

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In compliance with Section 15132 of the California Environmental Quality Act (*CEQA*) *Guidelines*, this document serves as the Final EIR for the proposed Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update (One Valley One Vision) (County Project No. R2007-01226-(5)), which consists of the following discretionary project approvals:

- (a) *Plan Amendment No. 2009-00006-(5)*
- (b) *Zone Change No. 2009-00009-(5)*

The proposed Area Plan's Draft EIR was made available for public review and comment on September 4, 2009. The County initially provided a 60-day comment period for the Draft EIR, which was scheduled to conclude on November 2, 2009. However, the comment period subsequently was extended to 120 days in response to requests for additional time, and ultimately terminated on February 1, 2010. The proposed Area Plan's Revised Draft EIR was then released on November 23, 2010, and made available for public review and comment for a 60-day comment period that terminated on January 24, 2011. (Although the Revised Draft EIR was recirculated in its entirety, substantive changes were only made to the air quality, traffic and circulation, global climate change, and water supply sections.) To ensure public access to the Draft EIR, copies of the document were made available for review at four local libraries, as well as the Department of Regional Planning offices. In addition, the Draft EIR was made available on the Department of Regional Planning's website. Section 15132 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* requires that the Final EIR consist of the following elements:

- (a) *The Revised Draft EIR or a revision of the draft.*¹
- (b) *Comments and recommendations received on the Revised Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary.*²
- (c) *A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Revised Draft EIR.*
- (d) *The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.*
- (e) *Any other information added by the Lead Agency.*

¹ All references to the Revised Draft EIR are to the Revised Draft EIR for the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update (One Valley One Vision) project, SCH No.2008071119, released for public comment on November 23, 2010 to January 24, 2011 (60 days), and incorporated by reference into the Final EIR (*State CEQA Guidelines*, Sections 15132, 15150, and 15362).

² Ibid.

The Final EIR is organized in the following manner:

- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Topical Responses, Comment Letters, and Responses to Comment Letters
- 3.0 Hearing Testimony and Responses
- 4.0 Revised Draft EIR Pages

Appendix to the Final EIR

F3.3 Air Quality Emissions Calculations

F3.13 Water Service Information

F3.19 Population and Housing

A list of the persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR is presented in the Table of Contents. Comments received, in writing and orally, on the Draft EIR are presented and responded to in the sections entitled "Topical Responses, Comment Letters, and Responses to Comment Letters" and "Hearing Testimony and Responses." A revision of the Draft EIR is presented in the section entitled "Revised Draft EIR Pages." Lastly, "Appendix to the Final EIR" contains documents cited as an appendix to this Final EIR.