



**TO: SEATAC Members**  
**FROM: Dr. Shirley Imsand, Coordinator**  
**SUBJECT: MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA**

The next meeting of SEATAC is scheduled for:

**Day/Date: Monday, 2 July 2012**  
**Time: 1:00 P.M.**  
**Place: DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**  
**Hall of Records, Room 150, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**320 West Temple Street**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. 1:00 p.m. Review and approval of SEATAC minutes for 4 June 2012.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2. 1:15 p.m. Project Description: Action Paintball Park**  
**Project No. R2010-00735, RCUPT201000066, RENVT201000025**  
**AINs: 3210-017-043, 3210-017-055**  
**SEA: Santa Clara River SEA No. 23**  
**Applicant: SC Planners**  
**Biologist: Steve Nelson, PCR**

The proposed project is for a recreational facility for the sport of paintball. The project site is located adjacent to Soledad Canyon Road off of the 14 Freeway in Canyon Country, in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County on two parcels of 50.5 acres. The site is accessible via a short driveway to an unpaved parking lot. The recreational facility of 11.8 acres will encompass playing fields, parking lot with 255 spaces, snack shop, pro shop, picnic/rest area staging area, fixed-foundation restrooms with septic system/leach field, two water wells, and a generator for electrical service. The site will be served by six converted mobile containers to house the snack shop, pro shop, restrooms, office, and storage. The site will be serviced by a water tank and a generator for electrical service. No grading, earth movement, or paving is proposed for the project. All of the site's facilities will be located on the northern portion of the

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property away from the stream. All facilities and activities will be located outside jurisdictional waters and associated riparian vegetation of CDFG and USACOE. Septic system shall be at least 100 linear feet beyond the top bank of the active wash. A system of 4 physical barriers is to be located at the periphery of playing fields between playing fields and the River. No disturbance to the stream or streambed is proposed. The facility will operate during daylight hours Th-Su and not use night-lighting. The maximum planned capacity is to be 250 visitors.

The project was previously reviewed by SEATAC on 4 October 2010 and 3 October 2011.

[http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/agenda/sea\\_20101004-minutes.pdf](http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/agenda/sea_20101004-minutes.pdf)

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**SEA RESOURCE DESCRIPTION:** The Santa Clara River SEA is located on the Santa Clara River in Los Angeles County and covers most of the river bed and some of the contributing tributaries. Soledad Canyon and the Santa Clara River in Los Angeles County have several populations of the unarmored threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*). This species was formerly found in the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Santa Ana Rivers but is now restricted to the Santa Clara River and San Francisquito Canyon. The primary concern for the survival of the unarmored threespine stickleback is the loss of suitable habitat, and for these reasons and due to threats to its habitat, it has been placed on the state and federal endangered species lists. In the Santa Clara River, the unarmored threespine stickleback is limited to permanent streams and pools from Arrastre Canyon near Acton to near Lang (and the project parcel), San Francisquito Canyon, and pools and flows from Bouquet Canyon to the Ventura–Los Angeles County line. These areas are “essential habitat” for the fish.

The reason the unarmored threespine stickleback has been able to survive in the Santa Clara River is that its habitat has not been much disturbed. It requires clean, free-flowing perennial streams and ponds surrounded by native vegetation. Native vegetation is essential to proper filtration of flow into the River. Intermittent areas connecting perennial streams are also important during the wet season when surface water is present. The Santa Clara River is unique in being the only major river draining the San Gabriel Mountains that has not been channelized. The vegetation consists of fresh water marsh, coastal sage scrub, oak woodland and riparian woodland communities. The natural stream course and vegetation slow heavy runoff during the rainy season, decrease destruction and siltation of habitat in downstream areas, and provide habitat for migration between populations.

This broad wash association is unlike that found in steeper mountain canyons and is exceedingly difficult to find in Los Angeles County. There are numerous plant and animal species (including endangered and threatened ones) found along the Santa Clara River that are rare. The trees serve as habitat for many raptors and other bird species. The Santa Clara River is one of the chief wildlife movement corridors of Los Angeles County, providing water and habitat to facilitate connectivity for plants and wildlife from the ocean coast in Ventura County through the mountains to the Mojave Desert.

**Action Requested:** Review the Biota Report and make a recommendation for compatibility of the project with the Santa Clara River SEA #23.

3. 1:45 p.m. Review and discussion of draft letter from SEATAC to Dept. of Regional Planning regarding the SEA-CUP ordinance. Ms. Brianna Menke from DRP will be available for questions on the new SEA-CUP ordinance and the draft letter.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

4. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

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