

December 8, 2010

To: Interested Individuals and Organizations:

RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE REVISED AND RECIRCULATED SECTION 4.2, BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR THE LEWIS OPERATING CORP. DEEP CREEK (APPLE VALLEY) PROJECT: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP (TTM #16569)- SCH #2005071104

Dear Interested Party:

The County of San Bernardino has previously circulated for public review and comment the March 25, 2010, Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the proposed Deep Creek project. Since the close of the public comment period for that DEIR, the County has made changes to Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*, of the DEIR. This revised Section 4.2 supersedes and replaces Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*, which was included in the March 25, 2010, DEIR.

The County has elected to recirculate the revised Section 4.2 for public review and comment. Pursuant to Section 15088.5(c) of the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3), only Section 4.2 of the DEIR is being recirculated. Pursuant to Section 15088.5(f)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, the County (i) is requesting that reviewers limit their comments to the revised Section 4.2, (ii) will respond to previously submitted comments on all portions of the previously circulated DEIR, except those made with respect to the now-superseded Section 4.2, and (iii) will respond to comments made during the recirculation period to the revised Section 4.2.

The Lewis Operating Corp. Deep Creek Project includes: 1) A General Plan Amendment to change the Land Use District from AG-SCP (Agricultural with a Primary Sign Control Overlay) to RS-20m (Single Residential- 20,000 square foot minimum lot size), and 2) A Tentative Tract Map (TTM #16569) for 202 single-family residential lots and 6 lettered lots. The proposed project is approximately 249 acres, between Rock Springs Road and Tussing Ranch Road, east of Deep Creek Road, in the unincorporated Apple Valley area (APNs 0438-012-59; 0438-163-01, 02, 20, and 31).

This document has been prepared to meet the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The revised and recirculated Section 4.2, *Biological Resources* has been prepared under the supervision of the County of San Bernardino Land Use Services Department, and is being circulated to the public, and to interested agencies in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.

The revised and recirculated Section 4.2, *Biological Resources* is available for review at the following locations:

San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
Advance Planning Division
385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182

San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
Current Planning Division
15900 Smoke Tree Street
Hesperia, CA 92345

Apple Valley Library
Natalie Griffen, Librarian
14901 Dale Evans Pkwy.
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Victorville City Library
Lenda Walker, Librarian
15011 Circle Drive
Victorville, CA 92395

The text of the revised and recirculated Section 4.2, *Biological Resources* is also posted on the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department web page at www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices. (See Draft/Final EIRs/EIS/s). **The public comment period will begin on December 8, 2010, and will end on January 24, 2010.** Public and agency comments should be focused on biological resources only. Written comments should be addressed to:

County of San Bernardino
Land Use Services Department, Advance Planning Division
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182
Attn: Matthew Slowik

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Location/Site Map