September 16, 2010

TO:       Wayne Rew, Chair
          Pat Modugno, Vice Chair
          Esther L. Valadez, Commissioner
          Leslie G. Bellamy, Commissioner
          Harold V. Helsley, Commissioner

FROM:    Mitch Glaser, AICP, Supervising Regional Planner
          Countywide Studies Section

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 29, 2010 -- AGENDA ITEM #5
          PROJECT NO. R2007-01226-(5)
          PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2009-00006-(5)
          ZONE CHANGE NO. 2009-00009-(5)
          ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CASE NO. 2009-00080-(5)
          SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE (ONE VALLEY ONE VISION)

This staff report is a supplement to the staff reports submitted to your Commission on September 17, 2009, November 10, 2009, and February 11, 2010.

The County’s Draft Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan (Draft Plan) and related Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) were released for public review on September 4, 2009. A 60-day formal comment period was provided for the DEIR, which was subsequently extended by your Commission for an additional 60 days. Your Commission held a public hearing on October 5, 2009. The hearing was continued to November 23, 2009, and then continued to February 24, 2010. Approximately 50 individuals testified at these hearings and staff has received over 100 written comments.

At the continued hearing on February 24, 2010, staff reported that the Draft Plan and DEIR would need to be revised and re-circulated in order to address various issues and concerns that had been raised during the public hearing process. Your Commission continued the hearing to September 29, 2010. Staff anticipated that the Draft Plan and DEIR would have been revised and re-circulated by that time. However, the revisions have not been completed and the documents have not been re-circulated. Therefore, on September 29, 2010, staff will not make a report on the substance of the Draft Plan and DEIR but will request a continuance to December 8, 2010. Staff anticipates that the Draft Plan and DEIR will be revised and re-circulated by that time.
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In August, staff sent a notice to every individual and organization that previously testified or submitted written comments. The notice stated that, on September 29, 2010, staff would not make a report on the substance of the Draft Plan and DEIR and would request a continuance to December 8, 2010. The notice is attached for your reference. Another notice will be sent to these individuals and organizations when the revised Draft Plan and DEIR are released and re-circulated. That notice will confirm the continued hearing date of December 8, 2010.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the Regional Planning Commission continue the hearing on Project No. R2007-01226-(5) to December 8, 2010.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

MWG:mgw

Attachment: Notice of Continued Hearing
NOTICE OF CONTINUED HEARING
TENTATIVE DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2010

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE
ONE VALLEY ONE VISION
PROJECT NO. R2007-01226-(5)

You are receiving this notice because you have submitted oral or written testimony concerning the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update project, a component of "One Valley One Vision," a joint planning effort with the City of Santa Clarita.

In September 2009, the County released a Draft Area Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The Draft Area Plan and DEIR are currently being revised and are scheduled to be released later this year.

The Regional Planning Commission held a hearing on the project on October 5, 2009. The hearing was subsequently continued to November 23, 2009 and February 23, 2010. On February 23, 2010, the hearing was continued to September 29, 2010. However, the revised Draft Area Plan and revised DEIR will not be released by that time. On September 29, 2010, staff will request a continuance to December 8, 2010 without a report on the substance of the Draft Area Plan or DEIR.

You will receive a notice when the revised Draft Area Plan and revised DEIR are released. The notice will confirm the date of the continued hearing.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Mitch Glaser or Mr. Marshall Adams at ovov@planning.lacounty.gov or at (213) 974-6476 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Callers from the Santa Clarita Valley may dial (661) 253-0111 and then ask to be connected to (213) 974-6476. Please be advised that our office is closed on Fridays.

You may obtain additional information regarding this project at http://planning.lacounty.gov/ovov or by contacting the individuals listed above.