

**From:** Angela Toghia  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2014 4:16 PM  
**To:** Emma Howard  
**Subject:** Draft 5 SEA Ordinance

I am extremely concerned with the proposed Seize or should I say SEA's Ordinance and expansion of 442,983 Acres equal to 692.16 Square Miles located solely within the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County consists of 4083 square miles of which 1800, 44%, belong to the Antelope Valley. The majority ,75%, of the unincorporated area of LA County is located in the Antelope Valley.

I have several concerns and issues with the following:

Regional Planning claims they have performed significant public outreach, however, myself, at least thirty two of my neighboring property owners in the proposed SEA Area of the Santa Clara River, & the Acton Town Council (per Chairman Michael Hughes and 5 other council members) were not aware of its' existence until approximately two weeks ago. The Acton Town Council has reportedly been working closely with Carl Nadela and Regional Planning staff with regards to the General Plan Update yet had no knowledge of this Ordinance. It was not even available to the public until June of this year, no announcements were made, to date there has not been any notices from Regional Planning posted in our local Country Journal or Acton/Agua Dulce newspapers about the Ordinance or SEA expansion. In fact, Emma Howard, the Regional Planner responsible for the SEA Ordinance cancelled a meeting with the Acton Town Council and community residents at the last minute on September 15, 2014. In addition, when Regional Planning staff member Carl Nadela was present at the Acton Town Council Meeting in August 2014 he was not able to answer even general questions about the SEA's, the proposed boundaries, or how Regional Planning is going to compensate or mitigate the loss of property rights and home value depreciation to those who own property in the proposed SEA area. However, as part of the public outreach program, a survey was mailed to the INCORPORATED Cities within Los Angeles County which is documented on page 14 paragraph 4 of the SEA Update Study 2000. The public members of the unincorporated communities, to which this SEA Ordinance applies to and will be affected negatively by in all areas environmentally, economicly, and socially demand to know why the outreach was done outside the area that the Ordinance impacts. It is very likely that the majority of individuals or environmental groups located in the incorporated cities that participated in the public outreach survey which proposed candidates to become SEA's, did not even know where Acton, Green Valley, or the other unincorporated areas this Ordinance pertains to is located. An argument could be made that public outreach and communication was intentionally diverted or non-

existent except to conservation or environmental groups that have a conflicting interest in acquiring the lands.

The SEA Update Study 2000 states that “recent studies of biological diversity have demonstrated that two essential components are needed to conserve native species and their habitats in and “urbanizing” environment””. The unincorporated areas of LA County are not urbanized, and the town of Acton has Community Standards that regulate and prohibit Urbanizing our town. This coupled with the fact that Acton borders the Los Angeles National Forest and existing Kentucky Springs Sea already allows for biological diversity to occur. There was not any solid undisputed scientific evidence presented that showed loss of habitat or species nor was there any scientific evidence or credible figures projecting the increased population or benefits of core species within the proposed SEA’s

Permitted uses of the SEA Ordinance language states such and such uses of property will be permitted if a species is not “likely to occur”. Please define likely to occur.

There is no place in the proposed SEA Ordinance that permits livestock, equestrian uses, or agricultural uses for which the land is zoned. These specific uses need to be added to the SEA Ordinance.

Page 16 Section D of the SEA Ordinance indicates that you must comply with the Migratory Bird Act. This Act prohibits any activity, mowing your lawn, pruning a tree, planting etc. during more than a six month period during the year. This is a significant restriction on human activity and should be removed from the Ordinance.

It appears that currently the SEA Development Map only portrays the developed residence on the map. The map either needs to reflect all existing development on each parcel or needs to state within the language of the Ordinance that it is a live map, continually being updated and does not reflect existing development. Please provide large maps depicting the Acton area Santa Clara River proposed SEA in detail with development depicted for parcels located within. There are many Acton Community Members that this SEA if adopted will affect. I am a tech savvy computer literate homeowner that continues to find it very difficult to locate information on Regional Plannings website regarding the SEA Ordinance. The PDF maps are not a suitable reference to determine or distinguish connectivity lines or any other feature that imposes specific restrictions or depicts existing development. In addition, the General Plan Update and all other Regional Planning efforts are not available at the local County Libraries, specifically Acton/Agua Dulce County Library and the San Fernando County Library.

I have many more questions and concerns that I would like to be addressed. It would be very beneficial if you could come to the Acton Town Council Meeting and answer questions and address concerns regarding the SEA Ordinance. There has not been enough time to review, nor has the information been available prior to July. I urge you to postpone moving forward with this Ordinance until you have had the opportunity to present and answer questions at the Acton Town Council Meeting. I agree and share both Katherine Tucker and Jackie Ayer's concerns as expressed in the copied emails below. I believe that a well publicized public meeting be held locally, not in Downtown LA during the middle of the week, to discuss any changes to the SEA Ordinance Update.

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