January 22, 1985 (Agenda)

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Santa Rosa Valley Greenbelt

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Find that the project could not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore an environmental document is not required to be prepared pursuant to Section 15061C of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

2. Authorize the Chair to sign a joint resolution with the City of Camarillo establishing a greenbelt in the area north and east of the City of Camarillo.

3. Direct staff to consider the greenbelt when evaluating land use applications.

STATEMENT OF MATTER FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

Attached is a proposed greenbelt agreement for the area north and east of the City of Camarillo, to be jointly adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the Camarillo City Council.

It is proposed that a greenbelt be established in order to protect agriculture and open space uses consistent with existing plans. The boundaries of the proposed greenbelt (see Exhibit "1") are consistent with adopted Spheres of Influence and are consistent with planning projections within the area. The Open Space Element of the County General Plan designates the proposed greenbelt area as Agriculture, Open Space, and Rural.

If your Board approves the proposed greenbelt, the County Planning staff would then review all entitlement requests in light of the greenbelt, as well as other adopted plans and policies.

BACKGROUND:

There are four existing greenbelts in Ventura County which recognize and assist in preserving agricultural and other open space lands:

A. The Santa Paula-Ventura Greenbelt was established by a joint resolution of the Cities in 1973. Both the County and LAFCO have acknowledged the greenbelt.

B. The Fillmore-Santa Paula Greenbelt was established by joint resolution of the Cities in 1980. Both the County and LAFCO have recognized the greenbelt resolution.
C. The Tierra Rejada Valley Greenbelt was established by joint resolution of the County and the Cities of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks in 1983. It has also been endorsed by LAFCO.

D. The Camarillo-Oxnard Greenbelt south of the I-101 Freeway was established by joint resolution of the two Cities in 1982. It was expanded to include the Del Norte area and agreed to by both Cities and the County in 1983.

The City of Camarillo proposed a greenbelt for the Santa Rosa Valley in 1984.

JURISDICTIONAL COMMENTS:

The proposed greenbelt has been reviewed by the County Planning Division and by the staffs of the Cities of Camarillo and Oxnard, and the Local Agency Formation Commission. The matter will be heard by the Camarillo City Council at its next meeting. A signing ceremony is planned for after both jurisdictions have approved the agreement.

PLANNING DIVISION PROPOSED FINDINGS:

The Planning Division has reviewed this project and has determined that the project could not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, an environmental document is not required to be prepared pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines (Sec. 15061.0).

The proposed greenbelt boundaries are consistent with the Conservation and Open Space Elements of the County General Plan which designates the greenbelt areas as Agriculture, Open Space, and Rural.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 2481.

Dennis T. Davis, AICP
Manager, Planning Division

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Attachments

Exhibit "1" – Greenbelt Resolution
Exhibit "2" – Santa Rosa Valley Greenbelt Map
RESOLUTION NO. 85-23

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO AND THE VENTURA
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING A GREENBELT FOR THE AREA NORTH AND EAST OF
THE CITY OF CAMARILLO

WHEREAS, a greenbelt can be defined as an area consisting of prime agricultural or other open space land, as defined in Section 36046 and 65960 of the Government Code, which is preserved in agricultural or other open space uses; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camarillo and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura encourage the preservation of open space and agricultural uses wherever possible; and,

WHEREAS, the area lying generally north, northeast and east of the City of Camarillo is difficult for either the City of Camarillo or the County of Ventura to service with sewers, water, police, fire and other municipal services; and is now devoted to agricultural pursuits; and,

WHEREAS, this open space assists in providing community identity, definition and character in keeping with the objective of controlling urban sprawl; and,

WHEREAS, all the community and regional plans designate the area for agricultural and open space uses, and the area is excluded from all city spheres of influence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Camarillo and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura hereby declare that the lands in this area are worthy of retention in agricultural and other open space uses for the overall best interests of the City, the County, and the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Camarillo and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura hereby establish this greenbelt for and agree to a policy of non-annexation, non-development and retention of open space uses for the territory north and east of the City of Camarillo as shown on the map attached as Exhibit "A" of this resolution and request that the Local Agency Formation Commission endorse this greenbelt and continue to act in a manner consistent with the preservation of the described lands for agricultural and other open space purposes.

The clerks are directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Local Agency Formation Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Camarillo on the 23rd day of January, 1985.

[Signature]
Francis L. Bowen, Mayor
City of Camarillo, California

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 85-23 was approved by the City Council of the City of Camarillo at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of January, 1985, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Morgan, Martin, Bush, Esty; Mayor Bowen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Marilyn J. Thiel, City Clerk
City of Camarillo, California

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, California, on the 22nd day of January, 1985.

Edwin Jones, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

RICHARD D. DEAN, County Clerk

County of Ventura, State of California
and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors therefor.

Deputy Clerk