

RESOLUTION NO. 04-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 04-01, A REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF RIDGECREST GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE NEWLY ADOPTED HOUSING ELEMENT, AND GENERAL PLAN CHAPTERS AND SPECIFIC GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS AND RELATED ZONING ORDINANCE MAP CHANGES

THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION 1. NEGATIVE DECLARATION FINDINGS

On February 18, 2004, the Ridgecrest City Council duly and regularly reviewed the potential for environmental impact of General Plan Amendment 04-01 a request for amendments to the City Ridgecrest General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency between the newly adopted Housing Element, and general plan chapters and specific general plan amendments and related zoning ordinance map changes., City of Ridgecrest, applicant.

The Council considered the initial study and evaluation and approved the certification and filing of a Negative Declaration based upon the findings that:

- (a) The project is in compliance with zoning regulations and procedures.
- (b) The project is in conformity with the applicable elements of the General Plan and specific plans.
- (c) The design of the project will not cause substantial environmental damage or substantially injure fish or wildlife or their habitats.

SECTION 2. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Council hereby adopts and certifies a Negative Declaration for the project with this mitigation measure:

1. All mitigations identified in the initial study shall be adopted
 - (a) The proposed general plan amendment is internally consistent with the adopted elements and the goals, objectives, policies, and programs of the General Plan.
 - (b) The areas are physically suited for the General Plan designations proposed in that the request is compatible with surrounding land uses and will make zone designation match the General Plan designation in the area.
 - (c) The proposed general plan amendment is:
 1. Not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitats; therefore a negative declaration has been approved for the project.
 2. Not likely to cause serious public health problems.

SECTION 3. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FINDINGS

On February 18, 2004, the Ridgecrest City Council held a public hearing and duly and regularly considered General Plan Amendment 04-01 a request for amendments to the City Ridgecrest

General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency between the newly adopted Housing Element, and general plan chapters and specific general plan amendments and related zoning ordinance map changes, City of Ridgecrest, applicant.

The Ridgecrest City Council considered the evidence and recommends approval of this request as set forth herein:

- (d) The proposed general plan amendment is internally consistent with the adopted elements and the goals, objectives, policies, and programs of the General Plan.
- (e) The areas are physically suited for the General Plan designations proposed in that the request is compatible with surrounding land uses and will make zone designation match the General Plan designation in the area.
- (f) The proposed general plan amendment is:
 - 1. Not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitats; therefore a negative declaration has been approved for the project.
 - 2. Not likely to cause serious public health problems.

SECTION 4. DESCRIPTION

The proposed project which is the subject of these proceedings consists of General Plan Amendment 04-01 a request for amendments to the City Ridgecrest General Plan and Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency between the newly adopted Housing Element, and general plan chapters and specific general plan amendments and related zoning ordinance map changes (Appendix A through F and Exhibit A).

SECTION 5. APPROVAL

Ridgecrest City Council hereby approves the finding of consistency relating to General Plan Amendment 04-01 and Planning Commission Resolutions 04-02 and 04-03.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2004 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Carter, Council Members Holloway, Martin, Morgan, and Clark

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Ronald H. Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Harvey M. Rose
City Clerk