

From: Connie Chung
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 3:21 PM
To: DeGonia, Jarrod; Vizcarra, Edel; Diana Dixon-Davis
Cc: Susan Tae; Emma Howard
Subject: RE: Chats. Nature Preserve mislabeled/ LACO Plan

We will correct the error in the Draft GP before the Regional Planning Commission takes final action, which we anticipate will be in August 2014.

Please let me know if you have further questions!

Connie

From: DeGonia, Jarrod
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 3:09 PM
To: Vizcarra, Edel; Connie Chung; Diana Dixon-Davis
Cc: Susan Tae; Emma Howard
Subject: RE: Chats. Nature Preserve mislabeled/ LACO Plan

Yes, thank you Connie. Can you please elaborate on what you mean by fixing through the public hearing process?

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From: Vizcarra, Edel
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:38 PM
To: Connie Chung; DeGonia, Jarrod; Diana Dixon-Davis
Cc: Susie Tae; Emma Howard
Subject: Re: Chats. Nature Preserve mislabeled/ LACO Plan

Thanks Connie!

From: Connie Chung
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:34 PM
To: Vizcarra, Edel; DeGonia, Jarrod; Diana Dixon-Davis
Cc: Susie Tae; Emma Howard
Subject: RE: Chats. Nature Preserve mislabeled/ LACO Plan

Hi, Edel. We do mention it in the Draft, but it's definitely an error that we will fix through the public hearing process, and we are certainly grateful to everyone for bringing this to our attention. Please let us know if you have further questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Connie

-----Original Message-----

From: Vizcarra, Edel
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 8:41 PM

To: DeGonia, Jarrod; Diana Dixon-Davis; Connie Chung
Subject: Re: Chats. Nature Preserve mislabeled/ LACO Plan

Connie,

Can you please confirm whether the preserve was identified as a Superfund site in the GPU?

Thank you

From: DeGonia, Jarrod
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 8:29 PM
To: Diana Dixon-Davis
Cc: DeGonia, Jarrod; Chen, Phillip; Leaf, Fred; Vizcarra, Edel; Diana Dixon-Davis
Subject: Re: Chats. Nature Preserve mislabeled/ LACO Plan

Thank you for the catch and I completely agree Diana.

Edel, the Santa Susana Field Lab has been studied twice by EPA to determine if it is a Superfund qualified site and both times it has been found to not qualify. If Planning has indeed made a determination on its own declaring the area surrounding the Field Lab or Chatsworth Park South will have serious consequences.

There is a huge difference between "cleaning up" to Superfund levels and the area being declared a Superfund site.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 11, 2014, at 8:21 PM, "Diana Dixon-Davis" wrote:

Dear Supv. Antonovich,
and Jarrod DeGonia (SFV Field Office Deputy) and Phillip Chen (Health Deputy), Fred leaf (Senior Health Policy), Edel Vizcarra (Planning)

Please see the attached and patched in letter re the Chatsworth Nature Preserve being suddenly labeled as a superfund site.

Diana Dixon-Davis

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11 Feb 2014

Michael Antonovich
Los Angeles County Supervisor...
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Dear Supervisor and Staff,

Betsey Landis has discovered a serious error in the LA County General Plan *. I hope that this sudden "redefinition" of the Chatsworth Nature Preserve as a superfund site will be corrected immediately.

The Chatsworth Nature Preserve IS NOT AND NEVER HAS BEEN a superfund site!. The consequences of this mislabeling will mean that the county will potentially become liable for anyone who gets sick and lives near the CNP and wants to sue for damages. There could also be lawsuits over a reduction in adjacent county property values because of this mislabeling.

As you can see from the e-mail ** below , according to Betsey Landis, there is another unexpected consequence that the land can not ever be transferred to the City of Los Angeles (Dept of Recreation and Parks), county, state, or federal government without extensive and very expensive "cleanup" procedures being implemented (characterization studies and then all the CEQA study steps required by DTSC).

Could your staff please deal with this immediately? I await your reply.

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CC: Phillip Chen (Health Deputy), Fred leaf (Senior Health Policy),
Edel Vizcarra (Planning)

*"Chatsworth Reservoir is now dry and is a superfund clean-up site due to the dumping of chemicals from a rocket facility that used to be in the Simi Hills." 2014 Los Angeles County General Plan , Appendix E, Page 250, last paragraph.

**From: Elisabeth Landis

Date: February 8, 2014 at 6:38:49 PM PST

Subject: Re Chatsworth Reservoir Preserve status

What outrages me is that this statement about Chatsworth Preserve being a "superfund cleanup site" is in the final draft of the 2014 Los Angeles County General Plan (Appendix E: SEAs: Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills).

If it stays in there for the next twenty years it is going to be impossible to include Chatsworth Preserve in a State Park or National Park or in any government-designated parkland.

We need to ensure that Los Angeles County does not include this error in their final version of the 2014 Los Angeles County General Plan. I'll see if Englander's office knows about this.

Betsey Landis

On Feb 8, 2014, at 5:48 PM, Elisabeth Landis wrote:

I sent in comments on Appendix E: Significant Ecological Areas in the draft Los Angeles County General Plan this past week.

In those comments I questioned why, in the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills SEA, the Chatsworth Reservoir/Preserve was classified as a "superfund cleanup site".

Chatsworth Reservoir/Preserve is an extremely important wildlife linkage with valuable chaparral habitat, valley oak woodlands, wetland habitat and valuable native american sites.

On Thursday, at a meeting on the cleanup of Santa Susana Field Lab, which was identified in the SEA description as the source of the contamination, I spoke to a California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) staff person about this classification of Chatsworth Reservoir/Preserve as a "superfund cleanup site". She had no knowledge of any such designation.

For your information, DTSC is supervising and leading the cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Lab site. It is not a superfund cleanup site.

I went to the DTSC website to check their database of all cleanups of any kind being done in the Chatsworth Reservoir/Preserve area.

There are NO cleanups listed in the Chatsworth Reservoir or the Chatsworth Preserve area. The DTSC website database of all cleanups in California is EnviroStor at this website address: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/<<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>>

Please correct this extremely incorrect designation of Chatsworth Reservoir/Preserve immediately!

Betsey Landis

Los Angeles / Santa Monica Mountains Chapter California Native Plant Society

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