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San Rafael Chamber Supports Grady Ranch Project at Skywalker Properties

SAN RAFAEL – The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce voted yesterday to support the Grady Ranch Phase of Skywalker Properties' Master Plan development in Lucas Valley.

The proposal is extremely beneficial to Marin County and its residents. It has been carefully designed and offers many community enhancements. The new project will bring more than 250 jobs and generate significant new tax revenue that Marin County desperately needs. This project will strengthen our local economy.

In 2004, the County of Marin commissioned a *Targeted Industries Report*. The purpose of the study was to develop a set of economic, social and environmental criteria that would help Marin County evaluate which types of industries should be encouraged. Multimedia was identified as an industry Marin should support. Targeted Industries are critical because they are drivers of prosperity and job growth in all local sectors. This project brings jobs to Marin that were targeted in that report.

In addition, Skywalker Ranch has proven to be an outstanding community member and committed to enhancing our everyday quality of life in San Rafael. The entire project secures over 3,000 acres of open space and nearly 2,500 acres of agricultural preserve, eleven miles of public trails and over 5,000 new trees.

The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce believes that a healthy business community is invaluable to the community as a whole and supports the proposal the Grady Ranch Phase of Skywalker Properties'.

The San Rafael Chamber represents over 550 members with over 10,000 employees. The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce is a member- based business advocacy organization providing a strong voice in support of the economic vitality of our community. For more information visit www.SRChamber.com

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