 14 acres to remain as unbuildable open space designation.

4. Last, since the property is under contract, we can assume that it's in buyer and seller's interest for the rezoning to happen so the transaction can close. Therefore, I ask that this not be a driver in deciding whether to move forward with the resolution.

We appreciate your time and careful consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Paulina Rodriguez

Country Homes, Yorba Linda, California

From: [Nate Farnsworth](#)
To: [Nicole Morse](#)
Subject: FW: planning dept may 11
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022 2:07:37 PM
Attachments: [M THURSTON 5.11.22 planning commission.pdf](#)

One more letter to consider related to the EIR.

NATE FARNSWORTH

Planning Manager

From: mthurst <mthurst@dslextre.me.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 11:45 AM
To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>; David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>
Cc: Paulina Rodriguez <pguerin67@att.net>; gary <gary_p@dslextre.me.com>
Subject: planning dept may 11

Hello Nate, David...

During the meeting last night it was implied that the decision was simply to move forward with the environmental reports, can you confirm that?

I limited my comments to Measure B and the loophole that is in the Adopted 21-29 Element. I submitted my full notes last night and have attached here. I would ask that you read them through.

Thank you
Margaret Thurston

From: Paulina Rodriguez <pguerin67@att.net>

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:06 PM

To: Karalee Darnell <kdarnell@yorbalindaca.gov>; Robert Pease <rpease@yorbalindaca.gov>; Don Bernstein <dbernstein@yorbalindaca.gov>; Michael Masterson <mmasterson@yorbalindaca.gov>; Shivinderjit Singh <ssingh@yorbalindaca.gov>; Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>; David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>

Cc: garyp dslextre.me.com <gary_p@dslextre.me.com>; Margaret Thurston <mthurst@dslextre.me.com>; Ellen and Ron Grau <ellenandron@roadrunner.com>

Subject: Follow-up to City Planning Meeting May 11, 2022

Dear Planning Committee Members,

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Paulina Rodriguez

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From: kim@miconconstruction.com <kim@miconconstruction.com>

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 8:32 AM

To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>; Carlos Rodriguez <crodriguez@yorbalindaca.gov>; Gene Hernandez <ghernandez@yorbalindaca.gov>; Tara Campbell <tcampbell@yorbalindaca.gov>; Beth Haney <bhaney@yorbalindaca.gov>; Peggy Huang <phuang@yorbalindaca.gov>

Subject: Vacant Parcel on Fairmont Blvd.

I am writing you today due to this ridiculous development plan!!! This lot should not be used for HIGH DENSITY HOUSING!!!!

I am asking/demanding that you DESCOPE it from the housing element plan immediately!

We have enough traffic, crime, blocked roads, no emergency access/evacuation in times of fires and needing a mass exodus.

I have lived in Yorba Linda for 30 years and have owned my home for 15 years in this great City. I have lived through 2 massive wildfires in East Yorba Linda and We COULD NOT GET OUT!!!!

As a long time business owner and resident, I am asking/demanding you DESCOPE this from the Housing Element Plan. Listen to the residents that have elected you, not the developers who fatten your wallets. You took an oath of office to represent the residents of this great city. Please show you have our backs in this!

Thank you,

Kimberly Racette

Micon Construction, Inc

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Fx: (714) 666-1007

From: Gena <gena4jc@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:39 PM
To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>
Subject: Attention Nate Farnsworth, Planning Manager

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May 17, 2022

Regarding the designated AHO sites at 5541 S Ohio Street and 5531 S Ohio Street:

Currently 5531 S Ohio Street has one single family residence and one AUD. My property backs up to this property. Since the current owner has used this as a rental property, it has become (by the City definition) blighted. This property has had numerous code violations and calls to the Sheriff Department.

If the owner is the developer, increasing the opportunity to have 15 residences will only increase the problem 15 fold. At the present time there are 7-12 vehicles parking on the property and the street. Fifteen times that would congest the street with parking and traffic.

Directly across the street is Linda Vista Elementary School and a church which generate a high traffic load already. Air quality at my house is already causing my wife and I respiratory problems from particulates and gas emissions.

Noise levels will obviously increase dramatically. With the City's current state of drought, I don't see any benefit in increasing water use through density increases.

I would also like to remind you that extremely low and low income high density housing, other than senior citizen developments, have seen the highest demand on law enforcement in the City.

Developing this property makes zero sense and will be a negative to the City and all of the existing residences in the area. I request this property be removed from the AHO list.

Steve Davey
18682 Buena Vista Ave.
Yorba Linda
(714) 693-3690

From: Robert Gaudette <rgaudette@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:45 PM

To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalinga.gov>

Subject: Environmental Impact Report for Rezoning 5531 and 5541 Ohio Street in Yorba Linda

Mr. Farnsworth,

My name is Robert Gaudette and I live at 18666 Buena Vista Ave in Yorba Linda. I have recently been made aware that the City of Yorba Linda is considering rezoning 2 acres of property next to my house to allow two high density housing developments. The address of the proposed rezoning is 5531 and 5541 South Ohio Street. I am writing to discourage the city of Yorba Linda from moving forward with this proposal.

First and foremost, I have been working my whole life to afford my family the opportunity to live in this particular part of Yorba Linda. As a first generation son of a single parent who legally immigrated in the 1960s, I have lived in trailer parks and apartments for most of my life. Growing up, the only time I came to Yorba Linda was to go fishing at Yorba Linda Regional Park. Forty years later, my dream came true and I was able to afford my forever home on Buena Vista Avenue in 2013. Now, as I sit in my backyard, I am imagining the three to four story apartments that will be blocking my view of the canyon, not to mention invading our privacy as the residents will have a clear view of my formerly private backyard.

As for our quaint community in Old Town Yorba Linda, there are no other high density developments nearby except for the townhomes on Kellogg and Grandview. However, those developments provide residents with easy access to both Imperial Highway and Kellogg which can connect commuters to major interstates and shopping centers. There are no such thoroughfares reaching Ohio and Buena Vista to accommodate the 30 residences planned. In fact, the nearest traffic signals are the very ones installed to mediate the traffic from the high density developments on Kellogg and Grandview Avenues.

Please consult with city planners about the current traffic situation. Buena Vista is already overloaded with traffic. Every weekday, the stop sign on Buena Vista and Lakeview is backed up for a half mile to the south with commuters trying to escape traffic on the 91 Freeway. Years ago, the city considered putting in a traffic signal but the street is not clear enough in every direction for a signal. Also, please check the accident records for Buena Vista and Lakeview. I have seen several small fender benders and one serious accident this year alone.

The property at 5541 and 5531 South Ohio Street, is also directly across from Linda Vista Elementary School. With current school traffic on a weekday morning, it is impossible for me to exit my driveway on Buena Vista unless a kind commuter stops to let me enter the traffic flow. This situation begins about 30 minutes before school starts and begins again as school lets out each afternoon. With no other options to reach their house, how will 30 residences with one to two commuters per residence affect the traffic and the safety of the children who still walk to school?

This proposal to rezone the property at 5531 and 5541 South Ohio street will destroy our community. From the migrating and resident birds who have been flourishing on the property's giant ash, sycamore, eucalyptus and ficus trees to the quaint, quiet horse community that once made Yorba Linda the Land of Gracious Living, they will all be a thing of the past if the city goes ahead and rezones the property on Ohio Street.

The only other request I can make is that if you do decide to rezone the property on Ohio Street, please extend the same rezoning opportunity to myself and my other neighbors along Ohio and Buena Vista. Such a benevolent gesture would still ruin Yorba Linda, but at least it would enable us to at least sell our property to the same corporate developer who has been working with the owner of the Ohio property and lobbying for the rezoning for the last decade.

Thanks for reaching the end of this email.

Robert Gaudette
18666 BUENA VISTA AVE
Yorba Linda CA 92808
714-715-0799

From: Gary Poage <gary_p@dslextrreme.com>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 12:01 PM
To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>
Subject: Re: Resolution 5502

There reason I feel so correct on this is when we used to go hiking in the park all the time we used to go and see (on the way to the park) if water was flowing out of the slope drain by Jim's house then we knew with high certainty that the creek would be flowing. If no water was coming out of the drain then most likely the creek would be dry.

However, and to the point of today's check up at Jim's, water does if fact flow (at a MUCH slower rate) out of the slope drain by Jim's. That is typical of surface run off. That 'slow flow rate' will not coincide with water in the creek.

Big flow means there is water in the creek. 'Normal flow' does not correspond with water in the creek.

Thank you again,

Gary
(714) 469-5040

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2022, at 11:20 AM, Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov> wrote:

Thanks Gary! I'm actually going to have our Engineering Division give you a call as this is more in their area of expertise.

NATE FARNSWORTH
Planning Manager

From: Gary Poage <gary_p@dslextrreme.com>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>
Subject: Re: Resolution 5502

Nate,

Sorry for the repeat on this. Yes, I agree that surface runoff does if fact exist. However the large amount of flow happens when there is flow in the creek in the park. This may or may not coincide with large amounts of rain.

Gary Poage
(714) 469-5040

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On May 23, 2022, at 11:01 AM, Gary Poage <gary_p@dslextrreme.com> wrote:

Hey Nate,

Please contact me in regards to the aquifer. Let me assure you (again) that when water flows in the creek in Chino Hills State Park is when there is a constant stream flowing out of the drain by Jim's property. It used to bubble out of the ground before the French drain. The slope did slide. This is NOT surface run off.

Gary Poage
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Daniel Garibay <mycreativewar@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 2:14 PM

To: Carlos Rodriguez <crodriguez@yorbalindaca.gov>; Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>; Gene Hernandez <ghernandez@yorbalindaca.gov>; David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>; Beth Haney <bhaney@yorbalindaca.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Up-zoning (SWC Kellogg x Grandview)

City Council and City officials,

My name is Daniel Garibay.

I live at **5922 Grandview Avenue** in Yorba Linda.

I have worked incredibly hard to be able to live where we are today. The tranquility, privacy, and openness of the area is what drew us to our home here in September 2020. There is nothing quite like it anywhere else in Orange County and now, that is all being threatened. Behind our backs, and without notice to 99% of our neighbors, there are now plans to build a multi-unit low income housing complex directly in front of our home on the south-west corner of Grandview Avenue and Kellogg Avenue.

I attended the meeting last night which I only found out about after a neighbor 2 blocks down from me let us know the night before. The same goes for our neighbors directly next door. Nobody knew anything about this meeting and we live **DIRECTLY** across the street from the planned development.

During the meeting last night, we were made aware by Dave, the Community Development Director, that while the proposed project is being labeled a "low income housing" development, "low income" is not a requirement and the city is likely to approve any development after a re-zone to higher density so I am not understanding why this is even being planned in the first place if it will not benefit what the state and the city are trying to achieve.

This proposed site(*SWC Kellogg x Grandview*) is not a suitable location for high density. We are zoned "residential estates" for good reason. There should not be high density housing complexes directly facing single-family homes. We already live only a few hundred feet away from Kellogg Terrace and that complex does not border or sit directly in front of any single-family homes. Kellogg Terrace even has its very own network of dedicated roads with an entrance and exit point on a MAJOR multi-lane street(Kellogg Ave) and not on a residential 2 lane street(one in each direction) such as ours.

The traffic is already an issue around our home as things are today and this will only make things far worse. It would quadruple the density of our small stretch of road on its own. We live near a very busy intersection as it is, as we're right off of the Imperial Hwy and Kellogg on and off-ramps. Not to mention the added noise, the privacy concerns of a multi-story development directly in front of us, and the safety of pedestrians and our family's.

We currently have to walk on the edge of the street when we go on walks around the neighborhood because there are no sidewalks. Now if we have cars that begin to park all along our street, it puts everyone in our community at further risk of being struck. Having to maneuver around all the parked cars and needing to go into the middle of the street in order to take a simple walk and enjoy where we live. Sure you can say that parking will be provided on-site but we already have cars beginning to park on our street that live across the intersection from us at Kellogg Terrace. These high density complexes never have sufficient parking and rarely ever any visitor parking, if at all. It will become a free-for-all and affect the quality of life and safety of everyone on Grandview Ave.

I want to make it clear that we are completely against this proposed up-zoning and we do not want a high density housing complex 30 feet in front of our single-family residence. We will do everything that we can to fight this and we are not alone. Our entire neighborhood does not want this. I ask that you please reconsider the up-zoning of this plot and find a more suitable location.

I look forward to the meeting on June 7th.

Daniel Garibay

5922 Grandview Avenue, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

mycreativewar@gmail.com

From: Stephanie Nichols <dave3334steph@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:51 AM

To: Carlos Rodriguez <crodriguez@yorbalindaca.gov>; Gene Hernandez <ghernandez@yorbalindaca.gov>; David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>; Beth Haney <bhaney@yorbalindaca.gov>; Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>

Subject: Re-zone

City Council and City officials,

My name is Dave Nichols. I live at 5912 Grandview Ave in Yorba Linda. I have lived in my home for the last 13 years. My home is currently across the street from the strawberry field, the one that the city is trying to re-zone. I bought my house because we love Yorba Linda and the open areas in the neighborhood I live in. And now You want to put a multi apartment complex directly across a small residential street from my house.

The City officials never notified city residents of the scope meeting they had last night. I heard from neighbors there was a meeting. This is inconsiderate and very sneaky as we didn't know to voice our opinions and opposition. When I went last night Dave the Community Development Director said the city put it in the newspaper and the website. This is absurd. What newspaper? Know that we will be at every city council meeting voicing our opposition to the re-zone. Dave the director said the re-zone does not even require developers to have low income housing in that area. We don't know the purpose of the re-zone if you are going to put 1 million dollar tri level condos there. Parking and traffic will be terrible as it is already bad. There are two schools in a 400 yard distance. We the people want answers reference the air quality, traffic, parking, hazards and geology, soils, population, wildfire and land use.

I understand orange county cities have to zone for more than 180K new homes in roughly the next 8 years as part of the state mandated regional housing needs assessment, but this is not the location that can accommodate this volume of homes and traffic. You need to drive this area in the morning and afternoons and during traffic times. Imperial and Kellogg off ramp and on ramp is ridiculously packed and we as residents do not see this as a solution. Please reconsider. You aren't obligated by law to re-zone.

We will fight this. I want to know what the City Council is going to do. Please look at the Yorba Linda Buzz, the residents and citizens are not happy and will be heard. We will be there June 7, 2022.

Why are we finding about this now? I have read through all city minute meetings since 2020 and you had 105 responses to a survey out of 70,000 residents. We did not know about the work shops and this was during COVID when the city was closed. No one has Twittter. This wasn't about notifying residents you checked the box.

Why this property? No one has visited the sites? No one talked to me. We want answers.

Dave Nichols

5912 Grandview Ave Yorba Linda CA 92886

Dave3334steph@gmail.com

From: [David Brantley](#)
To: [Jamie Lai](#); [Nicole Morse](#)
Cc: [Nate Farnsworth](#)
Subject: FW: Follow-up to City Planning Meeting May 11, 2022
Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 7:51:30 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Here is Paulina's email regarding the issue to the Planning Commission. She obviously wants to use this issue as a basis for ruling the LDS site out of consideration in the HE.

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DAVID BRANTLEY

Community Development Director
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Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 7:55 PM

To: Carlos Rodriguez <crodriguez@yorbalindaca.gov>; Susan Lamp <SLamp@yorbalindaca.gov>; ghernandez@yorbalinda.gov; Tara Campbell <tcampbell@yorbalindaca.gov>; Beth Haney <bhaney@yorbalindaca.gov>; Peggy Huang <phuang@yorbalindaca.gov>; David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>; Mark Pulone <MPulone@yorbalindaca.gov>; Dave Christian <dchristian@yorbalindaca.gov>; Marcia Brown <mbrown@yorbalindaca.gov>; Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>

Subject: Re Zone

Mayor, City Manager, City Council,

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This proposed site off of Grandview and Kellogg is not a suitable location for high density. We are zoned for residential estates for good reason. There should not be high density housing complexes directly facing single family homes.

No one told us. No one came and talked to us. No one surveyed this area. We as the residents are not happy and are asking city council to do the right thing. We will not stop until we get answers. The residents are tired of Dave and Nate explaining it is mandated. Find other locations.

We already live 100 feet from Kellogg Terrace and that complex does not border or sit directly in front of any single family homes. We have an elementary school and high school that has traffic all day at extreme high levels of cars, pollution and extremely unsafe for kids and the community.

The traffic is an issue now as things are today and this will make it worse. Our small road is a one lane road each way. The intersection is busy along with Imperial on and off ramps.

I want the city manager, mayor, mayor pro tem and council to talk tot he residents. We want answers. This is not okay. We will be there June 9 for the city council meeting.

Mayor please do something. No one notified us and this is sneaky and bad. You are to represent the people.

Linda Reyes
5914 Grandview
YL Ca 92886

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From: Gene Hernandez <genehernandez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 7:31 AM
To: Jamie Lai <jlai@yorbalindaca.gov>
Cc: Gene Hernandez <genehernandez@yorbalindaca.gov>; Mark Pulone <MPulone@yorbalindaca.gov>; David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>; Litfin, Todd <tlitfin@rutan.com>
Subject: Re: Follow up to council comment

Thanks for the update. Do we have a long term solution for this aquifer condition? How does this location in this geological condition ever get permitted to be built on.

On Wed, May 25, 2022 at 6:39 AM Jamie Lai <jlai@yorbalindaca.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Gene:

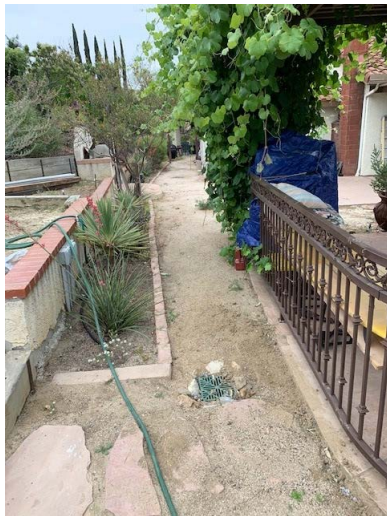
Following up, in response to Mr. Whited's inquiry at the 5/17 Council meeting regarding the geological & drainage issues at 3830 Forest Glen, PW staff met with Mr. Jim Whited on Monday (5/23). Jim showed us the french drain he installed (see photo 1) which has alleviated the drainage issue temporarily, or coincidentally stopped during the drought season. The french drain outlets to Forest Glen cul-de-sac (see photo 2). It is Mr. Whited's belief that there may be an aquifer along the hillside, in addition to a seismic Whittier fault.

Prior to the French drain installation, flows came out of the canyon (see photo 2) and eroded much of the slope. Previous owner exported 150 CY of dirt to recompact the slope.

Staff is still researching historic tract improvements, limited geotechnical reports, and hydrology data. Staff believes the water may be saturated groundwater that fluctuates with the wet season. Based on preliminary findings, the developer graded an earthen swale along Mr. Whited's northerly property line (see Tract Map image in yellow). The earthen swale outlets to Forest Glen cul-de-sac (see photos 2 & 4), but does not appear to capture much surface runoff upstream of subject property. This information was provided to Mr. Whited. Staff will continue to investigate this issue and coordinate with Planning to conduct appropriate environmental and geotechnical studies within the area and the adjacent LDS/potential RHNA site.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jamie



French Drain (1)



Outlets on Forest Glen (2)



Approximate canyon outlet prior to french drain (3)



Existing Swale on northerly property (4)



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From: Stephanie Nichols <dave3334steph@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 3:35 PM

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Subject: Rezone

I have lived off Kellogg and Grandview for the last 13 years. I'm reaching out for assistance and guidance regarding concerns that members of my community have recently raised to the planning department about one of the properties in the Housing Element. The property we are concerned about is the strawberry field.

Unfortunately, we only learned of the plans for this property after a neighbor told us Sunday night there was a meeting being held on Monday 5/23.

Unfortunately the city and their personnel from the Community Development Dept did not have to include the strawberry field in the housing element. You didn't have to pick this site. You could have picked other sites. I know you are required to look for parcels but you did not have to include this parcel.

The City deceived and tricked us. Not giving neighbors notice and not reaching out was right out trickery. The fact that Dept Head David said it was in the newspaper and on the website shows that they did the least amount required. Most Cities and believe me I know most cities are reaching out by mail or in person to specific homeowners affected. The Community Development personnel Nate and David should have done that. Now that the strawberry field is in the housing element the city is saying that there is nothing I can do. YES there is you can remove the strawberry field and find another location for the housing element. You had a choice, There are issues with traffic, parking, noise, a small size area with homes, children safety, geology issues and the list goes on.

I also reached out to City Manager, city council the mayor. and have not hear back other than they got my emails. However, the resolution to initiate the rezoning did get approved by the planning commission yet no one talked to the residents that it affects.

I do understand that the Housing Element is complicated, and the city is obliged to comply with state law. I also understand that the owner of the lot below us has the right to sell the property and the buyer/future owner has the right to develop it, so we are not arguing that point either.

However, the specific concerns we have is with the proposed rezoning and I appreciate your time and guidance on how we significantly reduce the number of high-density

Stephanie Nichols

May 27, 2022

Revised Letter

To: *ALL of Yorba Linda City Council Members & Community Development/Planning*

Re: Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

I realize that this is a long letter but feel that the council needs to be made aware of the impact some of your decisions will have on the families within our neighborhood, the school and parents who depend on their school. We ask that you please take the time and consider our concerns.

The main concern is focused on the proposed Re-Zoning of only 3 properties listed below

5531 South Ohio Street, 5541 South Ohio Street, and SWC of Kellogg Dr./Grandview

*****We are requesting that the above addresses be removed from the potential of being re-zoned on the “Housing Opportunity sites list” which could potentially add 38 households to an already dangerously congested neighborhood.*** The addition of potentially 38 many more families and vehicles into this area could be catastrophic. *Linda Verde dead ends into 5531 South Ohio* which puts the children at risk of being trapped in Linda Vista school, should there be any type of an emergency in that area. *South Ohio Street dead ends at the Linda Vista school property.* Everything piles up in this area from School buses, to hundreds of cars per day plus parents & grandparents walking or parking.

We understand that Measure B may not be changed at this point. Our request is to **REMOVE these 3 properties** and choose other's that do not have the following SAFETY issues. When looking at the arial map it is obvious that there are many other areas in the city of Yorba Linda that are more suitable to fulfill this requirement by the State. **These properties total only (3.76 acres) squeezed into a neighborhood** that for generations has been designated as *Low Density*.

We realize that this project has been worked on for years by the city and are still puzzled and to be honest disappointed as to WHY the 9 adjacent residents were NEVER informed of this plan by the departments within the city that should have done so.

There are only **“6” Properties on Buena Vista adjacent to one of the properties** and **“3” Properties on Grandview that will be most greatly impacted by this decision.** We were told that the city could NOT afford to notify every resident designated to be re-zoned. It feels as though the city officials have taken our freedom to express our concerns away on this matter and decided not to inform us because they knew what our reaction would be? Is it possible that this is **why** it was approved so quickly? So now, we have only had a couple of days to comment on the **Neighborhood Compatibility and Community Context** and the dangers attached to choosing these properties. It would have been impossible for any kind of Environmental studies to have been done on this area either by the city or by Cal Fire as to the ***Safety of the children*** who are impacted. If it was done during the summer they didn't get the full picture.

Over the years the residents in this RE zoned area have had to abide by many restrictions to our properties, because the city insisted that we keep to the LOW-Density plan, now the city has decided that WE still must comply with the RE zoning, but they do not, by placing HIGH density

housing units in the middle of our neighborhood. Reminding you that West Yorba Linda is VERY UNIQUE in that it is one of the LAST areas of the city where many horses can be kept safely and ridden onto the lakebed, bike and horse trails designated for their use. People from all over the city come to this neighborhood to access these amenities that the city offers.

*The properties designated by the city for re-zoning are extremely close to the “Philip S. Paxton Equestrian Center” which means at times there are also people attempting to maneuver their horses and horse trailers through this traffic congestion. Many families have chosen to live in this specific area because of the Equestrian Center and the trails that are adjacent to the Center.

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*During the hours listed above you have **absolute CHAOS** on **South Ohio Street & Linda Verde Street**. You have bumper to bumper traffic, only One crossing guard attempting to control a mass of children & parents running across Linda Verde St., school buses loading and unloading, at times a remote Christian Learning trailer parked on a two-lane road with few paved sidewalks, on Wed. Trash Trucks, Street Sweepers and **Frantic parents Speeding** to get their children to or from school on time (from Grandview, Buena Vista, and Mt. View into this tight area). Adding any additional traffic or children into this mix would be a huge liability for the city. This will not change anytime soon except get much worse if an additional potential projection of **24-38 families** were added to this location.

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*There are certain times during the school year when the entire **CROSS COUNTRY Team from Esperanza High School** run and train beginning on Kellogg up Short Street to Ohio and wind around to Buena Vista, down South Ohio Street to Linda Verde to Grandview and back down to Kellogg back to school. Presently they feel **safe enough to run IN the street** (due to lack of sidewalks) this will now be **more dangerous** for them. An additional hazard is that there are very few streetlights on many of the streets in our neighborhood.

***Since the city's bike and bridle trail ends at Buena Vista & Grandview** there are many vehicles that park on South Ohio Street and take their bikes to access the trail that runs thru YL.

We hope that the Community Development Dept. and your Council will re-consider their decision on these 3 addresses by designating different 3 ¾ acre locations that are more suitable for Re-Zoning and will realize that the very soul of Yorba Linda still has only a few areas left with its **UNIQUE LOW-DENSITY** country feel (our neighborhood is one of them) and is WHY many families choose to live in Yorba Linda. This unfortunately is disappearing one property at a time. Please do not start with our neighborhood!

We have loved living in the Land of Gracious Living for over 40 years and want to continue to enjoy our low-density neighborhood in the future.

Respectfully Submitted
Luanne and Michael Sinclair

From: Stephanie Nichols <snichols3433@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 5:13 PM

To: Pamela Stoker <PStoker@yorbalindaca.gov>; tlitfin@yorbalindaca.gov; crodriguez@yorbalindaca.gov; Susan Lamp <SLamp@yorbalindaca.gov>; Gene Hernandez <gghernandez@yorbalindaca.gov>; Tara Campbell <tcampbell@yorbalindaca.gov>; Beth Haney <bhaney@yorbalindaca.gov>; Peggy Huang <phuang@yorbalindaca.gov>; David Brantley <DBrantley@yorbalindaca.gov>; Mark Pulone <MPulone@yorbalindaca.gov>; Dave Christian <dchristian@yorbalindaca.gov>; Marcia Brown <mbrown@yorbalindaca.gov>; Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>; Karalee Darnell <kdarnell@yorbalindaca.gov>; Robert Pease <rpease@yorbalindaca.gov>; Don Bernstein <dbernstein@yorbalindaca.gov>; Michael Masterson <mmasterson@yorbalindaca.gov>; Shivinderjit Singh <ssingh@yorbalindaca.gov>; Arlene Laviera <alaviera@yorbalindaca.gov>

Subject: STOP THE SITE

Good evening,

WE DEMAND you to eliminate the Grandview and Ohio sites, change the housing element; to a different site and get re-certified by the State . In other words, stop, go back, and do the RIGHT thing by using a transparent process that actually provides notice to the voters of the community. YOU CAN NOT AFFORD TO GET THIS WRONG.

The Council and city planning staff clearly chose to not give the Grandview and Ohio residents specific notice that these sites were being considered for rezoning; they could have given the residents who it impacts greatly notice, but they chose the more deceptive and expedient path to move forward. WE WERE BLINDSIDED, DECEIVED AND YOU USED UNETHICAL WAYS TO DECEIVE THE RESIDENTS. you intentionally kept residents in the dark. Dave and Nate intentionally kept us in the dark until it was too late. Council voted to include the Grandview sites without ever asking the residents for opinions or viewpoints. The City intentionally chose to keep the Grandview and Ohio residents in the dark in order to become the first City to get approved to get the Housing Element from the state.

Yes, the housing element update is a state mandated process and cities must identify enough vacant and non vacant sites to accommodate their assigned RHNA numbers. Cities must legally comply. BUT the YL City council was not legally required to select the Grandview equestrian neighborhood sites for inclusion in the housing element update for rezoning. The council had the discretion to eliminate these equestrian properties and the strawberry field in the site selection process. The council and city planning staff decided to include the strawberry field but they were not legally required to do so. These sites are too close to existing homes and established neighborhoods and will result in many negative secondary impacts. Rezoning traditional equestrian residential sites to high density apartments or condos begins the destruction of Yorba Linda.

The City can not afford to get this wrong. The Council's decision will permanently ruin this equestrian residential neighborhood and it's the wrong plan for Yorba Linda.

WE WILL SEE YOU JUNE 7 AT COUNCIL MEETING.

Stephanie Nichols

Grandview Resident

From: Aaron Poling <poling.aaron@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2022 5:46:46 PM
To: Nate Farnsworth <nfarnsworth@yorbalindaca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Program Environmental Impact Report- Ohio St

Hello Nate,

I live at 18672 Buena Vista Avenue and am specifically referencing environmental issues on site addresses 5541 & 5531 South Ohio St.

Environmental issues:

- Aesthetics - The 6 houses that back up to the Ohio parcels are all single story ranch style houses, so a giant 2-3 story townhouse complex would look completely out of place. It would ruin the aesthetics of the neighborhood. It would ruin our view of the horizon and leave us with no privacy. There would be people staring out their windows or balconies straight into our backyards and houses. If anything is built there it should be limited to single story units to match the neighborhood.
- Cultural resources- The horse community is a huge part of Yorba Linda's culture with the Equestrian Center being at the heart of it less than 100 yards from the Ohio st parcel. We moved to our home because it is zoned for horses and hope to one day have a horse. Rezoning the Oh st parcels to a multifamily would not be in the best interest of the culture of the community.
- Public Services- The schools will be disrupted by the building and completion of this project. How long will Ohio be closed fully or partially to install necessary utilities? How will a street or driveway exiting onto Ohio st work with school traffic? I assume the school already has no parking times designated for drop off and pick up times but how often will that be violated?
- Noise- 25 units will generate a lot of additional noise with cars, pets, music, etc.
- Transportation- Transportation in and out of the neighborhood is already difficult enough with the school, church, equestrian center and existing residents. My kids could never play in the front of the house because of the road and speeding cars. The roads are very narrow with few sidewalks and no street lights. There isn't room for bike lane so the road bike route through the neighborhood is on the street. Horses frequent the trails and roads as well. Multifamily units need immediate exits to major streets and not smack in the middle of a neighborhood with few outlets and small streets.
- Utilities/Service Systems- All our lots are on septic including the Ohio st parcels which means a very large sewer line will need to be installed. Ohio street will be closed for months disrupting school, church and afterhours recreational events as well as everyday traffic. Additionally, there won't be enough parking and the surrounding areas will be flooded with vehicles disrupting street sweeping and trash services.
- Energy- Will the units be required to install Solar panels for power? Also, rerouting power through our archaic powerlines will be tedious and also disrupt normal everyday traffic. Most cities have put power lines underground but YL hasn't seen a need to invest in older neighborhoods.

As you can see it's in everyone's best interest not to rezone the ohio st lots.

Please put me on any mailing and emailing lists for notifications about the rezoning plans.

Thank you,
Aaron and Leslie Poling
18672 Buena Vista Ave
Yorba Linda, CA 92886
Poling.aaron@gmail.com

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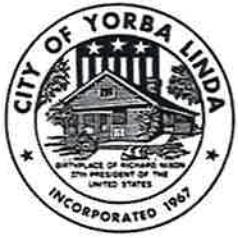
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NAME Heidi LARSON	ADDRESS 5531 GRANDVIEW AVE YORBA LINDA, CA. 92886
NAME Polly & Mike Morgan	ADDRESS 143620 ROSE DR YL 92882
NAME Jim & Kris Galen	ADDRESS 18662 Buena Vista Ave YL 92886
NAME Lori Blume	ADDRESS 18851 Country Club Ln. YL 92886
NAME Daniel Coleman	ADDRESS 6081 OHIO ST YL
NAME Paulina Rodriguez	ADDRESS 3800 Forest Glen Rd. YL
NAME Vicky Prisco	ADDRESS 5670 Grandview Ave. YL
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NAME Drew & Monique Lopez	ADDRESS 3820 Forest Glen Rd YL 92886



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NAME	Lucia Blades	ADDRESS	5221 Ted Ford Way YL 92886
NAME	Wayne Nason	ADDRESS	9109 GRANDVIEW AVE, YL 92886
NAME	MATT STURMS	ADDRESS	5642 Grandview Ave y.L. 92886
NAME	LEE Day	ADDRESS	19841 Lombardy Ln YL. 92886
NAME	LESLEY WHITE	ADDRESS	3770 FOREST GLEN RD 92886
NAME	Ann Helfrich	ADDRESS	5532 Grandview Ave
NAME	James Helfrich	ADDRESS	
NAME	RAJ DESAI	ADDRESS	5521 Grandview Ave



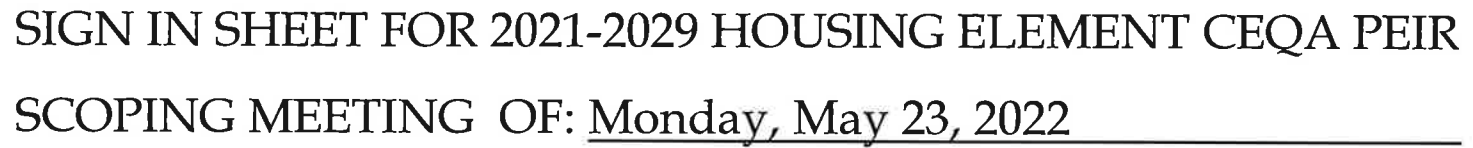
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NAME	BEVERLY LIPSCOMB	ADDRESS	5842 GRANDVIEW, YL
NAME	George P. Mendoza	ADDRESS	18652 Buena Vista Ave. Y.L.
NAME	Kelly Estanislau	ADDRESS	18862 Country Club Lane Y.L.
NAME	Toni & Claudine Lynch	ADDRESS	4512 Granada Dr YL
NAME	Aaron & Leslie Poling	ADDRESS	18072 Buena Vista Ave Y.L.
NAME	Cheryl Brown	ADDRESS	3250 Vista Glen
NAME	STEVE BLADES	ADDRESS	5221 TEDFORD Wy YL
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NAME	JEFF KIRBY + KATHRYN KIRBY	ADDRESS	5411 MOUNTAIN VIEW AVE
NAME	JAN NURLEY	ADDRESS	5441 CHERRYLEE LN
NAME	Khaleda Corley	ADDRESS	3760 Forest Glen Rd.
NAME	EmmaJane Deaver	ADDRESS	5442 cherrylee lane Yorba Linda
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TRAFFIC with elementary, more cars etc.

Name: Emma Jane Deaver Phone No. 714-278-2067

Home Address: 5442 cherry lee lane

Email Address: ejdeaver@hotmail.com



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*IN Regards to the Ohio Projects AND Grandview project
the traffic that will be added is not acceptable.*

Name: *Henry Prisco* Phone No. *714-779-7978*

Home Address: *5670 Grandview Ave*

Email Address: *hpriscoo@yahoo.com*



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Name: JAN NUNLEY Phone No. _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: JTAMOK@aol.com



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OHIO AREA
ALREADY HAS TOO MUCH TRAFFIC,

Name: JIM HELFRICH Phone No. 714 400-7579

Home Address: 5532 GRANDVIEW AVE.

Email Address: JIM @ A AND J TRUCK REPAIR.COM



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Site S5-008 - Fairmont Blvd

There has been multiple incidents already of landslide events in this specific canyon & hills. There ~~is~~ are underground aquifers in the hills & through the canyon. The development will contribute ~~to~~ this environmental problem.
↳ & exasperated

Name: Khaleda Corley Phone No. 843-601-0005

Home Address: 3760 Forest Glen Rd, Yorba Linda CA

Email Address: Khaleda777@gmail.com



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See attached

Name: *Linda Reyes* Phone No. *714-612-0261*

Home Address: *5914 Grandview Ave - Y.L.*

Email Address: *sreyes6806@gmail.com*

My name is Linda. I am a grandmother and a resident at 5914 Grandview. Right across the street where you want to build a multi-unit housing complex. It is already crowded in the area here. Kids are walking to and from school literally in the street. There are no sidewalks, no signals, no cross walks in our area. They are Walking up and down a single lane road. With no streetlights on the street of Grandview. This housing unit will cause Traffic problems, children safety problems. I bought a home in this area with the expectation that it would have consistent homes that are single family homes. A muti unit housing complex across the street from large single family homes is out of place and will cause more traffic and accident problems that the city officials have not done their homework on. If you were aware of this, you would not vote on this rezone. Please Drive down these streets during morning hours, school drop offs, school pick-ups and during peak times when people get off work..... it is so crowded. This re-zone should not take place here.

Handwritten notes:
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May 23, 2022

To: Nate Farnsworth, Planning Manager

Re: Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

****Concerns regarding the proposed re-zoning of 3 particular properties within the City of Yorba Linda. The RHNA has named in its 27 opportunity sites list: 5531 South Ohio Street, 5541 South Ohio Street, and SWC of Kellogg Dr./Grandview Ave. to be considered for re-zoning which would allow for HIGH density housing to be placed on these sites.**

The following are my concerns:

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Respectfully Submitted

Luanne & Mike Sinclair

Residents on Buena Vista Ave.



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Proposed housing beyond UL limitations

Name: Margaret Thurston Phone No. 818 854 5768

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I have the following environmental concerns/comments for consideration in the CEQA analysis:

Aquifers on 55-008

Zoning → RM-10 only on 9 acres -

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• By agreeing to re-zone - how does that affect my equestrian property?

• Will we lose the option to sell it as equestrian property in 3 yrs / 4 yrs / 10 yrs?

Name: Polly Morgan / Nancy Stevens Phone No. 714-292-4201

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~ See attached

Name: Stephanie Nichols Phone No. 714) 388-2122
Home Address: 5912 Grandview Ave Yorba Linda CA
Email Address: dave3334 steph@sbglobal.net 92886

① Reason we are here - is this is the first we have heard of this so per mty.

② My name is Stephanie I live off Kellogg and Grandview. I have lived in my home for the last 13 years. My home is currently across the street from the strawberry field. I bought my house because we love Yorba linda and the open areas in the neighborhood I live in. And now You want to put a multi apartment complex directly across a small residential street from my house.

③ The City officials ^{your consulting firm} and the city council have not gone far enough to address the traffic and parking concerns we as home owners and the community have. For you to rezone this would negatively affect our everyday lives with more traffic, accidents, and crime. Our biggest concern is for our children and our ability to drive down one street which is Grandview. You literally have an elementary school and a high school with an adjoining campus that serves over 1600 students. Kellogg literally is a single lane both ways. Have you driven in the mornings to get out of Grandview. Most of our concerns are legitimate concerns about traffic and parking. The cars coming in and coming out of the single lane street of Grandview and Kellogg. Traffic is already difficult and overcrowded on the street and would only increase if you pass this rezone. There is not enough parking now and only complicates the problem. There are already huge traffic issues due to the schools in the area. You have Linda Vista elementary school literally 300 yards away. There is no parking for the students and parents now. There is a church across the street that does not allow us to park there. The Kellogg and Grandview streets are already impacted with a single lane road. There are so many kids walking to school who live in the area. This will cause an increase in accidents, traffic, and speed where people already driving above the speed limit.

④ I understand orange county cities have to zone for more than ~~180K~~ new homes in roughly the next 8 years as part of the state mandated regional housing needs assessment, but this is not the location that can accommodate this volume of homes and traffic. You need to drive this area in the morning and afternoons and during traffic times. Imperial and Kellogg off ramp and on ramp is ridiculously packed and we as residents do not see this as a solution. Please reconsider.

⑤ Just so you know we the Residents ^{home owners} aren't going any - we will go + cancel mty + voice our opposition: we will fight for this Re-Zone

out our issues / concerns
+ point
F in giving
a disapproval

others: city has so much land - none of it is being used



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- ① The plan doesn't include any under utilized public owned properties. The city hall site / school sites should be reviewed
- ② Similar to religious sites, underutilized parking should be considered. in commercial sites
- ③ Given city's history with wild fires, wild fire hazards must be considered very significant and the ER should review as a

Name: Tam Lynch Phone No. 714-970-8915 significant

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(over)

- ④ YK is surrounded by earthquake faults - this hazard must be considered significant.
- ⑤ The sites with proposed density of 35u/A will have significant impacts all the EIR study topics and all these impacts must be reviewed
- ⑥ What "alternative" projects ^{are} to be included in the EIR, i.e. the "No project" alternative project has to be considered



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TRAFFIC, POLLUTION, ZONING FOR 28 HOMES
ON Ohio ST Right Across FROM LINDA VISTA ELEM.
SCHOOL - School IS ON CUL D SAC
NARROW STS, HtI TRAFFIC

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The low income housing units on Ohio Street & Kellogg & Grandview is right next to a grade school, Linda Vista School. There is already HEAVY HEAVY neighborhood traffic & congestion from the school. This is even more dangerous adding more traffic from 38 more houses. Between the church & school traffic it is already too much.

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Traffic and emissions at an already crowded and poor flowing intersection at the SWC Kellogg Dr. / Grandview location. This narrow land site also no room for street parking if multiple dwelling units are placed and will impact other areas in the tract.

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