

Community Focus Statement D: Attract new development to Helendale while maintaining the existing community character and rural desert lifestyle

Action Statement D.4: Develop stronger coordination on planning between the Silver Lakes HOA, Helendale Community Services District and the County.

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Benchmark: The Silver Lakes Association and the Helendale Community Services District coordinate to provide initial comments at the preliminary application review phase of the project process, to ensure projects are consistent with community design guidelines.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Volunteer time.

The County's Land Use Services Department preliminary application review process consists of routing new projects for comments to the subsequent reviewing agencies such as fire, police, and utilities. Reviewing agencies then provide comments on the project within a timeframe dictated by the County. The Helendale Community Services District and the Silver Lakes Association could benefit from being able to provide comments at the pre-application phase of development projects. Both the Helendale Community Services District and the Silver Lakes HOA have been placed on San Bernardino County Land Use Services notice sheet and will receive notices of all projects within Helendale.

The CSD and the association could create a task force specifically designed to provide meaningful comments on projects within a delineated boundary of the Helendale community. This task force would ensure that proposed development would be consistent with community character or offer suggestions and solutions for projects that could result in undesirable development. Additionally, representatives from the association, the CSD, and the County Land Use Services Department could meet annually to discuss land use issues and solutions in Helendale.

This coordination could operate as a part of Action Statement A.7, which promotes communication between the County and the Helendale Community Services District. Additionally, stronger coordination on planning would also include establishing a Design Committee, as part of Action Statement D.3. By having a larger presence and active voice in the County planning process, Helendale can ensure that the existing community character and rural desert lifestyle are maintained.



View of Helendale. Photo Source: Michael Baker International



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Request County Land Use Services places the Silver Lakes Association and Helendale CSD on the County LUS notification sheet for all projects occurring within Helendale.	Champion	Completed.	San Bernardino County Land Development Division http://cms.sbcounty.gov/us/LandDevelopment/LandDevelopmentHome.aspx
2. Ensure that during the County's preliminary application review process, the County routes new projects proposed in the community for review and comment by the Silver Lakes Association and the Helendale Community Services District.	Champion	Whenever a new project is submitted for preliminary application review	San Bernardino County Planning Division http://cms.sbcounty.gov/us/Planning/PlanningHome.aspx
3. Make certain that the Silver Lakes Association and the Helendale Community Services District use adopted design guidelines (see Action Statement D.4) developed by the design committee (see Action Statement D.3) in order to provide accurate comments.	Champion and Silver Lakes Association, Helendale Community Services District, design committee	On-going	
4. Ensure that the Silver Lakes Association and the Helendale Community Services District respond within the time given by the County for their comments to be properly processed.	Champion and Silver Lakes Association, Helendale Community Services District, design committee	On-going	