



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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Director

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TO: Esther L. Valadez, Chair
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FROM: Emma Howard, Regional Planning Assistant II *EH*
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SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS PROGRAM
PROJECT NO. 02-305 (1-5)
ADVANCE PLANNING NO. 2012000001
JUNE 19, 2014 – AGENDA ITEM #6d
*SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO ***

BACKGROUND

In the memo dated June 12, 2014 staff requested your Commission move to continue the SEA Program Update without discussion to the date of August 6, 2014. This request was made to allow for additional public input on the SEA Program materials, particularly those topics presented in the report to your Commission on April 10, 2014, which were discussed at the public hearing of your Commission on April 23, 2014.

On June 10, 2014 the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a recommendation submitted by Supervisor Antonovich instructing the Department of Regional Planning ("Department") to complete the Antelope Valley Area Plan before the Department completes the Los Angeles County ("County") General Plan 2035 (See attachment for the text of this motion). As the SEA Program Update is currently proposed under the General Plan Update, this continuance also allows staff time to consider any possible impacts to the schedule and work program of the SEA Program Update.

CONCLUSION

As a result of recent events regarding the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, staff anticipates discussing any recommended changes to the scope of the SEA Program Update or the timing of the project at the August 6, 2014 meeting. Staff materials for your Commission's consideration at the August 6 meeting will be distributed on July 24, 2014. Staff will also be updating the SEA Program webpage (<http://planning.lacounty.gov/sea>), and sending e-mail

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notice to our SEA Program contact list to ensure that the information contained within this memo is made widely available to the public.

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I MOVE THAT THIS MATTER AS IT RELATES TO THE SEA PROGRAM, BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO AUGUST 6, 2014.

MC:SMT:EH

Attachment 1: June 10, 2014 Board Motion regarding the Antelope Valley Area Plan.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JUNE 10, 2014

On June 11, 2013, the Board of Supervisors unanimously directed the Department of Regional Planning to prepare a separate Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update independent of the General Plan Update EIR.

The Antelope Valley is approximately 1,800 square miles in size and constitutes approximately 40% of the County's entire land mass and has 75 % of the County's unincorporated territory.

Just as other areas of the County have their own area plans, it is critical that the Antelope Valley Area Plan be completed and implemented before the Department of Regional Planning completes the County's General Plan Update.

Too much time has passed since we were told last year of a schedule which has now not been met. This is unacceptable as the citizens of the Antelope Valley have participated in so many meetings and deserve closure on this issue.

The Department of Regional Planning needs to finalize this process which has already enjoyed much public input so the procedures can now be expedited.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Regional Planning to:

1. Release the Notice of Preparation of the EIR immediately.
2. Finalize the EIR and Antelope Valley Area Plan.
3. Reserve a date on the calendar of the Regional Planning Commission for its review and consideration of the EIR and Antelope Valley Area Plan Update in September 2014.

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