Susan and Clay- At last week’s meeting, the MAC voted unanimously to submit the attached as the MAC’s input on the VS&GP.

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DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR OJAI VALLEY MAC

I propose that the Ojai Valley MAC consider adopting the following at its August 21, 2017 meeting:

The Ojai Valley MAC requests that the Ventura County Planning Commission revise the draft Vision and Guiding Principles for the County of Ventura in a manner that:

1. Recognizes the existence of unique geographical regions within the County and anticipates the integration of specific Area Plans into the General Plan’s broader goals, policies, and programs.
   - The Ojai Valley’s unique geographic features, and their impact on the valley’s air quality, are of particular concern to the Ojai Valley MAC.

2. Incorporates active and objectively understandable language wherever possible (e.g., “improve,” “increase,” or “reduce,” as opposed to “manage.”)
   - We have the opportunity to move beyond status quo planning language and create an ambitious vision of economic prosperity, environmental quality, and social justice.

3. Reflects the urgency of climate change, both in the need to reduce the County’s contributions to it and the County’s need to adapt and plan for its consequences.
   - We encourage the Planning Commission to address climate change in the Vision and Guiding Principles with the seriousness and urgency that it demands—including its relationship to extreme events and hazards—and less as an issue that is simply required to be addressed.

4. Adds a principle related to environmental justice.
   - A starting place could be: “Protect residents in disadvantaged communities from disproportionate burdens of environmental pollutants and hazards.”

5. More clearly articulates a vision of mutual prosperity for the linked systems of human economy, infrastructure, and environment.
   - These principles are primarily addressed separately in the current draft. We believe that the Vision and Guiding Principles should also recognize their interrelatedness and articulate a vision in which programs and policies are designed to benefit—as opposed to simply manage—all of them simultaneously.