RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has reviewed the matter of an amendment to Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the Agua Dulce Community Standards District (CSD) update; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. The unincorporated community of Agua Dulce is part of the Fifth Supervisorial District. The area is located in the Santa Clarita Valley, bounded on the north by the Angeles National Forest, on the south and west by the Angeles National Forest and the Santa Clarita Valley, on the east by the community of Acton.

2. The subject community is predominantly rural, and comprised of low-density agricultural zones.

3. In 2007 staff from the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) was contacted by representatives of the Agua Dulce Town Council (Town Council), who expressed the desire to update the CSD in order to preserve the rural and scenic character of the area. Staff worked closely with the community and the Town Council for over five years to achieve a consensus on community standards.

4. DRP staff held several meetings with the Town Council and members of the Agua Dulce community. Specifically, staff conducted an initial community outreach meeting on March 11, 2010 to present its draft of the CSD update. Staff attended an additional community meeting on May 25, 2011, and a Town Council meeting on October 12, 2011.

5. The proposed CSD update will help preserve the community character by addressing minimum lot size, residential and commercial development standards, street improvements, public trails, lighting, signage, the allowance of cargo shipping containers, the expansion of allowable home-based occupations, an increase in the allowable number of dogs, and significant ridgeline and hillside management area protection.

6. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study was prepared for the project, which demonstrates that this regulatory action will not have a
significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, staff has prepared a related Negative Declaration for this project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regional Planning Commission recommends that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment to Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code relating to updating the Agua Dulce Community Standards District (CSD);

2. Certify the completion of and adopt the attached Negative Declaration and find that the update of the Agua Dulce CSD will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

3. Adopt the attached ordinance updating the Agua Dulce CSD, and determine that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on February 22, 2012.

By ____________________________

Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary
Regional Planning Commission
County of Los Angeles

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