

# **Land Use Services Department Planning Division**

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING**

Land Use Services Department

Applicant: Bruno Mancinelli - Whitehaven Estates

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### **Proposal**

#### 2007 General Plan

 General Plan Land Use Zoning District Amendment from Oak Hills Resource Conservation (OH/RC) and Oak Hills Floodway (OH/FW) to Oak Hills Rural Living (OH/RL),

#### **2020 Countywide Plan**

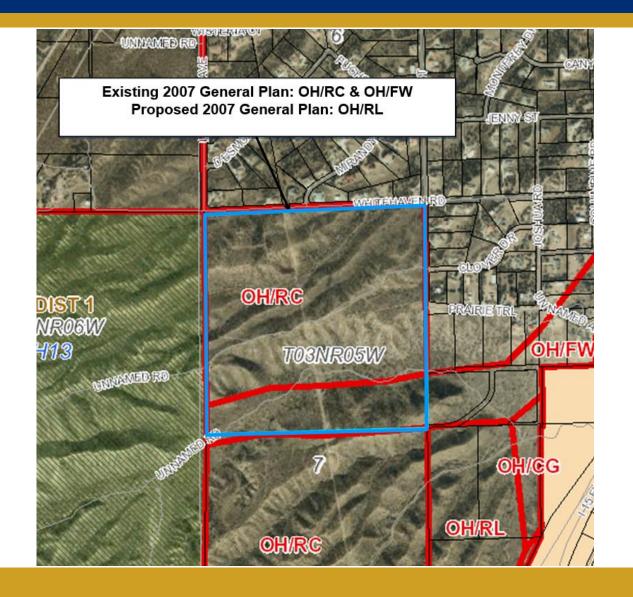
- Policy Plan Amendment to change the Land Use Designation from Resource Land Management (RLM) and Public Facility (PF) to Rural Living (RL),
- Planned Development Permit (PDP) with a preliminary and final development plans for a 54-unit single family residential project with a reduction in minimum lot size from 2.5 acres to 1.75 acres.
- Tentative Tract Map No. 18533 to subdivide approximately 155 acres into 54 single-family residential lots, a 39-acre open space conservation lot for the Oro Grande Wash and two lettered lots for detention basins.

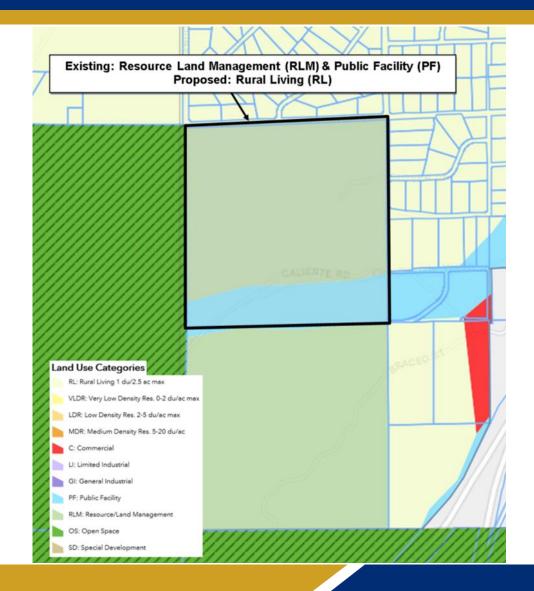


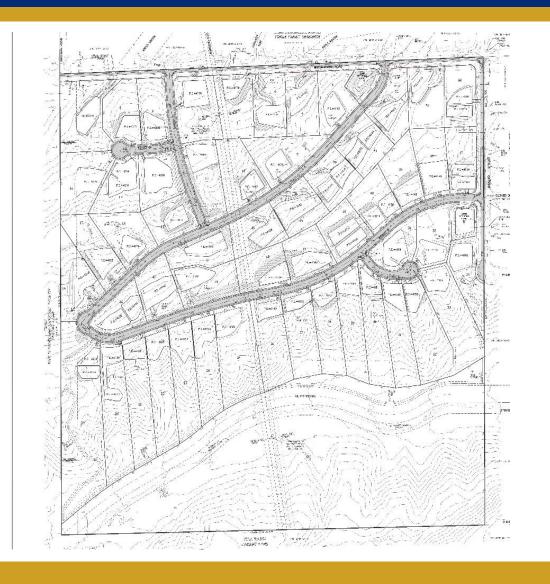
#### **Project Location**

- Oak Hills community west of Interstate 15.
- Located within the City of Hesperia Sphere of Influence (SOI).
- Site topography is rolling hills.

## **Proposed Amendment**







## **Existing Site Photos (2020)**

# Looking West along Whitehaven at Northeast Corner of Property



Looking East along Whitehaven Street at Midpoint of Northern Property Boundary



### **CEQA Compliance**

- An Initial Study (IS) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is proposed for adoption.
- A Notice of Availability of the Draft IS/MND was sent to surrounding property owners and responsible agencies, as part of the CEQA process.
  - > Several emails were received that expressed concerns about potential impacts to community character, scenic views, biological resources, traffic and fire protection;
  - ➤ Letter received from California Department of Fish & Wildlife presented recommendations that have been included as Conditions of Approval.

#### **Summary Basis for the Recommendation**

- Maintains the rural character of the Oak Hills community with a residential density that is consistent with surrounding development;
- Logical extension of Rural Living designation currently in place north and east of the project site;
- No significant adverse environmental impacts, with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures and conditions of approval;
- Proposes to minimize grading and land alteration by grading for streets, detention basins, building pads and driveways only;
- Conserves open space and protects natural resources in the Oro Grande Wash area.

- The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 8, 2020.
- Public Comments:
  - One speaker expressed concerns and opposition to the Project.
- The Planning Commission recommended Board of Supervisors approval of the Project by a unanimous vote.

#### **Recommendations**

#### That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Conduct a public hearing for the Whitehaven Estates Project and adopt a declaration of intent to:
  - a. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
  - b. Adopt the recommended Findings for approval of the General Plan/Policy Plan Amendment, Planned Development and Tentative Tract Map.
  - c. Adopt the General Plan Amendment, which under the 2007 General Plan would change the Land Use Zoning District from Oak Hills Resource Conservation (OH/RC) and Oak Floodway (OH/FW) to Oak Hills Rural Living (OH/RL) and under the 2020 Countywide Plan would change the Land Use Designation from Resource Land Management (RLM) and Public Facility (PF) to Rural Living (RL) on 155 acres.
  - d. Approve the Planned Development Permit with a preliminary and final development plans for a 54-unit single family residential project, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.
  - e. Approve Tentative Tract Map 18533 to subdivide approximately 155 acres into 54 single-family residential lots, open space conservation and detention basins, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.
  - f. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file a Notice of Determination
- 2. Continue the item for final action with the Fourth Cycle General Plan Land Use Element Amendment for 2020.