
Calabasas 2030 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report Addendum

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INTRODUCTION

This document is an addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was certified by the Calabasas City Council on December 10, 2008. The addendum is required to address the potential environmental effects associated with minor corrections to the 2030 General Plan.

According to Section 15164 of the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines*, an addendum to a previously adopted EIR is the appropriate environmental document in instances when “only minor technical changes or additions are necessary” and when the new information does not involve new significant environmental effects beyond those identified in a certified EIR. The change being contemplated involves minor revisions to the adopted 2030 General Plan. As discussed below, the proposed revision would have no new significant environmental effects beyond those identified in the adopted 2030 General Plan. As such, the addendum is the appropriate environmental document under CEQA.

This addendum describes the proposed corrections to the 2030 General Plan and compares the impacts of this proposal to the impacts identified in the certified EIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 2030 General Plan, adopted in December 2008, is an update to the City’s first General Plan. The 2030 General Plan serves as a blueprint for the development of Calabasas through the year 2030. The General Plan includes seven mandated elements (land use, open space, conservation, housing, circulation, safety, and noise) as well as optional elements addressing community design, parks/recreation/trails, cultural resources, and services/infrastructure/technology.

Since adoption of the 2030 General Plan, City of Calabasas staff has discovered the need for some minor typographical/wording and mapping clarifications. These include:

1. Removal of “visitor-serving uses” from the list of allowed uses for the R-MF(12),¹ R-MF(16) and R-MF(20) land use designations in Table II-1, General Plan Land Use Districts, of the Land Use Element; the “basic” and “maximum” land use intensities for visitor-serving uses would also be removed.
2. Correction of a map registration issue on Figure II-1, Land Use Map, with respect to Gates Canyon Park and the surrounding area; the correction involves making the land use designations correspond to the park boundary, with a designation of “Public Facilities – Recreational” for the area within the current park boundary and a designation of “Open Space – Resource Protection” for the area outside the current park boundary.
3. Correction of the boundary of the area planned for development on the “Messenger” property along the east side of Las Virgenes Road on Figure II-1; the corrected boundary will coincide with the area shown for development on Figure IX-2, West Village, of the

¹ R-MF stands for Residential-Multiple Family. The R-MF(12) designation allows multiple family residential development at up to 12 units per acre, while the R-MF(16) and R-MF(20) designations allow up to 16 and 20 units per acre, respectively.



Community Design Element. This correction will also apply to the zoning map contained in the Calabasas Development Code. Note that this correction will not increase the developable area within the Messenger property.

4. Correction of the captions for images A and B of Figure IX-3, West Village Sketches, of the Community Design Element (the captions for images A and B will be switched)

The corrected versions of figures II-1 and IX-3 of the 2030 General Plan and the Development Code zoning map are attached.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

This section addresses the potential environmental effects associated with each of the above-described amendments.

Removal of Visitor-Serving Uses from R-MF Designations

Removal of “visitor-serving uses” from the list of allowable uses within the R-MF(12), R-MF(16), and R-MF(20) land use designations would not expand the location or magnitude of physical development that could be accommodated under the 2030 General Plan. Rather, this change would restrict the types of land uses that could occur within these land use designations. This action would limit the types of development that could occur within the R-MF designations, but would not create development potential beyond that already accommodated under the 2030 General Plan or otherwise create the potential for any significant physical environmental effects.

Correction of Map Registration Error Pertaining to Gates Canyon Park

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the General Plan land use designations for the area in and around Gates Canyon Park, making the land use designations on Figure II-1 of the Land Use Element consistent with the actual land uses. The map registration error existed prior to adoption of the 2030 General, but simply was not corrected. This clarification would not change the location or magnitude of physical development that could be accommodated under the 2030 General Plan and, therefore, would have no physical effect on the environment.

Correction of Messenger Property Development Area Boundary

The purpose of this amendment is to make the boundary shown on the generalized land use map (Figure II-1 of the Land Use Element) consistent with the more detailed map on Figure IX-2 of the Community Design Element. This amendment would not alter the overall acreage that could be developed within the Messenger property or the overall amount of development that could occur under the 2030 General Plan. As such, it would not result in any physical environmental effects beyond those identified in the 2030 General Plan Final EIR.

Correction of Figure IX-3 Captions

Correcting the placement of the captions on Figure IX-3 would have no environmental effect as it would not alter the location or magnitude of physical development that could be accommodated under the 2030 General Plan.



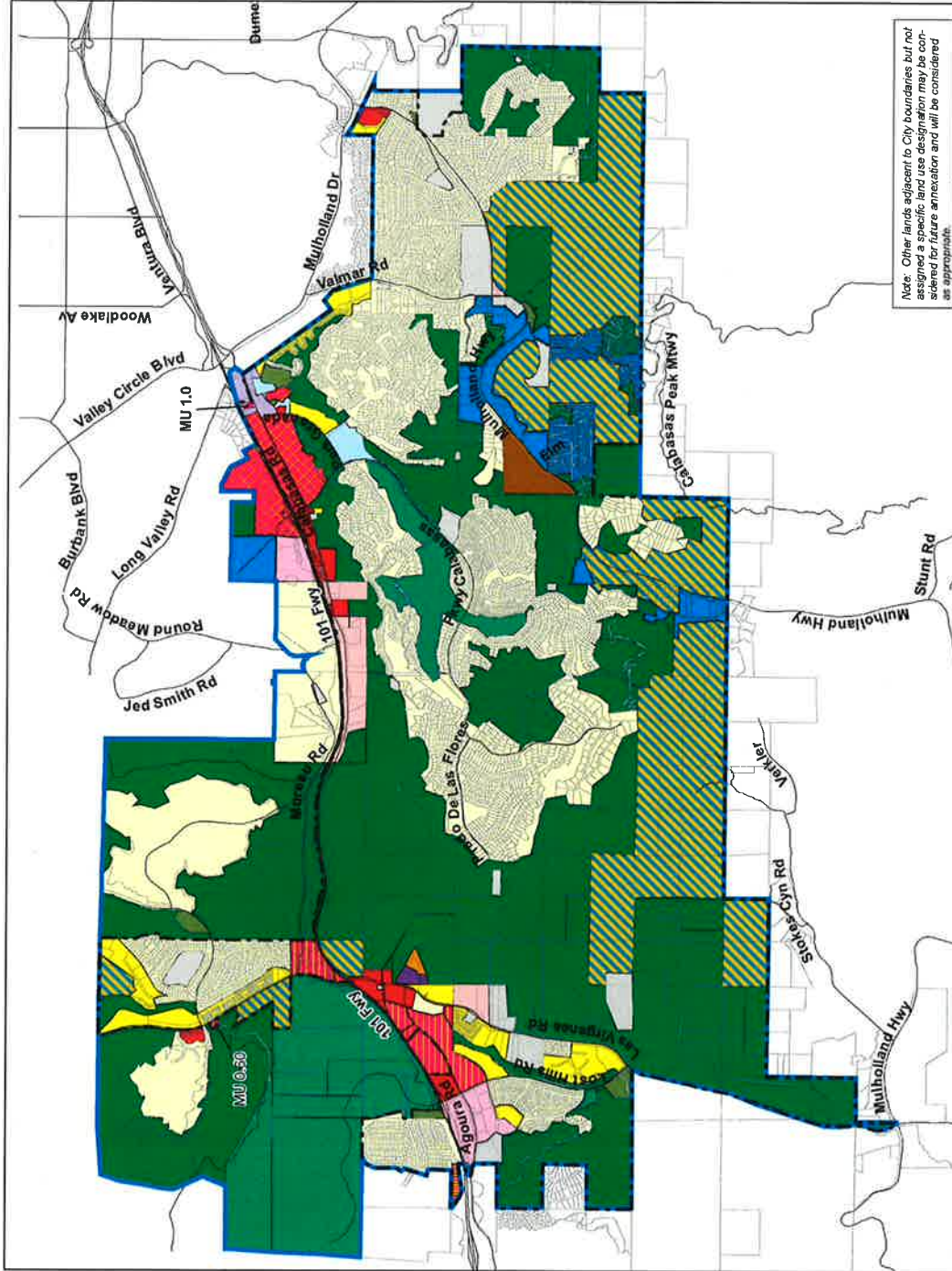
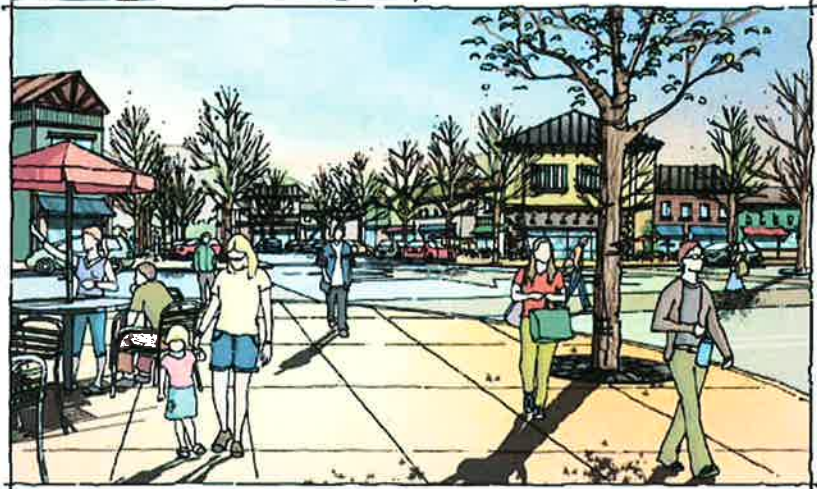


Figure II-1
Land Use Map



A

LOOKING EASTWARD ACROSS
LAS VIRGENES ROAD INTO
NEW MIXED USE SITE



B

LOOKING SOUTH ACROSS
AGOURA ROAD TOWARD
LAS VIRGENES CREEK



C

LOOKING SOUTHWESTERLY
ALONG LAS VIRGENES CREEK

Source: RRM Design Group, March, 2008.



Figure IX-3
West Village Sketches

