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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE FOREST CONSERVATION INITIATIVE LANDS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

January 14, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is recirculating for public review a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and General Plan Amendment (GPA). Comments must be sent to the PDS address listed above and should reference the project numbers and name:

GPA 12-004; SCH NO. 2012081082; FOREST CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (FCI) LANDS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA)

The Forest Conservation Initiative (FCI) was a voter-approved initiative in 1993 that required a minimum lot size of 40 acres for these lands. The FCI expired on December 31, 2010. With its expiration, the former FCI lands reverted to the land use designations of the previous General Plan (1978) in effect before the FCI was enacted. As a result, the land use designations associated with the FCI lands are not consistent with the 2011 General Plan land use designations.

The Draft SEIR can be reviewed on line at:

<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/fcidraftseir.html>

The Draft SEIR can also be reviewed at:

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Project Processing Counter
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110
San Diego, California 92123

Alpine Branch Library
2130 Arnold Way
Alpine, CA 91901
(619) 445-4221

Campo-Morena Village Branch Library
31356 Highway 94
Campo, CA 91906
(619) 478-5945

Descanso Branch Library
9545 River Road
Descanso, CA 91916
(619) 445-5279

Fallbrook Branch Library
124 S. Mission Road
Fallbrook, CA 92028
(760) 731-4650

Julian Branch Library
1850 Highway 78
Julian, CA 92036
(760) 765-0307

Pine Valley Branch Library
28804 Old Highway 80
Pine Valley, CA 91962
(619) 473-8022

Ramona Branch Library
1275 Main Street
Ramona, CA 92065
(760) 788-5270

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Valley Center Branch Library
29200 Cole Grade Road
Valley Center, CA 92082
(760) 749-1305

The proposed Project involves a General Plan Amendment (GPA) to designate former FCI lands with land use categories consistent with the Guiding Principles, and Goals and Policies of the adopted 2011 General Plan. In addition, the proposed Project involves changes in land use designations for approximately 400 acres of private lands adjacent to former FCI lands to ensure that the land use designations for these additional 400 acres are consistent with the changes proposed for the former FCI lands and vice versa. The former FCI lands and the additional 400 acres collectively form the Project areas totaling approximately 71,700 acres. The proposed Project land use maps are based on direction provided at the June 25, 2014 Board hearing (see Minute Order at: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/2014bos-rpt.html>)

Other proposed GPA changes are summarized below:

- Land Use Element revisions to remove references to the FCI and update the Regional Categories Map to reflect the proposed Project land use map changes.
- Revisions to the Mobility Element and road network based on changes to the proposed Project land use map.
- Removal of the FCI Appendix from the General Plan.
- Amendments to the Alpine Community Plan to recognize the proposed Village densities and associated expansions to water and sewer service boundaries, and the Village boundary.
- Amendments to the Central Mountain & Jamul/Dulzura Subregional Plans to remove references to FCI and update land use designation allocations contained in the plan.
- Amendments to the North Mountain Subregional Plan to add a map and a description of a Multi-Use Communication Facilities Overlay and to add a Palomar Mountain Rural Village map.
- Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to ensure zoning designations are consistent with the GPA.

The proposed Project includes land use designation changes in the following communities: Alpine CPA; Central Mountain Subregion (including the communities of Cuyamaca, Descanso, and Pine Valley); Desert Subregion; Jamul/Dulzura Subregion; Julian CPA; Mountain Empire Subregion (including the community of Campo/Lake Morena); North Mountain Subregion (including Palomar Mountain); Pendleton/De Luz CPA; and Ramona CPA. More information is available at: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/advance/FCI.html>

The draft SEIR is intended to supplement the General Plan Update Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) which was certified on August 3, 2011.

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This draft SEIR identifies significant environmental impacts to Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazards (wildland fires), Hydrology & Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Transportation & Traffic, Utilities & Service Systems, and Climate Change. ***The project and any alternatives proposed are contained on the lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including but not limited to list of hazardous waste facilities and land designated as hazardous waste disposal sites.***

A Draft SEIR was previously circulated for public review from February 1, 2013 to March 18, 2013. Following the end of the public review period, the County made revisions to the proposed Project to further define and refine the proposed land use designations in response to comments received from the public on the Draft SEIR. Therefore, the proposed Project has been refined causing substantial changes to the Draft SEIR that is now available for public review. For a complete discussion of the rationale for the Draft SEIR recirculation and guidance for commenters reviewing the Draft SEIR, refer to the "Recirculation Readers Guide" included at the beginning of the Draft SEIR.

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Comments on the Draft SEIR must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. **February 29, 2016** (45-day public review).

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