Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF OAK WOODLANDS CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (AUGUST 23, 2011, ITEM NO. 17)

On August 23, 2011, your Board adopted Part I of the Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan (Plan) and instructed the Director of Regional Planning and the Fire Chief, in consultation with the Department of Public Works (DPW) 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.

Department of Regional Planning (DRP) staff has completed a review of Part II of the Plan and has been collaborating with the Fire Department (Fire), DPW, and the Oak Woodlands Habitat Conservation Alliance (Alliance) 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 from DRP, Fire, and DPW met to discuss several outstanding issues related to the report and 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 from Fire, DPW, and DRP met with Public Works Deputies for the Third and Fifth Districts and Rosi Dagit of the Alliance to review and discuss a preliminary draft of the report. The attendees agreed that the preliminary draft should be reviewed by the rest of the Alliance, which is comprised of a group of biologists, arborists, environmentalists, foresters, planners, Building Industry Association representatives, and academics that prepared the Plan. Ms. Dagit also requested that

staff meet with the entire Alliance following their submission of comments on the preliminary draft and, subsequently, scheduled a meeting for July 10, 2012. Therefore, on May 31, 2012, I requested an additional 60 days to complete the report.

Subsequent to the July 10, 2012 meeting, staff received additional comments from the Alliance, as well as a request from the Fire Department, to meet and discuss the report due to a change in staffing since the initiation of this project.

As such, I am requesting an additional 60 days from the date of this memo to complete the report, as this will provide adequate time to review the additional comments and conduct additional discussions with the Fire Department.

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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