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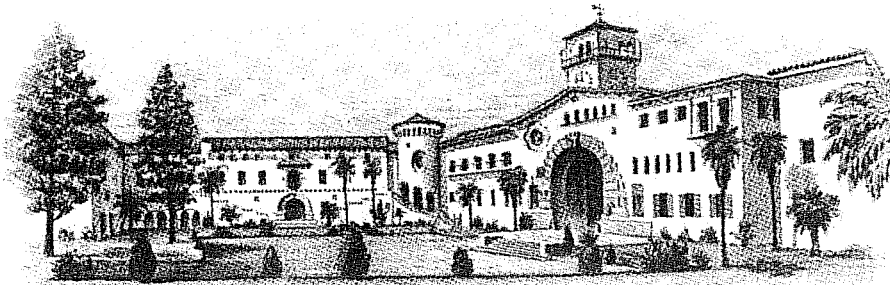
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Mr. Jim LaLoggia

Rice Ranch Ventures, L.L.C.

P.O. Box 2730

Orcutt, CA 93457

Re: Consent to Amend the Rice Ranch Specific Plan

Dear Mr. LaLoggia:

As you know, the County of Santa Barbara is proposing to construct a connection from the eastern terminus of Stubblefield Road to Black Oak Drive within the Rice Ranch Specific Plan area. As part of this effort, amendments to the Orcutt Community Plan were adopted on July 11, 2006, and the County is currently processing amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan.

Section 4.1 of the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Development Agreement states:

Conflicting enactments. Except as otherwise provided herein, any change in the Applicable Rules, including, without limitation, any change in any applicable general area or specific plan, zoning, subdivision or building regulation, adopted or becoming effective after the Applicable Rules of Effective Date, including, without limitation, any such change by means of an ordinance, initiative, resolution, policy, order or moratorium, initiated or instituted for any reason whatsoever and adopted by the County Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission or any other board, commission, or department of County, or any affiliates or employee thereof, or by the electorate, as the case may be which would, absent this Agreement, otherwise be applicable to the Rice Ranch Project and which would conflict in any way with, be more restrictive, or impose greater obligations or burdens on Owner, than the Applicable Rules ("Subsequent Rules"), shall not be applied by County within the Rice Ranch Project unless both Owner and County consent in writing.

As required by Section 4.1 of the Rice Ranch Specific Plan Development Agreement above, the County hereby consents to the aforementioned amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan.

Sincerely,

JONI GRAY

Chair, Board of Supervisors

County of Santa Barbara