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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

August 15, 2012

Scott Barber
City Manager
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street 7th Floor
Riverside, CA 92522

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Dear City Manager Barber:

Infestations of an exotic insect, the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), have been detected in host plants in and around the Community of Woodcrest. Direct injury caused by ACP results from the withdrawal of large amounts of sap from the plant as they feed and produce copious amounts of honeydew. The honeydew coats the leaves of the tree, encouraging sooty mold to grow. However, the most serious damage caused by the ACP is its ability to transmit a bacterial disease called huanglongbing (HLB) to citrus trees. The HLB disease is fatal to citrus trees. Establishment of ACP and HLB in California will negatively impact all of California's citrus industry and all backyard citrus trees through death of the diseased trees.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 from 2011 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Woodcrest Library, 16625 Krameria Avenue, Riverside, California 92504. The CDFA and cooperating agencies will be present to answer any questions regarding the program for interested citizens in the treatment area.

CDFA will begin a treatment program against the ACP beginning the week of August 27, 2012. A dilute formulation of Tempo® SC Ultra (cyfluthrin), a contact insecticide, will be applied to the leaves of host plants (citrus trees) to be used against the Asian citrus psyllid adults and nymphs. Additionally, a dilute formulation of Merit® 2F - an imidacloprid insecticide, will be applied to soil beneath the drip line of host plants to eliminate developing nymphs and adult psyllids. These materials will be applied at least one time to the host plants at designated residential properties. Residents of affected properties will be notified individually at least 48-hours prior to any application of insecticides.

Information regarding the treatment and meeting is enclosed in this packet. Please contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David Pegos
Special Assistant

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE
PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY

OPEN HOUSE MEETING ON THE TREATMENT PLANS AGAINST THE ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID DETECTED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Meeting – Tuesday, August 21, 2012
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Woodcrest Library
Community Room
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504

The Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), a serious insect pest in California, has been detected in your neighborhood. The ACP is a tiny, flying insect that transmits a bacterial disease called huanglongbing (HLB) to citrus trees. Trees infected with the HLB disease produce bitter and misshapen fruit. The HLB disease is fatal to citrus trees. The ACP is a threat to California's backyard and commercially grown citrus. Emergency treatment and quarantine action is needed to protect California from the negative economic and environmental impacts the establishment of this pest throughout California would cause.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture consulted with scientists who are experts in the biology of this pest. These experts have recommended a treatment plan designed to mitigate the infestation.

Limited ground treatments with a formulation of a pyrethroid will be applied to the foliage of citrus trees on your property. At the same time, an imidacloprid insecticide will be applied to the soil beneath the citrus trees for ongoing protection against the ACP.

Residents of properties scheduled for treatment will be notified at least 48 hours prior to the application. Included in this packet is a map outlining the project area.

To inform you of planned activities, residents of the affected area are invited to attend an open house meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, between 5:30pm and 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Woodcrest Library, Riverside. The open house will not feature a formal presentation; rather, it will be staffed by cooperating agency officials familiar with this program who will be able to individually address your concerns and answer any questions. Please feel free to stop by at any time during the scheduled 5:30pm to 7:00pm time frame.

Your cooperation with this program is needed to rid California of this harmful invading pest while it is still possible. If you cannot attend this important meeting and require additional information, please contact our toll-free PEST HOTLINE at (800) 491-1899 for further assistance.

DEPARTAMENTO DE ALIMENTOS Y AGRICULTURA
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REUNIÓN INFORMATIVA PARA TODAS LAS PERSONAS QUE DESEEN INFORMARSE ACERCA DE LOS PLANES DE TRATAMIENTO DEL PSÍLIDO ASIÁTICO DE LOS CÍTRICOS

Reunión – Martes, 21 de Agosto, 2012
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Biblioteca Woodcrest
Sala de Comunidad
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504

El psílido asiático de los cítricos, la cual es una peste que no existe en California, ha sido encontrado en su barrio. El psílido es un insecto pequeño que vuele y puede transmitir la bacteria que causa la enfermedad de huanglongbing (HLB) a los cítricos. Los síntomas incluyen brotes amarillos, hojas amarillentas con moteado asimétrico y erectas. Los frutos son irregulares y de sabor amargo. HLB puede matar a los cítricos. El psílido es una amenaza a los cítricos en los jardines y a los cítricos comercialmente cultivados. Para proteger California del impacto negativo que esta peste causaría a su economía y medio ambiente es necesaria tomar acción de tratamiento de emergencia.

El Departamento de Alimentos y Agricultura de California ha consultado con científicos que son expertos en la biología de esta plaga. Estos expertos determinaron que para poder ser efectivos en la mitigación de este insecto, su estado larval debe ser atacado.

El Departamento de Alimentos y Agricultura de California va a haber aplicaciones al follaje de los cítricos en su propiedad de aspersiones de una formulación de pyrethroid. A la misma vez va a haber aplicaciones terrestres bajo de los cítricos con una insecticida de tipo imidacloprid para protegerlos del psílido.

Los dueños de las propiedades serán notificados 48 horas antes de cada tratamiento. Adjunto a este aviso hay un mapa del área de tratamiento y un panfleto sobre el psílido.

Para informales sobre las acciones que se han programado, los residentes de las áreas afectadas son invitados a atender una reunión informativa martes, el 21 de Agosto, 2012, entre las horas de 5:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m. – Sala de Comunidad – Biblioteca Woodcrest en Riverside. La reunión no será formal. Los miembros de las agencias de gobierno colaborados estarán en la reunión para proveer información y contestar preguntas acerca del programa.

Se necesita su cooperación con este programa para librar a California de esta dañina e invasiva peste – mientras sea posible. Si usted no puede atender esta reunión importante y si usted requiere información adicional, por favor contacte nuestra línea de teléfono gratis al número (800) 491-1899.

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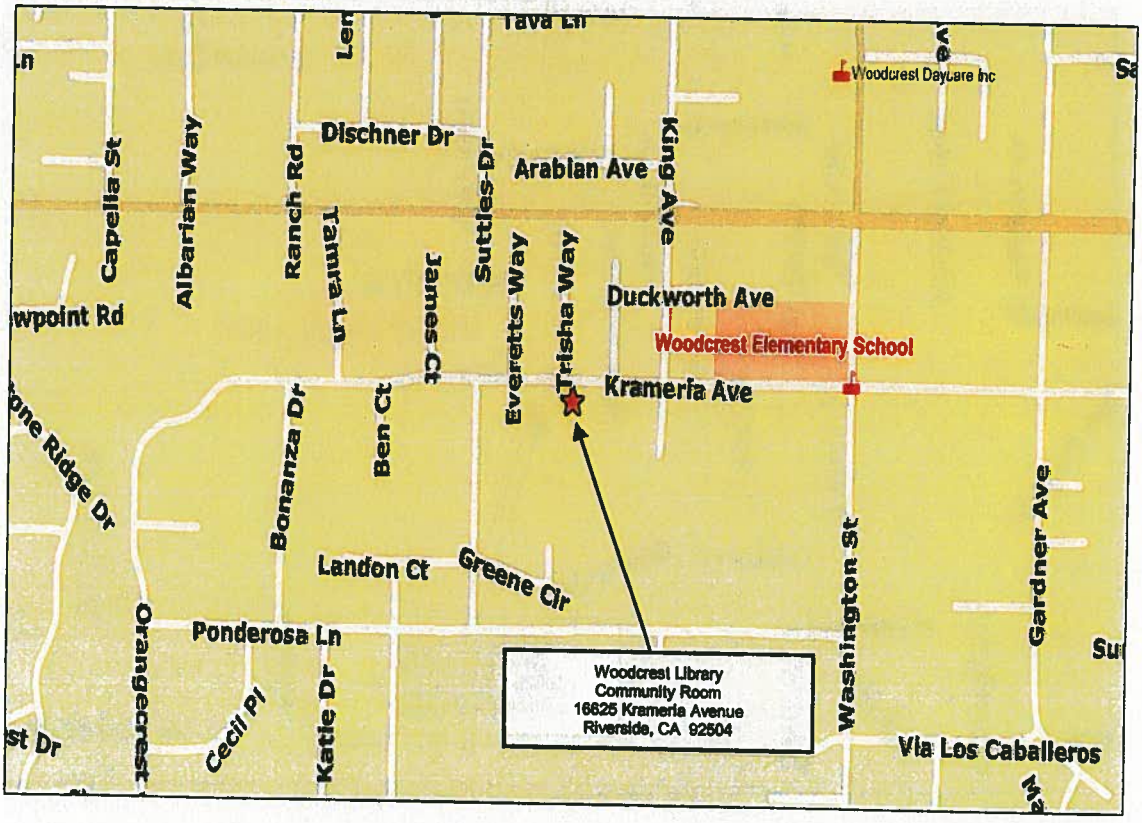
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM



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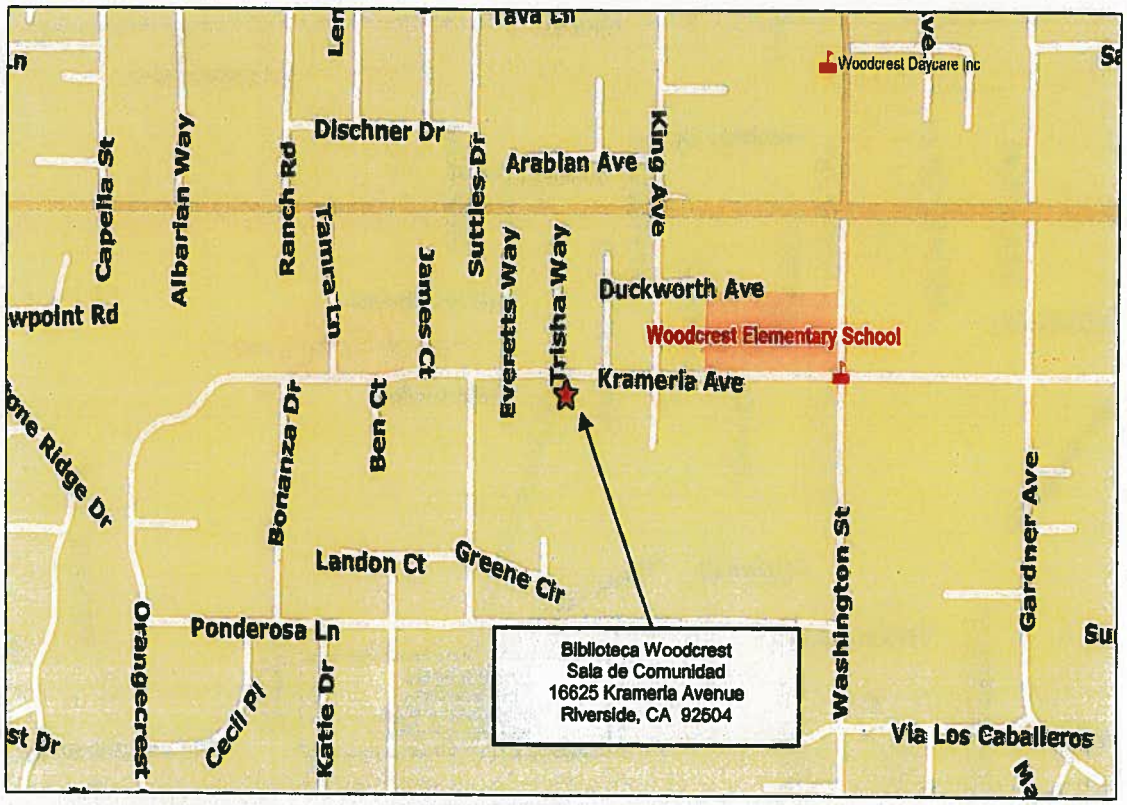

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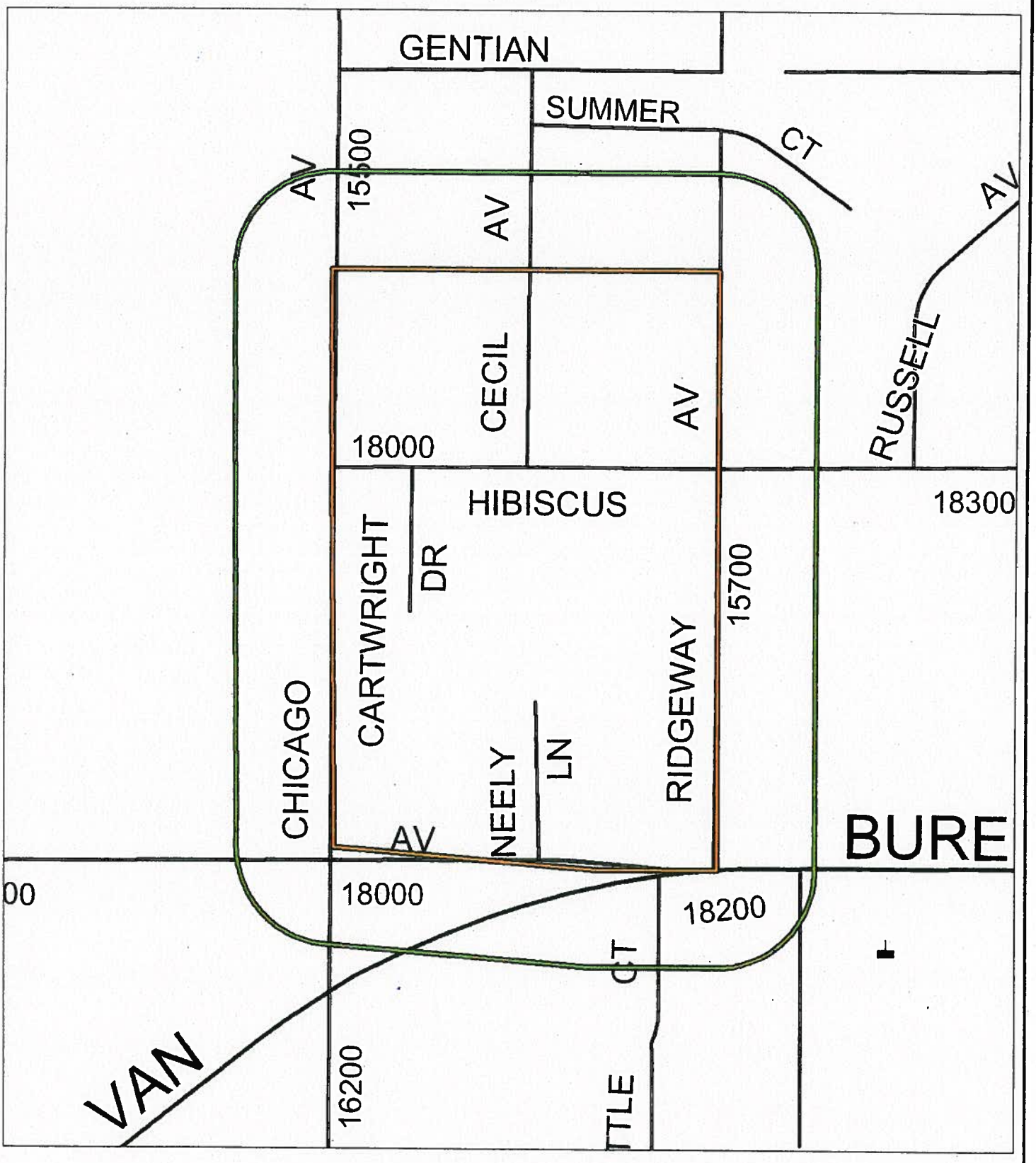

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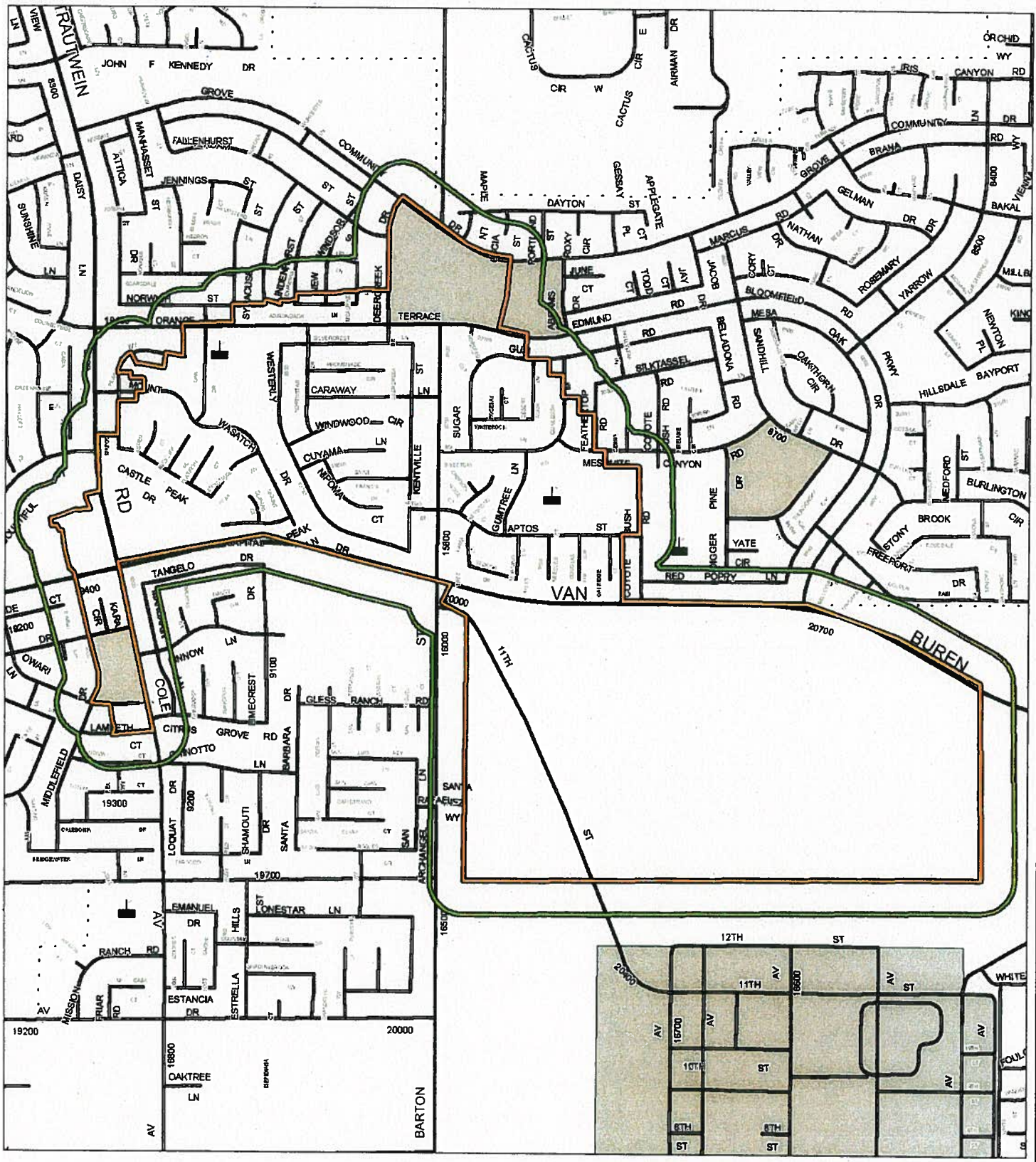

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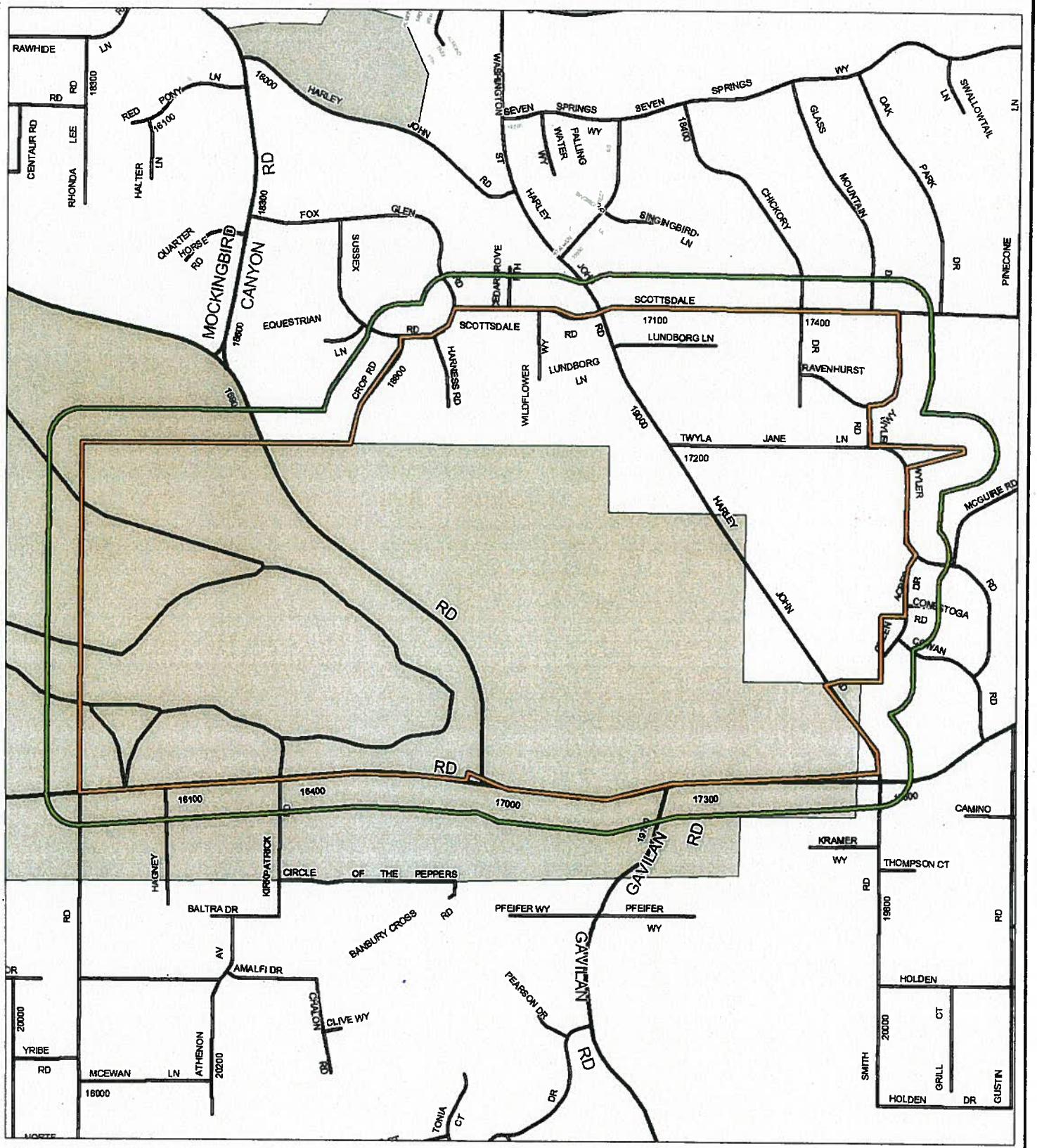

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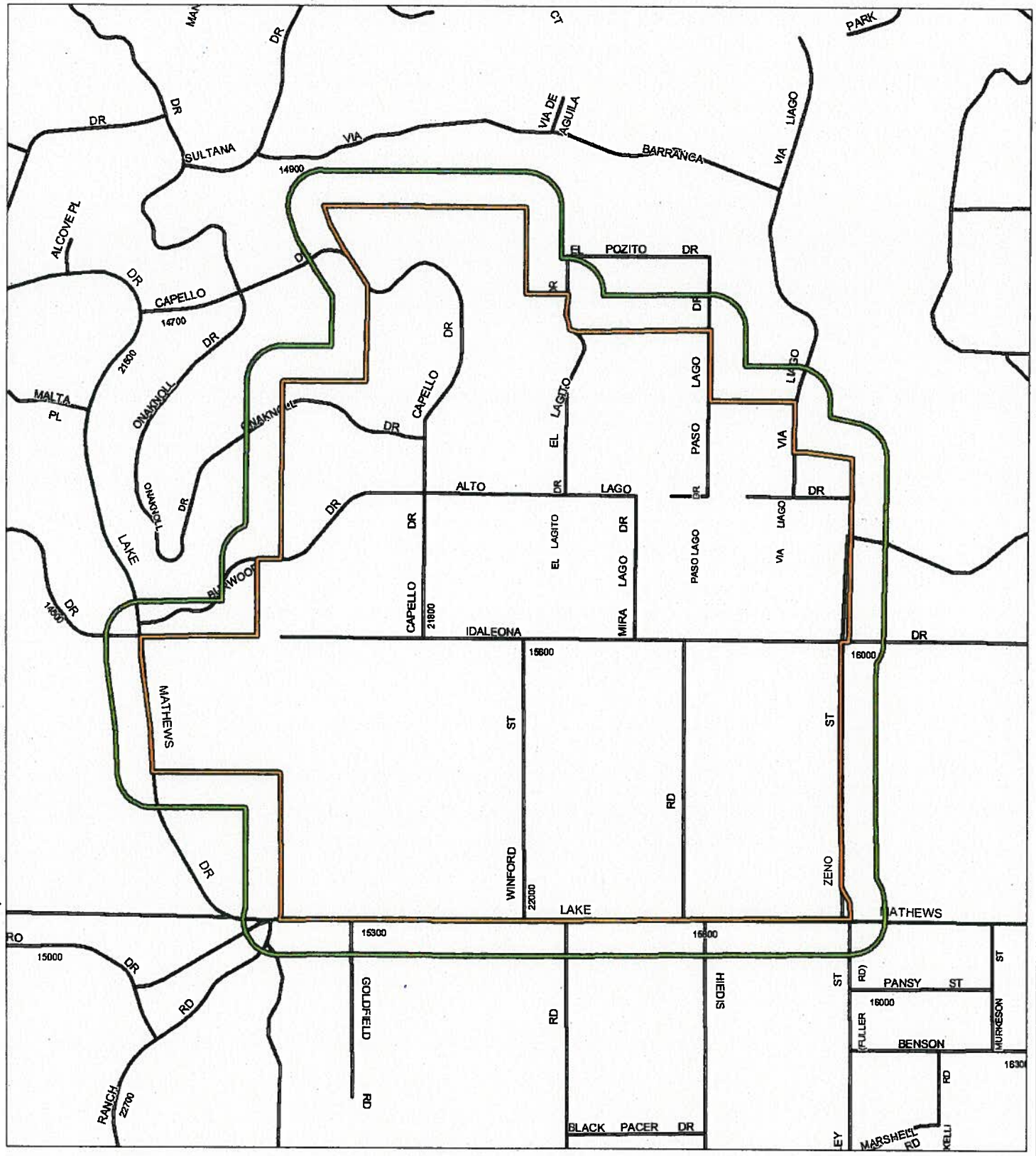

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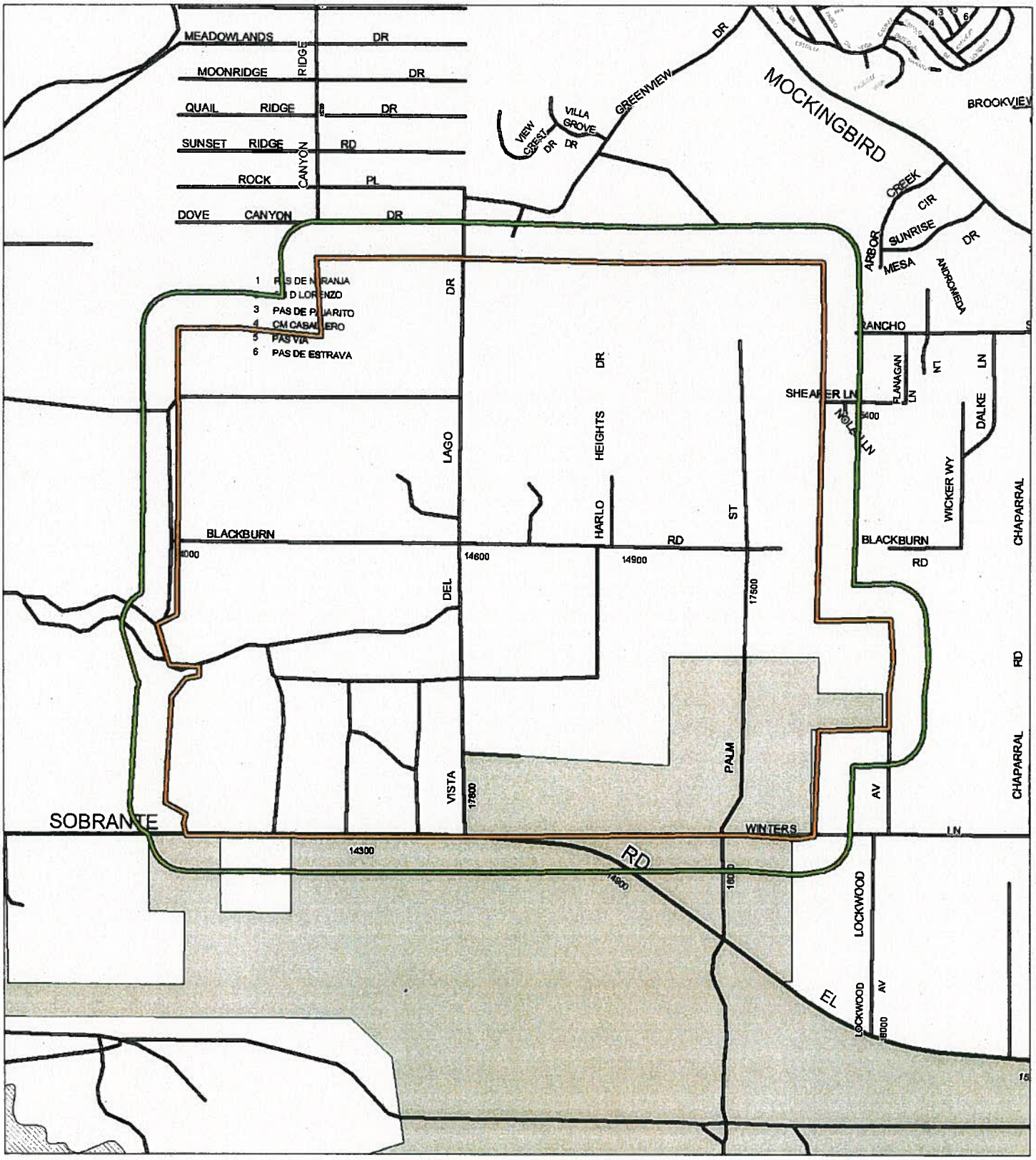

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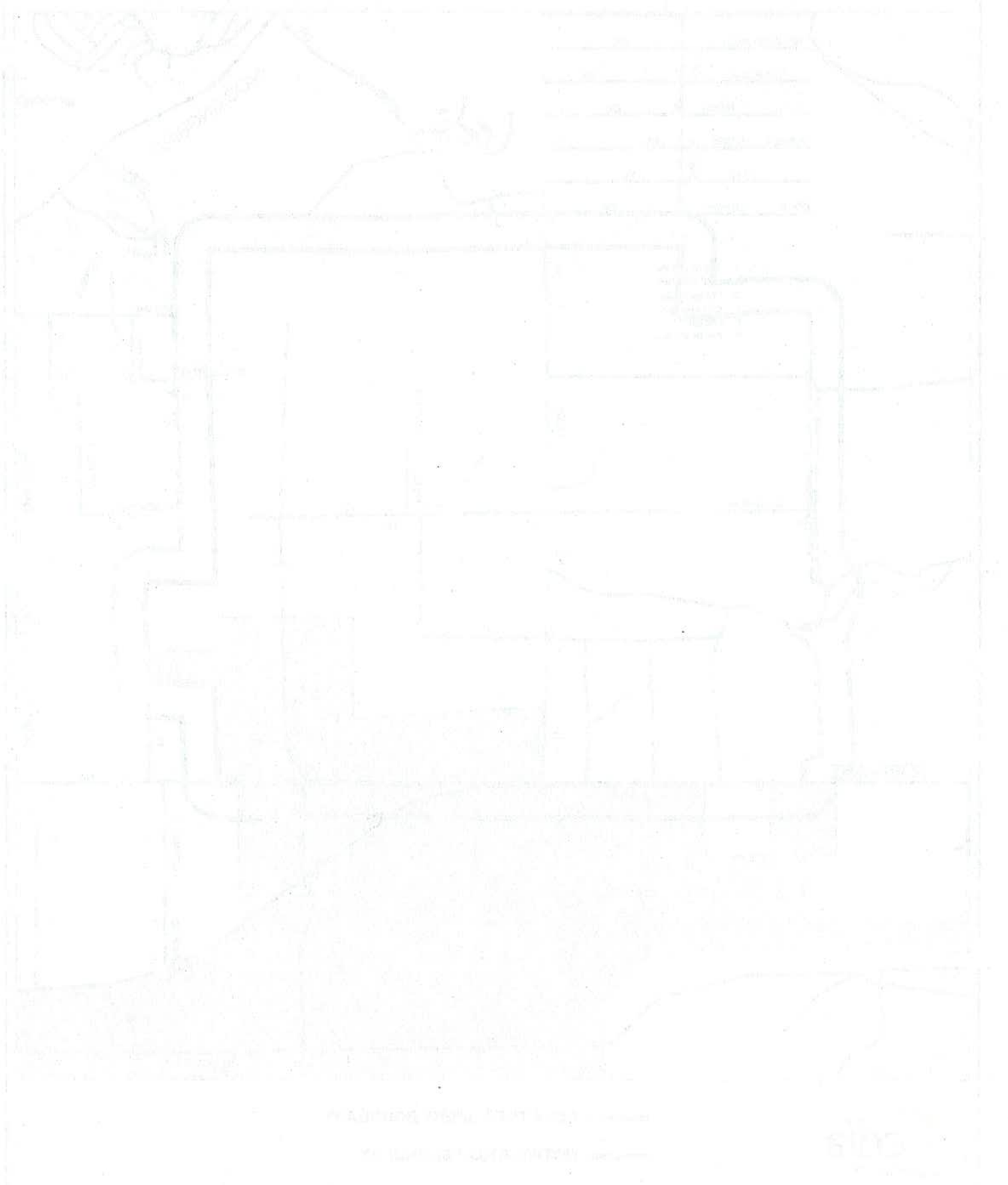
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