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Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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**SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY OF HEARING TWO REGIONAL PLANNING PROJECTS  
ON THE SAME DATE**

During the Public Comment portion of the July 19, 2011 Board of Supervisors' meeting, Lynne Plambeck, representing Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment (SCOPE), requested that the public hearing for both the Landmark Village and Mission Village projects be scheduled on the same date. Your Board requested that I report back on the feasibility of Ms. Plambeck's request.

Landmark Village and Mission Village are the first two phases, respectively, of the adopted Newhall Ranch Specific Plan ("Specific Plan"), which guides the long-term development for approximately 21,000 dwelling units on the 12,000-acre site. SCOPE's representative indicated that both projects share similar issues. Although both Landmark Village and Mission Village are within the boundary of the Specific Plan, each project has been analyzed by separate project level Environmental Impact Reports, which focus on complex project specific issues.

Holding the public hearing for these projects on the same date may not allow ample opportunity for members of public, including both proponents and opponets, to adequately address the Board on these projects. Notices and advertisements have already been prepared for Landmark Village and Mission Village for their respective hearing dates. Rescheduling these projects would impose additional costs to be burdened by the County and concurrent hearing date may not be possible due to the expected caseload on your Board's hearing agenda.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Samuel Dea of my staff at (213) 974-4808 or by email at [sdea@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:sdea@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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