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La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Planning Committee Meeting 04

June 18th, 2024

La Cienega Community Center

Summary of Meeting

Purpose of the Meeting:

- Discuss the Revised Community Vision Statement
- Discuss Split Zoning and Tres Rios Ranch
- Discuss the Ordinance 2002-09 vs. SLDC Section 9.8 Comparison Matrix
- Community Mapping Exercise

Welcome:

The La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Planning Committee had their fourth meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at the La Cienega Community Center. Twelve community members attended along with County Planning Staff and facilitator, Rosemary Romero.

Revised Communities Vision Statement:

Staff presented a revised version of the Communities Vision Statement with revisions from one committee member. This will be the working Vision Statement, but there is ample time for further revisions. See the current Communities Vision Statement [here](#).

Split Zoning:

At the request of a committee member who represents Tres Rios Ranch, we briefly discussed whether the committee still supports the rezoning of the Tres Rios Ranch to better preserve the property as they did in 2015. The Committee agreed with the rezoning and we discussed either including it in the Plan or pursuing a rezoning process separate from the planning process. We also briefly discussed the possibility of changing the various properties that are split zoned, but some committee members talked about the history of how they deliberately determined the zoning for those properties in past planning processes.

Ordinance 2002-09 vs. SLDC Section 9.8 Comparison:

Staff presented a comparison matrix of the Ordinance 2002-09, the original La Cienega/La Cieneguilla zoning ordinance, versus the SLDC Section 9.8, the La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Community District Overlay, along with the SLDC as a whole. Overall, many regulations that were not carried into SLDC Section 9.8 are elsewhere in the SLDC. One significant omission are protections and setbacks for acequias. The Committee should consider whether they would like to include such regulations in the Plan and to be implemented in the Overlay. Refer to the Comparison Matrix [here](#). Refer to the full texts [here](#).

Community Mapping Exercise:

Finally, the committee spent the remaining 40 minutes with the community mapping exercise. At four separate tables, there were four topical maps including: littering/solid waste hotspots, rural commercial and business areas, agriculture, and environmental protection/resource protection/historic preservation. These maps are visioning exercises answering questions such as where should a future community center be located or where should agriculture be encouraged. See the exercise instructions handouts for each maps' specific questions. See the exercise instructions [here](#) and the base maps [here](#). Staff will be including digitized versions of the community maps in the Plan draft.

Resources:

- La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Community Plan Update webpage: [Click Here](#) or type "bit.ly/LCLC2024" into your browser

Next Steps:

1. The next planning committee meeting will occur on **Tuesday, July 16th** at 6:00pm at the La Cienega Community Center.
2. The June meeting will continue the focus on TDRs, Cannabis, and Agriculture.

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All agendas, documents, and meeting updates will be posted on the "**La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Community Plan Update**" webpage on the County website: <https://bit.ly/LCLC2024>

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