

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In compliance with Section 15132 of the *CEQA Guidelines*, this document serves as the Final EIR for the proposed Landmark Village project, which consists of the following discretionary project approvals: (a) General Plan Amendment PA 00-196, Sub-Plan Amendment LP 00-197, and Specific Plan Amendment SP 00-198; (b) Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 53108; (c) Significant Ecological Area (SEA) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) RCUP 200500112 for project-level development within the Specific Plan's River Corridor Special Management Area (SMA)/ SEA 23 boundaries; (d) Oak Tree Permit OTP 00196; (e) Off-Site Soil Transport Approval (part of CUP 00196 entitlement request); (f) CUP 00-196 for off-site grading in excess of 100,000 cubic yards and construction of the off-site water tanks; and (g) Modification to adopted County Floodway limits.

As required, this document provides responses to written comments received on the Draft EIR and response to public testimony received at public hearings before the County of Los Angeles Planning Commission on January 31, 2007 and February 28, 2007. The initial public review and comment period for the Draft EIR was from November 20, 2006 to January 22, 2007 (60 days). The public comment period was subsequently extended by the Regional Planning Commission to February 20, 2007. To ensure public access to the Draft EIR, copies of the document were made available for review at three local libraries, as well as the Department of Regional Planning offices. In addition, the Draft EIR was made available on the Department of Regional Planning's website. Section 15132 of the *CEQA Guidelines* requires that the Final EIR consist of the following elements:

- (a) The Draft EIR or a revision of the draft.¹
- (b) Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary.²
- (c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
- (d) The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
- (e) Any other information added by the Lead Agency.

¹ All references to the Draft EIR are to the Draft EIR for the Landmark Village project, SCH No. 2004021002, released for public comment on November 20, 2006 to January 22, 2007 (60 days), and incorporated by reference into the Final EIR (*CEQA Guidelines*, Sections 15132, 15150, and 15362).

² Ibid.

The Final EIR is organized in the following manner:

- Introduction
- Topical Responses
- Comment Letters and Responses to Comment Letters
- Hearing Testimony and Responses
- Revised Draft EIR Pages
- Appendices to the Final EIR:
 - APPENDIX A – Biological Resources Reports
 - APPENDIX B – Water Resources Reports
 - APPENDIX C – Air Quality Data/Reports
 - APPENDIX D – Fiscal Reports
 - APPENDIX E – Cultural/Paleontological Resources
 - APPENDIX F – Land Use
 - APPENDIX G – Water Quality Data/Reports
 - APPENDIX H – Staff Reports

A list of the persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR is presented in the Table of Contents. Comments received, in writing and orally, on the Draft EIR are presented in the sections entitled “Comment Letters” and “Public Hearing Transcripts.” The responses of Los Angeles County to environmental issues raised in the review of the Draft EIR are presented in the sections entitled “Topical Responses,” “Responses to Comment Letters,” and “Hearing Testimony and Responses.” A revision of the Draft EIR is presented in the section entitled “Revised Draft EIR Pages.” Lastly, “Appendix to the Final EIR” contains documents cited as an appendix to this Final EIR.