Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING RURAL ISSUES AND THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (December 9, 2008, Item 39-B)

On December 9, 2008, your Board instructed the Director of Planning to take the following actions:

1. Formulate draft standards for development of rural communities within the General Plan Update;
2. Identify provisions that relate to development of rural communities in future outreach efforts concerning the General Plan Update;
3. Make a presentation to the Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) no later than April of 2009 concerning rural issues and the General Plan Update; and,
4. Report back to the Board of Supervisors every 90 days identifying how the Department is addressing rural issues in the General Plan Update.

This quarterly report, as directed by your Board motion, summarizes the progress of the Department of Regional Planning (Department) in addressing the actions outlined above.

During the last quarter, the Department continued to develop the adequate sites inventory, goals and policies, and programs for the Housing Element Update. The Department also released a survey to garner input from major stakeholders on the diversity of housing needs throughout the County. Furthermore, the Department coordinated with the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission on the related Consolidated Plan Update outreach efforts, which included a community meeting in the Antelope Valley in late September. The Department will be releasing a Draft of the Housing Element this month, January 2013.

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The Department also continued to meet with major stakeholders to discuss the General Plan Update, Antelope Valley Area Plan Update and associated zoning consistency efforts. The Department also finalized the Outdoor Rural Lighting Ordinance, which was adopted by your Board in November 2012, and continued to develop the Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance.

In the coming months, the Department will focus on preparing the Draft EIR for the General Plan Update, which will be available for public review this year.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than April 4, 2013. Should you have any questions regarding the General Plan Update or the Housing Element Update, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, SEA Program, or Draft Renewable Energy Ordinance, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Rural Outdoor Lighting District Ordinance, please contact Bruce Durbin at (213) 974-6432 or bdurbin@planning.lacounty.gov.

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