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March 30, 2010

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Tejon Ranch Co. on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 9:30 A.M., at the Hyatt Regency Irvine, 17900 Jamboree Boulevard, Irvine, California. Your Board of Directors and management look forward to greeting those stockholders who are able to attend.

The Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, which contain information concerning the business to be transacted at the meeting, appear in the following pages.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting, whether or not you plan to attend. Please vote the enclosed proxy at your earliest convenience.

Your interest and participation in the affairs of the Company are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Stine,

President and Chief Executive Officer

TEJON RANCH CO.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

on

May 11, 2010

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Tejon Ranch Co. (the Company or Tejon or referred to as we, us, our or words of similar import in this Proxy Statement) will be held at the Hyatt Regency Irvine, 17900 Jamboree Boulevard, Irvine, California on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 9:30 A.M., California time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three directors.
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent public accountants for fiscal year 2010.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The names of the nominees of the Board of Directors of the Company for election at the meeting are: Barbara Grimm-Marshall, George G.C. Parker, and Robert A. Stine.

The Board of Directors of the Company recommends that you vote FOR the approval of each of the proposals outlined in the Proxy Statement accompanying this notice.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 12, 2010, as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

Your attention is invited to the accompanying Proxy Statement. To ensure that your shares are represented at the meeting, please date, sign, and mail the enclosed proxy card, for which a return envelope is provided, or vote your proxy by phone or the internet, the instructions for which are provided on the enclosed proxy card.

Please note that because of a change in the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, if your shares are held by a broker, bank or other holder of record, your broker, bank or other holder of record will NOT be able to vote your shares with respect to the election of directors unless you provide directions to your broker. We strongly encourage you to return the voting instructions provided by your broker, bank or other holder of record or utilize your broker's telephone or internet voting if available and exercise your right to vote as a stockholder.

For the Board of Directors,

KENT G. SNYDER, Chairman of the Board

TERI BJORN, Secretary

Lebec, California

March 30, 2010

PLEASE MARK YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY, SIGN AND DATE THE PROXY, AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE. ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY BY PHONE OR THE INTERNET. PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY EVEN IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING. IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING AND WISH TO DO SO, YOU MAY VOTE YOUR SHARES IN PERSON EVEN IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY

VOTED YOUR PROXY.

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PROXY STATEMENT

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

May 11, 2010

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders To Be Held on May 11 2010

The Proxy Statement and accompanying Annual Report to stockholders are available at www.tejonranch.com. or at <http://www.materials.proxyvote.com/879080>

This Proxy Statement is being furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Company for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 11, 2010 (the 2010 Annual Meeting).

It is anticipated that the mailing of this Proxy Statement and accompanying form of Proxy to stockholders will begin on or about March 31, 2010.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

At the meeting, the stockholders of the Company will be asked to (1) elect three directors, (2) ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent public accountants for fiscal year 2010, and (3) transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The Company's Board of Directors (the Board) is asking for your proxy for use at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Although management does not know of any other matter to be acted upon at the meeting, shares represented by valid proxies will be voted by the persons named on the proxy in accordance with their best judgment with respect to any other matters which may properly come before the meeting.

The cost of preparing, assembling, and mailing the Notice of Meeting, this Proxy Statement and the enclosed proxy ballot will be paid by the Company. Following the mailing of this Proxy Statement, directors, officers, and regular employees of the Company may solicit proxies by mail, telephone, e-mail, or in person; such persons will receive no additional compensation for such services. Brokerage houses and other nominees, fiduciaries and custodians nominally holding shares of record will be requested to forward proxy soliciting material to the beneficial owners of such shares and will be reimbursed by the Company for their charges and expenses in connection therewith at the rates approved by the New York Stock Exchange.

RECORD DATE AND VOTING

Holders of shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.50 (the Common Stock) of record at the close of business on March 12, 2009 (the Record Date) are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting. There were 17,106,696 shares of Common Stock outstanding on the Record Date. A stockholder giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is voted by filing with the Company's Secretary a written notice of revocation or by submitting a later-dated proxy via the Internet, by telephone, or by mail. Unless a proxy is revoked and except as indicated below under Election of Directors, shares represented by a proxy will be voted in accordance with the voting instructions on the proxy and, on matters for which no voting instructions are given, shares will be voted for the nominees of the Board as shown on the proxy. Stockholders cannot abstain in the election of directors, but they can withhold authority. Stockholders who withhold authority will be considered

present for purposes of determining a quorum. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other holder of record, you are considered to be the beneficial owner of those shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to instruct your broker, bank or other holder of record how to vote your shares. If you do not provide instructions, your broker, bank or other holder of record has the discretion to vote only on routine matters, such as the ratification of the selection of independent registered public accounting firms. Due to recent changes to these rules, however, the election of directors at the Annual Meeting will not be considered a routine matter and, as a result, your broker will not have the discretion to vote in the election of directors at the Annual Meeting unless you provide applicable instructions to do so. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to follow the voting instructions on the materials you receive.

Further, if you do not provide your broker, bank or other holder of record with voting instructions, your shares may constitute broker non-votes. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner. Both abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on Proposal 1. (election of directors). Abstentions will have the same effect as a negative vote on Proposal 2 (ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent public accountants), because abstentions will be considered votes cast.

Stockholders will be able to cumulate their vote in the election of directors. Cumulative voting means that each stockholder is entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares he or she holds. These votes may be cast for one nominee or distributed among two or more nominees. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of affirmative votes (also referred to as a plurality) will be elected as directors at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

To be approved, the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent public accountants must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting. Abstentions have the effect of a negative vote.

On all other matters, stockholders are entitled to one vote per share held. The proxies being solicited include authority of the proxy holders to cumulate votes.

Pursuant to Delaware corporate law, the actions contemplated to be taken at the 2010 Annual Meeting do not create appraisal or dissenters rights.

PROPOSAL 1

THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board currently consists of eight directors divided into three classes based upon when their terms expire. The terms of three directors (Class II) expire at the 2010 Annual Meeting, the terms of three directors (Class III) expire at the 2011 Annual Meeting, and the terms of two directors (Class I) expire at the 2012 Annual Meeting. The regular term of each director expires at the third Annual Meeting following the Annual Meeting at which that director was elected, although directors continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified, unless the authorized number of directors has been decreased.

The nominees of the Board for election at the 2010 Annual Meeting to serve as Class II directors (all of whom are presently directors) are Barbara Grimm-Marshall, George G.C. Parker, and Robert A. Stine.

Nominations of persons for election to the Board by stockholders must be made pursuant to timely notice in writing to the Secretary of the Company pursuant to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation. See [Stockholder Proposals for 2011 Annual Meeting](#) for additional information on the procedure for stockholder nominations.

Except as noted below, each proxy solicited by and on behalf of the Board will be voted FOR the election of the nominees named above (unless such authority is withheld as provided in the proxy) and one-third of the votes to which the stockholder is entitled will be cast for each of the three nominees. In the event any one or more of the nominees shall become unable to serve or refuse to serve as director (an event which is not anticipated), the proxy holders will vote for substitute nominees in their discretion. If one or more persons other than those named below as nominees for the 2010 Annual Meeting are nominated as candidates for director by persons other than the Board, the enclosed proxy may be voted in favor of any one or more of said nominees of the Board or substitute nominees and in such order of preference as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR EACH OF THE NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR.

PROPOSAL 2

**THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT
REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee has selected Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Services provided to the Company and its subsidiaries by Ernst & Young LLP in fiscal years 2009 and 2008 are described under Audit Fees below. Additional information regarding the Audit Committee is provided in the Report of the Audit Committee below.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the 2010 Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to make a statement if they wish and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

Stockholder Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accountant.

We are asking our stockholders to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditor. Although ratification is not required by our certificate of incorporation, bylaws or otherwise, the Board is submitting the selection of Ernst & Young LLP to our stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. In the event stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, the appointment will be reconsidered by the Audit Committee and the Board. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee may, in its discretion, select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

Independent Public Accountants

Ernst & Young LLP was selected by the Audit Committee to serve as the Company's independent public accountants for the fiscal year 2010, and served in that capacity for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Audit Fees. The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 and for the reviews of the financial statements included in the Company's Forms 10-Q for the year ended December 31, 2009 were \$327,570. The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 and for the reviews of the financial statements included in the Company's Forms 10-Q for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$320,914.

Audit-Related Fees. The aggregate audit-related fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP that were reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements, including fees for the

performance of audits and attest services not required by statute or regulations; audits of the Company's employee benefit plans; due diligence activities related to investments; and accounting consultations about the application of generally accepted accounting principles to proposed transactions (collectively, the Audit-Related Fees) for the year ended December 31, 2009 were \$43,350. The Audit-Related Fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$26,980.

Tax Fees. The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for tax compliance, advice and planning services for the year ended December 31, 2009 were \$214,250. The aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for tax compliance, advice and planning services for the year ended December 31, 2008 were \$126,443. In each case the services consisted of tax return preparation.

All Other Fees. Ernst & Young LLP did not bill for any services other than those listed above for the years ended December 31, 2009 or December 31, 2008.

The Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee pre-approve all services performed by Ernst & Young LLP, and in the years ending December 31, 2009 and 2008, 100% of these services were pre-approved by the Audit Committee. Ernst & Young LLP provides a proposal to the Audit Committee for all services it proposes to provide and the Audit Committee then takes such action on the proposal as it deems advisable.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Consideration of Director Nominees

The Board believes the Board, as a whole, should possess the requisite combination of skills, professional experience, and diversity of backgrounds to oversee the Company's business. The Board also believes that there are certain attributes each individual director should possess, as reflected in the Board's membership criteria. Accordingly, the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the Nominating Committee) consider the qualifications of directors and director candidates individually as well as in the broader context of the Board's overall composition and the Company's current and future needs.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting nominees for election to the Board. In considering candidates for the Board, the Nominating Committee evaluates the entirety of each candidate's credentials, attributes, and other factors (as described in greater detail in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines), but does not have any specific minimum qualifications that must be met by a nominee. However, the Nominating Committee seeks as directors individuals with substantial management experience who possess the highest personal values, judgment and integrity, an understanding of the environment in which the Company does business and diverse experience with the key business, financial and other challenges that the Company faces. In addition, in considering the nomination of existing directors, the Nominating Committee takes into consideration (i) each director's contribution to the Board; (ii) any material change in the director's employment or responsibilities with any other organization; (iii) the director's ability to attend meetings and fully participate in the activities of the Board and the committees of the Board on which the director serves; (iv) whether the director has developed any relationships with the Company or another organization, or other circumstances have arisen, that might make it inappropriate for the director to continue serving on the Board; and (v) the director's age and length of service on the Board.

Because the Nominating Committee recognizes that a diversity of viewpoints and practical experiences can enhance the effectiveness of the Board, as part of its evaluation of each candidate, the Nominating Committee takes into account how that candidate's background, experience, qualifications, attributes and skills may complement, supplement or duplicate those of other prospective candidates.

Based on the parameters described above, the Board has determined that the directors standing for reelection and the remaining members of the Board have the qualifications, experience, and attributes appropriate for a director for the Company. As reflected below, each director has a varied background in the real estate industry, finance, and agriculture. These are all areas that are integral to the strategy, operations and successful oversight of the Company.

Board Composition and Leadership Structure

The Board is grouped into three classes: (1) Class I Directors, who will serve until the 2012 Annual Meeting, (2) Class II Directors, who will serve until the 2013 Annual Meeting, and (3) Class III Directors, who will serve until the 2011 Annual Meeting. The Board currently consists of eight directors. The Board's leadership is structured so that there is a separate Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman of the Board is also an independent director. The Board believes that this structure is appropriate because it provides an additional layer of oversight to management and management's activities and allows the Board to act independent of management.

Director Qualifications and Biographical Information

The Nominating Committee considered the character, experience, qualifications and skills of each director, including the current director nominees, when determining whether that person should serve as a director of the Company. In keeping with its stated criteria for director nominees described in the section entitled "Consideration of Director Nominees" above, the Nominating Committee determined that each director,

including the current director nominees, has substantial management experience, exhibits the highest personal values, judgment and integrity, and possess an understanding of the environment in which the Company does business and diverse experience with the key business, financial and other challenges that the Company faces. Each director is or has been a leader in their respective field and brings diverse talents and perspectives to the Board. The Nominating Committee also considered the experience and qualifications outlined below in the biographical information for each director, including each director nominee, as well as other public company board service.

The Nominating Committee noted the following particular attributes and qualities it considers when evaluating director nominees. The Nominating Committee believes that nominees with business and strategic management experience gained from service as a CEO or similar positions is a critical leadership component to Board service. The Nominating Committee also seeks nominees with backgrounds in finance, banking, economics, and the securities and financial markets, in order to have directors who can assess and evaluate the Company's financial and competitive position. The Nominating Committee emphasizes familiarity with the real estate and agricultural industries, and considers customer perspectives to be important when evaluating director nominees. Although the directors listed below each possess a number of these attributes, the Nominating Committee considered the specific areas noted below for each director when determining which of the director's qualifications best suited the needs of the Company and qualify them to serve as a director of the Company.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Class I Directors, the nominees for Class II Directors, and the Class III Directors.

Nominees for Class II Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2013 and Principal Occupation, Employment, or Directorships	First Became Director	Age
Barbara Grimm-Marshall Ms. Grimm-Marshall has been co-owner of Grimmway Enterprises, the world's largest grower, packer and shipper of fresh, processed and frozen carrots, since 1977. Ms. Grimm-Marshall has also served as a director of Grimmway Enterprises since 1998. Grimmway Enterprises also has real estate investments and developments throughout California. Ms. Grimm-Marshall served as a director for Diamond Farming Inc. from 1998 and as director for Crystal Organic Farms LLC from 2003. Ms. Grimm-Marshall received a B.A. degree from Stephens College and a J.D. from Western State University. Our Board believes Ms. Grimm-Marshall's experience within the agribusiness community and co-owner of companies with extensive land holdings, make her qualified to serve as a director.	2006	57
George G.C. Parker Mr. Parker is a Dean Witter Distinguished Professor of Finance, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University. Mr. Parker has served in this position from 1973 to the present. Mr. Parker has served as a director of Netgear Inc. since 2006, as a director of Threshold Pharmaceuticals from 2002, as a director of iShares Mutual Fund since 1996, and as a director of Colony Financial, Inc. since 2009. Mr. Parker also formerly served as a director of Continental Airlines from 1996 until 2009. Mr. Parker received a B.A. from Haverford College, and an M.B.A. and PH.D. from Stanford University. Our Board believes Mr. Parker's finance background and perspective from serving on various other Boards of Directors makes him qualified to serve as a director.	1999	71
Robert A. Stine Mr. Stine has been employed as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Tejon Ranch Co. since May 1996. Mr. Stine has served as a director of Pacific Western Bancorp since 1996 and as a director of Valley Republic Bank since 2008. Mr. Stine also formerly served as a director of The Bakersfield Californian from 1999 until 2009. Mr. Stine received a B.S. from St. Lawrence University and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business, University of	1996	63

Pennsylvania. Our Board believes Mr. Stine's extensive real estate development background and his strategic and operational insight from managing the Company make him qualified to serve as a director.

Class III Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2011 and Principal Occupation, Employment or Directorships

John L. Goolsby 1999 68

Mr. Goolsby served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Howard Hughes Corporation from 1988 until his retirement in 1998. Howard Hughes Corporation was a real estate investment and development company that successfully developed several large scale real estate projects in Nevada and California, the largest being the Summerlin community in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Goolsby currently serves as a director of Thomas Properties and has done so since 2006. Mr. Goolsby formerly served as a director of America West Airlines from 1994 until 2005 and Sierra Pacific Corporation and its predecessor, Nevada Power Company from 1989 until 2001. He served as a Trustee of The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation from 1994 until 2005. Mr. Goolsby received a B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Arlington and is a certified public accountant in Texas. Our Board believes Mr. Goolsby's extensive real estate experience and Chief Executive Officer experience of a major real estate land and development company make him well qualified to serve as director.

Norman Metcalfe 1998 67

Mr. Metcalfe has an extensive history and background in real estate development and homebuilding. He previously was Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of The Irvine Company, one of the nation's largest real estate and community development companies. Prior to the Irvine Company, Mr. Metcalfe spent over 20 years in various real estate, corporate finance and investment positions with the Kaufman and Broad/SunAmerica family of companies. These positions included President and Chief Investment Officer of SunAmerica Investments and Chief Financial Officer of Kaufman and Broad Home Corporation (currently known as KB Homes). Mr. Metcalfe is a director of The Ryland Group having served since 2000, and previously served as a director of Building Materials Holding Corp from 2005 until 2009. Mr. Metcalfe received a B.S. and an M.B.A. from the University of Washington. Our Board believes Mr. Metcalfe's extensive financial experience, understanding of capital structure within the real estate industry, and experience in publicly held companies, make him very qualified to serve as a director.

Kent G. Snyder 1998 73

Mr. Snyder is an attorney that has been practicing law for over 44 years with a specialty in real estate transactions. Mr. Snyder has served as a director and chairman of the board of Independence Bank from 2004 to the present, served as a director of Pacific Premier Bancorp and Pacific Premier Bank from November 2000 until March 2007 and served as a director and chairman of the board of First Fidelity Investment & Loan from 1984 until 2002 when the Bank was sold. Mr. Snyder received a B.S. in Business Administration from UCLA, and received his J.D. (with honors) from UCLA. Our Board believes Mr. Snyder's vast experience in real estate law and real estate transactions as well as his extensive participation in banking make him very qualified to serve as a director.

First	
Became	
Director	Age
1998	66

Class I Directors Whose Terms Expire in 2012 and Principal Occupation, Employment, or Directorships

Geoffrey L. Stack 1998 66

Mr. Stack has been the managing director of the Sares-Regis Group, a commercial and residential real estate development and management firm since 1993. Mr. Stack is responsible for all residential operations of Sares-Regis including development, acquisitions, finance, and management activities. Mr. Stack graduated from Georgetown University and received an M.B.A. in Real Estate Finance at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Our Board

believes Mr. Stack's real estate development experience and his experience as the managing director of a real estate company make him well qualified to serve as a director.

Michael H. Winer

2001 54

Mr. Winer has been employed by Third Avenue Management LLC (or its predecessor) since May 1994. He is a senior member of the investment team and a member of the firm's Management Committee. Mr. Winer has managed the Third Avenue Real Estate Value Fund since its inception in September 1998. Mr. Winer has served as a director of Newhall Holding Company LLC since 2008 and as a director of 26900 Newport Inc. since 1998. He retired as a director of Real Mortgage Systems in November 2009. Mr. Winer received a B.S. degree in Accounting from San Diego State University and is formerly a certified public accountant in California. Mr. Winer's investment industry background and specifically his experience with real estate investing, we believe make him very qualified to serve as a director on our Board.

Each of the directors has been engaged in his principal occupation, as well as, the directorships described above, for the past five years. None of the corporations or organizations described above are subsidiaries, or other affiliates, of the Company. There are no family relationships among any directors of the Company or any executive officers of the Company.

Committees of the Board and Corporate Governance Matters

The Board has determined that all directors, except Mr. Stine, are independent, as that term is defined in the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE). In addition to the definition of independent as set forth in the listing standards of the NYSE, the Board has adopted categorical criteria used to determine whether a director is independent (the Company's Independence Standards), and the Board has determined that all directors, except Mr. Stine, are independent under the Independence Standards. These Independence Standards are set forth in Attachment A to the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines (the Corporate Governance Guidelines), and a copy of the Independence Standards are attached as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement.

The independent directors of the Board meet regularly in executive sessions outside the presence of management. The Board has appointed Mr. Snyder as the lead independent director to preside at executive sessions of the independent directors.

During 2009, there were four meetings of the Board. During 2009 all directors attended 75% or more of the aggregate total of such meetings of the Board and committees of the Board on which they served.

The Company's policy is that all directors are expected to attend every annual stockholders meeting in person. All directors attended the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Company.

Standing committees of the Board include the Executive, Audit, Compensation, Real Estate, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees. The members of the standing committees are set forth below:

	Executive Committee	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Real Estate Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
John L. Goolsby		X	X	X	X
Barbara Grimm-Marshall		X		X	X
Norman Metcalfe	X		X	X(Chair)	
George G.C. Parker		X(Chair)	X		X(Chair)
Kent G. Snyder	X(Chair)			X	
Geoffrey L. Stack		X	X(Chair)	X	X
Robert A. Stine	X			X	
Michael H. Winer	X				

During 2009, there were no meetings of the Executive Committee, seven of the Audit Committee, four of the Compensation Committee, one of the Real Estate Committee, and one of the Nominating Committee. The major functions of each of these committees, including their role in oversight of risks that could affect the Company, are described briefly below.

The Executive Committee

Except for certain powers that, under Delaware law, may be exercised only by the full Board, or which, under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or the NYSE, may only be exercised by committees composed solely of independent directors, the Executive Committee may exercise all powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Company. Messrs. Metcalfe, Snyder, Stine, and Winer are members of the Executive Committee. Mr. Snyder is the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee acts on behalf of the Board in fulfilling the Board's oversight responsibility relating to the Company's financial statements and the financial reporting process, the systems of internal accounting and financial controls, risk oversight of financial activities, the annual independent audit of the Company's financial statements, and the legal compliance and ethics programs as established by management and the Board. In addition, the Audit Committee is directly responsible for the retention of the independent auditor and approves the scope of all audit and non-audit services it performs. The Audit Committee provides the full Board with summary reviews of meetings at each Board of Director meeting. The Audit Committee is governed by a written charter adopted and approved by the Board. Mr. Parker is the Chairman of the Audit Committee, and Ms. Grimm-Marshall, and Messrs. Goolsby and Stack are members of the Audit Committee. The Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is independent under the listing standards of the NYSE and under the Company's Independence Standards, and that each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate and meets the requirements for Audit Committee Membership set forth in Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Board has further found that Mr. Parker qualifies as an audit committee financial expert for the purposes of Item 407(d) (5) of Regulation S-K, and has accounting or related financial management expertise as described in the listing standards of the NYSE. The Audit Committee's charter is available on the Company's web site, www.tejonranch.com, in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations webpage, and is available in print form upon request to the Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243.

The Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee reviews and either adjusts or recommends to the Board appropriate adjustments to the Company's overall compensation structure, the compensation arrangements for executive officers, and director compensation, and evaluates the performance of executive officers. The Compensation Committee's charter is available on the Company's web site, www.tejonranch.com, in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations webpage, and is available in print form upon request to the Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243. Mr. Stack is the Chairman of the Compensation Committee, and Messrs. Goolsby, Metcalfe, and Parker are members of the Compensation Committee. The Board has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee is independent under the listing standards of the NYSE and under the Company's Independence Standards.

In 2009 the Compensation Committee engaged Mezrah Consulting as an outside compensation consultant, to assist the Compensation Committee in evaluating near-term stock grant compensation. The decision to engage the outside compensation consultant was not recommended by management. The Compensation Committee approved the services; the outside compensation consultant's fees in 2009 were less than \$10,000.

The Real Estate Committee

The Real Estate Committee reviews all significant activities and issues related to the Company's real estate assets and opportunities. It receives and considers the analyses of the Company's real estate staff and provides management with oversight, guidance and strategic input on major decision points. It reviews and either approves or recommends to the Board appropriate action on significant proposed real estate transactions, development *pro formas* and budgets, and action plans. The Real Estate Committee also evaluates risk as it relates to real estate plans, activities, and transactions. It provides the full Board with updates of meetings when appropriate at each Board meeting. Mr. Metcalfe is the Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, and Ms. Grimm-Marshall and Messrs. Goolsby, Snyder, Stack, and Stine are members of the Real Estate Committee. The Real Estate Committee's charter is available on the Company's web site, www.tejonranch.com, in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations webpage, and is available in print form upon request to the Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating Committee is charged with evaluating the performance of existing directors, identifying and recruiting potential new directors, evaluating candidates for director positions recommended by stockholders, and recommending candidates to be nominated by the Board or elected by the Board on an interim basis. It also reviews and makes recommendations to the Board respecting the composition and functioning of Board committees, the Corporate Governance Guidelines, and the Board's performance. Mr. Parker is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Ms. Grimm-Marshall, and Messrs. Goolsby and Stack are members of the Nominating Committee.

The Board has determined that each member of the Nominating Committee is independent under the listing standards of the NYSE and under the Company's Independence Standards. The Nominating Committee's charter is available on the Company's web site, www.tejonranch.com, in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations webpage, and is available in print form upon request to the Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to consider any properly submitted recommendations of director candidates from stockholders. Stockholders may recommend a candidate for consideration by the Nominating Committee by sending written notice addressed to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Chair, c/o Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243. The Nominating Committee does not evaluate candidates differently based on who has made the recommendation. Stockholders may also nominate persons for election to the Board by providing to timely notice in writing to the Secretary of the Company pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Company's Certificate of Incorporation. See "Stockholder Proposals for 2011 Annual Meeting" for additional information on the procedure for stockholder nominations.

The Nominating Committee has the authority under its charter to hire and pay a fee to outside counsel, experts or other advisors to assist in the process of identifying and evaluating candidates. No such outside advisors have been used to date and, accordingly, no fees have been paid to such advisors.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is applicable to all directors, officers and employees. It also has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to guide its own operations. Both documents are available on the Company web site, www.tejonranch.com, in the Corporate Governance section of the Investor Relations webpage, and are available in print form upon request to the Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243.

Board's Role in Risk Oversight

The full Board oversees the Company's risk management process. The Board oversees a Company-wide approach to risk management, designed to enhance stockholder value, support the achievement of strategic objectives and improve long-term organizational performance. The full Board determines the appropriate level of risk for the Company generally, assesses the specific risks faced by the Company and reviews the steps taken by management to manage those risks. The full Board's involvement in setting the Company's business strategy facilitates these assessments and reviews, culminating in the development of a strategic plan that reflects both the Board's and management's consensus as to appropriate levels of risk and the appropriate measures to manage those risks. The full Board assesses risk throughout the enterprise, focusing on risks arising out of various aspects of the Company's strategic plan and the implementation of that plan, including financial, legal/compliance, operational/strategic and compensation risks. In addition to discussing risk with the full Board, the independent directors discuss risk management during executive sessions without management present.

While the full Board maintains the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, its committees oversee risk in certain specified areas. In particular, the Audit Committee focuses on financial risk, including internal controls, and discusses the Company's risk profile with the Company's internal auditors. The Audit Committee also reviews potential violations of the Company's Code of Ethics and related corporate policies. The Compensation Committee periodically reviews compensation practices and policies to determine whether they encourage excessive risk taking. Finally, the Nominating Committee manages risks associated with the independence of directors and Board nominees. Pursuant to the Board's instruction, management regularly reports on applicable risks to the relevant committee or the full Board, as appropriate, with additional review or reporting on risks being conducted as needed or as requested by the Board and its committees.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

The Compensation Discussion and Analysis discusses and analyzes Tejon's executive compensation program and the amounts shown in the executive compensation tables for our named executive officers. Our named executive officers for fiscal 2009 were: Robert A. Stine, Chief Executive Officer; Allen E. Lyda, Chief Financial Officer; Joe Drew, Senior Vice President, Real Estate; Teri Bjorn, Senior Vice President, General Counsel; and Kathleen Perkinson, Senior Vice President, Natural Resources and Stewardship.

2009 Year in Review

Overall, 2009 was a down financial performance year for the Company. We saw 2009 revenues decline and segment operating profits decline when compared to 2008. For 2009, we had a net loss of \$3,724,000 compared to net income of \$4,112,000 in 2008. The loss for the year resulted from decreased commercial/industrial revenues, a decline in equity in earnings of unconsolidated joint ventures and reduced other income. These declines were partially offset by lower operating expenses in our real estate segments and in corporate operations. The primary driver of 2009's decline in revenue is a reduction in commercial/industrial revenues of \$12,238,000. The absence of sales of developed and undeveloped land in 2009 (\$6,220,000), lower oil and mineral royalties due primarily to lower commodity pricing (\$4,133,000), and a decline in percentage rent from our power plant lease (\$496,000) accounted for the majority of the decline in commercial/industrial revenue. The decline in equity in earnings of unconsolidated joint ventures is the result of a decrease in earnings from the TA/Petro joint venture due to lower operating margins and higher interest costs, and a decrease in earnings of our Five-West Parcel joint venture as the building it owns and leases was partially vacant during the year. The overall drop in revenue was partially offset by reduced compensation costs across all operating segments as well as corporate operations and to the absence of cost of sales on land during 2009.

The decline in revenues along with master infrastructure development, and increased capital contributions to joint ventures during 2009 led to the annual cash flow metric being below target but greater than threshold. This metric is described below in the Annual Performance-Based Incentive Bonus section as well as revenue and operating profit goals for commercial/industrial real estate and farming. However, due to the loss for the year, increased joint venture capital contributions, and water purchases over the last two years the named executive officers failed to meet the 2007 rolling three-year cash flow objectives and because of this, none of the associated 2007 performance grants will be paid out during 2010.

For 2009 the Compensation Committee made the following decisions:

1. To not increase base salary for the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers; and
2. To implement an annual stock incentive plan in lieu of an annual cash incentive program.

2010 The Year Ahead

The Company believes 2010 will continue to be a very challenging economic environment as we expect reduced activity at our Tejon Industrial Complex development. The anticipation of little or no growth in revenue during 2010, along with capital investment requirements for infrastructure at Tejon Industrial Complex, water purchases, and capital contributions to joint ventures, will continue to impact the Compensation Committee's compensation decisions in order to conserve cash going forward.

For 2010 the Compensation Committee made the following decisions:

1. To not increase base salary for the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers; and
2. To continue with an annual stock incentive plan in lieu of an annual cash incentive program.

General Objectives of the Compensation Plan. The compensation program for our named executive officers is designed to align management's incentives with the long-term interests of our stockholders and to be

competitive with comparable employers. Our compensation philosophy recognizes the value of rewarding our named executive officers for their past performance and motivating them to continue to excel in the future. The Compensation Committee has developed and maintains a compensation program that rewards superior performance and seeks to encourage actions that drive our business strategy. Our compensation strategy is to provide a competitive opportunity for senior executives taking into account their total compensation packages, which include a combination of base salary, an annual cash-based or stock-based incentive bonus, and long-term performance-based equity awards. At the named executive officer level, our incentive compensation arrangements are designed to reward the achievement of long-term milestone objectives related to real estate development, as well as the achievement of year-to-year operating performance goals.

The Role of Executives in Setting Compensation. The Compensation Committee of the Board approves all compensation and awards to senior management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers. The Compensation Committee independently reviews and establishes the compensation levels of the Chief Executive Officer and reviews the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and discusses his performance with him. At the beginning of the year the Chief Executive Officer works with the Compensation Committee to establish goals and objectives to be evaluated throughout the year. For the remaining executive officers, the Chief Executive Officer makes recommendations as to compensation levels, including grants of equity awards, for final approval by the Compensation Committee, which then makes its recommendation to the full Board of Directors for its approval.

Overall Compensation Plan Design.

The compensation policies developed by the Compensation Committee are based on the philosophy that compensation should reflect both financial and operational performance of the Company and the individual performance of the executive. The Compensation Committee also believes that long-term incentives should be a significant factor in the determination of compensation, particularly because the business of real estate development, including obtaining entitlement approvals and completing development, and many of the other actions and decisions of our named executive officers, require a long time horizon, even in times when the economy and the real estate industry are not in decline, before the Company realizes a tangible financial benefit.

The Compensation Committee's objectives when setting compensation for our named executive officers are:

Set compensation levels that are sufficiently competitive such that they will motivate and reward the highest quality individuals to contribute to our goals, objectives and overall financial success.

Retain executives and encourage continued service. The Compensation Committee seeks to encourage and maintain continuity of the management team.

Incentivize executives to appropriately manage risks while attempting to improve our financial results, performance and condition over both the short-term and the long-term. The Compensation Committee attempts to provide both short-term and long-term compensation to reward current performance, as well as to provide financial incentive to achieve long-term goals. Short-term compensation is typically in the form of annual cash or stock incentive bonuses, and long-term compensation is typically in the form of equity-based awards. Because of the current condition of the economy, the nature of our business and the way we operate our business and implement our strategies, we may not witness the positive results of many decisions made or actions taken by our named executive officers, in the current fiscal year or for several years. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee, by providing both short-term and long-term compensation, seeks to motivate and reward named executive officers for decisions made today that will likely have positive long-term effects.

Align executive and stockholder interest. The Compensation Committee believes that the use of equity compensation as a key component of executive compensation is a valuable tool for aligning the interest of our named executive officers with those of our stockholders.

Obtain tax deductibility whenever appropriate. The Compensation Committee believes that tax-deductibility for the Company is generally a favorable feature for an executive compensation program, from the perspectives of both the Company and the stockholders.

Conserve cash. The Compensation Committee, mindful of the downturn in the economy and the real estate industry, determined that all named executive officers' annual incentive bonuses for fiscal 2009 performance, and going forward for an unspecified period of time, will be paid to each named executive officer in the form of stock grants. Stock grants in respect of the 2009 annual incentive program were granted in December 2009 and will vest in three annual installments of one third each beginning March 2010 and ending in March 2012.

Elements of Compensation. The material elements of the compensation program for our named executive officers include: (i) base salary; (ii) annual cash-based or stock-based incentive bonuses; (iii) long-term equity-based compensation (i.e. performance units); (iv) change in control arrangements; and (v) other compensation consisting of participation in broad-based pension and benefit plans, participation in supplemental executive retirement and nonqualified deferred compensation plans and executive perquisites.

Base Salaries. Tejon provides its named executive officers with a level of assured cash compensation in the form of base salaries, which the Compensation Committee believes are appropriate given the named executive officers' professional status, accomplishments, responsibilities and importance to the business. The Compensation Committee believes (based on the individual business experiences and general industry knowledge of its members) that current base salaries for each of the named executive officers are below market for comparable positions. The Compensation Committee establishes base salaries at levels it believes to be below those of comparable companies in order to conserve cash to meet long-term business goals and to further our compensation strategy of favoring variable pay over fixed pay. We are able to pay our named executive officers lower base salaries than comparable companies, and still attract and retain highly qualified executives, because of the performance-based incentive compensation opportunities that we offer. We believe that having the overall compensation emphasis on long-term equity incentives instead of short-term cash compensation better aligns management with stockholders.

For 2009, the Compensation Committee determined to keep the 2009 base salary for our Chief Executive Officer at \$500,000. The Compensation Committee believes that the total compensation package for the Chief Executive Officer, including base salary, is competitive with the market and the Company's current stage within the land development process. In making the decision to maintain the Chief Executive Officer's base salary at \$500,000 the Compensation Committee factored in the current economic environment, the decline within the real estate industry and how these factors can impact current compensation levels. During April 2009, the Chief Executive Officer, with the approval of the Compensation Committee, took a voluntary \$50,000 reduction in salary as a part of a cost reduction program instituted within the Company. For 2010 the Chief Executive Officer's annual base salary will remain at \$450,000.

For the other named executive officers, the Compensation Committee, with input from the Chief Executive Officer, held base salaries at 2008 levels in 2009. The Compensation Committee also determined in December 2009 to not increase the salaries for other named executive officers for 2010. The Compensation Committee along with the Chief Executive Officer did perform an annual review of each named executive officers compensation and evaluated possible changes to base salary but due to the decline in the economy and the real estate industry, decided it was best for the Company to maintain base salaries at prior year levels. The decisions made for both the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers to keep base salaries flat with the prior year and also for 2010 fit with the Company's objective of conserving cash expense during this tough economic environment so that more cash is available for necessary capital investment.

Annual Performance-Based Incentive Bonuses. Tejon's practice is to award annual incentive bonuses based upon the achievement of performance objectives established at the beginning of each year. The Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers recommend to the Compensation Committee

performance objectives, both quantitative and qualitative, that will best move the Company forward to achieve the cash flow, land entitlement, land development, and land conservation goals established in each year's five-year business plan. The Compensation Committee then reviews and approves these annual goals. Each named executive officer has a different weighting as between qualitative and quantitative measures based upon areas of emphasis that the Compensation Committee believes are important for the particular named executive officer to focus on in the context of achieving the Company's long-term strategic goals and creating stockholder value. During fiscal 2009, the Compensation Committee, mindful of the downturn in the economy and the real estate industry, determined that all named executive officers' annual incentive bonuses for fiscal 2009 performance, and going forward for an unspecified period of time, will be paid to each named executive officer in the form of stock grants. The first grants under this program occurred in December 2009. Vesting will occur in three installments, one-third each year, beginning in March 2010 and ending in March 2012. To account for the delay in receiving the full incentive (the stock grants are not fully vested until March 2012, whereas cash bonuses would have been paid in full in March 2010) and the fact that each named executive officer must stay with the Company through March 2012 to receive a full incentive payout, the Compensation Committee decided to increase the value of the stock grants by a multiple of 1.19 as compared to the cash awards that would have been otherwise payable under the cash-based annual incentive program for 2009.

The following chart provides the performance level weightings for the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers. Each of the performance level weighting categories shown in the chart must total 100% within the category and then each category is given a percentage weighting so that the four categories total 100%.

	Robert A. Stine - Chief Executive Officer	Allen E. Lyda - Chief Financial Officer	Joseph E. Drew - SVP Real Estate	Teri Bjorn - VP-General Counsel	Kathleen Perkinson - SVP-Natural Resources
Quantitative Measurements Corporate:					
Cash provided from operations less cash used for capital investment	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Performance Level Total Weighting	15.00%	30.00%	7.50%	10.00%	10.00%
Division Quantitative Measurements:					
Division revenues	0.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Division net operating income	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Performance Level Total Weighting	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	0.00%	20.00%
Qualitative Measurements:					
Business development	65.00%	35.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Operating objectives	15.00%	20.00%	20.00%	50.00%	10.00%
Financial objectives	0.00%	25.00%	30.00%	0.00%	30.00%
Staffing/organizational objectives	20.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Performance Level Total Weighting	60.00%	45.00%	37.50%	65.00%	45.00%
Discretionary Performance Level Weighting	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Total Performance Level Weightings	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Generally the Chief Executive Officer's qualitative goals are tied to land entitlement, public outreach in support of entitlement, development and conservation goals as well as operational and staffing objectives. The qualitative performance goals for the other named executive officers are related to land entitlement, development, and operational goals that support the achievement of corporate entitlement and development goals. The Compensation Committee, after taking into account the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations, sets the specific weightings for each named executive officer based on the relative importance of a specific objective in moving the Company forward in achieving its long-term goals and objectives and also his or her direct role in achieving such objective.

The plan is structured and bonus levels are determined, based upon the level of achievement, of threshold, target and maximum performance of quantitative and qualitative objectives. If achievement of a performance objective is below threshold, no incentive bonus is earned for that objective and if achievement is greater than maximum, the maximum bonus level is earned. The Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers have different cash incentive pay levels (expressed as a percentage of base salary) for achievement at the threshold, target and maximum levels. These percentage levels were determined based on a compensation study completed in 2004 by the POE Group at the request of the Compensation Committee. Since the Company's business and strategic objectives have not changed since the study was performed, the Compensation Committee continues to believe that the percentages used are appropriate.

	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Robert A. Stine, Chief Executive Officer	22.00%	45.00%	78.75%
Allen E. Lyda, Chief Financial Officer	19.00%	38.00%	57.00%
Joseph E. Drew, Senior Vice President, Real Estate	19.00%	38.00%	57.00%
Teri Bjorn, Vice President, General Counsel	19.00%	38.00%	57.00%
Kathleen Perkinson, Senior Vice President, Natural Resources and Stewardship	19.00%	38.00%	57.00%

The following chart provides a breakdown of 2009 annual incentive award measurement by performance measurement categories and the total 2009 incentive award as a percentage of salary:

	Robert A. Stine - Chief Executive Officer	Allen E. Lyda - Chief Financial Officer	Joseph E. Drew - SVP Real Estate	Teri Bjorn VP-General Counsel	Kathleen Perkinson - SVP Natural Resources
Quantitative Measurements Corporate:					
Performance Level Total Weighting	15.00%	30.00%	7.50%	10.00%	10.00%
Award measurement	40.23%	34.07%	34.07%	34.07%	34.07%
Weighted performance total	6.03%	10.22%	2.56%	3.41%	3.41%
Division Quantitative Measurements:					
Performance Level Total Weighting	0.00%	0.00%	30.00%	0.00%	20.00%
Award measurement	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	57.00%
Weighted performance total	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	11.40%
Qualitative Measurements:					
Performance Level Total Weighting	60.00%	45.00%	37.50%	65.00%	45.00%
Award measurement	70.00%	50.00%	57.00%	38.00%	38.00%
Weighted performance total	42.00%	22.50%	21.38%	24.70%	17.10%
Discretionary Performance Level Weighting					
Performance Level Total Weighting	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Award measurement	51.00%	57.00%	57.00%	40.00%	38.00%
Weighted performance total	12.75%	14.25%	14.25%	10.00%	9.50%
Total Incentive Award as a Percentage of Salary	60.78%	46.97%	38.18%	38.11%	41.41%
Quantitative Financial Goal					

Because a very important long-term goal is the achievement of entitlements for our real estate development projects and since Tejon does not generate significant revenue at this time, its short-term objectives, both quantitative and qualitative, are tied to metrics that are critical for the accomplishment of long-term goals. For 2009, a single corporate financial goal was considered: budgeted cash provided from operations less cash used for capital investment, excluding activity within marketable securities. Each named executive officer's weighting is different based on the Compensation Committee's view of each officer's influence on cash flow. This cash

flow measure is used, rather than total revenue or net income, because at this stage in the Company's business plan, cash management is a better indicator of management's financial performance. Also, since Tejon is a net cash user during this phase of its strategic plan, an incentive to generate or conserve cash is consistent with achievement of the Company's strategic objectives. Other than our land asset, we believe that cash and cash-related investments are our most important assets. For 2009, achievement of target performance with respect to this quantitative financial goal required that cash from operations less cash used for capital investment, equal usage of \$27,381,000 with threshold performance at \$30,119,000, and maximum performance at \$21,905,000 of net cash usage. These performance measurement numbers are based on calculations within the Company's 2009 business plan and operating budget. Planned cash usage for 2009 related to infrastructure development, investments in joint ventures, investment in water assets and investments related to entitlement activities. For 2009, the Company fell short of meeting the target cash flow objective with cash provided from operations less cash used for capital investment equaling a cash usage of \$27,743,000. The actual results for the year were below the budgeted number due primarily to higher joint venture capital contributions than planned due to becoming the sole capital contributor to the Centennial Founders LLC joint venture. Please refer to our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information regarding Centennial Founders LLC.

The Senior Vice President Real Estate has quantitative goals related to revenue and income that complement the overall corporate cash flow objective. The Senior Vice President Real Estate for 2009 had a target revenue goal of \$12,347,000 with a threshold goal of \$11,112,000 and a maximum goal of \$14,816,000 for commercial/industrial real estate revenues only. The Senior Vice President of Real Estate also had a target net income goal \$5,104,000 with a threshold goal of \$4,593,000 and a maximum goal of \$6,125,000, based on commercial/industrial activities only. Neither goal was achieved during the year due largely to the decline in oil and mineral revenues compared to the 2009 business plan and operating budget. The Senior Vice President Natural Resources and Stewardship has a quantitative goal related to the budgeted net loss within our resort/residential operating segment with the target goal being a loss of \$5,772,000, threshold goal of a loss of \$6,349,000 and the maximum goal being a loss of \$4,618,000. During 2009, the resort/residential segment loss was \$4,171,000 resulting in the maximum award achievement for the Senior Vice President of Natural Resources and Stewardship. The improvement over budget was primarily due to the reduction of compensation costs and public relations costs when compared to the 2009 business plan and operating budget.

Qualitative Performance Objectives

In addition to the cash flow goal described above, the Chief Executive Officer's annual incentive bonus in 2009 was based upon the achievement of qualitative performance objectives proposed by the Chief Executive Officer and agreed upon and approved by the Compensation Committee. These objectives are tied to business development and organizational goals that move the Company forward in achieving its long-term objectives (including the achievement of strategic milestones related to land development and conservation efforts that the Compensation Committee and the Board believe to be critical to the achievement of the Company's long-term business plan). Qualitative goals for 2009 specifically related to leading and directing a ranch-wide strategy to facilitate future successful entitlement of our development projects, overseeing a public outreach strategy to build support for our entitlement programs, and overseeing the implementation of conservation strategies to build support for our entitlement programs. Based on the successful entitlement of our Tejon Mountain Village community in October 2009 the Compensation Committee determined that the CEO achieved a level of performance greater than target but slightly less than maximum earning an award measurement of 70% for qualitative goals.

The other named executive officers have more diverse qualitative performance goals, generally tied to individual areas of responsibility, which focus both on short-term and long-term goals (including improving operational efficiencies and achieving milestones and other goals with respect to the Company's long-term business strategy related to land entitlement, development, and conservation). Generally the qualitative goals covered: (1) coordinating with joint venture partners regarding entitlement activity milestones for our Tejon Mountain Village community and the Centennial community; (2) guiding the Company in working with various

government agencies as a part of the entitlement process; (3) implementation of a ranch wide management plan in connection with the Conservation and Land Use Agreement signed in 2008; (4) acquiring and managing new water resources; and (5) coordination with key Resource Organizations and the Tejon Ranch Conservancy to allow for successful entitlement of our development projects.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee evaluate the named executive officers' success in meeting their individual qualitative goals and objectives, with final approval provided by the Compensation Committee. In evaluating the success of meeting specific qualitative objectives the Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee review the objective and identify whether or not the objective was accomplished or if the proper amount of progress has been made in achieving the objective. The Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee note for each objective if the objective was accomplished in the time frame designated and the outcome achieved was as specified in the original objective. Through this process weightings are given based on the level of success from threshold to maximum for each objective. Based on the successful entitlement of our Tejon Mountain Village community, the successful acquisition of new water resources, and the completion of a ranch wide management plan along with other achievements during 2009 such as the completion of the majority of infrastructure at our Tejon Industrial Complex East and the successful opening of a new Travel Plaza, the Compensation Committee approved achievement of the qualitative goals for 2009 for the named executive officers at target levels or above as shown in the above table.

On a subjective basis the Compensation Committee evaluates the overall performance of the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers outside of the attainment of specified qualitative goals taking into account concepts such as teamwork, management of staff and departments, and management of process between departments. No specific weighting is given to any of these concepts or other factor the Compensation Committee may include in their performance evaluation. The Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers subjective weighting is identified above under Discretionary Performance Level Weighting. As shown in the above table this subjective weighting is included in the calculation of the final annual incentive award percentage.

The attainment of each year's quantitative financial goals for each of the named executive officers is uncertain and is dependent upon factors such as real estate sales and leasing programs and the timing of capital investments associated with real estate activity, the timing of entitlement activities for our developments, and the uncertainty inherent in our farming operations due to the commodity nature of the products we produce and the fact that we do not know the prices we will receive for our products until harvest begins for a particular year. The achievement of qualitative goals tied to land entitlement, development, and conservation efforts are very dependent on working with groups outside of the Company such as government agencies, local county planning departments, and environmental resource groups all of which make the timing of achieving specific steps in the process very complicated. Accordingly, goal achievement under the annual bonus plan is not guaranteed.

The Company does not currently have a policy requiring a fixed course of action with respect to compensation adjustments following later restatements of performance targets. Under those circumstances, the Compensation Committee would evaluate whether compensation adjustments were appropriate based upon the facts and circumstances surrounding the restatement.

Equity Compensation. The long-term value of the Company will be driven by the execution of its long-term strategies. Accordingly, Tejon uses long-term incentives to align senior managements' interests with stockholders' interests. The Compensation Committee believes that management should own stock and that teamwork among the management group is important in meeting business goals. Therefore, long-term milestone incentives are goal-based, with common performance measures for all participants that encourage teamwork.

The Company has stock retention guidelines which encourage the Chief Executive Officer to own by December 2011 shares and performance units which, together with the in-the-money value of stock options, have

an aggregate value equal to or greater than seven times his annual salary. The stock retention guidelines for the other named executive officers are calculated similarly except that the target retention value is five times their respective salaries. All named executive officers are expected to make reasonably steady progress toward these ownership guidelines between now and December 2011 and the Compensation Committee reviews such progress annually. Since these guidelines are not a contractual basis for remaining in the employment of the Company, the success or lack of success in meeting the guidelines by 2011 will be evaluated by the Compensation Committee in 2011 and reflected in each named executive officer's annual review for that year.

The vesting of all equity grants issued since 2004 is tied to the achievement of specific goals and objectives. The Company grants long-term milestone performance units that are tied to the achievement of several objectives related to our land entitlement and real estate development activities, including our success in achieving entitlements for our planned communities. Due to their strategic significance, we believe that disclosing specific objectives and timeframes might result in competitive harm or delay achievement of long-term strategic objectives. We believe that the achievement of the target level of performance will require significant effort and substantial progress over the next few years in light of the current entitlement environment in California. During 2009, a portion of the milestone performance grants originally granted in 2007 as a part of milestone performance grants tied to the Conservation and Land Use Agreement vested based on the approval by the Kern County Board of Supervisors of entitlements for the Tejon Mountain Village community. The Company did not grant any long-term milestone performance units during 2009.

Tejon also grants annual performance units tied to the achievement of a rolling three-year cash flow metric, which is the net of cash from operations less cash used for capital investment, excluding activity within marketable securities. This performance metric was selected by the Compensation Committee as a measurement of management's ability to manage cash assets over an extended period at a time when cash demands will be high and net income will not be significant. For 2009, this cash flow measure covers the years 2009 through 2011 and has a cumulative cash usage target of \$144,400,000. The Company believes that achievement of this target level of performance will require significant effort and is dependent on the continued absorption of land at Tejon Industrial Complex and progress with respect to entitlement activities at Tejon Mountain Village and Centennial. Please refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 for additional information regarding entitlement and development activities. This target assumes we are moving forward in a positive manner with respect to our development projects. These grants vest after three years and the number of shares to be received is determined by the extent of performance achievement and can range from zero shares to the maximum award amount, which is 150% of the target award. The goal for the 2007-2009 period is cumulative cash usage of \$36,730,000 and the goal for the 2008-2010 period is cumulative cash usage of \$54,407,000. For the 2007-2009 period, the named executive officers failed to achieve the threshold goal and no stock awards were granted. The decline from the forecasted cash usage was due to water asset purchases, increased joint venture investments due to taking over as the managing partner and providing all capital to the Centennial joint venture, and timing of infrastructure that was not originally forecasted during this three-year period.

The Company does not have any program, plan or practice to time equity awards in coordination with the release of material non-public information, nor does the Company time the release of material nonpublic information for the purpose of affecting the value of executive compensation.

With respect to the grant of annual performance units, the Company's practice is to determine annually a dollar amount of equity compensation that it wishes to provide and to grant a number of performance units that have a fair market value equal to that amount on the date of grant. Vesting of these annual grants is tied to the achievement of the rolling three-year cash metric described above. For 2009, the dollar amount for the Chief Executive Officer was \$249,000 and for the other named executive officers it was \$79,000. The level of the target dollar amount for each named executive officer and the difference in target amount is based on a 2004 compensation study prepared at the Compensation Committee's request by the POE Group that recommended long-term compensation goals for each position. The Compensation Committee believes that these levels are still appropriate based on that study and the current economic environment.

Retirement Plans. The Compensation Committee believes that retirement programs are important to the Company as they contribute to the Company's ability to be competitive with its peers and are consistent with Tejon's philosophy of preferring long-term pay over short-term pay. For most of our employees, including the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Senior Vice President Real Estate, and the General Counsel, Tejon provides a pension plan and a 401(k) plan. For the Chief Executive Officer and two other named executive officers, the Company also provides a supplemental executive retirement plan, or SERP. The new Senior Vice President Natural Resources and Stewardship is not included in the pension plan or SERP, which were frozen as of February 1, 2007, based on her hiring date but is included in the 401(k) plan. The Compensation Committee believes that retirement benefits are an important piece of the overall compensation package for the named executive officers.

Benefits to be received from the pension plan upon retirement are determined by an employee's five-year final average annual compensation, length of service with the company, and age at retirement. Average annual compensation consists only of base salary and annual cash or stock bonuses. Benefits from the pension plan can be limited for the named executive officers due to Internal Revenue Service compensation ceilings that are used in the calculation of pension benefits. Because of the Internal Revenue Service limits within the pension plan, the Company established a SERP to replace any pension benefit these officers might lose based on the benefit calculations within the pension plan. Without the SERP, our named executive officers would not otherwise be eligible to receive pension benefits that are comparable in percentage based on compensation to the benefits received by other employees generally. The benefit in the SERP is calculated using the same criteria as the pension plan except that total average compensation is used and the difference between the SERP calculation and the pension calculation is the value of the SERP benefit.

In order to manage the costs of, and the liabilities from the pension and SERP plans, the Company restructured the pension plan in early 2007 to lower the benefit accrual rate, change the retirement age to match social security retirement age, and freeze new employee participation effective February 1, 2007. These changes were made not only to manage costs but also to allow the Company to continue to reward long-term service with the Company. The Company also offers a 401(k) program to its employees, which offers a matching contribution equal to one percent of salary if the employee contributes at least four percent of salary to the plan. Tied to the changes in the pension plan described above, we increased the match for employees who will not be eligible for the pension plan to two percent of salary if they contribute at least four percent of salary to the plan.

The named executive officers may elect to defer cash and equity-based compensation payable to them pursuant to the Company's deferred compensation plan. This plan is designed to allow for retirement savings above the limits imposed by the IRS for 401(k) plans on an income tax-deferred basis. Cash amounts deferred into the plan are held in accounts with values indexed to the performance of selected mutual funds. Stock awards deferred into the plan can be converted to cash or kept in the Company's stock. All participants to date have only deferred stock awards and have maintained stock in the plan. The Company does not provide a match on executive deferrals under the deferred compensation plan.

Change in Control Benefits. The Compensation Committee believes that stockholders' interests will be best served if the interests of executive management are aligned with them, and that providing management with change in control benefits supports that objective by focusing executives on stockholder interests when considering strategic alternatives. Except for accelerated vesting of equity awards pursuant to our equity compensation plan, change in control benefits, as provided in a severance agreement with each of our named executive officers, are only provided upon a termination of employment without cause or a resignation for good reason in connection with a change in control. Please refer to the Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control table on page 29 of this proxy statement for a more detailed description and an estimate of value of these benefits.

In addition to the foregoing change in control severance benefits, the named executive officers will also continue to be entitled to benefits under any existing pension plan and SERP as determined in accordance with

the terms of those plans. If a named executive officer has been credited with more than 15 years of service, as of the effective date of termination, he or she shall also be credited with additional years of service under the plans for the period of salary continuation referred to above.

Separation or Severance Benefits. The Company does not have any contractual obligation to provide severance benefits, though under some circumstances the Compensation Committee believes it is in the Company's best interest to provide a severance benefit in order to provide a smooth transition period for the Company when an executive leaves. Separation benefits in the form of salary continuation and health benefits may be provided to departing executives on a case-by-case basis. These benefits have historically averaged approximately one year. In these cases, the Company did not have a contractual obligation to provide a separation package. This past practice is the basis of the assumption of a one-year separation package used in the Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control table on page 29 of this proxy statement.

Unless the Compensation Committee determines otherwise, if prior to vesting of all or any part of a restricted stock award or performance unit award, a named executive officer's employment with the Company is terminated for any reason, including death or disability, the named executive officer shall forfeit to the Company the portion of the award which has not vested.

Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits. The Compensation Committee reviews annually the perquisites that named executive officers receive. The primary benefits for the named executive officers are Company vehicles and related maintenance and dues related to country club memberships. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer receives additional life insurance in excess of the insurance that is part of the Company's broad-based health insurance policy. This additional insurance supplement is necessary to provide the same three times salary benefit that other employees receive. During April 2009, the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers began paying their own dues related to country club membership as a step to manage compensation costs. These benefits are provided to attract and retain highly qualified executives and because executives often place a higher value on these benefits relative to cost to the Company as compared to increases in cash compensation. In addition, the automobile benefit is provided to executives as well as other company employees because the Company's location and the size of the Company's property necessitate extensive car travel.

Senior management also participates in the Company's other benefit plans on the same terms as other employees. These plans include medical, dental and life insurance.

Tax Considerations. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code imposes a \$1 million limit on the deductibility of compensation paid to certain executive officers of public companies, unless the compensation meets certain requirements for performance-based compensation. In determining executive compensation, the Compensation Committee considers, among other factors, the possible tax consequences to the company and to the executives. However, tax consequences, including but not limited to tax deductibility by the company, are subject to many factors (such as changes in the tax laws and regulations or interpretations thereof and the timing and nature of various decisions by executives regarding options and other rights) that are beyond our control. In addition, the Compensation Committee believes that it is important for us to retain maximum flexibility in designing compensation programs that meet our stated objectives. For these reasons, although the Compensation Committee will consider tax deductibility as one of the factors in determining executive compensation, it will not necessarily limit compensation to those levels or types of compensation that will be deductible. We will, of course, consider alternative forms of compensation consistent with our compensation goals that preserve deductibility as much as possible.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

Directors Goolsby, Metcalfe, Parker, and Stack comprise the Compensation Committee. All of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent directors under the listing standards of the NYSE and under the Company's Independence Standards. No member of the Compensation Committee has had any relationship with the Company requiring disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and discussed that Analysis with management. Based on its review and discussions with management, the Compensation Committee recommended to our Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Company's 2010 Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference into the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. This report is provided by the following independent directors, who comprise the Compensation Committee.

Geoffrey L. Stack (Chairman), John L. Goolsby, Norman Metcalfe, George G. C. Parker

Members of the Compensation Committee

Fiscal Year 2009 Summary Compensation Table

The following table summarizes the total compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid to each of the named executive officers for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	(2) Bonus (\$)	(3) Stock Awards (\$)	(4) Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	(5) Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	(6) (7) All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
						(\$)		
Robert A. Stine, (1) Chief Executive Officer	2009	466,667		279,940	304,000	56,390	28,232	1,135,229
	2008	500,000		235,778	375,000	259,248	33,672	1,403,698
	2007	500,000		3,288,275	275,000	185,937	30,908	4,280,120
Allen E. Lyda, Chief Financial Officer	2009	215,250		89,895	101,105	45,665	14,105	466,020
	2008	215,250		75,022	115,000	120,506	18,027	543,805
	2007	210,000		1,254,538	97,000	39,206	16,888	1,617,632
Joe Drew, Senior Vice President, Real Estate	2009	207,050		85,701	79,052	45,665	12,786	430,254
	2008	207,050		75,022	100,000	102,356	16,521	500,949
	2007	202,000		1,304,348	90,000	61,557	17,951	1,675,856
Teri Bjorn, Vice President,	2009	205,000		85,533	78,119	3,000	21,344	392,996
	2008	205,000			75,000	45,310	19,911	345,221
General Counsel	2007	185,640		678,068	60,000		13,783	937,491
Kathleen Perkinson, Senior Vice President, Natural Resources and Stewardship	2009	205,000		86,822	84,884		16,502	393,208
	2008	205,000	33,150		116,850		17,727	372,727
	2007	88,021		644,805	50,000		8,865	791,691

- Mr. Stine does not receive any additional compensation for being a director of the Company. In April 2009, Mr. Stine took a voluntary \$50,000 annual reduction in salary as a part of a cost reduction program.
- Ms. Perkinson received a one time additional bonus related to her efforts on the 2008 Conservation and Land Use Agreement.
- The figures in this column represent two separate stock grants to each named executive officer: (i) the incremental value of the stock awards granted in lieu of cash payments under the Company's annual incentive plan for 2009 over the value of the cash awards that would have otherwise been payable based upon 2009 performance (see the discussion under Annual Performance- Based Incentive Bonus on page 14 above for additional detail regarding this program) and (ii) the grant date fair value of the three-year rolling performance shares granted in 2009. The incremental value of the stock awards granted in lieu of cash payouts under the annual incentive plan for 2009 for Mr. Stine equals \$57,748; Mr. Lyda \$19,208; Mr. Drew; \$15,014; Ms. Bjorn \$14,846; and Ms. Perkinson \$16,135. The grant date fair value at target for the three-year rolling performance shares awards included in this column are \$222,192 for Mr. Stine and \$70,687 for each of the other named executive officers. At maximum achievement the value received by Mr. Stine under the three-year rolling performance shares awards granted in 2009 would be \$333,286 and for each of the other named executive officers the amount would equal \$106,021. The value of stock awards is the grant date fair value of awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The grant date fair value for grants with performance conditions includes the estimated probable outcome of the performance condition. Further information regarding stock awards can be found in Note 8, Stock Compensation Plan, to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. During 2009 the Stock awards granted did not vest in 2009 but are tied to the achievement of cash flow targets and to continued employment with the Company. See Grants of Plan-based awards page 24 for the number of 2009 grants and grant date fair value.
- Non-Equity incentive plan compensation for the Chief Executive Officer and other named executive officers consists of annual incentive plan payments earned in the applicable fiscal year. As described under Annual Performance-Based Incentive Bonus on page 14 above, in 2009 these were paid in the form of stock grants in lieu of cash. in 2008 and 2007, payments under the annual incentive plan were paid in

cash following the end of the fiscal years.

5. The change in pension value is based upon the same assumptions and measurements that are used for the audited financial statements for the current year. For 2009, there was a decline in the present value of the Accumulated Benefit

due to the full impact of the changes made to the pension plan in 2007 taking effect. See Note 13, Retirement Plan, to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. There are no above-market or preferential earnings related to the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

6. All Other Compensation includes \$12,050 in 2009 for life insurance premiums for Mr. Stine.
7. Each of the named executive officers had the following perquisites, included in All Other Compensation above: Company vehicle and maintenance costs and country club membership. The costs related to those perquisites for 2009 are: Mr. Stine Company vehicle \$14,982 and country club membership \$1,200; Mr. Lyda Company vehicle \$13,705 and country club membership \$400; Mr. Drew Company vehicle \$11,586 and country club membership \$1,200; Ms. Bjorn Company vehicle \$21,344; and Ms. Perkinson Company vehicle \$15,721 and country club membership \$781. During April 2009, Mr. Stine and the other named executive officers began paying for their country club memberships.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards in Fiscal Year 2009

The following table provides information about awards granted to the named executive officers in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 pursuant to our 2004 Stock Incentive Program.

Name	Year	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Annual Equity Incentives Plan Awards (1)			All Other Stock Award Grants (#)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)			Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards (\$)
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)		Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)	
Robert A. Stine:										
Annual incentive plan	2009		110,000	225,000	393,750					
Performance grants, cash flow objective		3/10/09					5,484	10,967	16,450	222,191
Annual incentive restricted stock grant		12/11/09				1,993				57,748
Allen E. Lyda:										
Annual stock incentive/retention plan	2009		40,898	81,795	122,692					
Performance grants, cash flow objective		3/10/09					1,745	3,489	5,234	70,687
Annual incentive restricted stock grant		12/11/09				663				19,208
Joe Drew:										
Annual stock incentive/retention plan	2009		39,340	78,679	118,018					
Performance grants, cash flow objective		3/10/09					1,745	3,489	5,234	70,687
Annual incentive restricted stock grant		12/11/09				518				15,014
Teri Bjorn:										
Annual stock incentive/retention plan	2009		37,003	77,900	111,007					
Performance grants, cash flow objective		3/10/09					1,745	3,489	5,234	70,687
Annual incentive restricted stock grant		12/11/09				512				14,846
Kathleen Perkinson:										
Annual stock incentive/retention plan	2009		37,003	77,900	111,007					
Performance grants, cash flow objective		3/10/09					1,745	3,489	5,234	70,687
Annual incentive restricted stock grant		12/11/09				557				16,135

1. The annual incentive award is based on the achievement of both quantitative and qualitative annual business objectives. The objectives vary based on the named executive officer's responsibilities but normally include a company objective related to cash flow and, where appropriate, operating segment objectives related to revenues and net profit of the segment. For 2009 based upon the percentage of achievement shown in the Annual Performance Base Incentive Bonuses section of Compensation Discussion and Analysis Mr. Stine earned an incentive of \$304,000, Mr. Lyda \$101,105, Mr. Drew \$79,052, Ms. Bjorn \$78,119, and Ms. Perkinson \$84,844. The above incentive award for 2009 was paid out in restricted stock in lieu of cash that vest in three annual installments beginning March 2010 and ending March 2012. The restricted stock grant awards in lieu of cash payments earned in 2009 under the annual incentive plan equaled 10,497 shares for Mr. Stine; 3,490 shares for Mr. Lyda; 2,729 for Mr. Drew; 2,697 for Ms. Bjorn; and 2,930 for Ms. Perkinson
2. The equity incentive award program provides performance unit grants which vest upon achievement of a cash flow objective over a three-year time frame. The objective is based upon meeting targeted cash from operations less cash used in investments within the Company's five-year business plan. The three-year objective for these potential stock awards is cash usage of \$144 million.

Outstanding Equity Awards at 2009 Fiscal Year-End

The following table provides information on the current holdings of stock option, restricted stock, and performance unit awards of the named executive officers. This table includes unexercised option awards, unvested stock grants, and performance share grants with performance conditions that have not yet been satisfied. Each equity grant is shown separately for each named executive officer. The market value of the stock awards is based on the closing market price of Tejon stock as of December 31, 2009, which was \$29.22 per share. The market value as of December 31, 2009 shown below assumes satisfaction of performance objectives at the target level of achievement.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards		Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Robert A. Stine:								
Stock Option Award	90,000		\$ 23.5500	12/04/11				
Stock Option Award	100,000		\$ 27.6600	12/03/12				
Annual Stock Incentive Award(1)					12,487	364,870		
Performance Units(2)							22,217	649,181
Milestone Performance Units(3)							139,357	3,447,692
Totals Robert A. Stine	190,000				12,487	364,870	161,574	4,096,873
Allen E. Lyda:								
Stock Option Award	21,000		\$ 20.3200	01/23/11				
Stock Option Award	18,000		\$ 23.5500	12/04/11				
Stock Option Award	25,000		\$ 27.6600	12/03/12				
Annual Stock Incentive Award(1)					4,153	121,351		
Performance Units(2)							7,068	206,527
Milestone Performance Units(3)							47,226	1,379,944
Totals Allen E. Lyda	64,000				4,153	121,351	54,294	1,586,471
Joe Drew:								
Stock Option Award	12,000		\$ 27.6600	12/03/12				
Annual Stock Incentive Award(1)					3,247	94,877		
Performance Units(2)							7,068	206,527
Milestone Performance Units(3)							47,339	1,383,246
Totals Joe Drew	12,000				3,247	94,877	54,407	1,589,773

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Teri Bjorn:				
Annual Stock Incentive Award(1)	3,209	93,767		
Performance Units(2)			3,489	101,949
Milestone Performance Units(3)			15,000	438,300
Totals Teri Bjorn	3,209	93,767	18,489	540,249
Kathleen Perkinson:				
Annual Stock Incentive Award(1)	3,487	101,890		
Performance Units(2)			3,489	101,949
Milestone Performance Units(3)			15,000	438,300
Totals Kathleen Perkinson	3,487	101,890	18,489	540,249

- ¹. During 2009, the Company went from an annual cash incentive program to an annual stock incentive program that vests in three annual installments beginning March 2010 and ending March 2012. The numbers above relate to restricted stock granted

in 2009 as payment in lieu of cash for annual incentives earned in 2009. Please see discussion beginning on page 14 of Annual Performance-Based Incentives.

2. Performance units consist of shares that may vest during March 2010, 2011, and 2012 based upon achievement of a rolling three-year cash flow objective that is included within our five-year business plan. The shares shown are based upon reaching target levels of performance. Included in this number are the following shares that will not vest in 2010 due to not achieving the specified cash flow objective over the 2007-2009 period: Mr. Stine 4,735 shares; Mr. Lyda 1,506 shares; and Mr. Drew 1,506 shares.
3. Milestone performance units consist of shares that may vest upon achievement of specific milestone objectives related to our residential development and conservation efforts.

Stock Vested in Fiscal Year 2009

The following table provides information, for the named executive officers, on the value realized, and the number of shares acquired upon the vesting of stock awards and the value realized each before payment of any applicable withholding tax and broker commissions.

Name	Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Robert A. Stine:		
Milestone Performance Grants(1)	5,250	134,085
Total Robert A. Stine	5,250	134,085
Allen E. Lyda:		
Milestone Performance Grants(1)	1,875	47,888
Total Allen E. Lyda	1,875	47,888
Joe Drew:		
Milestone Performance Grants(1)	1,875	47,888
Total Joe Drew	1,875	47,888
Teri Bjorn:		
Milestone Performance Grants(1)	375	9,578
Total Teri Bjorn	375	9,578
Kathleen Perkinson:		
Milestone Performance Grants(1)	375	9,578
Total Kathleen Perkinson	375	9,578

1. The milestone performance grants that vested during 2009 were originally granted in 2007 as a part of milestone performance grants tied to the Conservation and Land Use Agreement. These shares vested based on the approval of entitlements for the Tejon Mountain Village community by the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

Pension Benefits in Fiscal Year 2009

The Company's pension plan is a tax-qualified retirement program that covers eligible employees of the Company. Effective January 31, 2007, the pension plan was frozen so that anyone who was hired on or after February 1, 2007, is not allowed to enter the plan. An employee is eligible for normal retirement benefits on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the employee's Social Security Retirement Date. The amount of annual benefit, payable monthly, is based upon an employee's Average Monthly Compensation which

is based upon the employee's highest five consecutive calendar years of compensation out of the employee's final ten years of compensation. The amount of the annual benefit payable monthly shall be: 1.45% of the Average Monthly Compensation offset by .65% of the Final Average Compensation not in excess of one-twelfth of Covered Compensation multiplied by Total Years of Service (up to a maximum of 25 years); or the sum of the accrued benefit as of December 31, 1988 and the benefit as calculated above with Total Years of Service reduced by the Years of Service prior to January 1, 1989.

The named executive officers' annual earnings taken into account under this formula include base salary and any annual cash or stock incentive payments, if any, but may not exceed an IRS-prescribed limit applicable to tax qualified plans (\$245,000 for 2009).

Pension benefits fully vest after the completion of five years of service. Prior to that time the benefit is not vested.

The supplemental executive retirement plan, or SERP, was established for the named executive officers to replace any pension benefit the named executive officers might lose due to the IRS-prescribed limit applicable to tax-qualified plans. The SERP benefit is calculated based on the same formula as the defined benefit plan.

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	(1) Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Robert A. Stine	Defined Benefit Plan	14	330,509	
	Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan(2)(3)	28	2,164,748	
Allen E. Lyda	Defined Benefit Plan	20	175,960	
	Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan(2)	20	56,503	
Joe Drew	Defined Benefit Plan	9	264,237	
	Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan(2)	9	13,603	
Teri Bjorn(4)	Defined Benefit Plan	3	48,310	
Kathleen Perkinson(5)	None			

1. The present value of the accumulated benefit is based upon the same assumptions and measurements that are used in the preparation of the audited financial statements for the current year. See Note 13, Retirement Plans, to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 for the valuation method and these assumptions.
2. The SERP replaces any pension benefit the above-named executive officers lose based on compensation limits with the defined benefit plan imposed by IRS limits. The SERP benefit is calculated based on the same formula as the defined benefit plan.
3. Mr. Stine receives 1.85 years of service for every year of service within the SERP. This was provided for in Mr. Stine's employment contract so that he could receive a full pension benefit at retirement in consideration of his age when joining the Company. This is a benefit provided to Mr. Stine and is not available to the other named executive officers. The increase in benefit related to the additional years of service in the SERP plan is approximately \$1.4 million.
4. Ms. Bjorn is currently not eligible for the SERP due to the plan being closed to new participants. This could change in the future based on approval of the Compensation Committee.
5. Ms. Perkinson joined the Company after the defined benefit plan had been amended to allow no new participants.

Fiscal Year 2009 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Table

The nonqualified deferred compensation plan allows the deferral of salary, bonuses and vested restricted stock or performance units and there are no limits on the extent of deferral permitted. The plan is available for

the named executive officers and directors of the Company. Each of the named executive officers with deferred compensation have elected to defer payment until termination of employment at which time payment will be made in a lump sum in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 409A. Withdrawals are provided for in the plan for unforeseeable emergencies such as financial hardship from illness or accident, loss of property due to casualty, or other similar extraordinary circumstance arising as a result of events beyond control of the employee, each as determined by the Company. A distribution based on an unforeseeable emergency is made only with the consent of the Company.

The Company does not contribute to the nonqualified deferred compensation plan for the benefit of any named executive officer or director. Earnings from any cash contributed or stock that is converted to cash by a named executive officer or director are based upon the market return of the investment in which such officer or director directed his or her contribution. All holdings in the nonqualified deferred compensation plan are in the form of Company stock. No shares have been to cash within the plan.

Name (1)	(2) Aggregate Balance at Prior FYE (\$)	Executive Contributions in Last FY (\$)	(3) Aggregate Earnings (loss) in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (\$)
Robert A. Stine(4)	311,402		56,390	367,792
Allen E. Lyda(4)	252,233		45,665	297,898
Joe Drew(4)	252,233		45,665	297,898
Teri Bjorn				
Kathleen Perkinson				

1. The named executive officers that have participated in the nonqualified deferred compensation plan have only deferred the receipt of restricted stock and performance unit grants that vested in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
2. All amounts reported in the aggregate balance at last fiscal year end previously were reported as compensation to the named executive officer in the Summary Compensation Table for previous years.
3. Aggregate earnings in the last fiscal year are based on the change in price of the Company's stock from the prior year-end to December 31, 2009. This factor is used because all investments within the nonqualified deferred compensation plan are held in Company Stock.
4. For each participating named executive officer, the current distribution date from the nonqualified deferred compensation plan is upon termination of employment. The decision by each named executive officer to defer future compensation and the distribution date of any deferral is determined at the end of each fiscal year for awards that may be received in the coming new year.

Fiscal Year 2009 Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

A change in control is deemed to have occurred if (i) there is an acquisition by any person or group (excluding current ownership) of 20% or more of the outstanding shares of the Company; (ii) the Company sells all or substantially all of its assets; or (iii) the Company merges or consolidates with another entity.

Terminations of employment in connection with a change in control can occur if the named executive officer is terminated without cause during the two years after the occurrence of a change in control or the named executive officer is terminated prior to a change in control at the request of a third party who has taken steps to effect a change in control. The named executive officers can also voluntarily terminate employment after a change in control if they have been assigned substantial reductions in duties and responsibilities, received a reduction in base salary, or had an annual bonus opportunity eliminated or significantly reduced (i.e. a resignation for good reason).

Change in control benefits include a continuation of base salary for a period of 36 months for the Chief Executive Officer and 30 months for the other named executive officers, and lump sum payments of two and one

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half times their annual bonus based on their average bonus for the previous three years. The named executive officers are also entitled to receive a continuation of health and other insurance benefits over the salary continuation period. Each named executive officer also has the right for a three-month period to continue use of any perquisites he or she may have had prior to the change in control. Generally, all unvested performance unit awards will vest at target achievement levels upon a change in control whether or not the named executive officer is terminated. During the period of time benefits are to be received under a change in control the named executive officers must agree not to solicit any employees of the Company or disclose any confidential information related to the Company. This restriction runs 36 months for the Chief Executive Officer and 30 months for the other named Executive Officers.

Name	Benefit	Before Change in Control (1)(2)(3)	After Change in Control (1)(2)(4)	Change in Control No Termination (\$)
		Termination w/o Cause or for Good Reason (\$)	Termination w/o Cause or for Good Reason (\$)	
Robert A. Stine(6)	Salary Continuation	500,000	1,500,000	
	Bonus	337,000	842,500	
	Health Insurance	12,252	36,756	
	Other Compensation(6)	49,597	49,597	
	Equity Compensation(5)	804,657	5,128,043	5,128,043
	Total Value	1,703,506	7,556,896	5,128,043
Allen E. Lyda(6)	Salary Continuation	215,250	538,125	
	Bonus	110,772	279,930	
	Health Insurance	12,252	30,630	
	Other Compensation(6)	30,243	30,243	
	Equity Compensation(5)	371,695	2,035,782	2,035,782
	Total Value	740,212	2,914,710	2,035,782
Joe Drew(6)	Salary Continuation	207,050	517,625	
	Bonus	94,691	236,728	
	Health Insurance	12,252	30,630	
	Other Compensation(6)	27,509	27,509	
	Equity Compensation(5)	62,725	1,703,370	1,703,370
	Total Value	404,227	2,515,862	1,703,370
Teri Bjorn(6)	Salary Continuation	205,000	512,500	
	Bonus	75,987	189,968	
	Health Insurance	12,252	30,630	
	Other Compensation(6)	37,113	37,113	
	Equity Compensation(5)		634,016	634,016
	Total Value	330,352	1,404,227	634,016
Kathleen Perkinson(6)	Salary Continuation	205,000	512,500	
	Bonus	100,337	250,843	
	Health Insurance	12,252	30,630	
	Other Compensation(6)	31,490	31,490	
	Equity Compensation(5)		634,016	634,016
	Total Value	349,079	1,459,479	634,016

- For the above calculations, it is assumed that the triggering event took place on the last business day of 2009, and the stock price used in the above calculation was the per share price on that day (\$29.22).

2. The value for vesting of performance unit awards and milestone performance awards is the closing market price on the last business day of 2008 (\$29.22).
3. Benefits upon a termination not in connection with a change in control are based upon the receipt of a one-year separation package. This assumption is based upon past Company practice and assumes Board approval. Under this assumption, salary continuation is equal to one year of salary as in effect prior to termination, the bonus amount is the average annual bonus received over the last three years, health insurance is the cost of coverage for one year, and vested stock options are included as well as stock grants that are scheduled to vest during the separation period. Other Compensation includes accrued and unused vacation pay and use of Company vehicle as a benefit for a three month period of time. The Company is not obligated to make these payments.
4. Each restricted stock award contract and performance unit award contract contains language that shares vest upon a change in control. For purposes of this table, it is assumed all non-vested performance units and milestone units vest immediately at the target level
5. For determination of value, only stock options in the money were considered because it is assumed that options out of the money will not be exercised. Please see the Outstanding Equity Awards at 2009 Fiscal Year-End table on page 25 for option exercise prices.
6. Each of the above-named executive officers has a severance agreement describing benefits to be received in the event of a change in control and one of the above actions takes place after the change in control. Salary continuation is for a 36-month period for Mr. Stine and a 30-month period for the other named executive officers at the salary in effect immediately prior to the change in control. The bonus amount is equal to the three-year average bonus for two full fiscal years and one half of the three-year average for the third fiscal year after termination. Health insurance is provided over the 36-month or 30-month period, as the case may be, under the same conditions as prior to termination. Other Compensation consists of accrued and unused vacation at the time of termination and if the named executive officer has the right to use a Company vehicle or a country club membership prior to termination, the continuation of that benefit for a three-month period of time.

Director Compensation in Fiscal Year 2009

In 2009, non-employee directors received an annual retainer of \$45,000 payable in common stock in arrears, quarterly, based on the closing price of the Company's common shares at each quarter end. In addition, the Chairman of the Board received an annual retainer of \$25,000 payable in common shares and the Chairmen of the Audit, Compensation and Real Estate Committees each received an annual retainer of \$10,000 payable in common shares. Directors affiliated with a person or entity owning 15% or more of the Company's total shares outstanding could elect to receive his or her entire annual retainer in cash.

The change to all-stock director compensation took place in 2008 and is intended to better align stockholder and director interests and to allow the Company to attract and retain as directors qualified, talented candidates.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	(1) Stock Awards (\$)
John Goolsby(2)		45,000
Barbara Grimm-Marshall(2)		45,000
Norman Metcalfe(2)		55,000
George G. C. Parker(2)		55,000
Robert C. Ruocco(2)(3)		20,100
Kent G. Snyder(2)		70,000
Geoffrey L. Stack(2)		51,355
Michael H. Winer(2)	45,000	

1. The amounts reported reflect the grant date fair value of stock awards granted in 2009 to each director. Please see Note 8, Stock Compensation Plan, to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 for additional information regarding the valuation of stock awards. The number of stock awards granted each year is determined on a quarterly basis by dividing one fourth of the annual retainer by the closing stock price at the end of each quarter. During 2009, the directors received the following number of stock awards: Mr. Goolsby 1,792 shares; Ms. Grimm-Marshall 1,792 shares; Mr. Metcalfe 2,190 shares; Mr. Parker 2,190 shares; Mr. Snyder 2,788 shares; Mr. Stack 2,026 shares; and Mr. Winer 0 shares.
2. The directors had the following vested but unexercised stock options at December 31, 2009; Mr. Goolsby 5,462 shares; Ms. Grimm-Marshall 0 shares; Mr. Metcalfe 5,138 shares; Mr. Parker 5,138 shares; Mr. Snyder 10,276 shares; Mr. Stack 5,138 shares; and Mr. Winer 0 shares. None of the directors have unvested stock grants.
3. Mr. Ruocco resigned as a Director on May 12, 2009.

STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table lists the stockholders known to the Company to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the shares of the Company's Common Stock outstanding as of March 12, 2010. The table also provides the stock ownership as of the same date of all directors, each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table (the named executive officers during 2009), and all directors and officers as a group.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(1)	Percent of Class(2)
Third Avenue Management LLC 622 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017	4,947,786(3)	28.83%
TowerView LLC 500 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	1,040,000(4)	6.06
Wesley Capital Management, LLC 535 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022	942,276(5)	5.5%
Directors		
John L. Goolsby	14,962(6)	below 1%
Barbara Grimm-Marshall	5,022(7)	below 1%
Norman Metcalfe	17,243(7)	below 1%
George G. C. Parker	12,413(6)	below 1%
Kent G. Snyder	18,065(7)	below 1%
Geoffrey L. Stack	20,081(8)	below 1%
Robert A. Stine	288,423(9)	1.68%
Michael H. Winer	4,947,786(3)	28.83%
Executive Officers		
Dennis J. Atkinson	40,163(8)	below 1%
Teri Bjorn	646(7)	below 1%
Joseph E. Drew	36,049(7)	below 1%
Allen E. Lyda	96,603(8)	below 1%
Kathleen J. Perkinson	616(7)	below 1%
All executive officers and directors as a group (14 persons)	5,498,072	32.14%

(1) In each case, the named stockholder in the above table has the sole voting and investment power as to the indicated shares, except as set forth in the footnotes below, and except that all options, restricted stock and

restricted stock units are held by directors and officers individually. For purposes of this table, beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, pursuant to which a person or group of persons is deemed to have beneficial ownership of any shares that such person owns or has the right to acquire within 60 days. As a result, we have included in the Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership column, shares of vested and unvested restricted stock granted to a beneficial owner. Such restricted stock has voting rights, irrespective of vesting. In addition, we have included restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, even though for any such restricted stock units shown to vest within that period, the beneficial owner would have to terminate his relationship with the Company.

- (2) For purposes of computing the Percent of Class column, any shares which such person does not currently own but has the right to acquire within 60 days of March 12, 2010 are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any person. Restricted stock is deemed outstanding, irrespective of vesting. Also included are restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, even though for any such restricted stock units shown to vest within that period, the beneficial owner would have to terminate his relationship with the Company.
- (3) Based on information included in a Schedule 13G dated February 16, 2010 filed by Third Avenue Management LLC with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act. Of the amount shown, (i) Transamerica Third Avenue Value VP, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, 60,731 of the shares reported by Third Avenue Management LLC, or TAM, (ii) Third Avenue Small Cap Value Fund, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, 322,646 of the shares reported by TAM, (iii) Third Avenue Value Fund, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, 3,420,106 of the shares reported by TAM, (iv) AIC Corporate Fund Inc., a mutual fund corporation formed by Articles of Incorporation under the laws of Ontario, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, 16,400 of the shares reported by TAM, (v) Third Avenue Real Estate Value Fund, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, 785,584 of the shares reported by TAM, (vi) Transamerica Third Avenue Value, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, 76,574 of the shares reported by TAM, (vii) Third Avenue Value Portfolio of the Third Avenue Variable Series Trust, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, 142,008 of the shares reported by TAM, (viii) Third Avenue Real Estate Value Fund UCITS, an umbrella open-ended investment company authorized by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority under the European Communities Regulations, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of 6,000 of the shares reported by TAM, (ix) Third Avenue Small Cap Value Fund UCITS, an umbrella open-ended investment company authorized by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority under the European Communities Regulations, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of 175 of the shares reported by TAM, (x) Third Avenue Value Fund UCITS, an umbrella open-ended investment company authorized by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority under the European communities Regulations, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of 42,946 of the shares reported by TAM, and (xi) various separated managed accounts for whom TAM acts as investment advisor have the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds of the sale of, 74,616 of the shares reported by TAM. Mr. Winer is a Portfolio Manager of Third Avenue Management LLC and shares voting and investment power. Mr. Winer disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by said entities for all other purposes.
- (4) Based on information included in a Schedule 13G/A dated February 4, 2010 filed by TowerView LLC with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act. TowerView LLC has sole voting power and investment power over the 1,040,000 shares of common stock shown.
- (5) Based on information included in a Schedule 13G/A dated February 16, 2010 filed by Wesley Capital Management LLC, Wesley Capital Partners LLC, Arthur Wrubel, and John Khoury, with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act.

- (6) The shares owned by Mr. Goolsby include 9,500 shares in his personal investment accounts and 5,462 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. The shares owned by Mr. Parker include 6,753 shares in his personal investment accounts, 1,663 restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days, and 3,997 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. The shares owned by each of Mr. Goolsby and Mr. Parker in their accounts are held by a family trust, respectively, concerning which each director and his spouse share voting and investment power.
- (7) The shares owned by Mr. Metcalfe include 7,560 shares in his personal investment accounts, 5,686 restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, and 3,997 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. The shares owned by Mr. Snyder include 3,977 shares in his personal investment accounts, 6,093 restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, and 7,995 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. The shares owned by Ms. Grimm-Marshall include 3,230 shares in her personal investment accounts, and 1,792 shares of restricted stock that could possibly vest within 60 days. The shares owned by Mr. Drew include 13,854 in his personal investment accounts, 10,195 restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, and 12,000 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. All shares owned by Ms. Bjorn and Ms. Perkinson are held in their personal investment accounts.
- (8) The shares owned by Mr. Stack include 10,786 shares in his personal investment accounts, 5,298 restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, and 3,997 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. The shares owned by Mr. Atkinson include 10,140 shares in his personal investment accounts, 2,948 shares of restricted stock, that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010 and 27,075 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. The shares owned by Mr. Lyda, the Principal Financial Officer of the Company, include 22,408 shares in his personal investment accounts, 10,195 restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, and 64,000 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. The shares owned by each of Messrs. Stack, Lyda and Atkinson in their accounts are held as community property concerning which the named person and his spouse share voting and investment power.
- (9) Mr. Stine, as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, is an executive officer as well as a director. The shares owned by Mr. Stine include 85,836 shares in his personal investment accounts, 12,587 shares of restricted stock units that could possibly vest within 60 days of March 12, 2010, and 190,000 shares underlying stock options that are currently exercisable. Of the shares in Mr. Stine's accounts, some of the shares are held by a family trust and some are held as community property. In each case he and his spouse share voting and investment power.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Audit Committee of the Board has furnished the following report:

The Audit Committee reviewed Tejon Ranch Co. s (the Company s) financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors (the Board). Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process. The Company s independent auditors are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of the Company s audited financial statements to generally accepted accounting principles.

In this context, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with management and the independent auditors the audited financial statements. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (*Communication with Audit Committees*) and Rule 3526 of the Public Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB, *Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence*, as may be modified or supplemented. In addition, the Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent auditors communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent auditors their independence from the Company and its management. The Audit Committee has also considered whether the independent auditors provision of non-audit services to the Company is compatible with their independence.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to in the preceding paragraphs, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board, and the Board has approved, that the audited financial statements be included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

George G. C. Parker (Chairman), John Goolsby, Barbara Grimm-Marshall, Geoffrey L. Stack

Members of the Audit Committee

OTHER MATTERS

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors, officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock, to file reports of ownership and changes in beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Stock on Form 3, Form 4, and Form 5, as appropriate, with the SEC and to furnish the Company with copies of all such Section 16(a) reports that they file. Based on those records and other information furnished to the Company, during 2009, officers, directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock complied in a timely manner with all filing requirements.

Legal Procedures Involving Directors and Executive Officers

None of the members of the Board or any named executive officer have been involved in any legal proceedings over the last ten-year period involving proceedings from involvement in mail or wire fraud; violations of federal or state securities, commodities banking or insurance laws; petitions under federal bankruptcy laws; or disciplinary sanctions or order imposed by a stock, commoditized or derivatives exchange.

Related Person Transactions

The Board follows certain policies and procedures developed for the review and approval of all transactions with related persons, pursuant to which the Board reviews the material facts of, and either approves or disapproves of, the Company's entry into any transaction, arrangement or relationship or any series thereof in which (i) the aggregate amount involved will or may be expected to exceed \$120,000 in any calendar year, (ii) the Company is a participant, and (iii) any related person has or will have a direct or indirect interest (other than solely as a result of being a director or less than ten percent beneficial owner of another entity).

The Board reviews all relationships and transactions in which both the Company and any related person are participants to determine whether such related persons have a direct or indirect material interest in such transaction. A related person is any executive officer, director or director nominee of the Company, or any beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Company's Common Stock, or any immediate family member of any of the foregoing. The Company discloses transactions in its proxy statement with related persons in accordance with Item 404 of Regulations S-K of the Exchange Act.

In the course of the Board's review and approval or ratification of a related party transaction, the Board considers:

the nature of the related person's interest in the transaction;

the material terms of the transaction, including, without limitation, the amount and type of transaction;

the importance of the transaction to the related person;

the importance of the transaction to the Company;

whether the transaction would impair the judgment of a director or executive officer to act in the best interest of the Company; and

any other matters the Board deems appropriate.

Any member of the Board who is a related person with respect to a transaction under review may not participate in the deliberation or vote respecting approval or ratification of the transaction, provided that such director may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting that considers the transactions. During 2009 there were no such transactions.

Financial Information

Both the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (including the financial statements and financial statement schedules but without exhibits) as filed with the SEC accompany this Proxy Statement. Both reports may be obtained without charge by calling (661) 248-3000, or by written request to the Corporate Secretary, Tejon Ranch Co., Post Office Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243.

Notice of Internet Availability

You can now access the 2009 Annual Report and the 2010 Proxy Statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting via the Internet at the following address: <http://materials.proxyvote.com/879080>.

The enclosed information has been provided to you to enable you to cast your vote in one of three convenient ways: (1) via the Internet, (2) by telephone, or (3) by returning it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Whichever method you choose, you are encouraged to vote.

You can also eliminate the mailing of this information in the future by electing to receive this data through the internet and by an email directing you to vote electronically. This election can be made as you vote your proxy via the Internet by providing your email address when prompted.

Communications with Directors

Any stockholder or other party interested in communicating with members of the Board, any of its committees, the independent directors as a group or any of the independent directors may send written communications to Tejon Ranch Co, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243, Attention: Corporate Secretary, or via the Contact Us link on the Company's website, www.tejonranch.com. Communications received in writing are forwarded to the Board, committee or to any individual director or directors to whom the communication is directed, unless the communication is unduly hostile, threatening, illegal, does not reasonably relate to the Company or its business, or is similarly inappropriate. The Corporate Secretary has the authority to discard or disregard any inappropriate communications or to take other appropriate actions with respect to any such inappropriate communications.

Stockholder Proposals for 2011 Annual Meeting

Stockholder proposals to be presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting, pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received by the Company no later than December 1, 2010 in order to be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for that meeting. Such proposals should be submitted in writing to the principal executive offices of the Company at the address set forth on the first page of this Proxy Statement.

In addition, the Company's Certificate of Incorporation require that the Company be given advance written notice of stockholder nominations for election to the Company's Board and of other matters which stockholders wish to present for action at an annual meeting of stockholders (other than matters included in the Company's proxy materials in accordance with Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, as discussed above). Such nomination or other proposal will be considered at the 2011 Annual Meeting only if it is delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Company at the address set forth on the first page of this Proxy Statement not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting as originally scheduled, but if less than 40 days notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to the stockholders, then the notice must be received not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders was mailed. A stockholder's notice to the Secretary must set forth as to each matter the stockholder proposes to bring before the Annual Meeting: (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the Annual Meeting, (ii) the name and record address of the stockholder proposing such business, (iii) the class and number of shares of the Company which are beneficially owned by the stockholder, and (iv) any material interest of the stockholder in such business.

Stockholders Sharing the Same Last Name and Address

To reduce the expense of delivering duplicate proxy materials to stockholders who may have more than one account holding Tejon Common Stock but who share the same address, we have adopted a procedure approved by the SEC called householding. Under this procedure, certain stockholders of record who have the same address and last name will receive only one copy of our proxy materials that are delivered until such time as one or more of these stockholders notifies us that they want to receive separate copies. This procedure reduces duplicate mailings and saves printing costs and postage fees, as well as natural resources. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to have access to and utilize separate proxy voting instructions.

If you receive a single set of proxy materials as a result of householding, and you would like to have separate copies of our annual report, or proxy statement mailed to you, please submit a request to our Corporate Secretary at Tejon Ranch Co, P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243, and we will promptly send you what you have requested. You can also contact our Corporate Secretary if you received multiple copies of the annual meeting materials and would prefer to receive a single copy in the future, or if you would like to opt out of householding for future mailings.

Other Business

Management does not know of any matter to be acted upon at the meeting other than those described above, but if any other matter properly comes before the meeting, the persons named on the enclosed proxy will vote thereon in accordance with their best judgment.

Stockholders are urged to sign and return their proxies without delay.

For the Board of Directors,

KENT G. SNYDER, Chairman of the Board

TERI BJORN, Secretary

APPENDIX A

ATTACHMENT A TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews the independence of all directors, and reports its findings to the Board of Directors. Based upon the report and the directors' consideration, the Board of Directors determines which directors shall be deemed independent.

A director will be deemed independent if it is determined that he or she has no material relationship with the corporation, either directly or through an organization that has a material relationship with the corporation. A relationship is material if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, it might reasonably be considered to interfere with the exercise of independent judgment. Ownership of stock of the corporation is not, in itself, inconsistent with a finding of independence. In addition, an Audit Committee member must also be independent within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange's listing requirements for audit committees, and the requirements set forth in Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The following specific standards are utilized in determining whether a director shall be deemed independent:

- >> the director is not, and in the past three years has not been, an employee of Tejon Ranch Co. or any of its subsidiaries (collectively, Tejon);
- >> an immediate family member of the director is not, and in the past three years has not been, employed as an executive officer of Tejon;
- >> neither the director nor a member of the director's immediate family is, or in the past three years has been, affiliated with or employed by Tejon's present or former (within three years) internal or external auditor;
- >> neither the director nor a member of the director's immediate family is, or in the past three years has been, employed as an executive officer of another company where any of Tejon's present executives serve on that company's compensation committee;
- >> neither the director nor a member of the director's immediate family receives or has received more than \$120,000 per year in direct compensation from Tejon in the past three years, other than director and committee fees and pensions or other forms of deferred compensation for prior services (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service);
- >> (A) the director is not a current partner or employee of a firm that is Tejon's internal or external auditor; (B) the director does not have an immediate family member who is a current partner of such a firm; (C) the director does not have an immediate family member who is a current employee of such a firm and personally works on the listed company's audit; or (D) the director or an immediate family member was not within the last three years a partner or employee of such a firm and personally worked on Tejon's audit within that time;
- >> the director is not, nor are any of the director's immediate family members, currently an executive officer of a company that makes payments to, or receives payments from, Tejon for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three fiscal years, exceeds the greater of \$1 million, or 2% of such other company's consolidated gross revenues.

For purposes of this Attachment A, an immediate family member means a person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers- and fathers-in-law, sons- and daughters-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and anyone (other than an employee) who shares such person's home.

TEJON RANCH CO.

PROXY

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, each dated March 30, 2010, and hereby appoints KENT G. SNYDER and ROBERT A. STINE as proxies (each with full power to act in the absence of the other, and each with full power of substitution), to represent and to vote all shares of Common Stock of Tejon Ranch Co. held of record by the undersigned on March 12, 2010, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 11, 2010, or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as properly may come before the meeting.

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PLEASE SIGN AND DATE ON REVERSE SIDE AND RETURN IN THE ACCOMPANYING ENVELOPE

TEJON RANCH CO.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

May 11, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Irvine

17900 Jamboree Boulevard

Irvine, California

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THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN BY THE UNDERSIGNED. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

1. ELECTION OF THREE DIRECTORS (Class II) For all nominees listed below WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for ALL nominees listed below
(except as written to the contrary below)
BARBARA GRIMM-MARSHALL, GEORGE G.C. PARKER, AND ROBERT A. STINE

(Instruction: to withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee write in the nominee's name in the space below.)

2. Ratification of Ernst and Young, LLP as the Company's independent public accountants for 2010:

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VOTE BY INTERNET OR TELEPHONE OR MAIL

24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Internet and telephone voting is available through 11:59 PM Eastern time

the day prior to the Annual Meeting.

Your telephone or internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

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Mark, sign and date

Use the internet to vote your proxy. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site. You will be prompted to enter your control number, located in the box below, to create and submit an electronic ballot.

Use any touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy. Have your proxy card in hand when you call. You will be prompted to enter your control number, located in the box below, and then follow the directions given.

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**If you vote your proxy by internet or by telephone,
you do NOT need to mail back your proxy card.**