On October 5, 2009, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) held a public hearing regarding the Draft Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update (Draft Area Plan Update) and related Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) at the Castaic Sports Complex. The RPC continued the October 5, 2009 public hearing to November 23, 2009, then to February 24, 2010. Over the course of those three dates, approximately 50 individuals testified and the RPC was provided with approximately 100 written comment letters. On February 24, 2010, staff reported that the Draft Area Plan Update and DEIR would be revised and re-circulated in order to address the various issues and concerns that had been raised in the testimony and written comments. The RPC continued the public hearing to September 29, 2010, then to December 8, 2010.

On November 23, 2010, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) released a Revised Draft Area Plan Update and a Revised DEIR. On December 8, 2010, the RPC continued the public hearing to March 23, 2011 and directed staff to prepare the Final Draft Area Plan Update and Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). On March 23, 2011, the RPC continued the public hearing to May 25, 2011. Over the course of those three dates, approximately 20 individuals testified and the RPC was provided with approximately 130 written comment letters.

On September 15, 2011, the DRP released a Final Draft Area Plan Update and an FEIR. On September 28, 2011, the RPC closed the public hearing and adopted a resolution to the Board of Supervisors (Board). The resolution recommended that the Board conduct a public hearing regarding the Final Draft Area Plan Update, certify the FEIR, and approve Plan Amendment No. 2009-00006-(5) and Zone Change No. 2009-00009-(5).