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Department of Regional Planning

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RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF OAK WOODLANDS CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (AUGUST 23, 2011, ITEM #17)

On August 23, 2011, your Board adopted the Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan (Plan) and instructed the Director of Planning and the Fire Chief, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and other affected Departments, to complete a review of Part II of the Plan, which consists of recommended implementation actions, and to report back to your Board within six months on how these recommended implementation actions should be incorporated into the County's processes.

Staff has completed a review of Part II of the Plan and has been collaborating with the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works to prepare a report to your Board. On March 5, 2012, I requested an additional 30 days to complete the report. On March 26, 2012, staff met with the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works to discuss several outstanding issues related to the report. The various agencies made substantial progress in resolving these outstanding issues, but additional discussion and collaboration had to occur before the report could be submitted to your Board. Therefore, on April 2, 2012, I requested an additional 60 days to complete the report.

On May 21, 2012, staff met with the Fire Department, the Department of Public Works, and Rosi Dagit of the Oak Woodlands Habitat Conservation Strategic Alliance (Alliance) to review and discuss a preliminary draft of the report. Ms. Dagit and the various agencies agreed that the preliminary draft should be reviewed by the Alliance, which is a group of biologists, arborists, environmentalists, foresters, planners, Building Industry Association representatives, and academics that prepared the Plan. Subsequently, Ms. Dagit scheduled a meeting with the various agencies and the Alliance for July 10, 2012.

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Therefore, I am now requesting an additional 60 days from the date of this memo to complete the report, as this will provide adequate time for additional discussions with the Alliance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or at mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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