Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING RURAL ISSUES AND THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (December 9, 2008, Item 39-B)

On December 9, 2008 your Board instructed the Director of Planning to take the following actions:

1. Formulate draft standards for development of rural communities within the General Plan Update;
2. Identify provisions that relate to development of rural communities in future outreach efforts concerning the General Plan Update;
3. Make a presentation to the Association of Rural Town Councils no later than April of 2009 concerning rural issues and the General Plan Update; and,
4. Report back to the Board of Supervisors every 90 days identifying how the Department is addressing rural issues in the General Plan Update.

This is the sixth quarterly status report as directed by your Board motion and it summarizes the progress the Department of Regional Planning has made in addressing the actions outlined above. The Draft General Plan is now being comprehensively revised and the Department of Regional Planning is incorporating into it what was learned from the 2009 collaboration with the Association of Rural Town Councils and outreach to rural residents. The revised Draft General Plan will ensure that the County's land use policies are employed strategically to direct the majority of future growth away from rural areas and into suburban and urban areas with greater access to infrastructure, transit, and regional commercial centers.

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Staff will continue to reach out to rural residents and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the Association of Rural Town Councils as the Draft General Plan is being revised. As instructed by your Board, future outreach efforts will clarify the unique role that rural communities have in the update of the Los Angeles County General Plan. The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered on September 7, 2010.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Mark Herwick of my staff at (213) 974-6423 or by email at mherwick@planning.lacounty.gov. Our office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

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