Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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SUBJECT: 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 Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Update, which will be available for public review in January 2014. The staff also posted a revised draft of the General Plan in early October on the Department's web site. The revised draft includes changes that address stakeholder input, as well as formatting changes to make the document user-friendly. The revised draft is available for public review at the following link: http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan.

As part of the General Plan Update, the Department also sent out thousands of courtesy letters to property owners regarding proposed zoning consistency efforts. During this time, the staff worked directly with property owners through an interactive process to determine the appropriateness of the proposed zone changes. More information on the zoning consistency effort can be found at the following link: http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/zoning.

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During the last quarter, the Department also posted a revised draft of the Housing Element, which is scheduled for public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission on October 9, 2013. The Department anticipates completing the effort by the end of the year. The final draft of the Housing Element and information on the upcoming public hearing can be found at the following link: http://planning.lacounty.gov/housing.

Finally, the Department continued its stakeholder outreach efforts to develop the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the unincorporated areas. The staff is currently developing the draft of the CCAP, which will be available for public review in January 2014. More information on the CCAP can be found at the following link: http://planning.lacounty.gov/ccap.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than January 7, 2014. Should you have any questions regarding the General Plan Update, Housing Element Update, or CCAP, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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