

**APPENDIX F.  
GENERAL PLAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING 1 -- CALABASAS  
TIMELINE**



# **CITY OF CALABASAS GENERAL PLAN:**

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## **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

### **APPENDIX F. GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 1 -- CALABASAS TIMELINE**

At the October 12, 1992 General Plan Advisory Committee meeting, the group met to define the issues that have shaped their community. To facilitate the process, a wall-size timeline was unveiled which illustrated community milestone dates. As part of the evening's discussion, committee members were asked to identify critical events that have affected their community. The events were then recorded on the timeline.

The results of this exercise present a clear picture of the events that led to the City's incorporation. It also outlines the history of the issues the community currently faces.

- Agenda - General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting, October 12, 1992
- Calabasas Timeline

# **AGENDA**

## **Calabasas General Plan General Plan Advisory Committee**

**Monday, October 12, 1992  
Calabasas City Hall**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. General Plan Advisory Committee Members  
Individual Introductions
- B. Issues Identification Program

### **II. THE CALABASAS TIMELINE**

### **III. THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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# City of Calabasas

From B. C. To 1950

3,000 B.C.

Native village documented just west of Westlake Village.

1542

First recorded observation of smog by Spanish explorers upon observing smoke from Indian Campfires.

1781

Los Angeles was founded.

1850

California becomes the 31st state.

1880

First Calabasas school built.

1886

First Calabasas Post Office established.

1889

Miguel Leonis, the Basque "King of Calabasas" killed when he falls from his wagon.

1914

Crater Camp in Monte Nido was opened as a year-round picnic ground.

1924

Second Calabasas school was built.

1950

"Picture City" Movies shot in Valley.

From 1951 To 1960

1958

Founding of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

1960

Kathleen Beachy saves Leonis Adobe from destruction.

From 1961 To 1970

1965

Mulwood develops as part of Woodland Hills. Calabasas is virtually unknown.

Edison begins purchase of land to stop expansion of Los Angeles W & P.

1968

Calabasas Park formed "New Bel Air" Rural Community"  
(\* Bechtel/Edison not motivated by development).

1969

Pre-1971 Homeowners Federation Created.

From 1971 To 1980

1971

Early efforts to preserve ridgelines.

1972

Calabasas image "exceeds" Woodland Hills: Calabasas is now considered a more "desirable" place to live.

1975

Calabasas High School opens.

1977

Hillside Grading Triggers First Attempt at Incorporation: City of Los Virgenes this area which included Agoura Hills and Calabasas focused on a number of shared factors:

- Inclusion within Same School District
- Inclusion within Same Water District
- Involvement in the Los Virgenes Homeowner's Association; and
- Perception of Los Angeles County as a Common Enemy.

1978

First Draft of Los Angeles County Area Plan.

From 1981 To 1990

1981

Commercial buildings on Calabasas Road constructed.

City of Westlake incorporates.

1982

City of Agoura Hills incorporates. Original boundaries proposed in the Los Virgenes incorporation attempt were reduced to include only the developed area. Consequently, Los Angeles County retained control over most of the undeveloped area, including Calabasas.

Los Angeles County Area Plan Adopted. However, throughout the 1980s the plan was ignored.

1983

Calabasas Cityhood Committee formed.

Apartments approved along Las Virgenes Road.

Impact of multiple projects realized: Orrin, Baldwin, Jordan Ranch.

1986

First stop light installed.

1987

Plummer house, once the oldest home in West Hollywood, was moved to Leonis Adobe.

Baldwin project galvanizes cityhood efforts.

Application for Cityhood rejected by LAFCO.

From 1981 To 1990 (Cont'd)

1987

Ventura Corridor plan prepared.

1988

Los Angeles County approved more units in Calabasas than any other part of the County.

Population increases, stop signs/traffic (late 80s -- suddenly).

1989

Old town coalition formed in response to Proposed Widening of Road & building proposals.

Freeway widened.



1991

City of Calabasas incorporates (April 5, 1991), forced to give rural areas and land use control to County. Major issues leading up to incorporation were:

- Local Use of Local Taxes
- Land Use Control
- Security

City joins Conejo Valley Association.

1992

Calabasas one valley separate from Los Angeles. Community still feels strongly ties to:

- Monte Nido,
- Cold Creek, and
- Agoura Hills.