

# LAND USE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
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Director

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To: Interested Individuals and Organizations

RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CHURCH OF THE WOODS PROJECT. THE APPLICATION IS FOR A TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (PM #16155) AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, IN THE COMMUNITY OF RIM FOREST.

The San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department will be coordinating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Church of the Woods project which includes an application for a Tentative Parcel Map #16155 to create five (5) parcels: three (3) parcels for development of the church, baseball field, and soccer fields, and two (2) lettered parcels to be maintained as natural open space; and a Conditional Use Permit comprised of three phases: Phase I would establish a 27,364 square foot assembly building, temporary amphitheater, skate park, recreation facility, and soccer fields; Phase II would create a 41,037 square foot auditorium/ministry building and a 2,500 square foot maintenance building/caretaker unit; and Phase III would establish a ballfield, a 3,073 square foot chapel/retreat, and 23,510 square foot worship center to replace the temporary amphitheater, on 38 acres in the community of Rim Forest. The site is located on the north side of Highway 18, approximately 450 ft. east of Bear Springs Road.

The Environmental Checklist Form (Initial Study), completed November 10, 2004, identified the potential for significant impacts relative to the issue areas as follows: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology/Soils, Hazards (Fire Safety/Evacuation), Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Noise, Transportation/Traffic and Cumulative Impacts. The Initial Study serves to focus the scope of the EIR. The text of the Initial Study is also posted on the County web page at [www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices](http://www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices). A copy of the Initial Study may also be viewed at the following locations.

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Advance Planning Division  
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Twin Peaks  
Building & Safety  
26010 State Hwy 189  
Twin Peaks, CA 92391

San Bernardino County Library  
Lake Arrowhead Branch  
27235 Highway 189  
Blue Jay, CA 92317

This letter is a request for environmental information that you or your organization believes should be addressed in the EIR. Due to time limits, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), your response should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. Comments and questions may be directed to Matthew Slowik, Senior Associate Planner, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182.

In addition to receiving written comments, the Land Use Services Department will be conducting a public scoping meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2005. The meeting will be held at The Senior Center, 675 Grandview Rd., Twin Peaks, CA.; one and a half blocks north of the Twin Peaks County Government Office.

Sincerely,

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Advance Planning Division

Enclosures: Initial Study  
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