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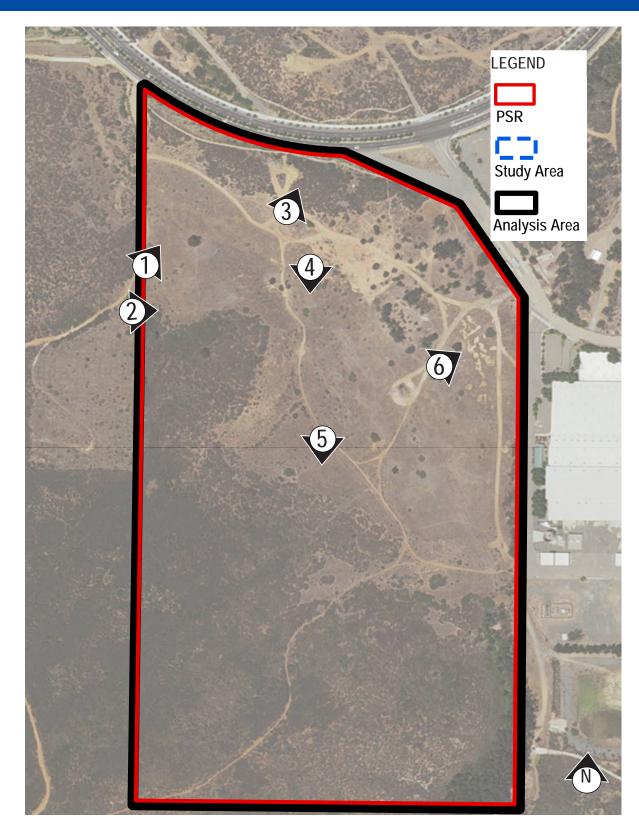


**AERIAL VIEW** 

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Study Area



**SITE PHOTO KEY MAP** 



Pacing northeast at the property, from the trail near the western property line.





From the dirt road in the northern portion of property, facing north toward San Elijo Road.



From near the trail in the central portion of the property, facing south.



Facing east at the property, from the trail near the western property line.



From near the dirt road in the northern portion of the property, facing south.



6 From near the middle north-south trail in the northern portion of the property, facing east at the northeastern end of the property.

### **GENERAL PLAN - CURRENT LAND USE DESIGNATIONS**



# **GENERAL PLAN - PROPOSED LAND USE DESIGNATIONS**



#### **LEGEND**

- Village Residential (VR-30), 30 du/ac Village Residential (VR-24), 24 du/ac Village Residential (VR-20), 20 du/ac Village Residential (VR-15), 15 du/ac Village Residential (VR-10.9), 10.9 du/ac Village Residential (VR-7.3), 7.3 du/ac Village Residential (VR-4.3), 4.3 du/ac Village Residential (VR-2.9), 2.9 du/ac Village Residential (VR-2), 2 du/ac Semi-Rural Residential (SR-0.5), 1 du/0.5,1,2 ac Village Core Mixed Use Semi-Rural Residential (SR-1), 1 du/1,2,4 ac Semi-Rural Residential (SR-2), 1 du/2,4,8 ac Semi-Rural Residential (SR-4), 1 du/4,8,16 ac Semi-Rural Residential (SR-10), 1 du/10,20 ac Rural Lands (RL-20), 1 du/20 ac Rural Lands (RL-40), 1 du/40 ac
- Rural Lands (RL-80), 1 du/80 ac Specific Plan Area (residential densities in italics) Office Professional Neighborhood Commercial General Commercial Rural Commercial Limited Impact Industrial Medium Impact Industrial High Impact Industrial Public/Semi-Public Facilities Public/Semi-Public Lands - Solid Waste Facility Public Agency Lands Open Space (Recreation)

Open Space (Conservation)

## **SURROUNDING AREA ANALYSIS - LAND USE**



#### LEGEND

#### **RESIDENTIAL**

- **Spaced Rural Residential**
- Single Family Detached
- **Single Family Attached**
- **Mobile Homes**
- **Multiple Family**
- **Mixed Use**

#### **COMMERCIAL AND OFFICE**

- Shopping Centers
- **Commercial and Office**

- **Heavy Industry**
- **Light Industry**
- **Extractive Industry**

#### **PUBLIC FACILITIES AND UTILITIES**

- Transportation, Communications, Utilities
- **Education**
- Institutions
  - Military

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- Recreation
- **Open Space Parks**

#### **AGRICULTURE**

- **Intensive Agriculture** 
  - **Extensive Agriculture**

#### **UNDEVELOPED**

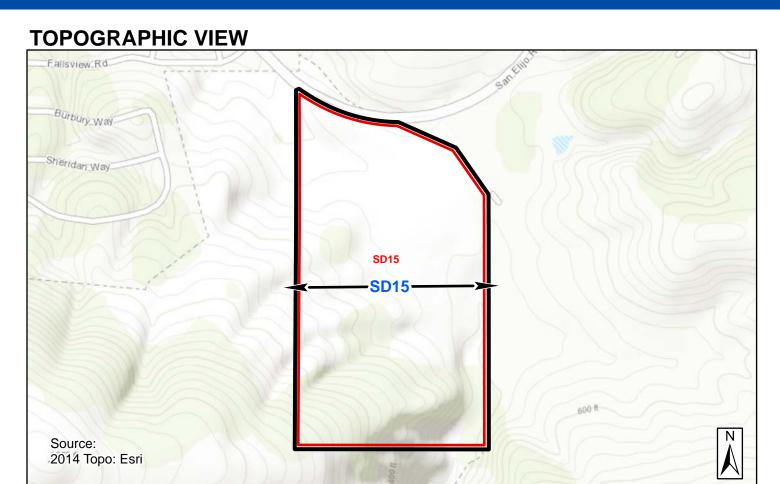
- **Undeveloped; Undevelopable Natural Area**
- Water
- Road Rights of Way
- Railroad Rights of Way

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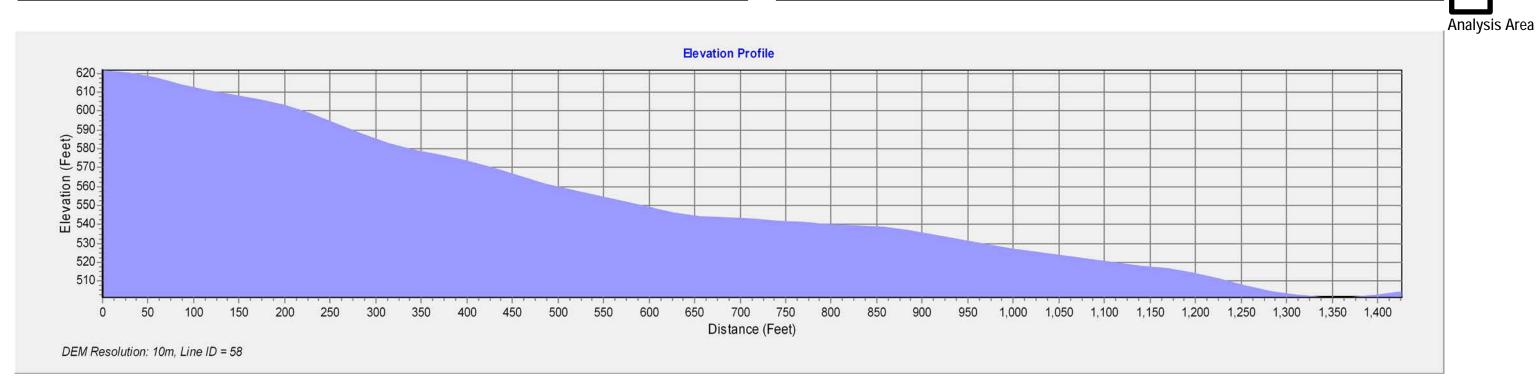
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## **STEEP SLOPES**



VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE



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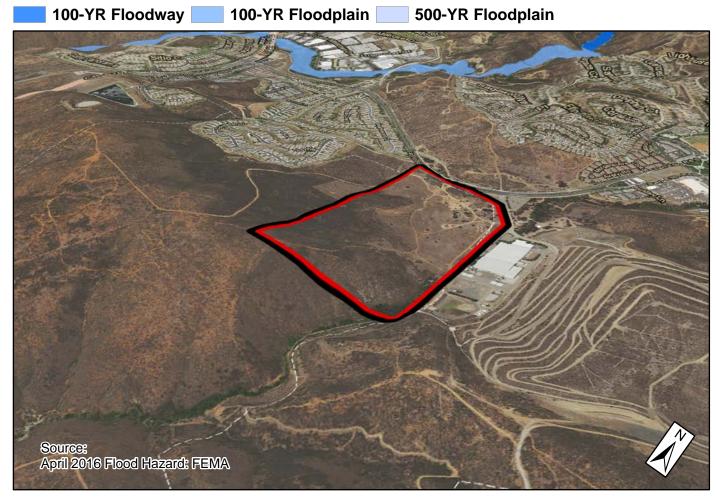
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#### Wetland Area Wetland Buffer

The outlined area of wetlands is just an estimate, and wetland delineations by a qualified biologist would be required at the development review stage.

Note: In this aerial map, the estimated wetlands are only shown within the Analysis Area boundaries. For additional information on any estimated wetlands within the map view, but outside the Analysis Area, please email pds.advanceplanning@sdcounty.ca.gov.



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## **DAM INUNDATION ZONES**



## WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACTS



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# **VEGETATION** PSR Parcels Water (Including 11200, 13200) Riparian Scrub Urban, Disturbed Habitat, Agriculture, Eucalyptus Woodland Not Mapped (data gaps) Source: 2015 ECO\_VEGETATION\_CN: San Diego County

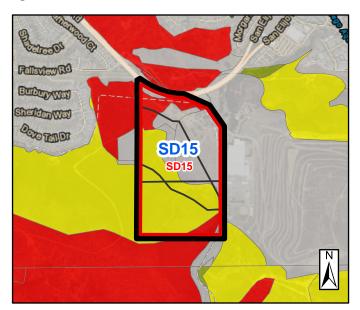
## **UPPER TIER VEGETATION**

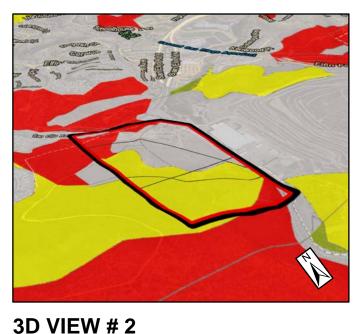
These areas contain upper tier vegetation communities, per the GIS vegetation layer. Upper tier vegetation communities found in the PSR areas include oak woodlands, coastal sage scrub, riparian forest types, riparian scrub types, and other wetland vegetation types like marshes. While these areas are not necessarily undevelopable in all situations, the criteria for allowing development and the permitting process for development in these areas are very restrictive.



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#### DRAFT NCMSCP PAMA DRAFT NCMSCP PRESERVE LANDS

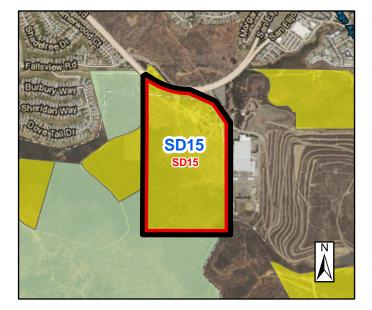
Draft NCMSCP PAMA – For an explanation of MSCP and PAMA, see p. 33. While PAMA areas are not undevelopable, higher habitat preservation ratios are typically required, particularly in areas that serve as potential wildlife corridors.



### PRIME AGRICULTURAL SOILS STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANT SOILS



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Wetland Area Wetland Buffer

Slope Constraint

Flood Hazard Constraint



## **COMPOSITE CONSTRAINTS**

	Approximate Acreage Within the Analysis Area	Approximate % of the Analysis Area
Constraint Area	15 ac	22 %
Potential Development Area	54 ac	78 %

See p.33 for an explanation of the potential development area and limitations of this graphic analysis.

**Potential Development Area** 





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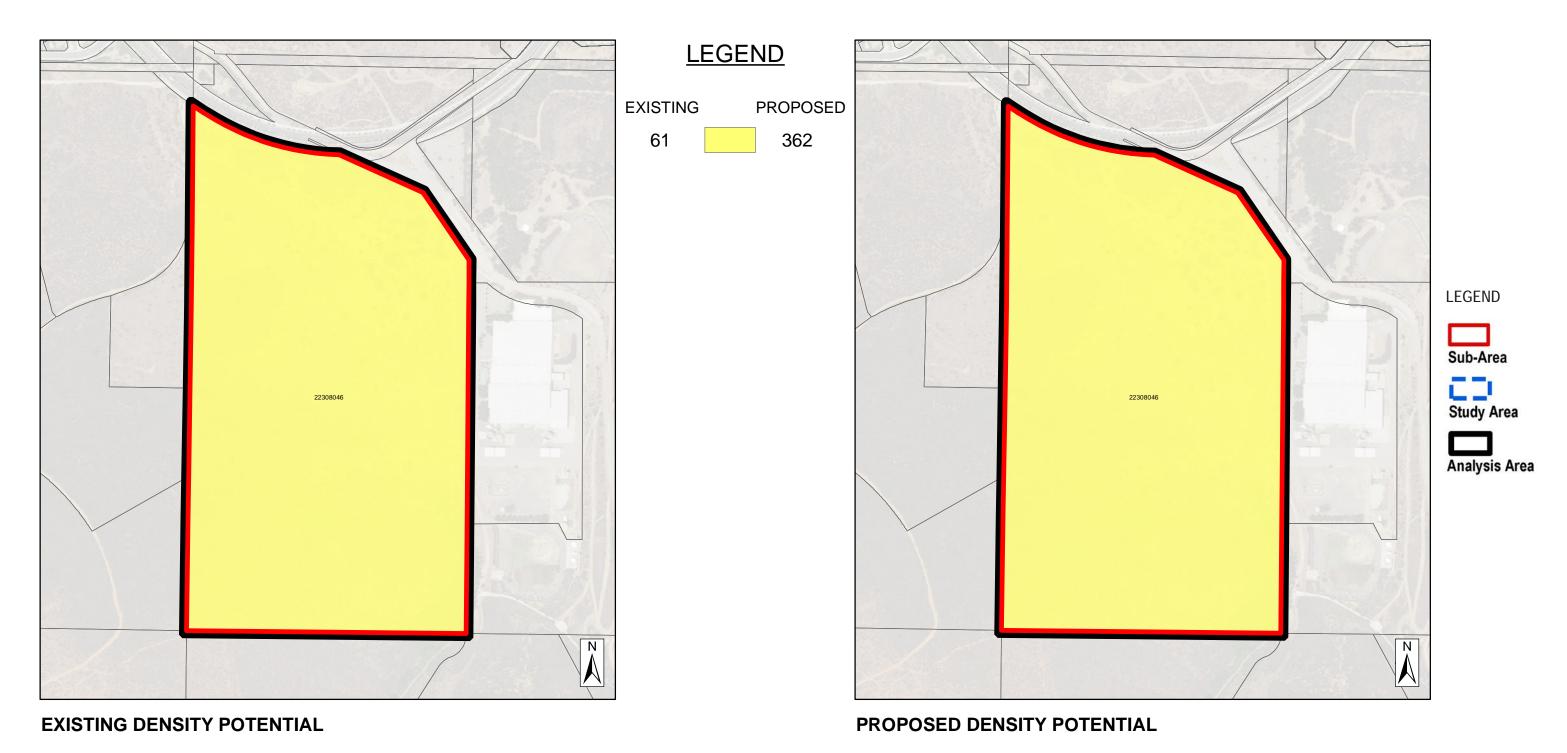


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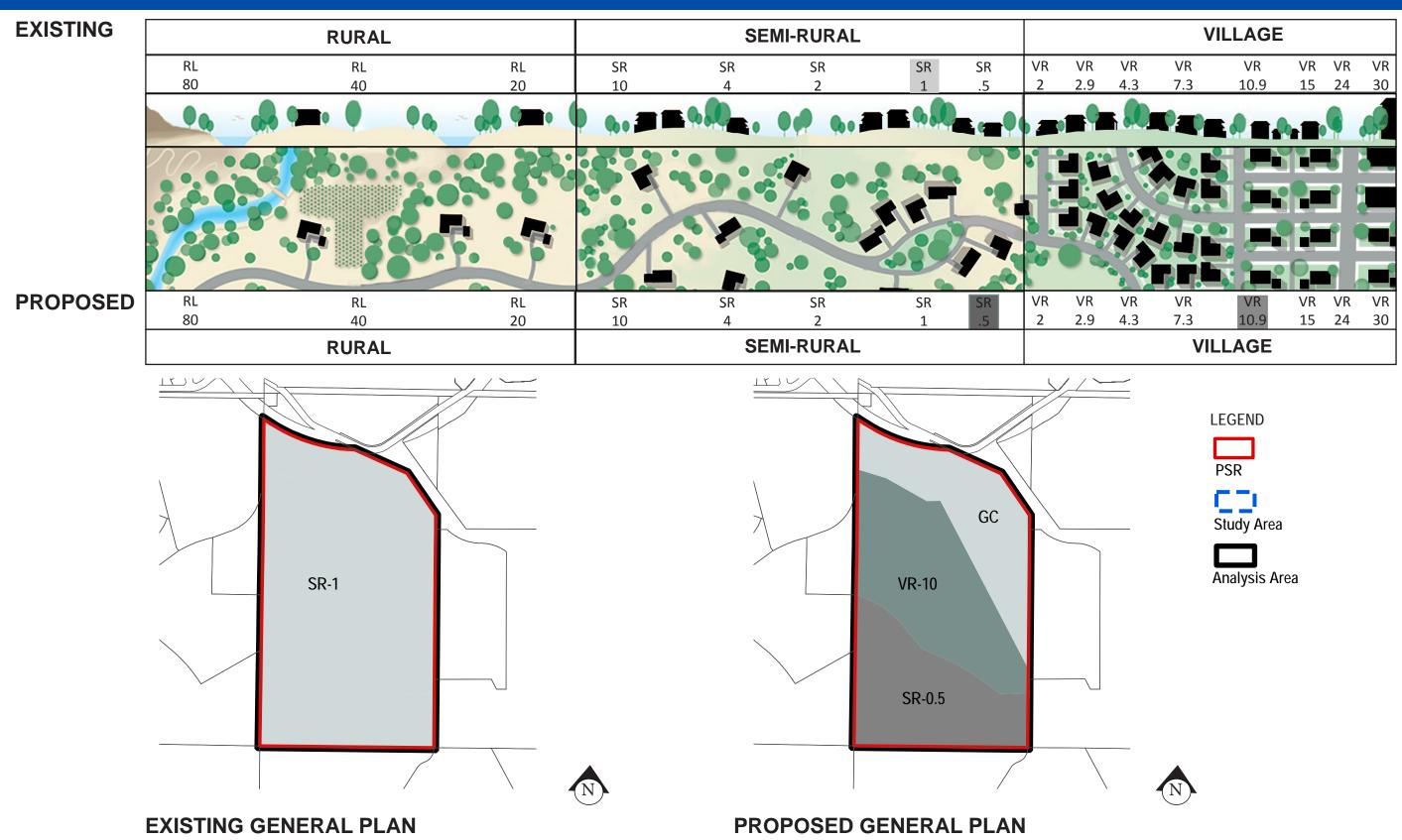
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# **DENSITY POTENTIAL FOR COMMON OWNERSHIPS**







## **Project Overview**

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION: NOT DETERMINED

#### **Analysis Area/PSR Description**

#### Proposed Land Use designation:

SR-1 to General Commercial, Village Residential 10.9, and Semi-Rural 0.5

#### **Property Owners:**

Questhaven-SAB LLC

Size:

PSR - 69 acres; 1 parcel

#### <u>Location/Description:</u>

Adjacent to San Elijo Road; approximately 6 miles west of I-15 and ¼ mile west of San Elijo Hills; within the County Water Authority boundary

Estimated Potential Dwelling Unit Increase: 301

<u>Fire Service Travel Time</u>: Most of the PSR area is within the 5-10 minute estimated travel time range, but the northern portion is estimated to be within the 0-5 minute range.

<u>Prevalence of Constraints</u>:  $\bullet$  – high;  $\bullet$  – partial;  $\circ$  - none

- Steep Slope (Greater than 25%)
- Floodplain
- Wetlands
- Sensitive Habitat
- Agricultural Lands
- Fire Hazard Severity Zones

## **Project Context**

#### Parcels

• The PSR contains 1 parcel totaling 69 acres, with no Study Area added.

#### General Plan

- The existing designation is SR-1.
- The Proposed Map designations are a mix of General Commercial (GC), VR-10.9, and SR-0.5. This policy review was prepared in consideration of that proposal. Since the development of this preliminary policy analysis, an Alternative Map (map on p. 15) was finalized and is analyzed in the draft SEIR.

#### Location/Access

- SD15 is located in located in a 550-acre unincorporated island to the west of the main portion of the San Dieguito Community Planning Area, surrounded by the cities of San Marcos and Carlsbad.
- SD15 is located within the City of San Marcos Sphere of Influence and is designated Specific Plan on the City of San Marcos General Plan.
- The north side of the parcel borders the four-lane divided San Elijo Road, which is a public road maintained by the City of San Marcos in this area.
- The entire southern border and approximately half of the western border of the PSR area are adjacent to open space preserves.
- To the east is the area of a closed County landfill (within the City of San Marcos jurisdiction).

#### **Public Utilities and Services**

- The PSR is within the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, but the property does not currently have active water service.
- The PSR is within the sewer service area for the Vallecitos Water District, but the property does not currently have active sewer service.
- Fire Protection Service is provided by the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

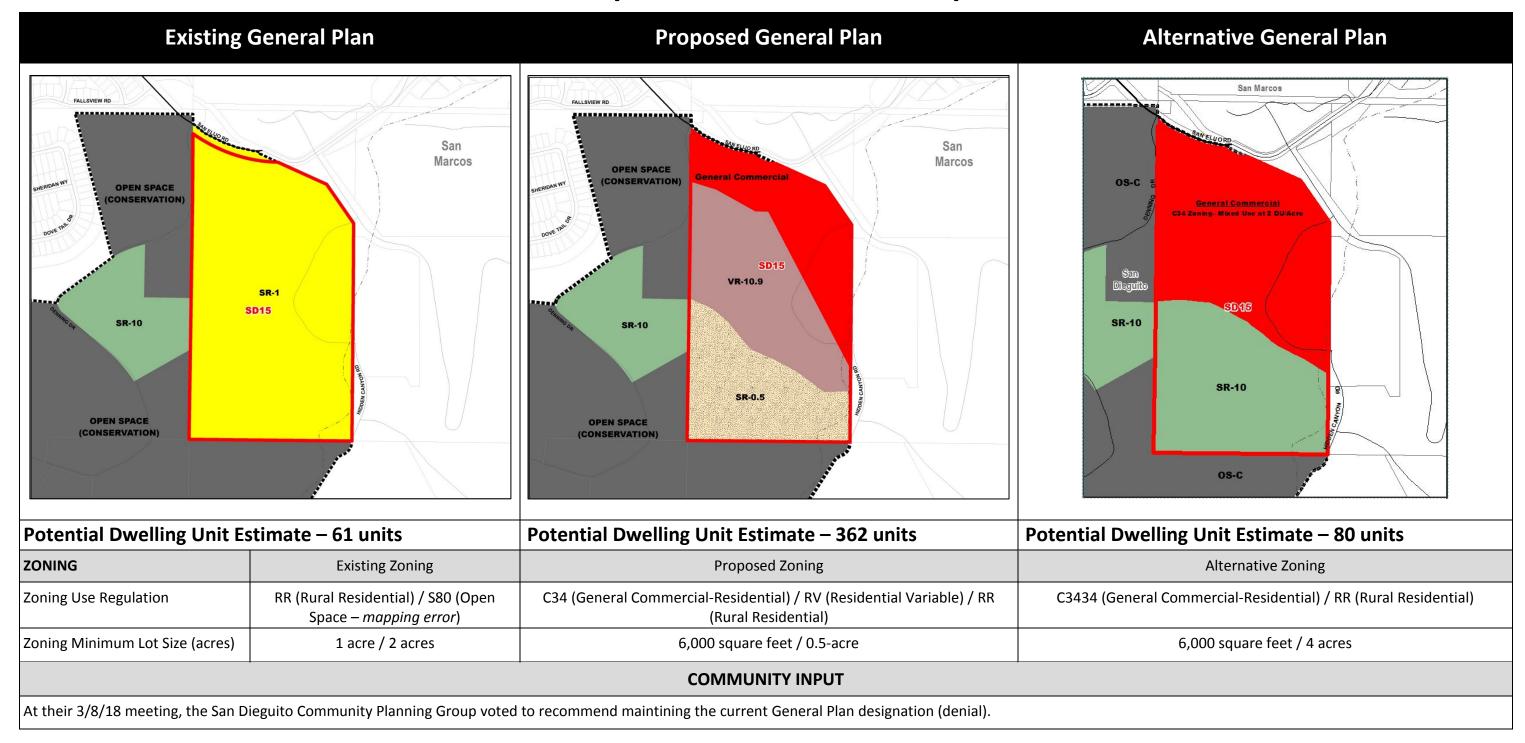
#### Uses

• The property is currently undeveloped except for a couple dirt roads/trails and SDGE transmission lines along the SDGE easement through the property.

#### **Environmental Characteristics**

- The property contains a mix of coastal sage scrub and chaparral vegetation communities, including an area of coastal sage scrub along the San Elijo Road frontage.
- Steep slopes are found in the southern portion of the property, which is generally undisturbed chaparral adjacent to open space preserves.
- The entire parcel is located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ).

# **Comparison of Land Use Maps**



# **Guiding Principle Review**

Guiding Principle	
1. Support a reasonable share of projected regional population growth.	See Policies LU-9.9 and H-1.3
2. Promote health and sustainability by locating new growth near existing and planned infrastructure, services, and jobs in a compact pattern of development.	See Policy LU-1.1
3. Reinforce the vitality, local economy, and individual character of existing communities when planning new housing, employment, and recreational opportunities.	See Policies LU-2.3 and LU-2.4
4. Promote environmental stewardship that protects the range of natural resources and habitats that uniquely define the County's character and ecological importance.	See Policy LU-6.2
5. Ensure that development accounts for physical constraints and the natural hazards of the land.	See Policy LU-1.9, LU-6.11, and S-1.1
6. Provide and support a multi-modal transportation network that enhances connectivity and supports community development patter and, when appropriate, plan for development which supports public transportation.	See Policy COS-14.1
7. Maintain environmentally sustainable communities and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.	See Policy COS-14.1
8. Preserve agriculture as an integral component of the region's economy, character, and open space network.	See Policy LU-7.1
9. Minimize public costs of infrastructure and services and correlate their timing with new development.	See Policy LU-1.1
10. Recognize community and stakeholder interests while striving for consensus.	See Policy LU-2.3 and LU-2.4

# General Plan Conformance - Review of General Plan Policies Applicable to General Plan Amendments/Rezones without an associated development project (review of 'Proposed' Map as shown on p. 15)

Policy	Policy Review Criteria	Description	Notes
LU-1.1 Assigning Land Use Designations.  Assign land use designations on the Land Use Map in accordance with the Community Development Model (CDM) and boundaries	Policy Review Criteria Regional Categories Map  Extent of existing infrastructure and services	<ul> <li>The proposal would require a change in the Regional Category, from Semi-Rural to Village for the middle section proposed for VR-10.9.</li> <li>The portions proposed for General Commercial and SR-0.5 would not require a change in the existing Semi-Rural Regional Category.</li> <li>Roads/transportation         <ul> <li>The PSR parcel is adjacent to a public road (San Elijo Road) which is maintained by the City of San Marcos (only an approximately 700-foot section of the road touches unincorporated County lands in this area, including the frontage of the PSR parcel). The PSR parcel has access rights to San Elijo Road, via a private road easement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Notes  LU-1.1 Additional Notes
		<ul> <li>Within the PSR area, there are informal dirt roads/trails.</li> <li>Approximately 5 miles to the closest freeway on ramp (SR-78), via Rancho Santa Fe Road</li> <li>Approximately 2 miles from the nearest NCTD Bus Stop (Bus route 304, providing service to Encinitas Coaster Station and Palomar College Sprinter station)</li> <li>Water Service &amp; Infrastructure</li> <li>Olivenhain Municipal Water District</li> <li>No existing active water service</li> <li>An existing Olivenhain water line runs adjacent to the eastern property line</li> <li>Sewer Service &amp; Infrastructure</li> <li>Within the sewer service area for the Vallecitos Water District</li> <li>No existing active sewer service</li> <li>An existing VWD sewer line runs along San Elijo Road.</li> </ul>	
	Comparison to existing land uses	<ul> <li>Fire protection service</li> <li>Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District</li> <li>The closest station is Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District Station 6, at 20223 Elfin Forest Road, approximately 2.5 miles away via San Elijo Road and Elfin Forest Road.</li> <li>For more information on fire protection service and fire hazard issues, see LU-6.11, S-1.1, and S-6.4.</li> </ul>	
	Comparison to existing land uses and existing designations in the vicinity	<ul> <li>Existing land uses within a ½ mile: open space, residential, commercial/retail (within the City of San Marcos)</li> <li>County land use designations within ½ mile: SR-1, SR-10, Open Space (Conservation)</li> </ul>	
	Proximity to the village, other commercial areas, and major job centers	<ul> <li>Approximately:</li> <li>2 miles to the North County Metro-South Village (geographic center) that has 684 jobs and commercial along La Bonita Drive</li> <li>3.6 miles to the City of San Marcos (geographic center) that has 34,576 jobs</li> <li>5.1 miles to the City of Carlsbad (geographic center), which has the most jobs of North County cities with 67,713 jobs</li> <li>16.2 miles to the San Pasqual Reservation Valley View Casino that has 1,112 jobs</li> <li>½ mile to the nearest commercial area (San Elijo Hills in the City of San Marcos)</li> </ul>	
LU-1.2 Leapfrog Development. Prohibit leapfrog development which is	Proposing Village designation(s)	<ul> <li>A VR-10.9 (Village) designation is proposed for the middle portion of the area.</li> <li>A C34 (General Commercial-Residential) zone with an associated density of 2 units per acre is proposed for</li> </ul>	LU-1.2 Additional Notes

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inconsistent with the Community		the area of the General Commercial designation.	
Development Model. Leapfrog		> The General Commercial portion of the proposal would not require a change to the Village Regional	
Development restrictions do not		Category.	
apply to new villages that are	Project review of development	The project does not include review or approval of a development design.	
designed to be consistent with the	design	A 'D' zoning special area designator would be applied to the property if the Proposed Project map is	
Community Development Model,		approved to change a portion to the Village Regional Category. This D designator would require future	
that provide necessary services		development within the Village Regional Category to meet the LEED Neighborhood Development	
and facilities, and that are		Certification or an equivalent.	
designed to meet the LEED-			
Neighborhood Development			
Certification or an equivalent. For			
purposes of this policy, leapfrog			
development is defined as Village			
densities located away from			
established Villages or outside			
established water and sewer			
service boundaries. [See applicable			
community plan for possible relevant policies.]			
LU-1.3 <b>Development Patterns</b> . Designate	Land use designations within a 1	Approximately:	LU-1.3 Additional Notes
land use designations in patterns	mile radius of Analysis Area/PSR	460 acres in Open Space/Conservation	1.5 Additional Notes
to create or enhance communities	•	2.5 acres in SR-1	
and preserve surrounding rural		• 180 acres in SR-4	
lands.		• 60 acres in SR-10	
		• 17 acres in RL-20	
		6 acres in Public/Semi-Public Facilities	
	Evident mapping patterns in the	<ul> <li>SD15 is located in a 550-acre County island surrounded by the incorporated cities of Carlsbad, San Marcos,</li> </ul>	
	vicinity	and Encinitas.	
	Vicinity	<ul> <li>This County island contains a majority of open space lands and undisturbed habitat.</li> </ul>	
		The closest unincorporated area to this County island is the western portion of Elfin Forest	
		(approximately 250' away; also within the San Dieguito CPA).	
		<ul> <li>Outside of some public and open space parcels, this nearby area of Elfin Forest is designated mostly</li> </ul>	
		SR-4 and RL-20, with a few SR-2 properties as well.	
		<ul> <li>These designations reflect existing parcelization.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>This adjacent area also has a limited public road network.</li> </ul>	
		Outside of some adjacent undeveloped areas within the jurisdiction of adjacent cities, there are some	
		existing higher density developments nearby in Carlsbad and San Marcos (La Costa Oaks, University	
		Commons, San Elijo Hills). See also policy LU-1.5 review.	

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	Regional Categories Map  Greenbelts on/near the edges of communities	<ul> <li>The proposal would require a change in the Regional Category, from Semi-Rural to Village for the middle section proposed for VR-10.9</li> <li>The portions proposed for General Commercial and SR-0.5 would not require a change in the existing Semi-Rural Regional Category.</li> <li>The Analysis Area is not within a greenbelt, as it is located in Semi-Rural Lands.</li> <li>SD15 borders an existing greenbelt area (adjacent open space at the edge of the community).</li> </ul>	
LU-1.4 Village Expansion. Permit new Village Regional Category designated land uses only where	Proposing Village Regional Category land use designation(s)	A VR-10.9 (Village) designation is proposed.  N/A. This is only applicable to Village expensions and not explicable to a new particular Village.	LU-1.4 Additional Notes
contiguous with an existing or	Contiguous Village expansion	<ul> <li>N/A - This is only applicable to Village expansions and not applicable to a new non-contiguous Village proposal, so this policy is N/A to this proposal.</li> </ul>	
planned Village and where all of the following criteria are met:  Potential Village development would be compatible with environmental conditions and constraints, such as topography and flooding  Potential Village development would be accommodated by the General Plan road network  Public facilities and services can support the expansion without a reduction of services to other County residents  The expansion is consistent with community character, the scale, and the orderly and contiguous growth of a Village area	Satisfaction of the four criteria listed in the policy.	• N/A	
LU-1.5 Relationship of County Land Use Designations with Adjoining Jurisdictions. Prohibit the use of established or planned land use	Proximity to other jurisdictions  County land use patterns in	<ul> <li>Adjacent to the City of San Marcos</li> <li>Less than ½ mile from the borders of the Cities of Carlsbad and Encinitas</li> <li>Land use patterns in nearby jurisdictions are not primary justifications in density considerations for the cite.</li> </ul>	LU-1.5 Additional Notes
patterns in nearby or adjacent jurisdictions as the primary precedent or justification for adjusting land use designations of unincorporated County lands.  Coordinate with adjacent cities to ensure that land use designations are consistent with existing and planned infrastructure capacities	nearby or adjacent jurisdictions used as primary precedent or justification.	site.	

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and capabilities.			
LU-1.9 Achievement of Planned Densities. Recognizing that the	Overall acreage area of Analysis Area/PSR(s)	The SD15 PSR is 69 acres.	LU-1.5 Additional Notes
General Plan was created with the concept that subdivisions will be	Overall additional density potential	The proposal would result in 301 additional potential dwelling units.	
able to achieve densities shown on the Land Use Map, planned densities are intended to be	Portions of the Analysis Area/PSR that would have additional density potential	The additional density potential would be found throughout the entire PSR property.	
achieved through the subdivision process except in cases where regulations or site specific characteristics render such densities infeasible.	Conservation Subdivision design requirement – not currently applicable or maintained/removed with the proposed designation change See p. 33 for an explanation of the Conservation Subdivision Program.	The Conservation Subdivision requirement is not applicable to the existing or proposed designations.	
	Steep slopes (>25%) within the areas of additional density potential	Approximately 16 acres of steep slope within areas with additional density potential (located in the area proposed to change to SR-0.5).	
	Allowed slope encroachment per the Resource Protection Ordinance (RPO) See p. 33 for an explanation of RPO steep slope implications.	• 10% encroachment would be allowed into steep slopes in the area proposed to change to SR-0.5 (encroachment percentage based on 75% or less of the area of the property being in steep slopes).	Based on the area of steep slope and the encroachment allowed, this issue alone is not anticipated render the densities infeasible.
	FEMA or County mapped floodplains and floodways within the areas with additional density potential	There are no FEMA or County-designated floodplains or floodways present.	
	Wetlands within the areas of additional density potential See p. 33 for an explanation of RPO wetland implications.	<ul> <li>There are no mapped wetlands on the property.</li> <li>There is a small drainage area in the southeast corner that will likely qualify as a wetland, though it is not currently mapped in the GIS wetlands layer.</li> </ul>	
	Upper tier habitats/vegetation communities within the areas with additional density potential	There are approximately 8 acres of coastal sage scrub within the northern and southeastern portions of the property.	The adjacency to an open space preserve, remaining

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	North County MSCP - Draft Pre- Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA) overall in the Analysis Area and acreage within the areas of additional density potential. See p. 33 for an explanation of MSCP and PAMA.	The entire PSR (69 acres) is in draft PAMA (additional density potential throughout).	native vegetation, and draft PAMA designation will require precise planning of development footprints for maintaining effective wildlife corridors.
	Adjacent open space preserves or large blocks of undeveloped native habitat (if in draft PAMA)	<ul> <li>The PSR is adjacent to open space preserves covering over 1,000 acres (Center for Natural Lands Management).</li> <li>Approximately 360 acres of this open space is within the unincorporated County</li> <li>Approximately 600 acres of this open space is within the City of Carlsbad to the west</li> <li>Approximately 70 acres of this open space is within the City of San Marcos to the southeast</li> </ul>	
	Maximum dead end road length (DERL) based on the proposed minimum lot size	<ul> <li>Based on the proposed minimum lot sizes of 6,000 square feet (for the area of the proposed VR-10.9 and General Commercial designations), and ½ acre (for the area of the proposed SR-0.5 designation), the maximum dead end road length would be 800 feet.</li> <li>Discretion of the Fire Marshal is allowed for consideration of the applicable densities.</li> </ul>	
	Number of parcels within the Analysis Area/PSR with additional density potential that have existing access via dead end roads	<ul> <li>The one PSR parcel is adjacent to a public road (San Elijo Road) and the parcel has access to this road (via a private road easement in the northeastern end of the property), but no additional paved access roads are currently available.</li> <li>Meeting the DERL requirements and/or providing secondary access will require addressing the adjacent uses (closed recycling plant and County landfill on the east and open space preserves on the south and west).</li> </ul>	
	Existing public road access for areas with additional density potential	The one PSR parcel is adjacent to a public road (San Elijo Road).	
	Existing private road access with paved widths of at least 24 feet (fire access standard) for areas with additional density potential	Outside of the private road easement access to San Elijo Road noted above, there are only informal dirt roads/trails within the PSR parcel.	
	Existing environmental constraints that could limit the potential for widening substandard roads	<ul> <li>Coastal sage scrub vegetation could limit access improvements in the northern and southeastern areas of the PSR parcel area.</li> <li>Steep slopes could limit access improvements in the area proposed to change to an SR-0.5 designation.</li> </ul>	
	Unbuilt Mobility Element roads ("paper roads") that would likely encumber portions of the Analysis Area/PSR with an Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate (IOD) public road right-of-way	There are no unbuilt Mobility Element roads adjacent to or within the PSR parcel.	

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LU-2.3 Development Densities and Lot Sizes. Assign densities and minimum lot sizes in a manner that	Overall additional density potential Portions of the Analysis Area	<ul> <li>The proposal would result in 301 additional potential dwelling units.</li> <li>The entire PSR (1 parcel) has additional density potential.</li> </ul>	LU-2.3 Additional Notes
is compatible with the character of each unincorporated community.	density potential		
	Prevalent County land use designations surrounding the Analysis Area/PSR (1-mile radius	<ul> <li>Approximately:</li> <li>460 acres in Open Space/Conservation</li> <li>2.5 acres in SR-1</li> </ul>	
	and beyond)	<ul> <li>180 acres in SR-4</li> <li>60 acres in SR-10</li> <li>17 acres in RL-20</li> <li>6 acres in Public/Semi-Public Facilities</li> </ul>	
	Changes in zoning minimum lot size	• A zoning minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet is proposed for the area of the proposed VR-10.9 and General Commercial designations, and a zoning minimum lot size of ½ acre is proposed for the area of the proposed SR-0.5 designation.	
	Range of lot sizes and most common (mode) lot size in the area	<ul> <li>There is a wide range of parcel sizes in this area, due to the adjacent open space preserves and nearby higher density developments in Carlsbad and San Marcos.</li> <li>County parcel sizes range from ¼ acre to 150 acres within a 1 mile radius.</li> </ul>	
	Community Plan policies (applicable to the proposal) that specifically reference the application of densities and minimum lot sizes	<ul> <li>Land Use Policy 1 calls for prohibiting 'leap frog' development as it will unnecessarily increase the costs of providing public services and facilities.</li> <li>SD15 includes a proposal for a Village designation (VR-10.9) located away from established Villages (see also the Policy LU-1.2 review).</li> </ul>	
LU-2.4 Relationship of Land Uses to Community Character. Ensure that the land uses and densities within any Regional Category or land use designation depicted on the Land Use Map reflect the unique issues, character, and development objectives for a community plan area, in addition to the General Plan Guiding Principles.	Community issues/objectives noted in the community plan that are particularly relevant to the proposal	<ul> <li>In the 'Introduction to the Community Plan' section, page 2 it notes,         "most of the remaining vacant land is located on the fringes of various urbanizing areas; and, as such, it         is appropriate for low-intensity residential use."</li> <li>Land Use General Goal of the Community Plan:         "Provide a distribution of land uses that is compatible with the existing character of the community and         preserves the rural nature as it transitions to surrounding jurisdictions."</li> <li>Land Use Commercial Goal:         "Provide for well-designed and located commercial areas that are compatible with the character of the         community."         <ul> <li>The proposal is for most of the property to be in high intensity residential and commercial             designations that are not found in this area of the San Dieguito CPA. In addition, most of the property             consists of undisturbed native vegetation surrounded by open space preserves on the south and             approximately half of the western boundary. The rural transition in areas near adjacent cities is not</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LU-2.4 Additional Notes
	Community plan policies that are relevant to the proposal	<ul> <li>found in most CPA portions under the GP Update Map, so existing character does not reflect that.</li> <li>Community Character Policy 5:         "Encourage the preservation and enhancement of the natural features located within the San Dieguito Plan Area."</li> </ul>	

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		<ul> <li>The property is within the PAMA of the Draft NCMSCP (see p. 33) signifying an area of native habitat that is important for wildlife corridor connections and preservation of species covered in the Draft NCMSCP.</li> <li>Land Use Policy 1 ('leap frog' development) – see the review of Policy LU-1.2 in this report</li> <li>Land Use Policy 2:</li> </ul>	
		"Ensure that development takes place in a coordinated, integrated fashion that is compatible with the rural, scenic qualities of the area."  High density/high intensity designations for the northern 2/3, Semi-Rural in the south; with open space adjacent on the south, high density/intensity uses adjacent on the north	
		<ul> <li>Commercial Policy 10:         "Ensure that additional commercially designated land will be provided only when existing commercial land has been developed, is approaching full use, and there is a demonstrated need for commercial growth in San Dieguito due to residential growth."</li> <li>Commercial Policy 11:</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>"Consider commercial uses in adjacent urbanized areas when determining the need for additional or expanded commercial uses within San Dieguito."</li> <li>Based on available information, there are only four properties in San Dieguito zoned/designated for commercial that are undeveloped and three of those are currently going through the permitting review process for commercial development.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>There are nearby commercial nodes within the City of San Marcos.</li> <li>One is about a half mile to the northeast, within the San Elijo Hills development, which includes grocery, convenience commercial, service commercial and specialty commercial.</li> <li>Another is about a mile to the northwest in the area of Melrose Drive and Rancho Santa Fe Road, which includes convenience commercial, service commercial, and specialty commercial.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Conservation Policy 2:</li> <li>"Ensure that land adjacent to recreation areas, natural preserves, and agricultural areas has the appropriate, compatible land use designation."</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Natural Habitat Protection Policy 1:         "Preserve the integrity, function and long-term viability of environmentally sensitive habitat within the San Dieguito CPA. Emphasis shall be placed on areas exhibiting riparian characteristics; coastal sage scrub; and coastal mixed chaparral."</li> <li>Development at the density/intensity level of the proposed designations could require removal of some portions of sensitive habitats, though flexibility would allow consolidating in the north</li> </ul>	
	Unique issues and/or community-specific planning rationales noted in the General Plan Update/PSR Board reports that are particularly relevant to the proposal	<ul> <li>In the 4/13/11 Board of Supervisors staff report on referrals/PSRs, some of the General Plan Update community-specific objectives for applying densities in San Marcos were listed. Two of these (listed below) are applicable to this area, adjacent to the City of San Marcos.</li> <li>"Retaining the rural character of a community adjacent to incorporated areas"</li> <li>"Potential to retain local character by separating the high density development within the City of San Marcos from the low density development patterns within the County"</li> </ul>	
LU-2.5 <b>Greenbelts to Define Communities</b> . Identify and	Greenbelts on/near the edges of communities	• The Analysis Area is not within a 'greenbelt' per the General Plan definition because it is not located within a very low density area (Rural Lands).	LU-2.5 Additional Notes

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maintain greenbelts between communities to reinforce the identity of individual communities. See p. 33 for a General Plan definition of greenbelts.	Regional Category change	<ul> <li>The proposal would require a change in the Regional Category, from Semi-Rural to Village for the middle section proposed for VR-10.9.</li> <li>The portions proposed for General Commercial and SR-0.5 would not require a change in the existing Semi-Rural Regional Category.</li> </ul>	
LU-6.2 Reducing Development Pressures. Assign lowest-density or lowest-intensity land use designations to areas with sensitive natural resources.	Conservation Subdivision design requirement – not currently applicable or maintained/removed with the proposed designation change See p. 33 for an explanation of the Conservation Subdivision Program	The Conservation Subdivision requirement is not applicable to the existing or proposed designations.	LU-6.2 Additional Notes
	Habitat/vegetation types that are found in the areas of additional density potential	<ul> <li>The entire PSR property has additional density potential.</li> <li>The property contains coastal sage scrub and southern mixed chaparral vegetation types.</li> <li>These vegetation communities cover approximately 40 of the 69 acres.</li> </ul>	
	Resource Conservation Areas	The PSR is not within a Resource Conservation Area of the San Dieguito Community Plan.	
	Community Plan policies that reference one or more of the vegetation communities found in the Analysis Area/PSR	<ul> <li>Natural Habitat Protection Policy 1 – see Policy LU-2.4 review in this report.</li> </ul>	
	North County MSCP - Draft Pre- Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA) overall in the Analysis Area and acreage within the areas of additional density. See p. 33 for an explanation of MSCP and PAMA.	The entire PSR property (69 acres) is in draft PAMA.	
	Areas that could serve as potential wildlife corridors, due to connections between substantial undeveloped native vegetation onsite and undeveloped native vegetation offsite	<ul> <li>The PSR is adjacent to open space preserves covering over 1,000 acres (Center for Natural Lands Management).</li> <li>Approximately 360 acres of this open space is within the unincorporated County.</li> <li>Approximately 600 acres of this open space is within the City of Carlsbad to the west.</li> <li>Approximately 70 acres of this open space is within the City of San Marcos to the southeast.</li> <li>The unincorporated properties that are not already in preserves are within the draft PAMA, like the SD15 property.</li> </ul>	
	Species covered in the Draft NCMSCP that have the potential to occur in the Analysis Area/PSR	<ul> <li>The following animal species covered in the draft NCMSCP have the potential to occur in the PSR area: arroyo toad, least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher, pallid bat, golden eagle, burrowing owl, coastal cactus wren, coast horned lizard, yellow-billed cuckoo, Townsend's big-eared bat, Stephen's kangaroo rat, Hermes copper butterfly, California gnatcatcher, and western spadefoot toad.</li> </ul>	

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LU-	Protection from Wildfires and	US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Critical Habitat Area designations for federally endangered species  Very High and High Fire Hazard	<ul> <li>Southwestern willow flycatcher is a federally endangered species that has the potential to occur within the PSR property and the USFWS Critical Habitat Area designation for this species is approximately 4.5 miles away (Agua Hedionda Creek).</li> <li>Arroyo toad and least Bell's vireo are also federally endangered with the potential to occur in the PSR area, but their USFWS Critical Habitat Areas are more than 5 miles away.</li> <li>Stephen's kangaroo rat is another federally endangered species that has the potential to occur within the PSR property; however, USFWS has not yet established Critical Habitat Area designations for this species.</li> <li>The entire property is within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ).</li> </ul>	LU-6.11 Additional Notes
6.11	<b>Unmitigable Hazards</b> . Assign land uses and densities in a manner	Severity Zones present within Analysis Area/PSR	<ul> <li>See Policy S-1.1 for information on existing fire protection infrastructure and services.</li> </ul>	
	that minimizes development in extreme, very high and high hazard fire areas or other unmitigable hazardous areas.	Proposed density consistency	<ul> <li>Current GIS estimates show that most of the property is within the 5-10 minute emergency response travel time, but the northern portion is estimated to be within the 0-5 minute range.</li> <li>County Fire Marshal review estimates a 4.9 minute travel time to the northern edge of the property</li> <li>Each of the proposed designations would require a maximum travel time of 5 minutes to all areas of the development (required at the development review stage).</li> <li>See S-6.4 for further detail.</li> </ul>	
		Other hazards present	• There are no fault rupture hazard zones, dam inundation zones, or FEMA/County-designated floodplains/floodways within the PSR.	
LU-7.1	Agricultural Land Development. Protect agricultural lands with lower-density land use designations that support continued agricultural operations.	SR-2 density threshold (maximum density determined to support continued agricultural operations) See p. 33 for an explanation of the SR-2 threshold for supporting continued agricultural operations.	The PSR does not contain existing agricultural operations.	LU-7.1 Additional Notes
		Agricultural operations present	• None	
LU-8.1	-	County Water Authority (CWA) Boundary	<ul> <li>The PSR is within the County Water Authority boundary (Olivenhain Municipal Water District).</li> <li>This policy is not applicable to PSRs that are within the County Water Authority boundary.</li> </ul>	LU-8.1 Additional Notes
	Require land use densities in groundwater dependent areas to be consistent with the long-term sustainability of groundwater supplies, except in the Borrego Valley.	Groundwater-dependent (per the Groundwater Ordinance criteria)	N/A - The PSR is not groundwater dependent.	
		Groundwater Ordinance minimum lot size (if groundwater-dependent)	• N/A	
		Proposed land use designation consistency with Groundwater Ordinance minimum lot size	• N/A	
LU-9.2	Density Relationship to	Village land use designations	A VR-10.9 (Village) designation is proposed.	LU-9.5 Additional Notes
	Environmental Setting. Assign	proposed		

Policy	Policy Review Criteria	Description	Notes
Village land use designations in a	Potential community character	See the review of Policies LU-2.3 & 2.4 for community character information.	
manner consistent with	issues		
community character, and environmental constraints. In			
general, areas that contain more	Consistency with the level of	• For information on steep slopes see the review of Policies LU-1.9 and COS-12.1.	
steep slopes or other	environmental constraint	• For information on environmental constraints, see the review of Policies LU-1.9 and LU-6.2.	
environmental constraints should			
receive lower density designations.			
[See applicable community plan for			
possible relevant policies.]			
LU-9.5 Village Uses. Encourage	Village land use designations	A VR-10.9 (Village) designation is proposed.	LU-9.5 Additional Notes
development of distinct areas within communities offering	proposed		
residents places to live, work, and	Potential uses associated with Village proposal	• The proposal includes potential mixed use (General Commercial GP with C34 zoning at 2 units per acre) in the northern portion and Village Residential in the central portion.	
shop, and neighborhoods that	village proposar	<ul> <li>Specific uses and housing types would be proposed at the development application stage and are not</li> </ul>	
integrate a mix of uses and housing		included in the proposal for this 'stand-alone' GPA/Rezone.	
types.	Nearby uses	Developments within a half mile (in the City of San Marcos) include single family residential, multi-family	
	·	residential, a range of housing types, and some commercial uses.	
LU-9.6 Town Center Uses. Locate	Commercial, office, civic, and	The PSR includes a proposed change to VR-10.9 and General Commercial for the northern portion	LU-9.6 Additional Notes
commercial, office, civic, and	higher density (Village) proposals	(approximately 46 acres) of the PSR parcel.	
higher-density residential land	Town Center or Rural Village in a	The PSR is not in a Town Center of a Village or Rural Village at a transportation node.	
uses in the Town Centers of Villages or Rural Villages at	transportation node		
transportation nodes. Exceptions	Established industrial district, a	The PSR is not in an established industrial district, a secondary commercial district, or corridor.	
to this pattern may be allowed for	secondary commercial district, or corridor		
established industrial districts and	or corridor		
secondary commercial districts or			
corridors.			
See p. 34 for a General Plan			
definition of transportation node.	2		
LU-9.9 <b>Residential Development Pattern</b> . Plan and support an efficient	Distinct Village/Community core	The PSR is not in a Village.  The PSR is not in a Village.	LU-9.9 Additional Notes
rian and support an emident	Village densities	The PSR includes a proposal for a Village designation (VR-10.9) for the central portion of the property	

	Policy	Policy Review Criteria	Description	Notes
	residential development pattern that enhances established neighborhoods or creates new neighborhoods in identified growth areas. (Goal LU-9 refers to distinct villages and community cores)	Land uses surrounding the Analysis Area /PSR	<ul> <li>Land use designations within 1 mile radius (approximate):         <ul> <li>460 acres in Open Space/Conservation</li> <li>2.5 acres in SR-1</li> <li>180 acres in SR-4</li> <li>60 acres in SR-10</li> <li>17 acres in RL-20</li> <li>6 acres in Public/Semi-Public Facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Prevalent use types within a 1 mile radius:         <ul> <li>Residential, commercial/industrial (within the City of San Marcos), open space/preservation, office (within the City of San Marcos)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
		Identified growth area	<ul> <li>The PSR would not be considered an identified growth area because:</li> <li>The property is located in draft PAMA;</li> <li>The property contains steep slopes and sensitive habitats;</li> <li>The property is mostly surrounded by open space preserves; and</li> <li>The property lacks road infrastructure beyond the northern access, and most of the area is currently estimated to have emergency response travel times beyond the General Plan thresholds for the proposed designations</li> </ul>	
LU- 10.3	Village Boundaries. Use Semi-Rural Regional Category changes and Rural Land Use designations to define the boundaries of Villages and Rural Land Use designations to		<ul> <li>The proposal would require a change in the Regional Category, from Semi-Rural to Village for the middle section proposed for VR-10.9</li> <li>The portions proposed for General Commercial and SR-0.5 would not require a change in the existing Semi-Rural Regional Category.</li> </ul>	LU-10.3 Additional Notes
	serve as buffers between communities.	Proximity to the Village Boundary	<ul> <li>Approximately 1 mile from the North County Metro-South Village Boundary.</li> <li>Almost 4 miles from the nearest Village Boundary within the San Dieguito CPA (Harmony Grove)</li> </ul>	
		Proximity to the CPA boundary  Greenbelts on/near the edges of communities	<ul> <li>Adjacent to the City of San Marcos</li> <li>The Analysis Area is not within a 'greenbelt' per the General Plan definition because it is not located within a very low density area (Rural Lands).</li> </ul>	-
LU- 10.4		Commercial or industrial land use designations outside of Villages	The proposal includes zoning use regulation changes, and would involve new allowances for commercial uses.	LU-10.3 Additional Notes
		Distance between the proposed commercial or industrial designation and the Village	Approximately 1 mile from the North County Metro-South Village Boundary	
LU- 11.1	<b>Location and Connectivity</b> . Locate commercial, office, and industrial development in Village areas with	Commercial, office, or industrial land use designations outside of Villages	The proposal includes zoning use regulation changes, and would involve new allowances for commercial uses outside of an existing Village.	LU-11.1 Additional Notes

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	high connectivity and accessibility from surrounding residential neighborhoods, whenever feasible.	Accessibility from surrounding areas	<ul> <li>The only accessibility to the property is via San Elijo Road. This is a public road currently maintained by the City of San Marcos (though it is in the County's General Plan Mobility Element for the short section fronting the SD15 property).</li> <li>There is no other road access from the properties in the County jurisdiction, south of San Elijo Road.</li> <li>San Elijo Road contains bike lanes in this area.</li> <li>Approximately 2 miles from the nearest NCTD Bus Stop (Bus route 304, providing service to Encinitas Coaster Station and Palomar College Sprinter station)</li> </ul>	
LU- 11.10	designated Medium and High Impact Industrial areas from		<ul> <li>The PSR is not within a ¼ mile of existing designated Medium or High Impact Industrial areas within the County's General Plan for the unincorporated jurisdiction.</li> <li>The property is within the City of San Marcos Sphere of Influence (SOI) and the City's General Plan designates the site for a future Specific Plan for light industrial, commercial, and open space uses.</li> </ul>	LU-11.10 Additional Notes
		Clustering and/or buffering opportunities if within ¼ mile	• N/A	
COS- 10.2	Protection of State-Classified or Designated Lands. Discourage development or the establishment of other incompatible land uses on or adjacent to areas classified or designated by the State of California as having important mineral resources (MRZ-2), as well as potential mineral lands identified by other government agencies. The potential for the extraction of substantial mineral resources from lands classified by the State of California as areas that contain mineral resources (MRZ-3) shall be considered by the County in making land use decisions.	On or adjacent to areas classified as having important mineral resources (MRZ-2) or as having mineral resources that may be significant (MRZ-3).	• 69 acres (entire PSR) designated as MRZ-3	COS-10.2 Additional Notes
		Threshold of SR-10 or lower density (maximum density determined to not preclude mining operations per State Mining & Geology Board)	<ul> <li>The PSR proposal involves a change to the VR-10.9, SR-0.5, and General Commercial designations, which would not be consistent with a density low enough to allow potential future mining operations.</li> </ul>	
		If higher density than SR-10 & contains these mineral resource designations – existing uses that would preclude mining	<ul> <li>Existing and adjacent densities include: SR-1, SR-10, Open Space/Conservation, and existing residential uses outside of County jurisdiction</li> <li>Adjacent residential uses (relatively high density within the City of San Marcos jurisdiction approximately 700 feet away) would preclude a future mining operation.</li> </ul>	
COS- 12.1	Hillside and Ridgeline Development Density. Protect undeveloped ridgelines and steep hillsides by maintaining semi-rural or rural designations on these areas.	Semi-Rural or Rural Lands designations on areas of undeveloped ridgelines and steep hillsides	The PSR contains steep hillsides and proposes an SR-0.5 designation for the areas containing the steep hillsides.	COS-12.1 Additional Notes

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COS- 14.1	Land Use Development Form. Require that development be located and designed to reduce vehicular trips (and associated air pollution) by utilizing compact regional and community-level development patterns while maintaining community character.	Alternative transportation networks available in the vicinity  Proximity to the village, other commercial areas, and major job centers  Land use mapping pattern consistent with community	<ul> <li>The proposal would require a change in the Regional Category, from Semi-Rural to Village for the middle section proposed for VR-10.9.</li> <li>The portions proposed for General Commercial and SR-0.5 would not require a change in the existing Semi-Rural Regional Category.</li> <li>Approximately 2 miles from the nearest NCTD Bus Stop         <ul> <li>Bus route 304 provides service to the Encinitas Coaster Station and Palomar College Sprinter Station.</li> <li>Approximately 7 miles to the nearest park-and-ride facility, at the I-5/La Costa Avenue interchange</li> <li>Bike lanes (along San Elijo Road) are available between the PSR and the closest commercial area (within the City of San Marcos).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Approximately:         <ul> <li>2 miles to the North County Metro-South Village (geographic center) that has 684 jobs and commercial along La Bonita Drive</li> <li>3.6 miles to the City of San Marcos (geographic center) that has 34,576 jobs</li> <li>5.1 miles to the City of Carlsbad (geographic center), which has the most jobs of North County cities with 67,713 jobs</li> <li>16.2 miles to the San Pasqual Reservation Valley View Casino that has 1,112 jobs</li> <li>½ mile to the nearest commercial area (San Elijo Hills in the City of San Marcos)</li> </ul> </li> <li>See the review of Policies LU-1.3, LU-2.3, and LU-2.4.</li> </ul>	COS-14.1 Additional Notes
H-1.3	1.3 Housing near Public Services.  Maximize housing in areas served by transportation networks, within close proximity to job centers, and where public services and infrastructure are available.	character  Extensive transportation networks	<ul> <li>The PSR is adjacent to an existing public road, and is approximately 5 miles from the nearest freeway on-ramp (SR-78).</li> <li>See the review of Policy COS-14.1 for information on alternative transportation networks and the review of Policy LU-11.1 for information on accessibility from surrounding neighborhoods.</li> </ul>	H-1.3 Additional Notes
		Proximity to job centers	• For more information on proximity to job centers, see the review of Policies LU-1.1 and COS-14.1.	
		Extensive public services	<ul> <li>Common public services not present:</li> <li>Within a water district and sewer district, but no existing water/sewer infrastructure, beyond the lines adjacent to the property on the north</li> <li>For more information on public services and infrastructure, see LU-1.1.</li> </ul>	
S-1.1	Minimize Exposure to Hazards.  Minimize the population exposed to hazards by assigning land use designations and density allowances that reflect site-specific constraints and hazards.	Hazards present	<ul> <li>The PSR is within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. See Policy LU-6.11 for additional information.</li> <li>There are no fault rupture hazard zones, dam inundation zones, or FEMA/County-designated floodways/floodplains within the PSR.</li> </ul>	S-1.1 Additional Notes
		Extent of existing road infrastructure that is built to fire access standards	<ul> <li>San Elijo Road is a public road located adjacent to the northern border of the PSR.</li> <li>There are no private roads within the PSR parcel that are currently built to fire access standards.</li> </ul>	
		Maximum allowed Dead End Road Length (DERL), based on the proposed zoning minimum lot size	<ul> <li>Based on the proposed minimum lot sizes of 6,000 square feet (for the area of the proposed VR-10.9 and General Commercial designations), and ½ acre (for the area of the proposed SR-0.5 designation), the maximum dead end road length would be 800 feet.</li> <li>Discretion of the Fire Marshal is allowed for consideration of the applicable densities.</li> </ul>	

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		Portions of the Analysis Area/PSR that would require extensive access improvements in order to meet fire access standards	<ul> <li>The northern portion of the PSR (located outside of the area of steep slopes) currently has frontage on a public road with access via a private road easement, but access to other portions of the PSR is limited to unimproved private roadways and dirt paths.</li> <li>Access improvements are necessary to serve all new potential lots.</li> </ul>	
		Existing site constraints that could limit the feasibility of fire clearing to the proposed density or could limit access improvements where necessary	<ul> <li>Coastal sage scrub vegetation could limit access improvements in the northern and southeastern areas of the PSR parcel area.</li> <li>Steep slopes could limit access improvements in the area proposed to change to an SR-0.5 designation.</li> <li>For additional information on feasibility, see Policy LU-1.9.</li> </ul>	
S-6.4	·	Estimated fire response travel time consistency with the proposed designation in accordance with Table S-1	<ul> <li>Each of the proposed designations would require a maximum travel time of 5 minutes to all areas of the development (required at the development review stage).</li> <li>Current GIS estimates show that most of the property is within the 5-10 minute emergency response travel time, but the northern portion is estimated to be within the 0-5 minute range.</li> <li>County Fire Marshal review estimates a 4.9 minute travel time to the northern edge of the property, from the nearest fire station at 20223 Elfin Forest Road (Rancho Santa Fe FPD). The comment noted: "Travel time just to the edge of the property abutting San Elijo Rd. is 4.9 minutes, and the maximum travel time as the property is currently zoned (and as proposed) is 5 minutes."</li> </ul>	S-6.4 Additional Notes
S-9.2		Ploodplains present  Density feasibility with avoidance of floodplain	<ul> <li>N/A – There are no floodplains within the PSR.</li> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	S-6.4 Additional Notes
S-9.4	Development in Villages within the Floodplain Fringe. Allow new uses and development within the	Village designation proposed	The proposal involves a change to the VR-10.9 designation.	S-9.4 Additional Notes

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	floodplain fringe (land within the	Mapped floodplains within an	There are no floodplains within the PSR.	
	floodplain outside of the floodway)			
		designation		
	and hazards are mitigated. This	o o		
	policy does not apply to			
	floodplains with unmapped			
	floodways. Require land available			
	outside the floodplain to be fully			
	utilized before locating			
	development within a floodplain.			
	Development within a floodplain			
	may be denied if it will cause			
	significant adverse environmental			
	impacts or is prohibited in the			
	community plan. Channelization			
	of floodplains is allowed within			
	villages only when specifically			
	addressed in community plans.			
S-9.5	Development in Semi-Rural and	Semi-Rural or Rural land use	N/A – There are no floodplains within the PSR.	S-9.5 Additional Notes
	Rural Lands within the Floodplain	designations in the floodplain		
	Fringe. Prohibit development in	fringe		
	the floodplain fringe when located	Community Plan explicit	• N/A	
	on Semi-Rural and Rural Lands to	references		
	maintain the capacity of the		- N/A	
	floodplain, unless specifically	Parcels located entirely within a floodplain that would have	• N/A	
	allowed in a community plan. For	additional density potential		
	parcels located entirely within a	additional density potential		
	floodplain or without sufficient			
	space for a building pad outside			
	the floodplain, development is			
	limited to a single family home on			
	an existing lot or those uses that			
	do not compromise the			
	environmental attributes of the			
	floodplain or require further			
	channelization.			
S-9.6		Dam Inundation Area	N/A – There are no dam inundation zones within the PSR.	S-9.6 Additional Notes
	Areas. Prohibit development in	Density feasibility with	• N/A	
	dam inundation areas that may	avoidance of dam inundation		
	interfere with the County's	area		
	emergency response and			
	evacuation plans.			

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S-10.1 Land Uses within Floodways. Limit	Floodways	N/A – There are no floodways within the PSR.	S-10.1 Additional Notes
new or expanded uses in	Density feasibility with	• N/A	
floodways to agricultural,	avoidance of the floodway		
recreational, and other such low-	,		
intensity uses and those that do			
not result in any increase in flood			
levels during the occurrence of the			
base flood discharge, do not			
include habitable structures, and			
do not substantially harm, and fully			
offset, the environmental values of			
the floodway area. This policy does			
not apply to minor renovation			
projects, improvements required			
to remedy an existing flooding			
problem, legal sand or gravel			
mining activities, or public			
infrastructure.			

## **Glossary of County Planning Terms and Regulations Referenced**

The following list provides definitions of terms used in the policy analysis, in addition to brief explanations of the how certain regulations referenced can impact development potential.

**Conservation Subdivision** – The intent of the Conservation Subdivision Program (CSP) is to encourage residential subdivision design that improves the preservation of sensitive environmental resources and community character. Design and preservation requirements have been added to the Subdivision Ordinance to encourage conservation oriented design, while additional flexibility in lot size and lot design is possible when processing a Conservation Subdivision. This program is mandatory when subdividing property with General Plan land use designations of Semi-Rural 10, Rural Lands 20, Rural Lands 40, and Rural Lands 80, with a minimum percentage of avoided resources of 75% to 90%, depending on the designation.

**Greenbelt (General Plan definition)** – A largely undeveloped area surrounding more urbanized areas, consisting of either agricultural lands, open space, conservation areas, passive parks, or very low density rural residential lands.

Local Agricultural Resource Assessment (LARA) Model – The LARA model is used to assess the relative of agricultural resources in San Diego County. The LARA model takes into account certain factors in determining the importance of an agricultural resource. The required factors are water, climate, and soil quality. The complementary factors are surrounding land uses, land use consistency, and topography. More specific documentation of the LARA model can be found the County's Guidelines for Determining Significance for Agricultural Resources at <a href="http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/ProjectPlanning/docs/AG-Guidelines.pdf">http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/ProjectPlanning/docs/AG-Guidelines.pdf</a>

Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) – The MSCP is a regional conservation planning program that develops and implements conservation plans intended to ensure the long-term survival of plant and animal species and protect native vegetation communities found throughout San Diego County. The County is currently in the planning process for the MSCP North County Plan.

MSCP Pre-Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA) Designation — A PAMA is an area with high biological value in which conservation will be encouraged. This will be done by providing mitigation ratios that favor developing outside of the PAMA and mitigating inside of the PAMA. These areas may also be targets for acquisition by various entities from willing sellers when funding is available. Most of the PSRs are in the area that will be covered by the North County MSCP (NCMSCP), which is currently in the planning phase. As noted in the policy reviews, PAMA designations are considered draft at this point, in the areas that will be covered by the draft NCMSCP. If the NCMSCP is adopted with the current draft PAMA delineations, the preservation of effective wildlife corridors in these areas will be sought during the development review stage.

Potential Development Area (referenced in graphics) – The potential development area on p. 11 shows the area available after factoring out steep slopes, floodplains, estimated wetlands, and estimated wetland buffers. These are not the only constraints that impact potential development areas and there are limited circumstances under which these areas can be developed (small RPO slope encroachment percentage noted below, an access road can cross in certain restrictive circumstances, etc.). This graphic is included to help inform the process of looking at available acreages in relation to density potential associated with the proposal, while recognizing there are limitations to this graphic exercise.

Resource Protection Ordinance (RPO) – The RPO includes provisions to protect wetlands, floodplains, steep slopes, sensitive biological habitats, and prehistoric and historic sites. The policy reviews in this document specifically addresses the implications of anticipated requirements associated with wetlands, floodplains, and steep slopes, utilizing available information. Site specific studies at the development review stage will be used to determine RPO requirements for other sensitive biological habitats and prehistoric and historic sites. At this stand-alone GPA/Rezone stage, FEMA and County floodplain/floodway maps are available, a GIS slope model is available to estimate acreage of steep slopes (>25%), and estimates of the extent of wetland areas are available. The RPO limits development footprint encroachment into steep slopes to a small percentage, based on the percentage of the lot in steep slopes (almost all of the PSR areas will fall somewhere in the range of 10-16% encroachment allowed). Development in wetlands and associated buffers (typically 50'-200' buffers) would be limited to road crossings under certain limited circumstances (restrictive). Uses permitted in floodways are limited to agricultural, recreational, and other such low-intensity uses.

#### Semi-Rural 2 (SR-2) Threshold for Policy LU-7.1 Review –

Based on research found in County documents, including the Agricultural Resources section of the General Plan EIR and the County's CEQA Guidelines for Determining Significance for Agricultural Resources, an SR-2 density (1 unit per 2 acres, slope-dependent) could be considered a threshold for a lower-density land use designation that supports continued agricultural operations.

An SR-2 threshold is based on research on available analysis of lot sizes in relation to successful agricultural operations in the county. The County Agricultural Commissioner provided input on this issue in a 1997 letter to the Department of Planning and Land Use that affirmed the commercial viability of small farms and specifically, two-acre parcels for agricultural use in June 1997. The high cost of land and difficulties farmers face in starting operations on large parcels led to the establishment of San Diego County's unique small-farm economy. The Guidelines for Determining Significance for Agricultural Resources contains language that supports an SR-2 threshold and states lands compatible with agricultural uses include 'rural residential lands,' which is defined in these Guidelines as parcel sizes of two acres or greater.

Analysis included in the General Plan Update Final EIR provides additional justification for the use of an SR-2 threshold for supporting the continuation of agricultural operations. In the Agricultural Resources – Conversion of Agricultural Resources to Non-Agricultural Land Uses section, the analysis assumes that areas allowing one dwelling unit per acre (SR-1) would not support continued agricultural operations. This assumption considers the typical zoning minimum lot sizes and overall residential density associated with SR-1, with many homes in close proximity to each other.

Transportation Node (General Plan definition) – As referenced in Policy LU-9.6, a transportation node is intended to be the intersection of two high volume Mobility Element roadways, along with a transit stop.