



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

**Department Name:** County Executive Office  
**Department No.:** 990  
**For Agenda Of:** December 5, 2006  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT: Rice Ranch Specific Plan Consent to Amend Rice Ranch Specific Plan**

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form/legality:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Accept the written consent from Rice Ranch Ventures, LLC dated October 30, 2006 for the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Amendments (Attachment A);
2. Adopt a resolution consenting to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Amendment for the Stubblefield Road Connection (Attachment B); and
3. Authorize the chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the attached letter consenting to the Amendment (Attachment C).

**Summary:**

This item is on your Board's agenda to adopt a resolution consenting to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Amendment, included as Attachment B, as required by the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Development Agreement. The County is amending the Rice Ranch Specific Plan to ensure its consistency with recent Board-approved amendments to the Orcutt Community Plan related to the Stubblefield Road connection. Pursuant to section 4.1 of the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Development Agreement, the developer's and County's written consent is required to amend the Specific Plan. The Rice Ranch Ventures, LLC written consent (Attachment A), proposed resolution (Attachment B), and the proposed County consent letter are attached.

**Background:**

On December 9, 2003, the Board of the Supervisors approved the Rice Ranch project, a 725-unit residential subdivision and development located on 580 acres on Key Site 12 of the Orcutt Community Plan (OCP). On July 11, 2006, the Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to the Orcutt Community Plan for the Stubblefield Road connection. As required by the OCP, the Rice Ranch Specific Plan, a document that further refines and implements policies and standards of the OCP, was also prepared and adopted. The Rice Ranch Specific Plan

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includes a Development Agreement, which requires written consent by both the owner and the County for any County-proposed changes to the Specific Plan.

Comprehensive Planning staff has prepared text and map amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan to reflect the recently approved Orcutt Community Plan Amendments to accommodate the Stubblefield Road connection. Written consent is thus required prior to adoption of the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Amendments. The Rice Ranch Specific Plan Amendments will be brought to the Board of Supervisors following a Planning Commission recommendation. The Planning Commission will consider this item at the hearing of December 13, 2006.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:  Yes  No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: No fiscal or facilities impacts would result.

**Staffing Impact(s):**

**Legal Positions:**

N/A

**FTEs:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

- 1.) Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of the Minute Order to Planning and Development, attn: Cintia Mendoza, Hearing Support.

**Attachments:**

- A. Rice Ranch Ventures, L.L.C. Consent to Amend
- B. Consent to Amend the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Board of Supervisors Resolution
- C. Santa Barbara County Consent to Amend

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**cc:** Mr. Jim LaLoggia, Rice Ranch Ventures, L.L.C., P.O. Box 2730, Orcutt, CA 93457