

Subject: Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners Meeting: September 26, 2006

Two things of interest to NVNA Members occurred:

1. Commissioner Butler proposed a resolution that there be a “temporary moratorium” on new “development” in the County while the County Staff and Commission studied and updated the drainage issues that were revealed by the recent heavy rains. The resolution was amended to reflect that there would not be a “moratorium,” as such. *However*, there will be a “Task Force” named to work with the Staff and “prioritize” the arroyo areas that are at greatest risk. This “Task Force” is required to report back to the Commission with its findings and recommendations on December 12, 2006.

While this does not seem to affect NVNA directly, it might encourage the City Council to proceed promptly with its Annexation effort for “Vista Rancho” in order to avoid discussing the County Task Force recommendations. We will oppose any such hasty action by the City of Las Cruces!

2. The County Commission’s approved allowing the City of Las Cruces to annex 210 acres in the vicinity of “Los Colinas” (North of Rte. 70 East). The City evidently offered the County some input into the handling of “drainage” issues involved in the development of the annexed area *in exchange for approval of this annexation*. The City Council Agenda for October 2, 2006 includes approval of *that* annexation.

Our concern is that if the City offered the same “deal” for the annexation of the “Vista Rancho” development, the County might cave-in to the offer and we could lose the County Commission’s support for our effort to “stoptheannexation.” We have written to the County Board of Commissioners expressing this concern.

If this were to happen, we would need your active support to mobilize our members quickly to stop this combined political effort to annex the “Vista Rancho” development into the City of Las Cruces!

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT THESE ISSUES!!