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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO or Commission) has prepared an Initial Study pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which recommends that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be issued for the following proposal:

Title: LAFCO 3157 - Sphere of Influence Establishment for County Service Area 120

Location: The proposed Sphere of Influence (hereafter shown as "SOI" or "sphere") establishment area for County Service Area (CSA) 120 encompasses approximately 71 square miles (15 square miles of which are presently located within the existing boundaries of CSA 120). The proposed SOI area is generally located along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, east of the San Bernardino/Los Angeles county lines, north of the 210 Freeway, and generally west of the 215 Freeway, including portions of the northerly boundaries of the Cities of Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, and the northwesterly boundaries of the City of San Bernardino.

Description: The San Bernardino LAFCO is considering the establishment of a SOI for CSA 120. CSA 120 was formed under LAFCO Resolution No. 3056, effective July 1, 2009. CSA 120 is a single purpose Board-governed (San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors) Special District that performs open space and habitat management services. Administrative functions for CSA 120 are performed through the San Bernardino County Special Districts Department. Open Space and Habitat Conservation management services are the only authorized function provided by CSA 120. The range of services includes acquisition, preservation, maintenance and operation of land to protect unique, sensitive, threatened, or endangered species, or historically significant properties.

The San Bernardino LAFCO initiated the SOI establishment for CSA 120 in April 2010 recommending a coterminous SOI. The County Board of Supervisors responded with a request for a larger SOI in March 2012. That request processed by the County Special Districts Department is to consider a proposed SOI establishment substantially larger than the agency's current service area boundary. Since the establishment of a SOI for an agency only creates a planning boundary, i.e., it does not mandate extension of service by the agency to any area outside of the jurisdictional boundary, the designation of a SOI either through expansion or in this case, the establishment of a SOI, rarely has the potential for "causing significant effect on the environment." This is because the SOI does not authorize any agency to proceed with physical modifications to the environment

unless steps are taken to annex a SOI area into the agency's actual service area. Due to the establishment of a new sphere that overlaps an agency with comparable services and concerns over adequate funding to manage conserved area, San Bernardino LAFCO concludes the establishment of an expanded CSA 120 SOI could have indirect adverse biological resources impacts.

Date Issued: October 28, 2013

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for public review at the LAFCO Office at 215 North "D" Street, Suite 204, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490, on the Commission's website at www.sbclafco.org, and at the following libraries:

- Ovitt Family Community Library (City of Ontario), 215 E. C St., Ontario, CA 91764
- Archibald Library (City of Rancho Cucamonga), 7368 Archibald Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
- Paul Biane Library (City of Rancho Cucamonga), 12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739
- A.K. Smiley Public Library (City of Redlands), 125 W. Vine St., Redlands, CA 92373
- Norman F. Feldheym Central Library (City of San Bernardino), 555 W. 6th St., San Bernardino, CA 92410
- Dorothy Ingram Branch Library (City of San Bernardino), 1505 W. Highland Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92411
- Howard M. Rowe Branch Library (City of San Bernardino), 108 E. Marshall Blvd., San Bernardino, CA 92404
- Upland Public Library, 450 N. Euclid Ave., Upland, CA 91786
- San Bernardino County Public Library Administration, 777 East Rialto Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92415
- Bloomington Branch, 10145 Orchard St., Bloomington, CA 92316
- Carter Branch, 2630 N. Linden Ave., Rialto, CA 92377
- Chino Branch, 13180 Central Ave., Chino, CA 91710
- Chino Hills James S. Thalman Branch, 14020 City Center Dr., Chino Hills, CA 91709
- Fontana Lewis Library & Tech. Center, 8437 Sierra Ave., Fontana, CA 92335
- Grand Terrace Branch, 22795 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace, CA 92313
- Highland Sam J. Racadio Library, 7863 Central Ave., Highland, CA 92346
- Kaiser Branch, 1115 Almond Ave., Fontana, CA 92337
- Loma Linda Branch, 25581 Barton Rd., Loma Linda, CA 92354
- Mentone Senior Center & Library, 1331 Opal Ave., Mentone, CA 92359
- Montclair Branch, 9955 Fremont Ave., Montclair, CA 91763
- Muscoy Baker Family Learning Center, 2818 Macy St., Muscoy, CA 92407
- Rialto Branch, 251 West 1st St., Rialto, CA 92376
- Summit Branch, 15551 Summit Ave., Fontana, CA 92336

The 30-day public review period for this document is from October 28, 2013 and ends December 2, 2013. Comments may be submitted within the public review period to Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer for San Bernardino LAFCO, at the address noted above, or by fax at (909) 383-9901.

The hearing before the Commission to consider the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and the project has not yet been scheduled. If you have questions regarding the LAFCO process, please contact Ms. Rollings-McDonald at (909) 383-9900.