



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To: ☒ **County Clerk**
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1260
Ventura, CA 93009

From: **County of Ventura**
RMA, Planning Division
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1740
Ventura, CA 93009

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(Only if State discretionary approval is required)

A. Project Description:

1. **Entitlement:** General Plan Amendment; Case No. PL23-0033
2. **Applicant's Name:** County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
3. **Applicant's Address:** 800 S. Victoria Avenue, L#1740, Ventura, CA 93009
4. **Location:** Unincorporated Ventura County areas of North Ventura Avenue, Oxnard Plain, and Santa Paula (see the attached maps)
5. **Project Title:** Including Additional Designated Disadvantaged Communities in the General Plan
6. **Project Description:** On July 23, 2024, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Ventura County General Plan to identify additional designated disadvantaged communities (DDCs) located in the unincorporated areas of North Ventura Avenue, Oxnard Plain, and Santa Paula. The amendment to the General Plan includes updates to the Land Use and Community Character Element and the General Plan Background Report, such as minor text revisions, amendment of existing figures, new figures depicting the additional DDCs, and a new Background Report appendix to include the Planning Division's study findings regarding the DDCs.

B. Lead Agency Contact:

1. **Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
2. **Contact Person:** Jessica Nguyen, Case Planner
3. **Telephone No.:** 805-654-5037
4. **E-mail Address:** JessicaT.Nguyen@ventura.org

C. Exempt Status: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

D. Justification for Exemption:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) states that a project is exempt from CEQA when "[t]he activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The amendment to the General Plan simply identifies where additional DDCs are located based upon research conducted by Ventura County Planning Division staff. These designations do not cause any change to the existing environment. Furthermore, the designations are intended to protect the identified disadvantaged communities from further environmental pollution and harm. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that this General Plan amendment will not have any significant effect on the environment.

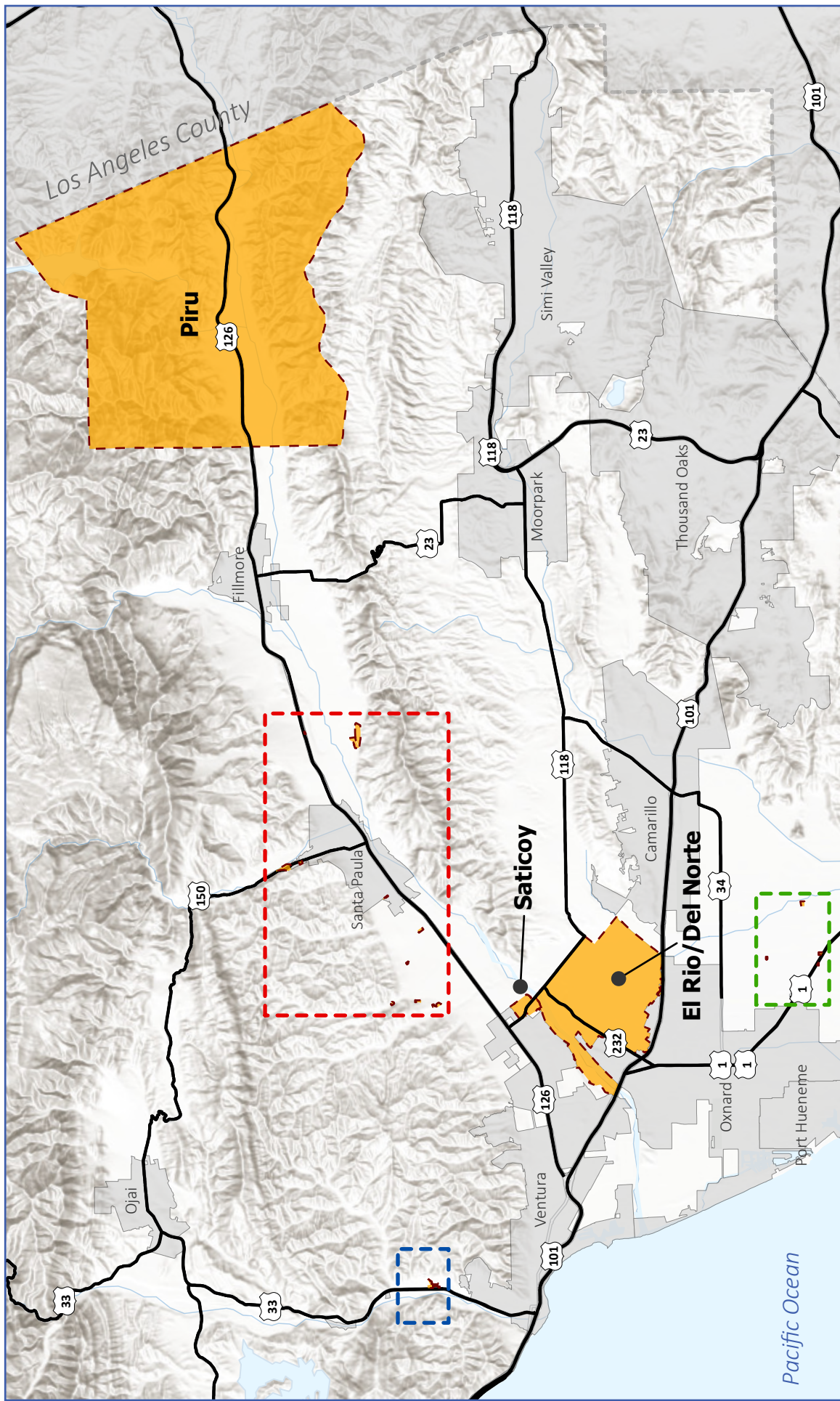
Project Approval: July 23, 2024

Prepared by: Jessica Nguyen, Case Planner

Reviewed by:









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General Plan Implementation Section
County of Ventura Planning Division



**Figure 2-6 of the Ventura County General Plan:
Designated Disadvantaged Communities**

Map Date: July 24, 2024
Source: Ventura County, 2020; CAL EPA OEHHA CalEnviroScreen 3.0.

-  Ventura Avenue (See Figure 2-6a)
-  Oxnard Plain (See Figure 2-6b)
-  Santa Paula Unincorporated (See Figure 2-6c)
-  Major Roadways
-  Cities
-  Designated Disadvantaged Communities

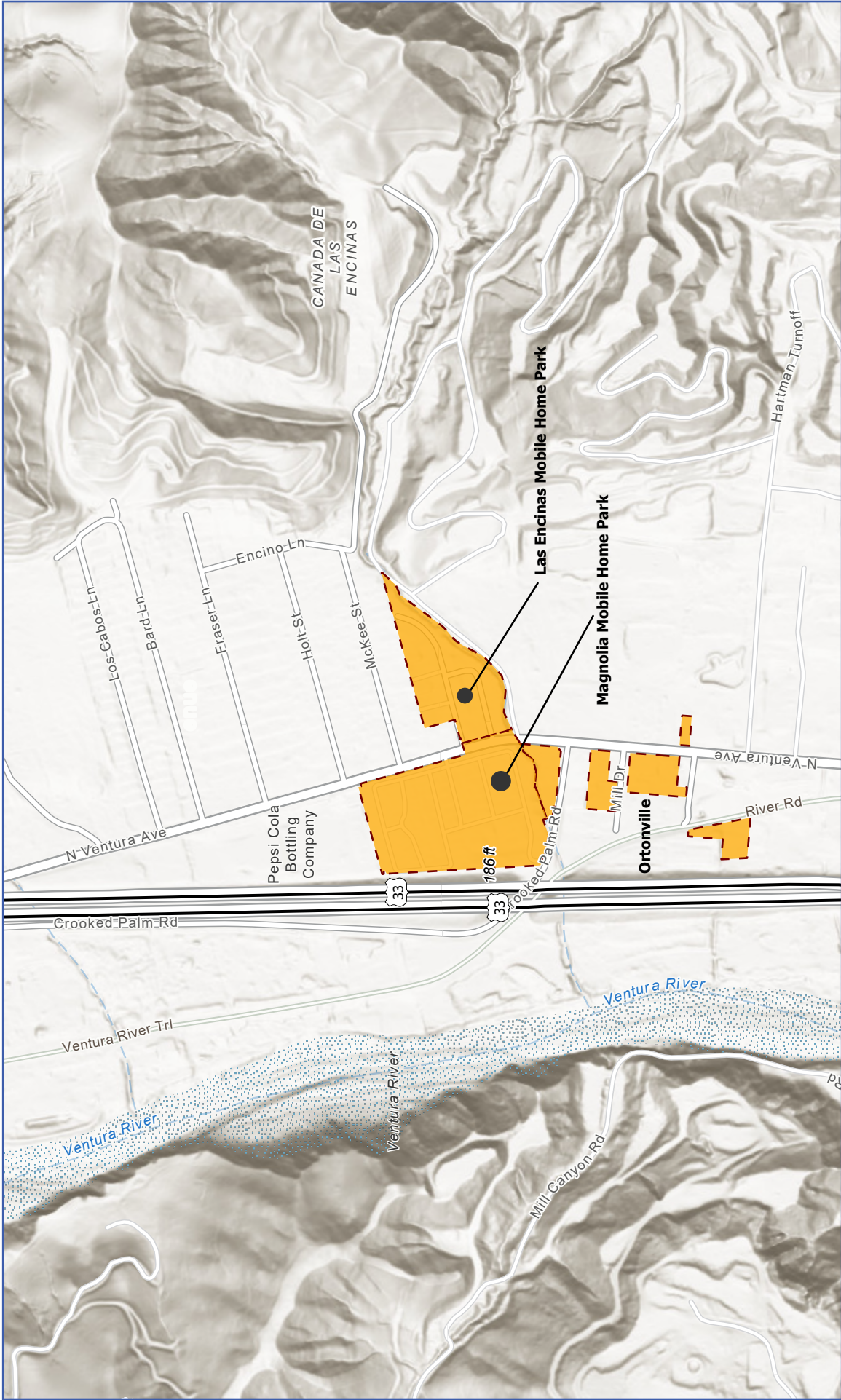
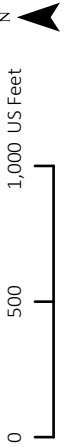


Figure 2-6a of the Ventura County General Plan:
Designated Disadvantaged Communities-Ventura Avenue

- Major Roadways
- Ventura Avenue DDC

Map Date: July 24, 2024
Source: Ventura County, 2020; CalEPA OEHHA CalEnviroScreen 3.0.



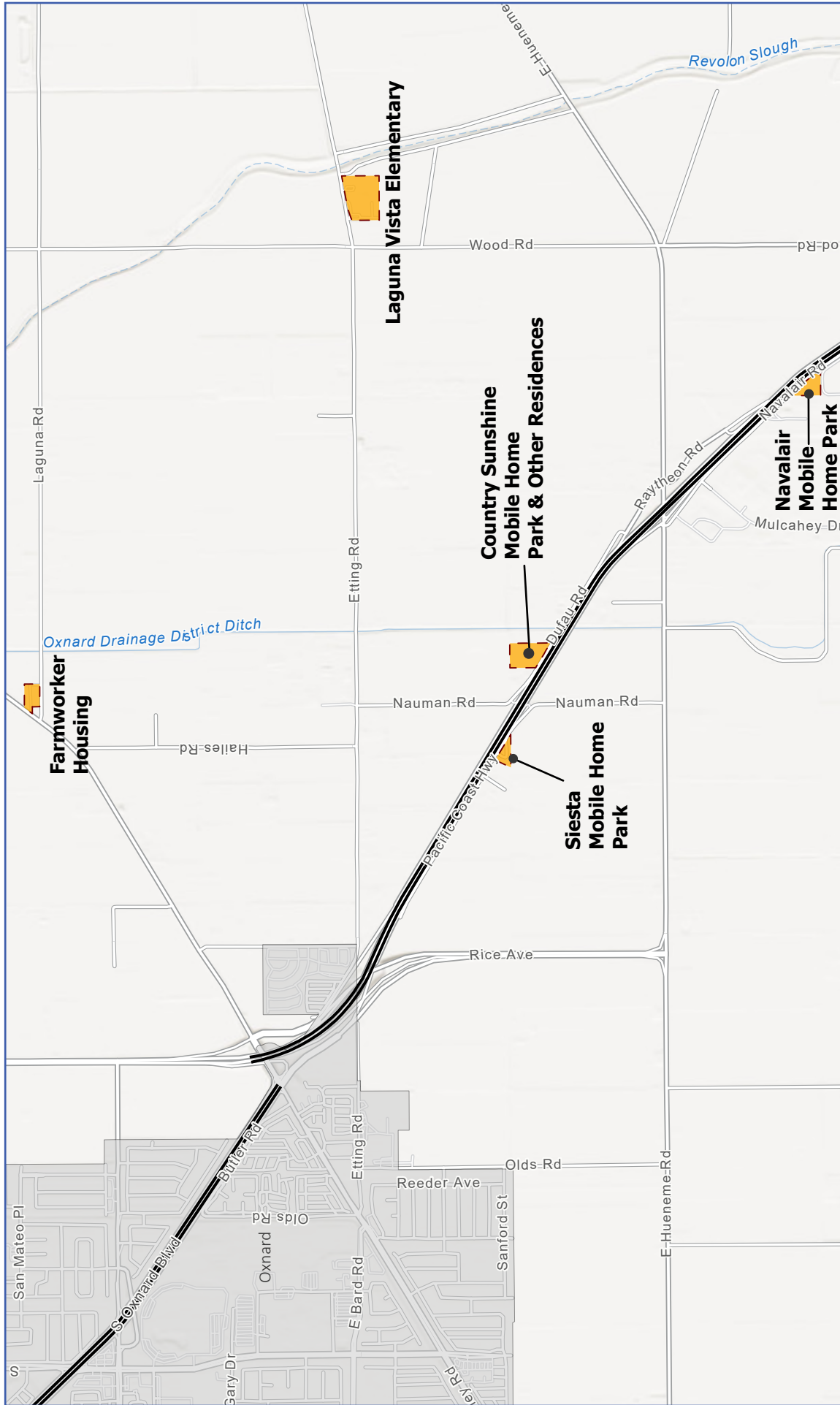


Figure 2-6b of the Ventura County General Plan:
Designated Disadvantaged Communities -
Oxnard Plain

Map Date: January 10, 2024

Source: Ventura County, 2024; CalEnviroScreen 4.0.



- Major Roadways
- Cities
- Oxnard Plain DDC

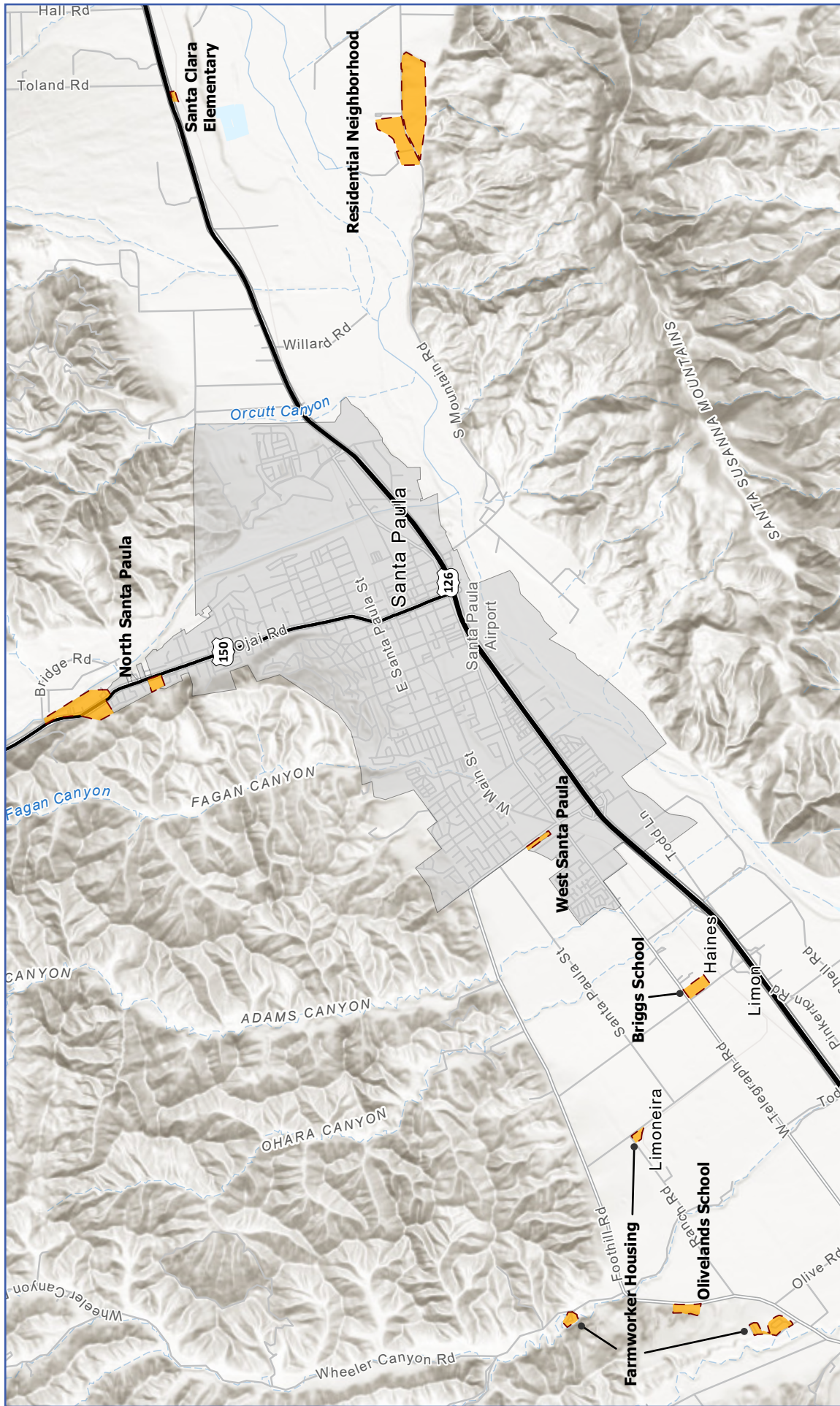


Figure 2-6c of the Ventura County General Plan:
Designated Disadvantaged Communities -
Santa Paula Unincorporated

Map Date: January 10, 2024

Source: Ventura County, 2024; CalEnviroScreen 4.0.

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Major Roadways

Cities

Santa Paula Unincorporated DDC