

RESOLUTION NO. 19-14

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF VENTURA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED GENERAL PLAN MAP FOR
RESOURCES APPENDIX, FIGURE 1.5.5, DEPICTING HABITAT
CONNECTIVITY AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2019, the County Planning Commission held a legally noticed public hearing at which time it heard and received oral and written testimony from the general public and County staff, including the staff report and all exhibits, regarding proposed general plan amendments which consist of (collectively "Proposed Amendments"):

- (1) Addition of maps to the Resources Appendix identifying the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors and Critical Wildlife Passage Areas (Figures 1.5.5 – 1.5.7);
- (2) Additions to the text in the background information on biological resources (Section 1.5 of the General Plan – Goals, Policies, and Programs [GPP]) as it relates to habitat connectivity and wildlife corridors;
- (3) Additions to the text in Section 1.5.2 of the General Plan (GPP - Biological Resources);
- (4) Revisions and additions to the text in the General Plan GPP Glossary to include terms necessary to improve clarity and consistency;

WHEREAS, the County Planning Division staff conducted a review of the legislative actions consisting of the Proposed Amendments in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined the project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Sections 15061(b)(3), 15307 and 15308;

WHEREAS, following its aforementioned public hearing, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Proposed Amendments subject to the Planning Division addressing the following issues before presenting the project to the Board of Supervisors:

- (1) The program needs to have a clearly communicated appeals process for resolving the inevitable complications of individual properties and also have mechanisms for revisions to the program;
- (2) Request the Ventura County Sheriff to review security issues regarding the program's lighting standards;
- (3) Clarify the effect of the program on properties that have granted conservation easements such as Tash and Newhall;

- (4) Clarify what effect the vegetation modification regulations have on the Fire Department brush clearance requirements and fire risk;
- (5) Clarify stream bed mapping where it may be incorrect;
- (6) Consider including the entire Boeing, Santa Susanna Field Lab land in the HCWC overlay zone and adding exemptions for temporary cleanup actions;
- (7) Reduce set back of waterways from 200 to 100 feet in order to assist ranchers and farmers;
- (8) Remove Lockwood Valley from the entire ordinance;
- (9) Remove Tierra Rejada from CWPA overlay zone;
- (10) Revise vegetation modification exemption to state "as allowed by" instead of "as required by" the Fire Department;
- (11) Modify vegetation modification exemption to include all bona fide conservation efforts;

WHEREAS, the County published a summary of the Proposed Amendments, and notice of the March 12, 2019 public hearing before the Board, pursuant to Government Code section 65090;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, the Board held a public hearing on the Proposed Amendments and considered the Planning Commission's recommendation as well as all written and oral testimony from County staff and members of the public on the foregoing matters, including the March 12, 2019 Board letter and all exhibits thereto;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, following the public hearing and deliberations, the Board approved a motion to, among other things, adopt a resolution resolving as follows:

1. Certifying that it has reviewed and considered the Board letter dated March 12, 2019 regarding the Proposed Amendments and all exhibits thereto ("Board Letter"), including the Planning Commission recommendations, and has considered all comments received during the public hearing process;
2. Finding on the basis of the entire record, including the analysis set forth in Section B of the Planning Commission staff report (Exhibit 1 to the Board Letter), that, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA) Section 15061(b)(3), 15307 and 15308, the Proposed Amendments to the Ventura County General Plan, as shown in Exhibits 2-4 and SR¹ Exhibits 7 and 13 to the Board Letter, are exempt from CEQA;
3. Finding based on the substantial evidence set forth in Sections A, B, and C of the Planning Commission staff report (Exhibit 1 to the Board Letter) and

¹ The "SR" prefix signifies exhibits that were originally exhibits to the Planning Commission staff report prepared for its January 31, 2019 hearing of this matter.

the entire record, that the Proposed Amendment to the Ventura County General Plan, as shown in Exhibits 2-4 and SR Exhibits 7 and 13 to the Board Letter, is in the interest of public health, safety or general welfare and would be internally consistent with all existing elements of the Ventura County General Plan;

4. Adopting the Proposed Amendment to the Ventura County General Plan (Exhibits 2-4 and SR Exhibits 7 and 13 to the Board Letter); and
5. Specifying the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009 as the custodian and location of the documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based;

WHEREAS, the Board's March 12, 2019 motion also directed staff to revise the proposed amendment to Article 18 of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance to, among other things, remove all properties located in the Los Padres National Forest from the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors overlay zone; and

WHEREAS, following the March 12, 2019 hearing, Planning Division staff realized that the Board's direction to remove all properties located within the Los Padres National Forest from the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors overlay zone necessitates a revision to the map identifying this overlay zone in the General Plan at Resources Appendix, Figure 1.5.5, which was attached to the Board Letter as Exhibit 2;

WHEREAS, also following the March 12, 2019 hearing, Planning Division staff realized that on March 12, the Board approved a map of the Tierra Rejada Critical Wildlife Passage Area (attached to the Board Letter as SR Exhibit 7) which, although intended to be the map constituting General Plan Resources Appendix, Figure 1.5.8, was actually a different zoning map of the same area. The correct Tierra Rejada Critical Wildlife Passage Area map constituting General Plan Resources Appendix, Figure 1.5.8, was attached to the Board letter as SR Exhibit 11.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves (1) the revised General Plan map constituting Resources Appendix, Figure 1.5.5 attached to the March 19, 2019 Board letter as Exhibit 9, which shall replace the version of this map that the Board approved on March 12, 2019, and (2) the map of the Tierra Rejada Critical Wildlife Passage Area constituting General Plan Resources Appendix, Figure 1.5.8 attached to the March 19, 2019 Board letter as Exhibit 10, which shall replace the map of the same area that the Board approved on March 12, 2019.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Parks, and seconded by Supervisor Bennett, duly carried, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 19th day of March, 2019.



Supervisor Steve Bennett
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura

ATTEST:

MICHAEL POWERS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California

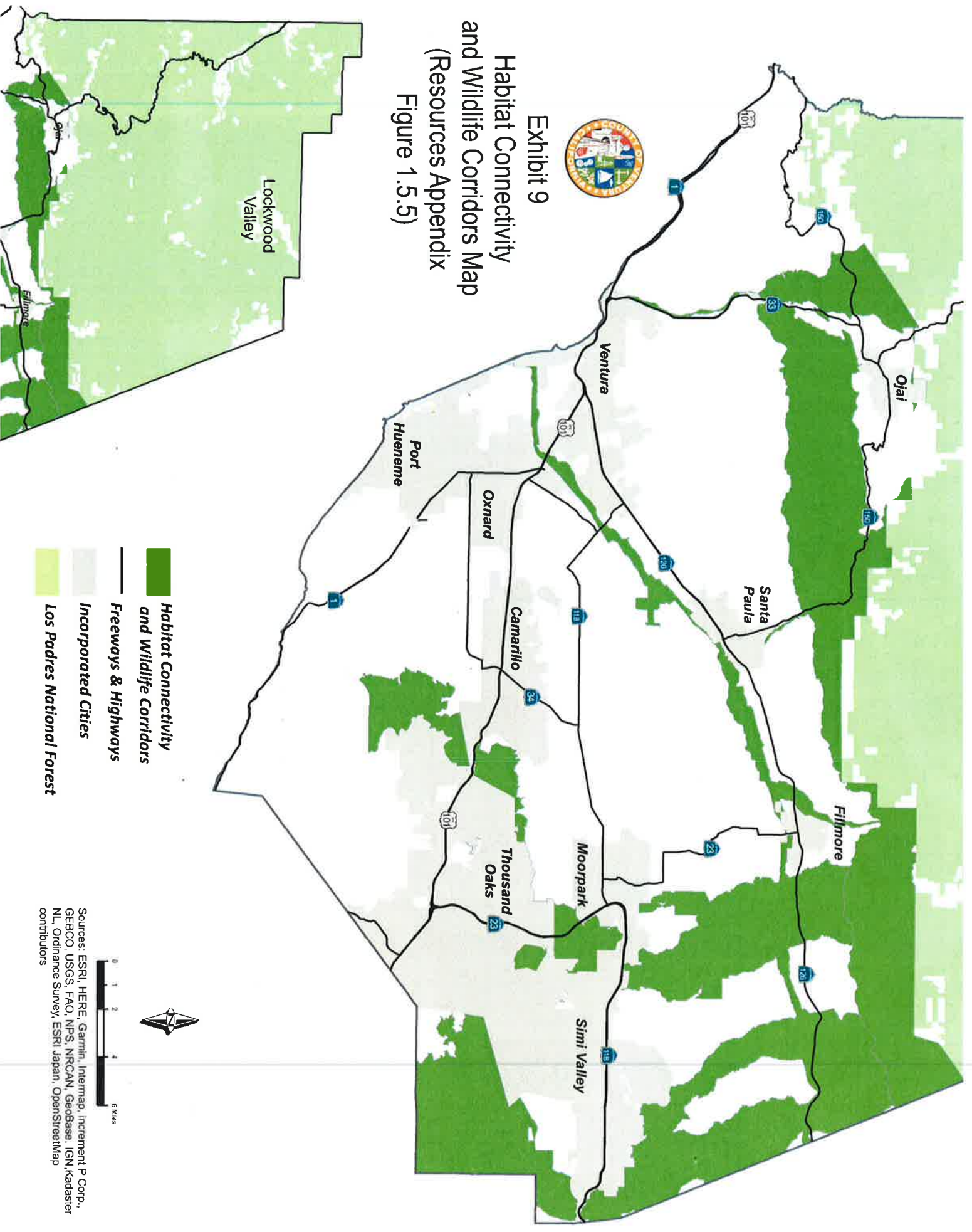
By: Lori James
Deputy Clerk of the Board



Exhibit 9
Revised General Plan map identifying Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors
(Resources Appendix, Figure 1.5.5)



Exhibit 9 Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors Map (Resources Appendix Figure 1.5.5)



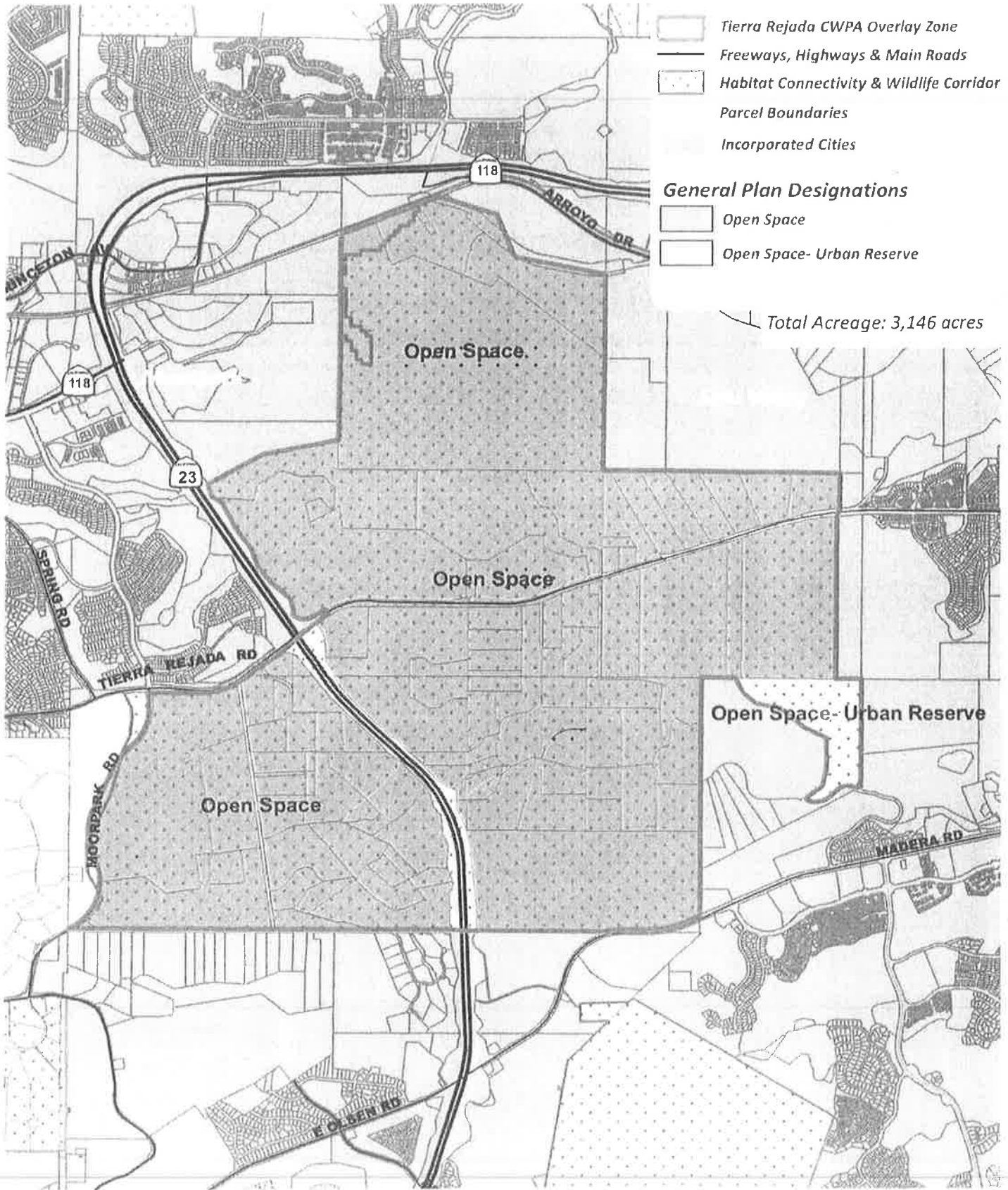
- Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors
- Incorporated Cities
- Freeways & Highways

Los Padres National Forest



Sources: ESRI, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, Geobase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, ESRI Japan, OpenStreetMap contributors

Exhibit 10
General Plan map identifying Tierra Rejada Critical Wildlife Passage Area
(Resources Appendix, Figure 1.5.8)



Ventura County
Resource Management Agency
Information Systems GIS Services
Map created on 11/11/2019



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SR Exhibit SR Exhibit 11 - Tierra Rejada Critical
Wildlife Passage Area Map (Resources Appendix
Figure 1.5.8)



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