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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is circulating for public review a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, along with a revised draft of the General Plan Update. This draft EIR and draft General Plan can be reviewed on the World Wide Web at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate>, at the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU), Project Processing Counter, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, California 92123 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday), and at any County library in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County (a list of applicable libraries is available at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/libraries.html>).

Copies of the draft EIR on CD are available for free, and hard copies are available for purchase, from DPLU at the above address. To request a copy of the CD or for additional information call 619-615-8289 or email gpupdate.DPLU@sdcounty.ca.gov.

The public comment period begins July 1, 2009 and ends at 4:00 pm, August 31, 2009. Comments on these documents may be sent to the attention of Devon Muto at the DPLU address listed above. Comments can also be submitted by email to gpupdate.DPLU@sdcounty.ca.gov, or by fax to 858-694-2485. All comments pertaining to the draft EIR should be clearly labeled as such and sent separately from comments on the draft General Plan itself or other documents that are not a part of in the draft EIR.

LOG NO. 02-ZA-001; SCH NO. 2002111067; SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE. The proposed project is a comprehensive update of the San Diego County General Plan. The Comprehensive General Plan Update will balance population growth and development with infrastructure needs and resource protection. More specifically, the proposed project will direct population capacity in the western portions of the County and reduce the potential for growth in the eastern areas. This general population distribution is intended to: 1) facilitate efficient, orderly growth by containing development within areas potentially served by the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and in proximity to existing infrastructure; 2) protect natural resources

through the reduction of population capacity in sensitive areas; 3) reduce overall vehicle miles traveled and the associated greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, and 4) retain or enhance the character of communities within the unincorporated County.

The proposed project includes the adoption of new General Plan elements, which set the goals and policies that guide future development. The six elements proposed are: Land Use, Mobility, Housing, Conservation and Open Space, Safety, and Noise. The General Plan Update also includes a corresponding proposed land use map, a County Road Network map, and updates to Community and Subregional Plans. Other components of the General Plan Update include, but are not limited to: an Implementation Plan that sets forth an action plan by which the goals and policies of the General Plan Update will be implemented; amendments to the existing Subdivision Ordinance, Resource Protection Ordinance, and other County ordinances; adjustments to Community Planning Area boundaries; rescinding or updating outdated policies, ordinances, manuals, and other guidance documents; enacting new policies, ordinances, manuals, and other guidance documents as needed to reflect current law and the updated General Plan; and rezoning as necessary to implement and/or maintain consistency with the updated General Plan.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The County of San Diego is located in Southern California bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean, to the east by Imperial County, to the north by Orange and Riverside Counties, and to the south by Mexico. The project covers all unincorporated portions of the County of San Diego.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

In evaluating potential impacts of the proposed project, the draft EIR examines information related to existing conditions and analyzes the types and magnitude of direct and cumulative environmental effects. The following subject areas are evaluated in the draft EIR: Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation and Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems, and Global Climate Change. ***Some properties included in the proposed project may be on the lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities and land designated as hazardous waste property or disposal sites (see Section 2.7 of the draft EIR for analysis of potential hazardous materials sites).***

For significant impacts identified in the analysis, feasible mitigation measures that could reduce or avoid the environmental effects are proposed. Significant and unavoidable impacts were identified within each subject area except Cultural and Paleontological Resources, Geology and Soils, Land Use and Planning, Population and Housing, and Recreation.