



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: May 14, 2024
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Time: 1.5 hours on June 18, 2024
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development
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Contact Info: Travis Seawards, Deputy Director, Planning and Development
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SUBJECT: Set Hearing to Consider the Orcutt Community Park Sports Field Lighting Project, Case No. 23SPP-00001

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

On May 14, 2024, set a hearing for June 18, 2024, to consider the recommendations of the County Planning Commission to approve amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan to allow for future installation of permanent lighting at the Orcutt Community Park (23SPP-00001).

On June 18, 2024, to follow the recommendations of the County Planning Commission, your Board's action would include the following:

- a) Receive and file the County Planning Commission's recommendation to approve amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan to allow for future installation of permanent lighting at the Orcutt Community Park (23SPP-00001);
- b) Approve the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance for amendments to the current Rice Ranch Specific Plan in compliance with Chapter 35.88 of the County Land Use and Development Code;
- c) Read the title of the Ordinance into the record and waive full reading of the Ordinance; and

- d) Set a hearing for the Administrative Agenda of June 25, 2024, to consider recommendations, as follows:
- i. Make the required findings for approval of the project, Case No. 23SPP-00001, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings;
 - ii. After considering the Addendum, together with the previously certified Rice Ranch Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (03-EIR-05), and the 2015 Addendum to 03-EIR-05, determine that no subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is required pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Section 15162, Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations, and 15164, Addendum to an EIR or Negative Declaration; and
 - iii. Approve the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance for amendments to the current Rice Ranch Specific Plan in compliance with Chapter 35.88 of the County Land Use and Development Code.

Summary Text:

This Board item is a set hearing for Case No. 23SPP-00001, which is for proposed amendments to the current Rice Ranch Specific Plan in compliance with Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) Chapter 35.88, which will allow for future installation of permanent lighting at the Orcutt Community Park by the County Community Services Department Parks Division (County Parks). The analysis related to this item will be docketed with a separate Board Agenda Letter for the Departmental Agenda on June 18, 2024, for the first reading of the ordinance. Although the Rice Ranch Specific Plan covers an approximately 560-acre area, the proposed amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan will only affect the Orcutt Community Park, located at 5800 S. Bradley Road (APN 101-390-012), in the Orcutt Community Plan area, Fourth Supervisorial District.

Background: The Orcutt Community Park is located on a 25.73-acre, County-owned parcel within the Rice Ranch Specific Plan area, and is maintained by County Parks. The Rice Ranch Specific Plan currently does not include lighting within the Orcutt Community Park, therefore amendments to the Specific Plan are necessary to account for the change. Permanent lighting will provide the opportunity for local organized sports teams to continue to utilize the existing sports fields past daylight hours, primarily during the months when daylight hours are shorter. The permanent lighting will replace portable, generator-powered lighting now being used by local sports teams in months where the sun sets in late afternoon or early evening.

California Government Code § 65455 states that no local public works project may be approved within an area covered by a specific plan unless it is consistent with the adopted specific plan. Installation of permanent lighting in the Orcutt Community Park is not included in the current Rice Ranch Specific Plan, therefore pursuant to California Government Code § 65453(a), the amendments proposed by County Parks are required to be “prepared, adopted, and amended in the same manner as a general plan.”

Pursuant to Subsection 35.88.040.K of the LUDC, amendments to a Specific Plan shall be processed in the same manner as specified for adoption of an original Specific Plan. The Board of Supervisors will receive the Planning Commission recommendation, and shall hold at least one noticed public hearing before adopting the proposed amendments to the Specific Plan.

Pursuant to LUDC Subsection 35.10.040.G.2, the future buildout of lighting is not subject to Planning Commission recommendation or Board of Supervisors approval; however, the development undertaken by County Parks will be subject to compliance with the amended Specific Plan.

Special Instructions:

Planning & Development shall publish a legal notice in the *Santa Maria Times* at least 10 days prior to the hearing on June 18, 2024. The Clerk of the Board shall also fulfill mailed noticing requirements at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing. The Clerk of the Board shall forward the minute order of the hearing as well as a copy of the notice and proof of publication to the Planning and Development Department, Attention: Tina Mitchell.

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