



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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TO: Pat Modugno, Chair
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**SUBJECT: MARCH 23, 2011 -- AGENDA ITEM #6
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, February 11, 2009, September 16, 2010, November 23, 2010, December 2, 2010, and December 8, 2010.

The County's Revised Draft Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan and related Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) were released for public review on November 23, 2010. A 60-day formal comment period was provided for the RDEIR, which ended on January 24, 2011. During the formal comment period, staff received 106 comment letters. Staff received an additional 11 comment letters after the comment period ended. All of the comment letters are attached to this staff report.

Your Commission held a continued hearing on December 8, 2010, during the formal comment period for the RDEIR. Your Commission continued the hearing to March 23, 2011 and directed staff to return with the Final Draft Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan (Final Draft Plan), the related Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), and a resolution recommending approval by the Board of Supervisors. Staff anticipated that the Final Draft Plan and FEIR would be completed by that date.

Given the large number of comment letters that have been received, and that the FEIR must include responses to all comments, the Final Draft Plan and FEIR will not be completed by March 23, 2011. Therefore, staff is requesting an additional continuance to May 25, 2011. Staff anticipates that the Final Draft Plan and FEIR will be completed

by that date. In February, staff sent a notice to every individual, organization, and governmental agency that previously submitted written comments or testified before your Commission. The notice stated that the Final Draft Plan and FEIR would not be completed by March 23, 2011 and that staff would request a continuance to May 25, 2011. Another notice will be sent to these individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies when the Final Draft Plan and FEIR are completed and released for public review. That notice will confirm the continued hearing date of May 25, 2011.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the Regional Planning Commission continue the hearing on Project No. R2007-01226-(5) to May 25, 2011.

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

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Attachments (on CD-ROM):

1. Bracketed Comment Letters
 - 1a. Federal Agencies
 - 1b. State Agencies
 - 1c. Local Agencies
 - 1d. General Public
 - 1e. Late Letters (received after the comment period ended but before February 28, 2011)
2. Comment Letter from Castaic Area Town Council dated February 28, 2011
3. Comment Letter from Castaic Area Town Council dated February 28, 2011
4. Comment Letter from Castaic Area Town Council dated March 7, 2011
5. Comment Letter from Ron Druschen dated March 9, 2011
6. Comment Letter from Amy Minter dated March 9, 2011