



Orange County Fire Authority

Request for Approval of Paramedic Engine 56

Proposed Date of Implementation July 1, 2015

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Summary

The Orange County Fire Authority is opening a new station to serve the rapidly developing region located near the intersection of the Ortega Highway and Antonio Parkway in the community known as Sendero, the first phase in the ongoing development of the southern aspect of Rancho Mission Viejo.

This enhancement of service requires approval from Orange County Emergency Medical Services to add a new advanced life support unit, as defined in Policy #705.00.

Background

New Advanced Life Support Unit Criteria:

A. Justification

- a. The Orange County Fire Authority seeks authorization to add Paramedic Engine 56 to enhance regional advanced life support capability to primarily serve the rapidly expanding Rancho Mission Viejo communities of Sendero, Ladera Ranch, Esencia, Coventry Hills, and the Ortega Highway corridor from eastern San Juan Capistrano to the County line, including Casper's Park and the Cleveland National Forest. Additionally, Paramedic Engine 56 will provide service to San Juan Hills High School and multiple primary schools in development, as well as over 55 age restricted residential communities. Currently, this response area is protected by BLS Engine 7 and Medic 7, located west of Interstate 5, in the City of San Juan Capistrano, 3.5 miles from Station 56's response area, and Paramedic Engine 58, located 2.7 miles north in the Ladera Community.

B. Geographical location and boundaries of proposed service

- a. Station 56 is located at 56 Sendero in unincorporated Orange County, near the intersection of the Ortega Highway and Antonio Parkway. The boundaries are as noted above and are graphically illustrated in the attached map.

C. Justification for variances from Resolution 79-240.

- a. This request is consistent with Resolution 79-240
 - i. Paramedic Engine Company 56 will serve considerably more than 16 square miles.
 - ii. Based on the current call volume of the first due area for Station 56, it is anticipated that there will be approximately 1000 calls per year.
 - iii. Currently, ALS response from Medic 7 exceeds five minutes to Station 56's proposed first due area.

D. Workload analysis of the impact on contiguous ALS units.

- a. OCFA Strategic Services estimates approximately 1000 calls per year, based on current responses to the area served by Station 56, as well as anticipated growth with the addition of 3,500 homes in the next two years. These calls would have primarily been handled by Medic 7, with those of Coventry Hills and Ladera Ranch being served by Paramedic Engine 58. The addition of Paramedic Engine 56 will result in an average reduction of response times of six minutes and 30 seconds for the area served.

E. Proposed time frame for implementation

- a. Station 56 is scheduled to open July 1, 2015

F. Telecommunications

- a. Paramedic Engine 56 will commit to communications as required in Policy #705.00.

G. Medications, Supplies, Equipment, Record Keeping, and Documentation

- a. Paramedic Engine 56 will maintain a drug and solution inventory, as well as basic and advanced life support equipment, as specified by Orange County Emergency Medical Services.
- b. The Authority agrees that Paramedic Engine 56 will meet all Orange County Emergency Medical Services documentation and reporting requirements.

H. Staffing/Operations/Training

- a. Paramedic Engine 56 will provide two paramedics and comply with all training requirements of Orange County Emergency Medical Services.

I. Address and Phone Number

- a. 56 Sendero, Rancho Mission Viejo, CA 92694
- b. No phone number assigned as yet

Links:

- Map of Sendero
 - <http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://images.onset.freedom.com/ocregister/m1cyvs-m1cyvmranchomissionviejosunday2..gif&imgrefurl=http://www.oregister.com/articles/mission-345695-moiso-rancho.html&h=197&w=256&tbnid=2NCRdQKNIGdqTM:&zoom=1&tbnh=160&tbnw=207&usq=9FZfOe2qwFn9wr5OOLhUjYj5YyY=&docid=KtOKhUZwFi3xCM&itg=1>

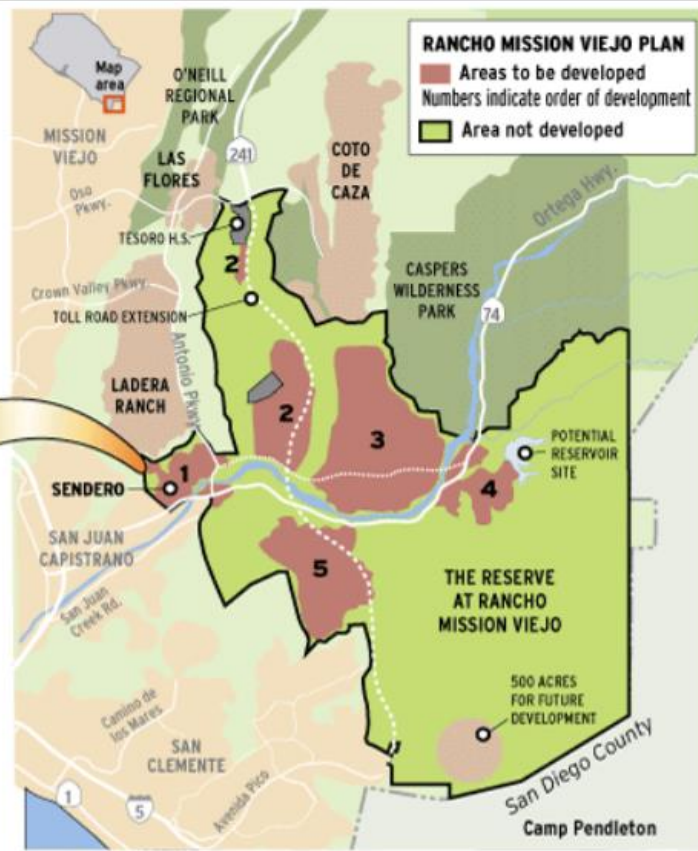
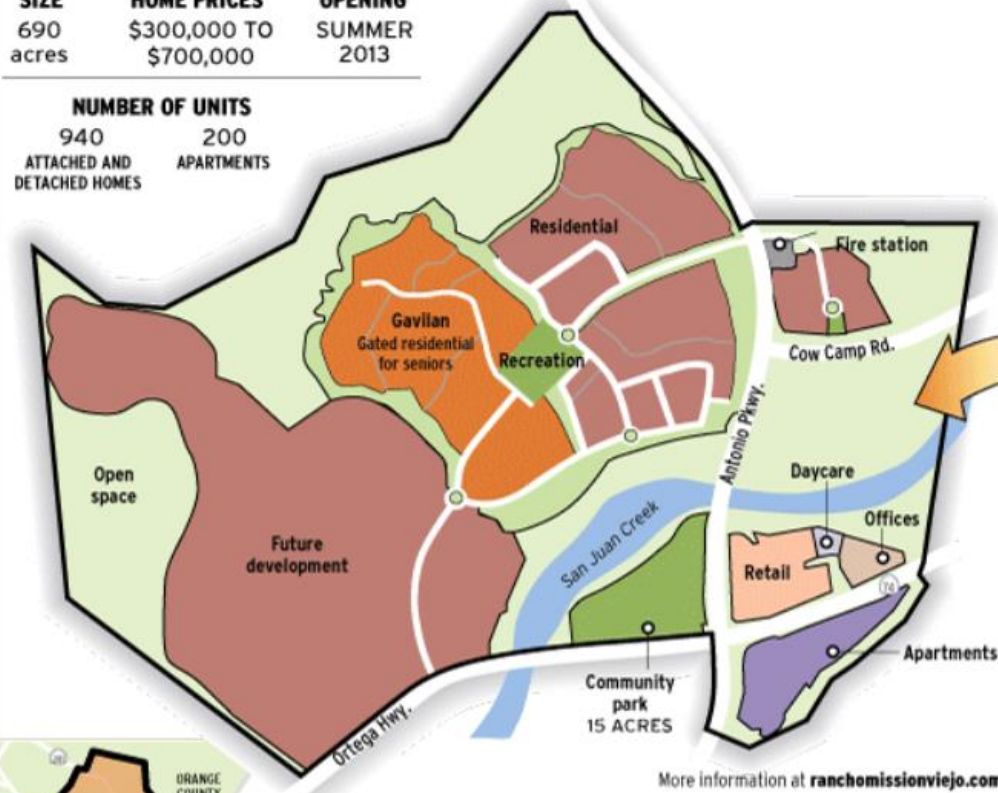
Attachment:

- Map of Station 56 Response Area

Village of Sendero

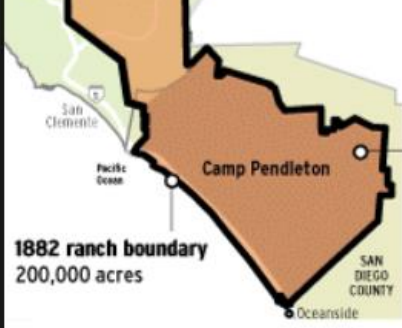
SIZE	HOME PRICES	OPENING
690 acres	\$300,000 TO \$700,000	SUMMER 2013

NUMBER OF UNITS	
940 ATTACHED AND DETACHED HOMES	200 APARTMENTS



More information at ranchomissionviejo.com

The transformation of Rancho Mission Viejo



1942 Marine Corps: 122,000 acres
To prepare for war in the Pacific, the Marine Corps acquired the southern portion of the ranch and created Camp Pendleton.



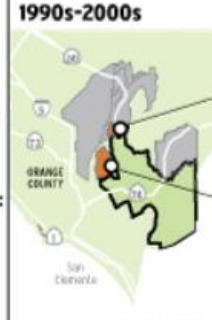
O'Neill Park: 3,358 acres
Started in 1948, when the O'Neill family donated 278 acres to the county. The family added 120 acres in 1963, and 935 acres in 1982.

Mission Viejo: 10,000 acres
Started in 1963, construction began in 1965. Home prices started at \$21,000.



Rancho Santa Margarita: 5,000 acres
Groundbreaking in 1985, construction was at full speed in the late 1980s. The city was incorporated in 2000. The new city grew to 8,320 acres.

Caspers Wilderness Park: 7,600 acres
County bought Starr Ranch in 1974, then acquired 2,100 acres from O'Neill family in 1984.



Las Flores: 1,280 acres
Construction started in 1996 on this enclave near Coto de Caza.

Ladera Ranch: 4,000 acres
The first of many phases began in 1999. Ladera Ranch is just north of the Village of Sendero.

Note: This historical information is approximate and is not meant to be comprehensive. There are several parks donated by Rancho Mission Viejo that were not included, such as the Upper Chiquita Conservation Area and Cox Sports Park.
 Sources: Rancho Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, U.S. Census Bureau, O.C. Register archives

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Proposed FS56 First Due Area

