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County Expresses Openness to New Proposal for Grady Ranch *Lucas works with Marin Community Foundation on new vision for property*

San Rafael, CA - County officials today expressed interest and openness to learning more about a new proposal for the Grady Ranch site in Upper Lucas Valley.

The Marin Community Foundation announced today that it was working with the Lucas team to explore possibilities for the Grady Ranch property, including senior housing, workforce housing and family housing on the location.

"I'm looking forward to learning about Mr. Lucas' latest vision for his property in conjunction with the Foundation," said Supervisor Susan Adams, who represents the Lucas Valley area. "As with any development, we're ready to hear more and work together on this."

"Lucas has been a steward of the land and a great contributor to the community," said President of the Board of Supervisors Steve Kinsey. "We are very interested in seeing what new ideas the Lucas team has for his property in partnership with the Marin Community Foundation."

Last month, Lucas' team withdrew its application for a film production development at Grady Ranch in upper Lucas Valley after uncertainty expressed by regulatory agencies and potential litigation threats by residents opposing the project. While poised to approve the project, the County postponed its action after both parties recognized the value of taking some time to respond to the objections. Despite a County-launched campaign asking Lucas to reconsider his decision, the Lucas team did not have a change of heart on his development application.

Returning the property for housing development would not be a new idea, according to Brian Crawford, Director of the Community Development Agency, "Before the Lucasfilm proposal for Grady Ranch, the site and the adjacent community have long been planned for housing by the County's land use regulations. If affordable housing is eventually included in a future development proposal, it would help us meet our needs for workforce housing in Marin."

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