

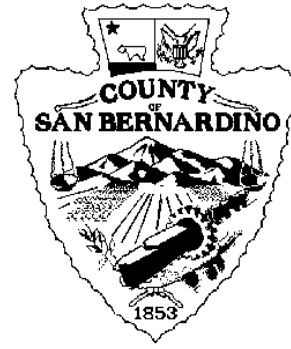
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Helendale Growth to be Subject of Planning Effort

SAN BERNARDINO – To ensure that growth in Helendale is well-planned and supported by adequate infrastructure, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today authorized seeking a consultant to draft a Specific Plan that will guide future development.

“Helendale has tremendous potential for growth, but it also has tremendous challenges in terms of water, roads and other infrastructure,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the area. “I am committed to helping the current and future residents of Helendale build a community of the highest quality by developing a comprehensive plan that will ensure a great living environment.”

The Board approved the release of a Request for Proposals to seek a consulting firm to develop a Specific Plan for Helendale. The Specific Plan will cover water, sewer, land use planning, traffic circulation, landscaping, and design guidelines for architecture, signage and lighting. The plan would also seek to maintain aspects of Helendale’s rural character that are valued by the community’s residents.

There have been several large developments proposed for Helendale. Supervisor Mitzelfelt has responded by calling for a comprehensive planning process to avoid a piecemeal approach that could lead to growth without adequate infrastructure or public services. As development of the specific plan moves forward, there will be outreach to the public and opportunities for public input.

The area includes the Silver Lakes community between National Trails Highway and Highway 395. No changes to the Silver Lakes master plan are expected and the Helendale Specific Plan will respect and retain the unique characteristics of Silver Lakes.

After proposals from consultants are received and evaluated, a contract to develop the plan will be awarded. The contract should be awarded in the next few months.