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November 15, 2010

Mr. Mitch Glaser  
Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning  
320 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: Project No. E2007-01226-(5)  
Plan Amendment Case No. 200900006-(5)  
Zone Change Case No. 200900009-(5)  
Environmental Assessment Case No. 200900080-(5)  
State Clearinghouse No. 2008071119

Dear Mr. Glaser:

Please find enclosed a copy of the comments from the school districts of the Santa Clarita Valley regarding the One Valley One Vision Planning (OVOV) document and the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR). These have been submitted to the City of Santa Clarita Planning Department

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Please consider these written comments in response to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning Notice of Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

Marc Winger, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

Enclosure

c: Area Superintendents

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**Castaic Union School District  
Newhall School District  
Saugus Union School District  
Sulphur Springs Union School District  
William S. Hart Union High School District**

November 3, 2010

Mr. Jason Smisko  
Senior Planner  
City of Santa Clarita  
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 302  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

**Re: Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for City of Santa Clarita  
OVOV General Plan, State Clearinghouse No.2008071133**

Dear Mr. Smisko:

Thank you for supplying the local school districts with draft copies of the One Valley One Vision (OVOV) General Plan and the associated DEIR. We offer the following observations and comments.

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**The DEIR states:**

“Implementation of the proposed General Plan goals, objectives, policies, and Senate Bill 50 would reduce impacts on school districts to less than significant.” (3.15-2)

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- 1) Payment of state mandated fees under SB50 will not mitigate the impact of future development because statutory fees alone cannot assure adequate school housing for children. They are the legal structure for mitigation, but they are simply insufficient. Any additional generation of students from new housing will stress the capacity of our school districts. We appreciate the concept that the plan’s “goals, objectives, and policies” will assist us in convincing developers that schools must be considered in the approval process. But without stronger and specified goals, objectives, and policies mitigation is not guaranteed, and therefore the DEIR should not state that these elements result in a reduction of the impact to “less than significant.” We require mitigation agreements for all developers that insure full mitigation - a greater level of mitigation than statutory fees - and we look to the City and County to assist us in helping all developers understand this.

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- a. Identify modifications to existing school sites to expand capacity. However, even this may be inadequate due to the desire to maintain schools at reasonable and manageable sizes.
- b. Identify adequate nearby land to construct new facilities in the core areas. This is extremely difficult when one small developer cannot be held responsible for a complete school. It is also difficult due to the lack of availability of adequate school acreage in the city's core. However, this discussion must be part of the incremental project approval process.

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Yours truly,

  
 James Gibson, Superintendent  
 Castaic Union School District

  
 Marc Winger, Ed.D, Superintendent  
 Newhall School District

  
 Judy Fish, Ph.D, Superintendent  
 Saugus Union School District

  
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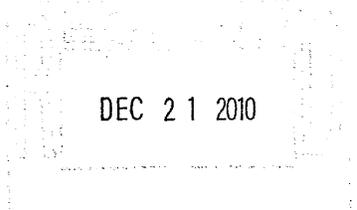
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December 14, 2010

Mr. Mitch Glaser  
Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning  
Countywide Studies Section  
320 West Temple Street  
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Dear Mr. Glaser:

**REVIEW COMMENTS  
ON THE RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE  
ONE VALLEY ONE VISION PROJECT  
(COUNTY PROJECT NO. R-2007-01226-(5); LASD-FPB TRACKING NO. 10-085)**

This letter is transmitted in response to your request for comments on the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR), dated November 23, 2010, for the One Valley One Vision Project (Project) located in the Santa Clarita Valley Plan Area. The RDEIR, and Notices of Completion/Availability for the RDEIR, were received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) on November 8, 2010.

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RDEIR review comments from LASD are provided by Captain Paul Becker of LASD's Santa Clarita Valley Station (see attached correspondence, dated November 16, 2010).

In summary, LASD generally concurs with the LASD-related law enforcement analysis contained therein. LASD has no additional comments at this time. LASD, however, reserves the right to address these and other matters in subsequent reviews of the proposed Project.

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Thank you for including LASD in the environmental review process for the proposed Project.

Should you have any questions of LASD on this matter, please contact Mr. Lester Miyoshi, of my staff, at (626) 300-3012, and refer to Facilities Planning Tracking No. 10-085. Mr. Miyoshi may also be contacted via e-mail, at [lhmiyosh@lasd.org](mailto:lhmiyosh@lasd.org).

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Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Gary T. K. Tse, Director  
Facilities Planning Bureau

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Los Angeles County  
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Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

10-085

DATE: November 23, 2010

TO: All Interested County Departments

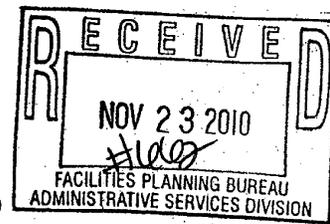
FROM: Mitch Glaser  
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
Countywide Studies Section *MG*

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
ONE VALLEY ONE VISION  
PROJECT NO. R2007-01226-(5)  
PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO. 200900006-(5)  
ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 200900009-(5)  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CASE NO. 200900080-(5)  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2008071119

In September 2009, the Department of Regional Planning released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above project. Due to the comments received on the DEIR, a reexamination of the DEIR data was required. As a result of this examination, the Department of Regional Planning has determined that the entire DEIR will be recirculated for review and comment as a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR). The Department of Regional Planning is requiring reviewers to submit new comments on the RDEIR and will not respond to comments received during the first circulation period, even if those comments pertain to a portion of the DEIR that has not been substantively changed. Attached is the RDEIR for your review.

If you have any questions, please contact Mitch Glaser of the Countywide Studies Section at (213) 974-6476 or via email at [mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov), Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

Attachment(s)



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November 16, 2010

Mr. Gary T.K. Tse, Director  
Facilities Planning Bureau  
1000 South Fremont Avenue  
Building A-9 East 5<sup>th</sup> Floor North  
Alhambra, California 91803

Dear Mr. Tse:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
ONE VALLEY ONE VISION

We have had an opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the One Valley One Vision and have no further comment to what is already in the report for law enforcement services.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to call me at (661) 255-1121 extension 5101, or Deputy Patrick Rissler at extension 5159.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Paul Becker, Captain  
Santa Clarita Valley Station

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January 20, 2011

File No: SCV-00.04-00

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Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
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Dear Mr. Glaser:

One Valley One Vision, Project No. R2007-01226-(5)

The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (District) received a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the subject project on November 22, 2010. We offer the following comments regarding sewerage service:

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1. Tables 3.4-45 and 3.4-46 of the OVOV DEIR: These tables contain estimates of existing and proposed (i.e., proposed General Plan and Area Plan) annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, respectively, from various sources including wastewater treatment. The wastewater GHG emissions calculations in the DEIR (Appendix 3.4) are derived from electrical use and process emissions. The process emissions value of 6,561.63 MT CO2 e/yr (from implementation of both plans) was based on the amount of methane generated utilizing a methodology per the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), AP-42 Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors, 1998.

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During the wastewater treatment process, methane is produced in sealed tanks from anaerobic digestion of degradable organic material removed from the wastewater. The methodology in AP-42 assumes that all the methane generated by the treatment process is emitted to the atmosphere. This assumption is not correct. Organic material removed at both of the District's treatment plants is managed at the District's Valencia Water Reclamation Plant (VWRP). Methane from the anaerobic digesters at VWRP is collected and combusted in a flare or boiler. Only a very small fraction of methane escapes combustion. The U.S. EPA publication Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2008 (released in April 15, 2010) includes a destruction efficiency factor assuming that one percent of methane is uncombusted. However, based on emissions tests at the VWRP, the uncombusted amount of methane is significantly less than one percent. Combusted methane forms CO2, which is a carbon-neutral biogenic emission in this case because the CO2 formed is part of the natural carbon cycle (waste decomposes to CO2, which is taken up by plants, which are consumed by humans and animals and then excreted as waste). Therefore, the process emissions value in the DEIR overestimates actual GHG emissions from the District's treatment of wastewater by two orders of magnitude. The District requests

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that these GHG emissions calculations be revised to account for the capture and subsequent destruction of methane that occurs at VWRP.

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2. The District is not responsible for the water treatment needs of the Santa Clarita Valley. Please revise as follows: (1) *Page 3.17-1, second paragraph*, "...construction of new ~~water~~ or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities..." (2) *Page 3.17-16, second paragraph*, "...construction of new ~~water~~ or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities..." (3) *Page 4.0-30, first paragraph*, "...construction of new ~~water~~ or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities..."

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3. *Page 3.17-4, first paragraph, last sentence*: "The SCVJSS currently processes an average flow of ~~20.8~~ 20.3 mgd."

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4. *Page 3.17-13, third paragraph, last sentence*: "The SWRP and the VWRP have current design capacities of 6.5 and 21.6 mgd, respectively, for a total design capacity of ~~34.1~~ 28.1 mgd. As described above in (Planned Improvements) the design capacity of both plants would increase to a capacity of ~~34.2~~ 34.1 mgd..."

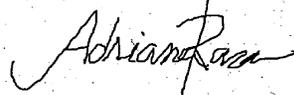
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If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (562) 908-4288, extension 2717.

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Very truly yours,

Stephen R. Maguin



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Customer Service Specialist  
Facilities Planning Department

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South Coast Air Quality Management District

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January 21, 2011

Mr. Mitch Glaser Department of Regional Planning County of Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA 90012

Review of the Re-circulated Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is intended to provide guidance to the lead agency and should be incorporated into the final Environmental Impact Report (final EIR) as appropriate.

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Based on a review of the draft EIR the AQMD staff is concerned about the project's operational air quality impacts. Specifically, the lead agency has determined that the project's operational phase will exceed the AQMD's CEQA significance thresholds resulting in significant regional and cumulative air quality impacts. The project's operational air quality impacts are primarily from mobile source emissions related to the significant increase of vehicle trips (>1.8 million) associated with the proposed project. AQMD staff appreciates that this plan update, in conjunction with the Santa Clarita City General Plan update, encourages more dense development in already developed areas in Santa Clarita in order to reduce transportation and related air quality impacts. However, the lead agency has not stipulated specific measures or targets to reduce the large increase in mobile source emissions allowed under the proposed project. For example, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has adopted regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets under SB 375 of 8% by 2020 and 13% 2035. A reduction in GHGs will very likely provide co-benefits by reducing criteria pollutant emissions. Therefore, the AQMD staff recommends that the lead agency include quantitative targets and/or performance standards for the development of this plan in order to minimize the project's significant air quality impacts. Potential quantifiable mitigation measures are included in the greenhouse gas quantification report<sup>1</sup> published by the California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association in the final EIR.

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<sup>1</sup> California Air Pollution Control Officer's Association. August 2010. Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures. Accessed at: http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf

Further, the AQMD staff is concerned about the potential health risk impacts to future sensitive receptors (i.e., schools, school yards, parks, playgrounds, day care centers, nursing homes, hospitals, and residential communities) from potential sources of toxic emissions within the project boundaries. For example, Figure 3.1-2 and 3.1-3 in the draft EIR indicates that residential uses will be located adjacent to light industrial uses. Therefore, the AQMD staff recommends that the lead agency include mitigation in the final EIR that is consistent with the advisory recommendations listed in Table 1-1 of the Air Quality and Land Use Handbook<sup>2</sup> developed by the California Air Resources Board. Further, the AQMD staff requests that the lead agency include mitigation in the final EIR that requires any future project with sensitive land uses located in close proximity to an industrial use (i.e., source of toxic pollutants) to conduct a health risk assessment.

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Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the final EIR. Further, staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any other questions regarding air quality that may arise. Please contact Dan Garcia, Air Quality Specialist CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

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Sincerely,



Ian MacMillan  
 Program Supervisor, CEQA Inter-Governmental Review  
 Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

Attachment

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<sup>2</sup> California Air Resources Board. April 2005. "Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective." Accessed at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm>

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Planning Division

Kimberly L. Prillhart  
Director

January 24, 2011

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Regional Planning  
Attn.: Mr. Mitch Glaser  
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E-mail: [ovov@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ovov@planning.lacounty.gov)

Subject: Comments on Revised DEIR; Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update

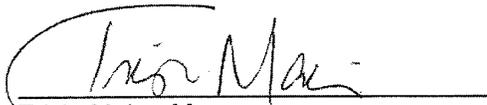
Dear Mr. Glaser:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject document. Attached are the comments that we have received resulting from intra-county review of the subject document. Additional comments may have been sent directly to you by other County agencies.

Your proposed responses to these comments should be sent directly to the commenter, with a copy to Laura Hocking, Ventura County Planning Division, L#1740, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.

If you have any questions regarding any of the comments, please contact the appropriate respondent. Overall questions may be directed to Laura Hocking at (805) 654-2443.

Sincerely,



Tricia Maier, Manager  
Program Administration Section

Attachment

County RMA Reference Number 09-045-1

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**PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
Traffic, Advance Planning & Permits Division**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 3, 2011  
**TO:** RMA – Planning Division  
Attention: Laura Hocking  
**FROM:** Behnam Emami, Engineering Manager II  
**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DOCUMENT 09-045-1** Notice of Completion, Availability, and Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the **Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update One Valley One Vision (OVOV)**  
All unincorporated areas within the Santa Clarita Valley planning area, including communities of Agua Dulce, Bouquet Canyon, Castaic, Fair Oaks Ranch, Hasley Canyon, San Francisquito Canyon, Val Verde, Sunset Pointe, Southern Oaks, Stevenson Ranch, and Westridge.  
Lead Agency: **Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning**

Pursuant to your request, the Public Works Agency -- Transportation Department has reviewed the subject Notice of Completion, Availability, and Recirculated Draft EIR for the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update One Valley One Vision. The project is a comprehensive update of the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, a component of "One Valley One Vision," a joint planning effort with the City of Santa Clarita. The project location includes all unincorporated area within the Santa Clarita Valley planning area which includes the communities of Agua Dulce, Bouquet Canyon, Castaic, Fair Oaks Ranch, Hasley Canyon, San Francisquito Canyon, Val Verde, Sunset Pointe, Southern Oaks, Stevenson Ranch, and Westridge.

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We offer the same comment as in our Memorandum dated September 21, 2009:

When future developments are proposed, the projects may have site specific and/or cumulative impact on County roadways. The subsequent environmental document for these projects should include any site-specific or cumulative impact to the County local roads and the Regional Road Network.

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Our review is limited to the impacts this project may have on the County's Regional Road Network.

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Please contact me at 654-2087 if you have questions.

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**Ventura County**  
**Watershed Protection District**

**Planning and Regulatory Division**  
**Permit Section**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 24, 2011  
TO: Laura Hocking, RMA/Planning Technician  
FROM: Tom Wolfington, P.E. – Permit Section  
(805) 654-2061  
SUBJECT: RMA 09-045-1, Notice of Completion, Availability and Recirculation of Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Hearing, Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update, SCN 2008071119

Pursuant to your request, this office has reviewed the subject Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report.

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The District commented on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the subject project on October 29, 2009. A review of the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report does not reveal where the District's prior comments were addressed. A copy of the October 29, 2009 memo is attached for reconsideration. Specifically the following concluding paragraph transcribed from the October 29, 2009 memo should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report:

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"The District reiterates its previous comments that the EIR must clearly state how the proposed mitigation measures would eliminate increases in runoff at the county line. Proposals to convey the capital flood event are not mitigation measures that eliminate increases; rather this is a method to pass the increases downstream. The District expects some discussion on regional solutions such as detention/retention basins including approximate locations, mitigation measures for project-specific detention/ retention that reduces the development runoff to pre-project conditions, or other similar scenarios to address the District's concerns."

**END OF TEXT**

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# VENTURA COUNTY

PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY  
JEFF PRATT, P.E.  
Agency Director

# WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT

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January 24, 2011

Mr. Mitch Glaser  
Department of Regional Planning  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update One Valley One Vision – Recirculation of Draft Environmental Impact Report. (RDEIR)

Dear Mr. Glaser,

The Watershed Protection District – Groundwater Section has reviewed the above subject document and is providing the following comments:

The subject document Conservation and Open Space Element Section VI. Water Resources; did not provide an evaluation on the potential impacts to Ventura County surface water and groundwater quantity and quality. How will surface water and groundwater quantity and quality entering Ventura County from the area covered by the subject document change over time? The time interval evaluated should include now, through build out of the area plan. Elements included in the time interval should include changes in surface water and groundwater quantity and quality.

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Sincerely,

Rick Viergutz, C.E.G.  
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February 15, 2011

Sent via e-mail: [mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov)

TO: Mitch Glaser  
Department of Regional Planning

FROM: Joan Rupert *Rupert*  
Environmental and Regulatory Permitting Section

SUBJECT: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
ONE VALLEY ONE VISION  
PROJECT NO. R2007-01226-(5)  
ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 200900009-(5)  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CASE NO. 200900080-(5)  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2008071119**

The above project has been reviewed for potential impact on the facilities of this Department for which we offer the following comment:

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**Page 3.16-4: Table 3.16-1- Existing Parklands in the County's Planning Area**  
Please update the heading "State Owned Parkland" to "State Owned/ County Operated Parklands."

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**Page 3.16-7: Vasquez Rocks**  
Please correct Vasquez Rocks County Park to Vasquez Rocks Natural Area.

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**NOTE:** The comments below pertain to trails.

**Page 3.16-11 to 3.16-13: Federal Land**  
Angeles National Forest and Los Padres National Forest lands exist within and adjacent to the OVOV Planning Area. Some of the facilities in the national forests include multi-use (equestrian, mountain biking, and hiking) hiking trails and campgrounds.

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**Angeles National Forest**  
The Angeles National Forest covers 693,000 acres of land area in the San Gabriel Mountains, which constitutes approximately one-quarter of the land located within Los Angeles County. The United States Forest Service administers the National Forest, which is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Angeles National Forest is supervised in districts, one of which is the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District within the OVOV boundary. The Angeles National Forest offers a wide range of camping (with fees) and picnicking facilities. The Angeles National Forest also

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provides non-fee Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas such as, Rowher Flats, Drinkwater, Drinkwater Staging Area, Indian Canyon Staging Area (Staging area for both motorized and non-motorized trail users), and a multitude of OHV designated roads connecting Rowher Flats to Drinkwater with continued connectivity further north, all of which are located within the OVOV Planning Area. In addition, there are hundreds of miles of non-motorized, multi-use (equestrian, hiking, and mountain biking) trails in the forest, some of which are located within the OVOV Planning Area. (See discussion on trails below p.3.16-14 to p3.16-16). There are four reservoirs in the Angeles National Forest including the State owned, County operated Castaic Lake State Recreation Area (includes upper and lower lakes), and the State owned and operated Pyramid Lakes (5 miles northeast and 18 miles north of the site respectively) each providing water skiing, fishing, sail boarding, jet skiing, and swimming activities. The operators of the water reservoirs charge entrance fees, as well as provide boat launching, boat rental, and overnight camping 1 fee. In addition, to the identified recreational opportunities, the Angeles National Forest provides a home for an array of wildlife. There are five ~~our~~ trails that exist within both the OVOV Planning Area and the Angeles National Forest:

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- Pacific Crest Trail (Federal)
- Fish Canyon Trail (Federal)
- Bear Canyon Trail (Federal)
- Gillette Mine Trail (County of Los Angeles Trail)
- Los Pinetos Trail (Federal/State/County of Los Angeles)

**Page 3.16-12: Trails**

Please modify the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows.

The Rim of the Valley Trail encompasses the Santa Clara River Valley, the Angeles National Forest, the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, in addition to San Fernando, La Crescenta, and Simi Valley.

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**Page 3.16-13: Trails- continued**

Please modify the first sentence of the last paragraphs follows:

Additionally, many ~~the~~ trails in the OVOV Planning Area are part of a larger National Scenic trail system, such as the Pacific Crest trail (PCT), which spans 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada.

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**State, Federal, and County Trails**

Two of the larger trails alignments in the system are described below, followed by a listing of other State, Federal, or County trails alignments both existing and proposed within the OVOV Planning Area.

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**Page 3.16-13 to Pg. 3.16-14: Santa Clara River Trail**

The Santa Clara River has been primarily preserved as a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) and as open space to provide flood protection. The State of California recently adopted the Santa Clara River as a State Recreation Trail Corridor. Its preservation has allowed for the development of a 30-mile-long multi-use (equestrian, mountain biking, and hiking) trail following the river's banks from ~~Valencia~~ to Canyon Country to the Ventura/Los Angeles County border, which is the backbone to the Valley's larger County regional trail system. The unincorporated portion of the County of Los Angeles (County) proposed Santa Clara River Trail alignment within the OVOV Planning Area from I-5 to the Ventura/Los Angeles County border has been adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. The trail adoption permits the County to require trail easements and construction of trail tread when property owners request a discretionary action, such as a conditional use permit (CUP) or the division of land (parcel or tract map) with use of the map act.

Other State, Federal, County, or City Trails within OVOV Planning Area

\*Note: Trail mileage are estimates with (P) =Proposed trail, (E)=Existing trail, and trail jurisdiction as either State, Federal, County, or City.

- William S. Hart Park Trail 2.5 miles (E- County)
- Gavin Canyon Trail 8.0 miles (P-County)
- Pico Canyon Trail 9.0 miles (P & E -County/City)
- Sand Canyon Trail 4.0 miles (P & E -County)
- Castaic Creek Trail 5.0 miles (P-State/County)
- Castaic Lake Trail 2.0 miles (P & E-State/County)
- Bouquet Canyon Trail 7.0 miles (P-County)
- Placerita Creek Trail 3.0 miles (E-State/County)
- Acton Community Trail 22.0 miles (P-County)
- Northside Connector Trail 6.5 miles (P-County)
- Vasquez Loop Trail 17.3 miles (P-County)
- Hasley Canyon Trail 3.4 miles (P & E -County)
- Mint Canyon Trail 3.7 miles (P & E-County)
- Los Pinetos Trail 3.3 miles (E-State/Federal/County)
- Placerita Canyon Connector Trail 2.8 miles (P-County)
- South Fork Trail – Class I 4.0 miles (E-City)

**Page 3.16-15: Los Pinetos Trail (Federal, State, and County)**

This is an equestrian multi-use trail with camping facilities available by reservation. The 3.3 mile trail begins at the intersection of the Los Pinetos Trail and Placerita Creek Trail near the camping area at the eastern edge of the Placerita Canyon Natural Area. The trail links to the proposed Rim of the Valley State Trail from the proposed Placerita

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The above project has been reviewed for potential impact on the facilities of this Department for which we offer the following comment:

**Page 3.16-4: Table 3.16-1- Existing Parklands in the County's Planning Area**  
Please update the heading "State Owned Parkland" to "State Owned/ County Operated Parklands."

**Page 3.16-7: Vasquez Rocks**  
Please correct Vasquez Rocks County Park to Vasquez Rocks Natural Area.

**NOTE:** The comments below pertain to trails.

**Page 3.16-11 to 3.16-13: Federal Land**  
Angeles National Forest and Los Padres National Forest lands exist within and adjacent to the OVOV Planning Area. Some of the facilities in the national forests include multi-use (equestrian, mountain biking, and hiking) hiking trails and campgrounds.

**Angeles National Forest**

The Angeles National Forest covers 693,000 acres of land area in the San Gabriel Mountains, which constitutes approximately one-quarter of the land located within Los Angeles County. The United States Forest Service administers the National Forest, which is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Angeles National Forest is supervised in districts, one of which is the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District within the OVOV boundary. The Angeles National Forest offers a wide range of camping (with fees) and picnicking facilities. The Angeles National Forest also

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provides non-fee Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas such as, Rowher Flats, Drinkwater, Drinkwater Staging Area, Indian Canyon Staging Area (Staging area for both motorized and non-motorized trail users), and a multitude of OHV designated roads connecting Rowher Flats to Drinkwater with continued connectivity further north, all of which are located within the OVOV Planning Area. In addition, there are hundreds of miles of non-motorized, multi-use (equestrian, hiking, and mountain biking) trails in the forest, some of which are located within the OVOV Planning Area. (See discussion on trails below p.3.16-14 to p.3.16-16). There are four reservoirs in the Angeles National Forest including the State owned, County operated Castaic Lake State Recreation Area (includes upper and lower lakes), and the State owned and operated Pyramid Lakes (5 miles northeast and 18 miles north of the site respectively) each providing water skiing, fishing, sail boarding, jet skiing, and swimming activities. The operators of the water reservoirs charge entrance fees, as well as provide boat launching, boat rental, and overnight camping fee. In addition, to the identified recreational opportunities, the Angeles National Forest provides a home for an array of wildlife. There are five ~~our~~ trails that exist within both the OVOV Planning Area and the Angeles National Forest:

- Pacific Crest Trail (Federal)
- Fish Canyon Trail (Federal)
- Bear Canyon Trail (Federal)
- Gillette Mine Trail (County of Los Angeles Trail)
- Los Pinetos Trail (Federal/State/County of Los Angeles)

#### **Page 3.16-12: Trails**

Please modify the last sentence of the first paragraph as follows.

The Rim of the Valley Trail encompasses the Santa Clara River Valley, the Angeles National Forest, the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, in addition to San Fernando, La Crescenta, and Simi Valley.

#### **Page 3.16-13: Trails- continued**

Please modify the first sentence of the last paragraphs follows:

Additionally, many ~~the~~ trails in the OVOV Planning Area are part of a larger National Scenic trail system, such as the Pacific Crest trail (PCT), which spans 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada.

#### **State, Federal, and County Trails**

Two of the larger trails alignments in the system are described below, followed by a listing of other State, Federal, or County trails alignments both existing and proposed within the OVOV Planning Area.

**Page 3.16-13 to Pg. 3.16-14: Santa Clara River Trail**

The Santa Clara River has been primarily preserved as a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) and as open space to provide flood protection. The State of California recently adopted the Santa Clara River as a State Recreation Trail Corridor. Its preservation has allowed for the development of a 30-mile-long multi-use (equestrian, mountain biking, and hiking) trail following the river's banks from Valencia to Canyon Country to the Ventura/Los Angeles County border, which is the backbone to the Valley's larger County regional trail system. The unincorporated portion of the County of Los Angeles (County) proposed Santa Clara River Trail alignment within the OVOV Planning Area from I-5 to the Ventura/Los Angeles County border has been adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. The trail adoption permits the County to require trail easements and construction of trail tread when property owners request a discretionary action, such as a conditional use permit (CUP) or the division of land (parcel or tract map) with use of the map act.

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- Sand Canyon Trail                     4.0 miles (P-County)
- Castaic Creek Trail                    5.0 miles (P-State/County)
- Castaic Lake Trail                     2.0 miles (P & E-State/County)
- Bouquet Canyon Trail                7.0 miles (P-County)
- Placerita Creek Trail                 3.0 miles (E-State/County)
- Acton Community Trail               22.0 miles (P-County)
- Northside Connector Trail            6.5 miles (P-County)
- Vasquez Loop Trail                    17.3 miles (P-County)
- Hasley Canyon Trail                 3.4 miles (P-County)
- Mint Canyon Trail                    3.7 miles (P & E-County)
- Los Pinetos Trail                      3.3 miles (E-State/Federal/County)
- Placerita Canyon Connector Trail 2.8 miles (P-County)
- South Fork trail – Class I            4.0 miles (E-City)

**Page 3.16-15: Los Pinetos Trail (Federal, State, and County)**

This is an equestrian multi-use trail with camping facilities available by reservation. The 3.3 mile trail begins at the intersection of the Los Pinetos Trail and Placerita Creek Trail near the camping area at the eastern edge of the Placerita Canyon Natural Area. The trail links to the proposed Rim of the Valley State Trail from the proposed Placerita

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