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Department of Regional Planning

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SUBJECT: MAY 25, 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; December 8, 2010; and March 10, 2011.

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 21 comment letters after the comment period ended. Comment letters received prior to March 23, 2011 were previously transmitted to your Commission and are available on the Department of Regional Planning's Web Site at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/ovov>. Comment letters received after March 23, 2011 are attached to this staff report and will also be available on the Web Site.

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. At the continued hearing on March 23, 2011, staff reported that the Final Draft Plan and FEIR had not been completed, and your Commission granted a continuance to May 25, 2011.

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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 May 25, 2011. Therefore, staff is requesting an additional continuance to September 28, 2011. Staff anticipates that the Final Draft Plan and FEIR will be completed by that date.

On May 10, 2011, 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 May 25, 2011 and that staff would request a continuance to September 28, 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 September 28, 2011.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the Regional Planning Commission continue the hearing on Project No. R2007-01226-(5) to September 28, 2011.

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

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