



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

April 8, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00318

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an appeal, filed by Michael Stoltey, Applicant, of the County Planning Commission's incomplete application determination for the Richards Ranch (Key Site 26) Project, Fourth District, as follows: (EST. TIME: 45 MIN.)

- a) Deny the Appeal, Case No. 25APL-00009;
- b) Determine and find that the Application, Case Nos. 24DVP-00018, 24CUP-00033, and 24TRM-00003, is incomplete for the reasons discussed in the associated Board Letter and Staff Report; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended action is an administrative activity of the County that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a "project" defined for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Alternatively, the Board may take the following action, as follows:

- a) Uphold the Appeal, Case No. 25APL-00009;
- b) Determine that the Application, Case Nos. 24DVP-00018, 24CUP-00033, and 24TRM-00003, is complete; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended action is an administrative activity of the County that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a "project" defined for the purposes of the CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 10:56 AM - 12:05 PM (1 HR. 9 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Karl Echhart and Andy Caldwell addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lavagnino, that this matter be acted on as follows: Accepted into the record the following documents: Public Comment Letter from Lindy Hatcher dated April 4, 2025, Appellant presentation dated April 7, 2025 and a Letter of Technical Assistance from the California Department of HCD dated April 7, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Upheld the Appeal, Case No. 25APL-00009;
- b) Determined that the Application, Case Nos. 24DVP-00018, 24CUP-00033, and 24TRM-00003, is complete as of April 8, 2025; and
- c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino