

## PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT NUMBER

TR74650

**HEARING** 

1/27/2020 February 5, 2020

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. TR74650 Conditional Use Permit No. 2016004409

Oak Tree Permit No. 201709209

Environmental Assessment No. 2016004410

**OWNER / APPLICANT MAP/EXHIBIT DATE** 

PI Properties No 36 LLC / Pico Canyon LLC August 21, 2018

PROJECT OVERVIEW

A request to create 37 single-family lots, 2 open space lots, and 6 public facility lots on approximately 95 acres. A CUP is requested to allow a density-controlled development with on-site grading exceeding 100,000 cubic yards in a Hillside Management Area. An Oak Tree Permit is requested to remove one oak tree.

LOCATION **ACCESS** 

West of Interstate 5 & Southwest of Pico Canyon Road, vacant lot adjoining Magnolia Lane cul-de-sac

Magnolia Lane

**ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER(S)** SITE AREA

2826-020-063 94.38 Gross Acres

**GENERAL PLAN / LOCAL PLAN ZONED DISTRICT** 

Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Newhall

LAND USE DESIGNATION **ZONE** 

A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural – 2-acre minimum lot size) RL2 (2 units per gross acre)

**PROPOSED UNITS** MAX DENSITY/UNITS **COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT** 

37 47 N/A

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION (CEQA)** 

Mitigated Negative Declaration

#### **KEY ISSUES**

- Consistency with the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan
- Satisfaction of the following Section(s) of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code:
  - 22.158.050 (Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof Requirements) 22.16.040 (A-2 Zone Development Standards)

**CASE PLANNER: PHONE NUMBER: E-MAIL ADDRESS:** 

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# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Regional Planning

#### PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DETERMINATION DATE: February 5, 2020

PROJECT NUMBER: TR74650

PERMIT NUMBER(S): VTTM No. TR74650, CUP No. 2016004409, OTP No.

2017009209

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 5

PROJECT LOCATION: Vacant land southwest of Pico Canyon & Interstate 5, East

of 25402 Magnolia Lane within the Santa Clarita Valley

Community

OWNER: RI Properties No. 36 LLC

APPLICANT: Pico Canyon, LLC

CASE PLANNER: Marie Pavlovic, Senior Regional Planner

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Los Angeles County ("County") completed an Initial Study to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the above-mentioned project. The Initial Study indicated that the project could potentially result in significant adverse effects on the environment, but those effects would be avoided or reduced to a less than significant level through project design modification and/or implementation of the recommended feasible mitigation measures. Therefore, the County proposes that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Accordingly, the enclosed Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program (MMRP) will need to be signed by the applicant and returned to the project planner.

Attached: Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation

Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and USB thumb drive

containing Appendices to the MND

## **Environmental Checklist Form (Initial Study)**

County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning



Project title: Canyon View Estates/Project No. 2016-002179; Tract Map No. 74650; Conditional Use Permit No. 2016004409; Oak Tree Permit No. RPPL2017009209; and Environmental Assessment No. 20160044100

Lead agency name and address: Los Angeles County, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Contact Person and phone number: Marie Pavlovic (213) 974-6433

**Project sponsor's name and address:** <u>Jemstreet Properties, 1435 Reynolds Court, Thousand Oaks, CA</u> 91362

Project location: Regionally, the Project site is situated west of Interstate 5 (I-5), north of California State Route 188 (SR-118), south of California State Route 126 (SR-126), and east of the Los Angeles-Ventura County boundary; refer to Figure 1, Regional Map. Locally, the Project site is located approximately 1,000 feet south of the intersection of Pico Canyon Road and Stevenson Ranch Parkway, immediately east of the Southern Oaks residential community (Southern Oaks community) and west of the Sunset Point residential community (Sunset Point community); refer to Figure 2, Aerial Photograph.

APN: 2826-020-012, 2826-020-013 and 2826-020-061

USGS Quad: Newhall and Oat Mountain

Gross Acreage: 94.38 gross acres

General plan designation: N/A

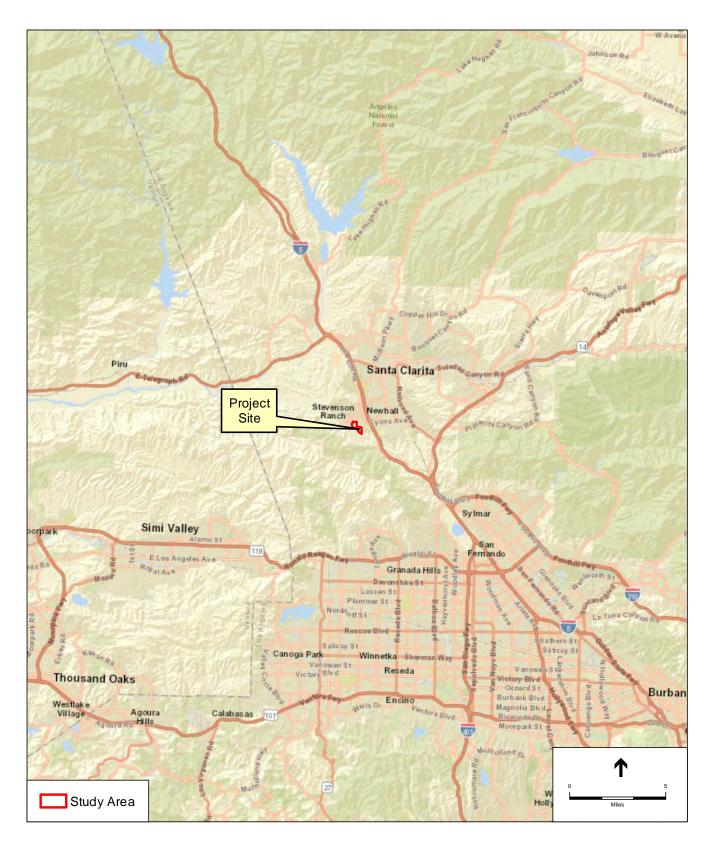
Community/Area wide Plan designation: RL2 – Rural Land (1 du per 2 acres)

Zoning: A-2-2 Heavy Agriculture (2-acre minimum lot size); no Community Standards District

Description of project: The Canyon View Estates Project (Project) proposes to develop 37 single-family residential lots, two open space lots, one public water quality basin, and five public facility lots (basins); refer to Figure 3, Tentative Tract Map. The proposed residential lots would occupy approximately 11.09 acres of the Project site. The remaining improved areas of the Project site would include 3.87 acres for supporting public roadway infrastructure, 2.85 acres of desilting basins, and 1.78 acres of water quality basin. Approximately 79 acres of open space is proposed. On-site drainage would flow to the existing unnamed drainage, which is tributary to Pico Creek. The Project proposes access from the existing Magnolia Lane within the neighboring Southern Oaks community. One scrub oak tree is proposed for removal. The Project site is located within Fire Zone 4, which is a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) that falls within the State Responsibility Area (SRA). Thus, a fuel modification plan for the perimeter portions of the proposed development envelopes would be required and has been conceptually approved by the County Fire Department.

The southeastern portion of the Project site includes the Santa Susana Mountains/Simi Hills Significant Ecological Area (SEA). The Project proposes the preservation of approximately 60 acres of undeveloped natural land within the northeastern and southern portions of the Project site. No development is proposed within the SEA. The Project open space would be contiguous with existing open space (Laing-Brookfield Open Space) to the south and southwest.

Project entitlements include Tract Map No. 74650, Conditional Use Permit No. 2016004409, Oak Tree Permit No. RPPL2017009209, and Environmental Assessment No. 20160044100.



SOURCE: ESRI StreetMap, 2009.

Canyon View Estates
Figure 1
Regional Map

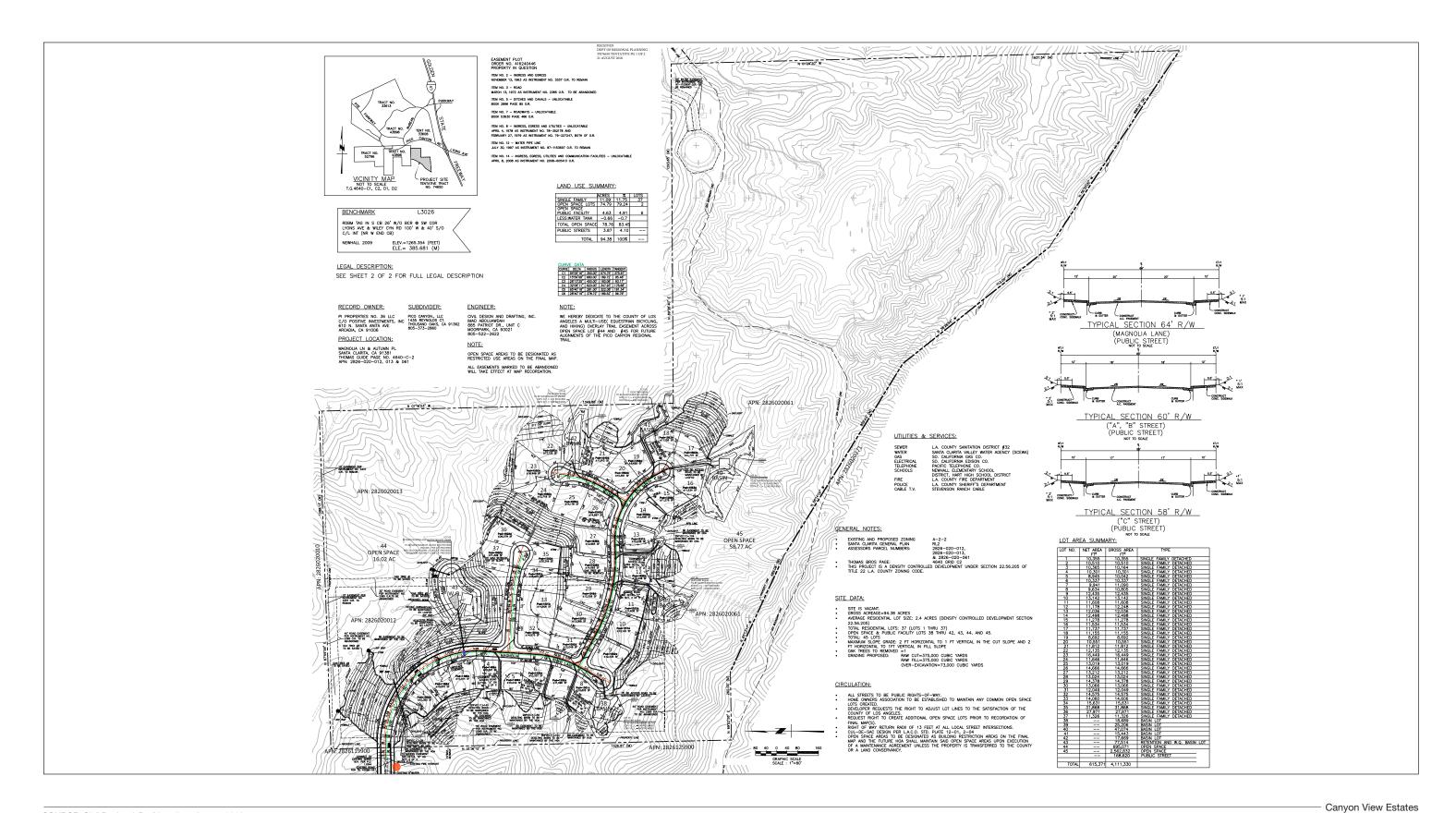




SOURCE: NAIP, 2014 (Aerial).

Canyon View Estates
Figure 2
Aerial Photograph





SOURCE: Civil Design & Drafting , Inc., August 2018

Figure 3

The following table provides a summary of the proposed land uses:

Land Use	Lots	Acres	Percent of Total
Single-Family	37	11.09	11.75
<b>Open Space</b>	2	74.79	79.24
Public Facility Basins	5	2.85	3.02
Water Quality Facility	1	1.78	1.89
<b>Public Streets</b>		3.87	4.10
Total	44	94.38	100

Grading: The Project would require approximately 375,000 cubic yards of cut material, with all cut material being used as fill material within the Project site. An additional 73,000 cubic yards of over-excavation and recompaction will also be required, for a total of 896,000 cubic yards of grading. The Project grading plan would balance the grading quantities such that no import or export of soil would be required. Manufactured slopes would have a maximum grade of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical. In the area to the north, a slope grade of 1.75 to 1 is proposed with the use of a geomat to preserve two coast live oak trees. The grading limits would be confined within the Project site. The grading plan for the Project would fully comply with County grading standards.

<u>Construction</u>: Project construction would last approximately 36 months with grading during the initial four months. A

Surrounding land uses and setting: The Southern Oaks community abuts the Project site on the west through which access to the Project site is proposed via Magnolia Lane while the Sunset Point community is located to the east of the Project site. Adjacent to the northwestern boundary of the Project site is Pico Canyon Park. To the south and southwest is open space and undeveloped property including the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park. The Pico Canyon Trail, a proposed four-mile trail mostly along Pico Canyon Road is aligned in areas generally to the east and southeast of the Project site. The existing 0.6-mile Pico Canyon Trail segment is northwest of the Project along Pico Canyon Road, from Stevenson Ranch Parkway west to the west end of the Southern Oaks community. The area to the north of the Project site is undeveloped. Figure 2 provides an aerial view of the Project site and surrounding uses.

The Project site is located within the Newhall School District and the William S. Hart Union High School District. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Valencia Water Division is the public water purveyor. Southern California Gas Company and Southern California Edison Company provide the natural gas and electrical utilities, respectively.

The Project site is currently vacant and consists of undeveloped terrain with moderate to steep variation in topography. An existing active water tank operated by the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, Valencia Water Division is located in the east-central portion of the Project site. Several small drainage courses traverse

through the site, flowing north toward Pico Creek. Vegetation within the Project site includes, but is not limited to, chaparral and alluvial or riparian habitat. The existing vegetation is recovering from a wildfire in 2003.

Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

On August 24, 2017, project notification letters were issued via mail and email to the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians and Gabrieleno Tongva. Consultation with the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians commenced on October 17, 2017.

Other public agencies whose approval may be required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

Public Agency Approval Required

<u>California Department of Fish and Wildlife</u>
<u>1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement</u>

California Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Certificate

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Clean Water Act Permit

Major projects in the area:

Project/Case No. Description and Status

00-136/TR52796 (Aidlin Hills) 102 residential lots approved in 2016.

TR061996 (Legacy Village) 1011 SFR units and 2446 condo units, a senior assisted living facility

(342 beds), 30.2 acres of public and private recreation areas, a 3.0-acre fire station, and 839,000 square feet of commercial development including a 337,000 s.f. senior assisted living facility over 1758.6-acre

project site.

TR060678 948 lots on 1745.7 acres yielding 699 SFR units; 2918 multifamily

apartments/condominiums; 66,400 s.f. for commercial uses; recreation centers; parks; schools; open spaces and public facilities within the

Newhall Ranch Specific Plan.

<b>Reviewing Agencies:</b> [See CEQA Appendix B to help determine which agencies should review your project]								
Responsible Agencies	Special Reviewing Agencies	Regional Significance						
None	None	None						
Regional Water Quality Control	Mountains Recreation and	SCAG Criteria						
Board:	Conservation Authority							
	National Parks	Water Resources						
Lahontan Region	☐ National Forest	Santa Monica Mtns. Area						
Coastal Commission	⊠ CalFire							
Army Corps of Engineers	William S. Hart Union School							
⊠ DOGGR	District							
Trustee Agencies	County Reviewing Agencies	Other						
None	□ DPW	☐ City of Santa Clarita						
State Dept. of Fish and	Fire Department							
Wildlife	- Forestry, Environmental							
State Dept. of Parks and	Division							
Recreation	-Planning Division							
State Lands Commission	- Land Development Unit							
University of California	Health Hazmat							
(Natural Land and Water	Sanitation District							
Reserves System)	☐ Public Health/Environmental							
	Health Division: Land Use							
	Program (OWTS), Drinking							
	Water Program (Private							
	Wells), Toxics Epidemiology							
	Program (Noise)							
	Sheriff Department							
	Parks and Recreation							
	Subdivision Committee							

### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project.									
	Aesthetics		Greenhouse Gas Emission	ns	$\boxtimes$	Public Services			
	Agriculture/Forestry	$\boxtimes$	Hazards/Hazardous Mate	rials		Recreation			
	Air Quality		Hydrology/Water Quality			Transportation			
$\boxtimes$	Biological Resources		Land Use/Planning		$\boxtimes$	Tribal Cultural Resources			
$\boxtimes$	Cultural Resources		Mineral Resources			Utilities/Services			
	Energy	$\boxtimes$	Noise		$\boxtimes$	Wildfire			
	Geology/Soils		Population/Housing	0	$\boxtimes$	Mandatory Findings of Significance			
DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Department.) On the basis of this initial evaluation:									
	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a <u>NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u> will be prepared.								
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.								
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an <u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</u> is required.								
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.								
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.								
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