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SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

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Dear Neighbors,

On Thursday, October 29, Skywalker Properties filed a “Minor Master Plan Amendment” with the County Community Development Agency for its Big Rock Ranch property. Although the property is in the Nicasio planning area, we think it would be of interest to residents living in the Lucas Valley neighborhoods since access to Big Rock is provided through Lucas Valley Road.



Essentially, the application seeks approval to convert part of the commercial office space currently being used at Big Rock to provide 57 rooms of overnight lodging, upgraded food and fitness facilities, and larger meeting room spaces, without changing the external footprints or external appearance of any of the existing buildings. The existing Master Plan approved use of the property for multimedia offices with a private theater, cafeteria/dining room, daycare and fitness center, and archive storage. None of the proposed improvements would be available to the general public. The changes have been described as aiming to provide employees and clients with amenities that are similar to those provided at Skywalker Ranch, while complying with the Big Rock Ranch Master Plan’s population limits. The remodeling will affect about 24% of the total floor area of the approximately 317,000 square foot complex. The Community Development Agency will be reviewing the proposal to determine whether it would result in any impacts relative to traffic and other land use factors.

We expect that this Minor Master Plan Amendment will be considered by the Planning Commission in early 2016, with a subsequent hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

The Community Development Agency’s Project Planning webpage will be updated with more information about this proposal by next week, which will be available under the “Nicasio” subpage : <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/projects>.

For further questions, please contact County Development Agency Planner Jocelyn Drake at jdrake@marincounty.org

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