Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
Supervisor Gloria Molina
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Director

**SUBJECT: STONYVALE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT (CSD)
(November 30, 2010, Item 74-D)**

On November 30, 2010 your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich directing the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) to prepare a draft CSD and, if necessary, any relevant zone changes or plan amendments that may be required relating to rebuilding in the Stonyvale community. Issues of alternative setbacks, wall heights, and horse-keeping will be thoroughly examined.

The motion also directed DRP to work with Stonyvale community residents and surrounding community stakeholders; to coordinate with the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, and Fire; and to report to your Board every 30 days on progress made. This is the first monthly report.

Since November 30, DRP has undertaken a number of tasks that are summarized below:

1. Prepared working maps of the Stonyvale community to be used for field work and for displaying zoning, General Plan land use policy, existing land use, and building footprints.

2. Researched the geography and other characteristics of the community and summarized this preliminary information, including ownership of properties and community boundaries.

3. Contacted the Vogel Flats Fire Recovery Alliance—comprised of the residents whose homes were destroyed in the Stonyvale community by the Station Fire—

to initiate contact with community representatives. Written correspondence was received from the Alliance on December 6 requesting that alternative setbacks, wall heights, and horse-keeping be considered in the preparation of the CSD.

4. On December 14 made a field visit to the Stonyvale community to meet with community representatives; tour the areas of the community affected by the Station Fire; take photographs of the destroyed properties and affected landscape; and examine Stonyvale Road right of way monuments established by the Department of Public Works road survey in spring 2010.

5. Made initial contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, and Fire. Also made initial contact with the U.S. Forest Service, which is a unique stakeholder as the Stonyvale community is an inholding in the Angeles National Forest.

6. Prepared a tentative work schedule for the development, completion and adoption of the CSD.

Since the Station Fire of August 2009, Stonyvale community members have worked diligently and collaboratively with relevant County departments to assist as appropriate with their efforts to identify and implement solutions that will allow rebuilding. As the Department prepares the Stonyvale CSD it will assess the community's intent and draft relevant development standards. The next monthly progress report on the Stonyvale CSD will be delivered January 30, 2011.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Mark Herwick of my staff at (213) 974-6423 or by email at mherwick@planning.lacounty.gov. Our office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

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