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Mr. Richard J. Bruckner  
Director of Planning  
Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street, Room 1390  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Ms. Emma Howard

Dear Mr. Bruckner:

**REVIEW COMMENTS  
PRELIMINARY DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AND  
HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREAS  
(TITLE 22 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE)**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) submits the following review comments on the Preliminary Draft Ordinance (Ordinance), dated November 10, 2011, for Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) and Hillside Management Area (HMA). The proposed Ordinance will amend Title 22, Planning and Zoning, of the *Los Angeles County Code* by establishing regulations for development activities within SEAs to ensure such activities do not unduly threaten the future existence of underlying ecological systems located therein. The proposed Ordinance will also establish regulations for development activities within HMAs to protect hillside resources from incompatible development and land uses. The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is not to preclude development within these areas, but to maintain and possibly enhance the County's scenic and environmental resources.

The proposed Ordinance is not expected to significantly impact the Department's operations or resources. However, to the extent possible, emergency access for Department personnel, vehicles, and equipment must be maintained through SEAs and HMAs, in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

The Department has no other comment to submit at this time, but reserves the right to further address this matter in subsequent reviews of the proposed Ordinance.

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Thank you for including the Department in the environmental review process for the proposed Ordinance. Should you have any questions of the Department regarding this matter, please contact Lester Miyoshi, of my staff, at (626) 300-3012 and refer to Facilities Planning Bureau Tracking No. 11-065. You may also contact Mr. Miyoshi, via e-mail, at [Lhmiyosh@lasd.org](mailto:Lhmiyosh@lasd.org).

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary T.K. Tse". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Gary T.K. Tse, Director  
Facilities Planning Bureau