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## GOCO has world-class plans for Glen Ivy Hot Springs



**GOCO RETREAT TEMESCAL VALLEY: GOCO Hospitality, an international company specializing in the wellness hospitality business, purchased Glen Ivy Hot Springs in January 2016.**

Action taken by the county's Board of Supervisors at the March 7 meeting could allow Glen Ivy Hot Springs to become a "world-class" retreat and wellness center.

The 157-year-old spa and adjacent property was purchased in January 2016 by GOCO Hospitality, an international wellness hospitality development and management company headquartered in Bangkok.

The current resort covers about 20 acres and GOCO seeks to develop the remaining 62.5 acres which include open land and groves, and the conference and retreat center used by Glen Ivy's former owner, the spiritual group Emissaries of Divine Light.

The general plan foundation and land-use changes approved by the supervisors would allow the creation of a specific plan to guide the development of the project. The approval of the amendment allows the planning to begin, but does not give approval to the project.

The new development has been named GOCO Retreat Temescal Valley with plans for a retreat accommodation with 85 rooms and 10 pool villas. Other amenities include hotel, full-service wellness center, gymnasium, yoga academy, organic farm and gardens plus a farmer's market, outdoor recreation areas and hiking trails, banquet and meeting rooms, a retail component, kids club and an education center for holistic medicine. Glen Ivy currently has about 150 employees and receives 170,000 visitors each year. It's anticipated the Retreat will employ an additional 150 people.

The plans also include about 90 residential units – two- and three-bedroom homes and one- to three-bedroom condominiums. GOCO founder and CEO Ingo Schweder said the retreat industry has noted increasing support of wellness communities that combine accommodations with residential offerings.

While the land-use changes were approved, when completed the specific plan must still be reviewed by the county Planning Commission and then approved by the Board of Supervisors. Both meetings would involve public hearings, giving people the opportunity to comment either for against the project.

Schweder said GOCO currently is engaged in the first phase of the plan – repairing and upgrading Glen Ivy spa. With the general plan amendment approval, he said master planning now can begin and GOCO hopes to have the project approved this fall with construction starting in 2018 and completion by the end of 2019. Learn more about GOCO at [www.gocohospitality.com/](http://www.gocohospitality.com/)