Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION REGARDING ORGANIZATION AND PROTOCOL OF THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FEBRUARY 28, 2012, ITEM #9)

On February 28, 2012, your Board indicated its intent to adopt the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update and requested a report back to your Board with recommendations on improving the organization and protocol of the Significant Ecological Area Technical Advisory Committee (SEATAC) within 30 days.

Staff has begun developing the recommendations and has met with SEATAC and other stakeholders. The recommendations generally fall within four categories: procedural improvements, ethical standards, technological improvements, and forthcoming changes tied to the General Plan Update and the revision of Zoning Ordinance provisions related to Significant Ecological Areas. Staff anticipates that many of the recommendations can be implemented within a relatively short time frame (approximately six months).

I am requesting an additional 30 days from the date of this memo to complete the report. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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