

ORDINANCE NO. 5215

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO AMEND THE RICE RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN, LOCATED SOUTH OF RICE RANCH AND STUBBLEFIELD ROADS IN SOUTHEAST ORCUTT, FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.

Case No. 23SPP-00001

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1

Pursuant to Sections 65450 through 65454, inclusive, of the Government Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, California hereby approves and amendment to the Specific Plan (23SPP-00001) for the Rice Ranch Project (97-SP-001, 14SPP-00001); the Specific Plan amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 1A.

SECTION 2

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 35.888, "Specific Plans," of Land Use Development Code, of Chapter 35 of the Code of the County of Santa Barbara, California, the Board of Supervisors hereby approves an amendment to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan (23SPP-00001) as depicted in Exhibit 1A to this Ordinance.

SECTION 3

The attached amendment (Exhibit 1A) serves as a cover sheet to the full Specific Plan approved January 5, 2016, by Resolution No. 16-7. Except as amended by this Ordinance, the Rice Ranch Specific Plan (97-SP-001, 14SPP-00000-00001, 23SPP-00001), shall remain unchanged and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4

The Board of Supervisors finds that the amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Orcutt Community Plan.

SECTION 5

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage; and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage it, or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same in the Santa Maria Times, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

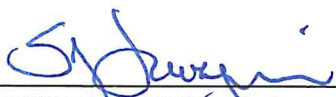
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 25th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Capps, Hartmann and Nelson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Lavagnino

ABSTAIN: None



STEVE LAVAGNINO, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
State of California

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM

MONA MIYASATO
County Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

RACHEL VAN MULLEM
County Counsel

By: 

Deputy Clerk

By: 

Deputy County Counsel

EXHIBIT 1A
Memorandum – Specific Plan Amendments



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT

This memorandum provides proposed amendments to the Rice Ranch Specific Plan and Open Space Habitat Management and Restoration Implementation Plan (OSHRIP) that were approved by the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors on January 5, 2016. The amendments will allow the Community Services Department (Parks Division) to install permanent lighting in the Orcutt Community Park around the existing sports fields and parking lot areas. The amendments are as follows:

SECTION	PAGE	EXISTING TEXT	REVISED TEXT
7 – Design Guidelines 7.2 – Community Design 7.2.2 Landscape Architecture	7-47	Relate the scale of lighting to the human scale, especially in pedestrian areas, with a maximum height of 18 feet or as deemed appropriate by Public Works.	Relate the scale of lighting to the human scale, especially in pedestrian areas, with a maximum height of 18 feet or as deemed appropriate by Public Works. <u>Sports field lighting in the Orcutt Community Park will have a maximum height of 60 feet in order to adequately light the fields for amateur play.</u>
7 – Design Guidelines 7.2 – Community Design 7.2.2 Landscape Architecture	7-48	c. Community Facilities Lighting i. Major community facilities such as parks require special consideration in regard to lighting. Lighting may be incorporated within these facilities to make them function at night with minimum impact to the surrounding neighborhood and adjacent open space (see OSHRIP Appendix C). There will be no lighting of play fields in the Community Park or on trails traversing through open space areas.	c. Community Facilities Lighting i. Major community facilities such as parks require special consideration in regard to lighting. Lighting may be incorporated within these facilities to make them function at night with minimum impact to the surrounding neighborhood and adjacent open space (see OSHRIP Appendix C). There will be no lighting of play fields in the Community Park or on trails traversing through open space areas.
7 – Design Guidelines 7.2 – Community Design 7.2.2 Landscape Architecture	7-48	d. Environmentally Sensitive Open Space Interface Lighting i. Exterior night lighting which interfaces with the environmentally sensitive open space shall be of a low intensity, low glare design, and shall be hooded to direct light downward onto the subject parcel and prevent spill-over onto natural open space as further described in the OSHRIP, Appendix C.	d. Environmentally Sensitive Open Space Interface Lighting i. Exterior night lighting which interfaces with the environmentally sensitive open space, <u>including Orcutt Community Park lighting</u> , shall be of a low intensity, low glare design, and shall be hooded to direct light downward onto the subject parcel and prevent spill-over onto natural open space as further described in the OSHRIP, Appendix C.

<p>Appendix C: Open Space Habitat Management and Restoration Implementation Plan</p> <p>6.0 – Master Restoration and Revegetation Strategies</p> <p>6.2 – Landscape Buffers</p>	<p>41, 42</p>	<p>6.2.1 Pine Canyon Drainage Landscape Buffer</p> <p>An important function of the riparian corridor is to facilitate wildlife dispersal between undeveloped habitats. To ensure that adequate area is provided for dispersal, a minimum 50-foot buffer from the top of the creek bank shall be maintained in a natural state along the Pine Canyon drainage, and shall be included within the protected Open Space designation. With Open Space and unlighted playing fields bordering much of the creek, Pine Canyon drainage is expected to be protected from any light nuisance. The Pine Canyon drainage is part of two formal restoration areas (CS-3 and R-1).</p>	<p>6.2.1 Pine Canyon Drainage Landscape Buffer</p> <p>An important function of the riparian corridor is to facilitate wildlife dispersal between undeveloped habitats. To ensure that adequate area is provided for dispersal, a minimum 50-foot buffer from the top of the creek bank shall be maintained in a natural state along the Pine Canyon drainage, and shall be included within the protected Open Space designation. With Open Space and unlighted playing fields bordering much of the creek, Pine Canyon drainage is expected to be protected from any light nuisance. The Pine Canyon drainage is part of two formal restoration areas (CS-3 and R-1).</p>
<p>Appendix C: Open Space Habitat Management and Restoration Implementation Plan</p> <p>11.0 Park System</p>	<p>79</p>	<p>OS11.1: Lighting shall not be installed within any of the parks in order to protect the surrounding wildlife habitat at night.</p>	<p>OS11.1: Lighting shall not be installed within any of the parks <u>with the exception of the Orcutt Community Park</u>, in order to protect the surrounding wildlife habitat at night.</p>