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Department of Regional Planning

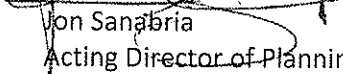


Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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SUBJECT: **STATUS OF THE MAY 12, 2009 BOARD MOTION CONCERNING THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND EIR, AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

On May 12, 2009, the Board instructed the Acting Director of Regional Planning in consultation with the Acting County Counsel and other appropriate Departments to report back in four weeks on how the Department will develop the General Plan and its companion EIR in a way that will:

- a) Inventory the County's operational and communitywide contribution to greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with accepted protocols;
- b) Help to ensure that the County is prepared to adapt to the likely environmental effects of climate change through a combination of policies contained within the General Plan itself, the enumeration of future implementation actions, and/or coordination with the Climate Action Plan; and
- c) Ensure that the current draft of the General Plan will be modified in response to any new data and policy recommendations that emerge from the plan's EIR, the greenhouse gas emissions inventory, and the climate change adaptation modeling and the Climate Action Plan in a way that will create the clear and measurable, and enforceable package of environmental measures, policies, and future implementation actions necessary to reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions in compliance with Board policy, AB 32 Scoping Plan benchmarks, and CEQA mandates.

We have received information from the General Plan EIR consultant and prepared a draft response. We are requesting an additional three weeks to provide ample time to work with County Counsel to finalize the draft response.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6425 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov.

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