NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH#2011081042) FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

DATE: June 19, 2014

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals

SUBJECT: Notice of Completion and Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT: Los Angeles County General Plan Update

LEAD AGENCY: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.; and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act," the County of Los Angeles through the Department of Regional Planning, as Lead Agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Los Angeles County General Plan Update.

PROJECT LOCATION
Los Angeles County is geographically one of the largest counties in the country with approximately 4,083 square miles. Los Angeles County stretches along 75 miles of the Pacific Coast of Southern California and is bordered to the east by Orange County and San Bernardino County, to the north by Kern County, and to the west by Ventura County. Los Angeles County also includes two offshore islands, Santa Catalina Island and San Clemente Island. The unincorporated areas account for approximately 65 percent of the total land area of Los Angeles County and are shown on the attached map (Figure 1). The unincorporated areas in the northern portion of Los Angeles County are covered by large amounts of sparsely populated land and include the Angeles National Forest, part of the Los Padres National Forest, and the Mojave Desert. The unincorporated areas in the southern portion of Los Angeles County consist of 58 noncontiguous land areas, which are often referred to as the County’s unincorporated urban islands. The County’s governmental structure comprises of five Supervisorial Districts with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as the governing body responsible for making all legislative land use decisions for the unincorporated areas. Maps of the Supervisorial Districts and unincorporated areas are available online on the Department of Regional Planning (Department) website: http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The project is a comprehensive update of the Los Angeles County General Plan and associated actions. The project includes goals, policies, implementation programs and ordinances. The project covers the unincorporated areas and accommodates new housing and employment opportunities in anticipation of population growth. The General Plan Update focuses growth in the unincorporated areas with access to services and infrastructure and reduces the potential for growth in environmentally sensitive and hazardous areas. The project will replace the adopted General Plan.
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the following resource areas have been analyzed in the DEIR for potential environmental effects:

Aesthetic/Visual     Fiscal     Recreation/Parks
Vegetation          Agricultural Land     Flood Plain/Flooding
Schools/Universities Water Quality     Air Quality
Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems     Water Supply/Groundwater
Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic     Sewer Capacity
Wetland/Riparian     Biological Resources     Minerals
Soil                Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
Coastal Zone        Noise     Solid Waste
Land Use            Drainage/Absorption     Population/Housing Balance
Toxic/Hazardous     Cumulative Effects     Economic/Jobs
Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
The formal public review period for the DEIR will be from June 23, 2014 to August 7, 2014 (45 day review period). All comments received by the closing of the public review period will be considered in the Final EIR.

PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing on the proposed project and the DEIR will be held before the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 9 a.m., in the Regional Planning Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor, Room 150), 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

REVIEWING LOCATIONS
To ensure public access to the DEIR, copies of the document are available for review on the Department's web site at http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/ceqa. Copies will be available at the Department's main office and field office locations listed at the following link: http://planning.lacounty.gov/locations; all County libraries; Calabasas Library located at 200 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302; and Altadena Library (Main Library) located at 600 East Mariposa Street, Altadena, CA 91001.

All comments and responses to this notice should be submitted in writing to:

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Regional Location

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