

Senior housing project coming to Yucaipa

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County representatives pose for a photo during a groundbreaking ceremony of Horizons at Yucaipa, an affordable housing complex in Yucaipa.

YUCAIPA >> A groundbreaking ceremony for the first phase of a new 77-unit senior apartment complex was held Friday.

Horizons at Yucaipa will offer affordable housing options for seniors 55 and up at 12279 Third St.

The target date for the first phase of completion is November 2016. It will feature one- and two-bedroom

options with new appliances and a community center. The plan is to reserve 10 units for seniors 60 years and up with mental health issues, according to a news release.

“After six years of determined effort we are excited to finally see shovels go into the ground for this much-needed senior affordable housing development,” said Yucaipa Councilman David Avila. “As you know, Yucaipa has always had a sizeable senior population... and we are going to need more of this type of housing” here.

Yucaipa approved the project two years ago, said Ana Gamiz, director of policy and community affairs for the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.

Horizons is just one of several projects in development under the organization’s umbrella. They include [Valencia Grove in Redlands](#) and the [Val-9 Waterman Gardens redevelopment in San Bernardino](#).

Horizons help address the demand for ample affordable senior housing in the county, said Daniel Nackerman, executive director of Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.

The first phase of the Yucaipa development will cost more than \$15 million dollars. Seven income sources is covering costs associated with the project, including a tax exempt bond of \$2.77 million and a Yucaipa city deferred fee of \$727,619.

The project is possible through a partnership between Housing Authority, Urban Housing Communities and Housing Partners I Inc., its managing general partner.

“If it wasn’t for the vision to be able to come together to pull these things together... seniors wouldn’t be able to look forward to move in and see the beautiful view that’s here,” said Third District Supervisor James Ramos.

To learn more about the project, visit hacsb.com.

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