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*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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**REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL  
AREAS ORDINANCE (JUNE 16, 2015, ITEM 21)**

On June 16, 2015, as a part of the approval of the Antelope Valley Area Plan, the Board instructed the Director of Planning to bring the Significant Ecological Area (SEA) Ordinance to the Board for adoption by the first quarter of 2016. This memo provides a status update for the SEA Ordinance.

The Department of Regional Planning (Department) has been reviewing and revising the SEA Ordinance to address changes requested by the November 12, 2014, Board Motion which included: the continual exemption of single family residences and their accessory structures; and the exemption of animal keeping areas and facilities, all previously disturbed farmland, minor subdivisions, and the rebuilding and replacement of structures destroyed in a catastrophic event. In addition, the Department has been meeting with interested stakeholders to inform them of the progress and to receive feedback regarding the SEA Program. Public outreach will continue through the end of 2016 with the anticipation of releasing a public draft of the SEA Ordinance at the start of 2017.

Should you have any questions regarding the SEA Ordinance or Program, please contact Patricia Hachiya at (213) 974-6461 or [phachiya@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:phachiya@planning.lacounty.gov).

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