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February 13, 2020

Attn: Scott Morgan
State Clearinghouse of the Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA, 95814

SUBJECT: County of Ventura General Plan Update (Case No. PL17-0141) project
referral pursuant to California Government Code §65352

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being provided to you in accordance with Government Code §65352 which requires that before the County (e.g. a legislative body) takes action to adopt or substantially amend a general plan, the planning agency shall refer the proposed action to entities identified in Government Code §65352(a).

The County has identified your agency/organization as an entity which shall be provided the opportunity to review and comment on the County's draft 2040 General Plan pursuant to Government Code §65352(a). In January 2020, the County of Ventura released the draft 2040 General Plan to the public.

Project Location

All unincorporated areas within Ventura County

Project Description

The County of Ventura is undertaking a comprehensive update of its General Plan. The County's current General Plan was most recently updated in 2005 and has not been comprehensively updated since 1988. The General Plan is an important planning tool that is required by State law to be updated from time to time to ensure that information in the General Plan is current and reflects the community's input.

The 2040 General Plan Update is anticipated to be adopted in 2020 and will set forth the County's vision of its future and identify the goals, policies, and implementation programs that will guide future decisions concerning a variety of issues, including but not limited to land use, agriculture, transportation, hazards, public facilities, health and safety, environmental justice, and resource conservation out to the year 2040. The updated General Plan will have a planning horizon from 2020 to 2040 and address seven topical elements required by State law (Open Space, Circulation/Mobility, Land Use, Conservation, Noise, Safety, and Environmental Justice) as well as optional Water, Agriculture and Economic Development elements. The General Plan will also

include a Climate Action Plan and address additional issues such as climate adaptation and resilience, healthy communities, and environmental justice. The project site includes all unincorporated areas of Ventura County (see attached location map).

General Plan Referrals

Pursuant to California Government Code 65352(b), an entity receiving a proposed general plan or amendment of a general plan shall have 45 days from the date the referring agency mails it or delivers it to comment unless a longer period is specified by the planning agency. **The 45-day review and comment period during which your agency/organization may comment on the draft 2040 General Plan pursuant to Government Code 65352(b) shall commence on Friday, February 14, 2020 and end at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020.** Your agency/organization may provide additional public comments on the draft 2040 General Plan during the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors adoption hearings tentatively scheduled for Spring through Fall 2020.

As an advisory, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), on January 13, 2020, the County released a Notice of Availability (attached to this letter) of a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the draft 2040 General Plan. The 45-day public review and comment period during which the County will receive comments on the draft EIR began Monday January 13, 2020, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020. **If you wish to review and provide comments on the draft EIR, the County welcomes these comments no later than the close of the public comment period at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020.**

WHERE THE DRAFT 2040 GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT EIR ARE AVAILABLE:

The draft 2040 General Plan, draft EIR, and draft General Plan Background Report are available for public review at the following locations:

- County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division Public Counter, 3^d Floor, Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA, 93009, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday;
- 2040 General Plan Update webpage at <https://vc2040.org/>;
- The Planning Division website at <http://vcrma.org/divisions/planning> (select "CEQA Environmental Review"); and
- At the following libraries:
 - Albert H. Soliz Library (2820 Jordan Street, Oxnard, CA 93036);
 - Avenue Library (606 North Ventura Ave., Ventura, CA 93001);
 - E.P. Foster Library (651 East Main St., Ventura, CA 93001);
 - Fillmore Library (502 2nd St., Fillmore, CA 93015);
 - Hill Road Library (1070 S. Hill Rd., Ventura, CA 93003);

- Meiners Oaks Library (114 North Padre Juan, Ojai, CA 93023);
- Oak Park Library (899 North Kanan Rd., Oak Park, CA 91377);
- Oak View Library (555 Mahoney Ave., Oak View, CA 93022);
- Ojai Library (111 East Ojai Ave., Ojai, CA 93023);
- Piru Library (3811 Center St., Piru, CA 93040);
- Ray D. Prueter Library (510 Park Ave., Port Hueneme, CA 93041); and
- Saticoy Library (1292 Los Angeles Ave., Ventura CA 93004).

If you would like to send writing comments on the draft 2040 General Plan or draft EIR, you may send comments to:

Ventura County Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
Attn: Susan Curtis, Manager, General Plan Update Section
800 S. Victoria Ave., L #1740
Ventura, CA 93009-1740

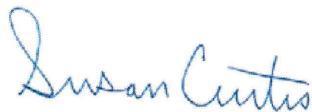
Or via email to: generalplanupdate@ventura.org

Please include your name or the name of a contact person, your agency or organization (if applicable), and U.S. mail and email address.

Finally, if you would like to be placed on the General Plan Update interested parties list to receive email notifications of upcoming events and opportunities to provide input of the draft 2040 General Plan please contact Clay Downing, Associate Planner, at (805) 650-4047 or email clay.downing@ventura.org

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (805) 654-2479 or email susan.curtis@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



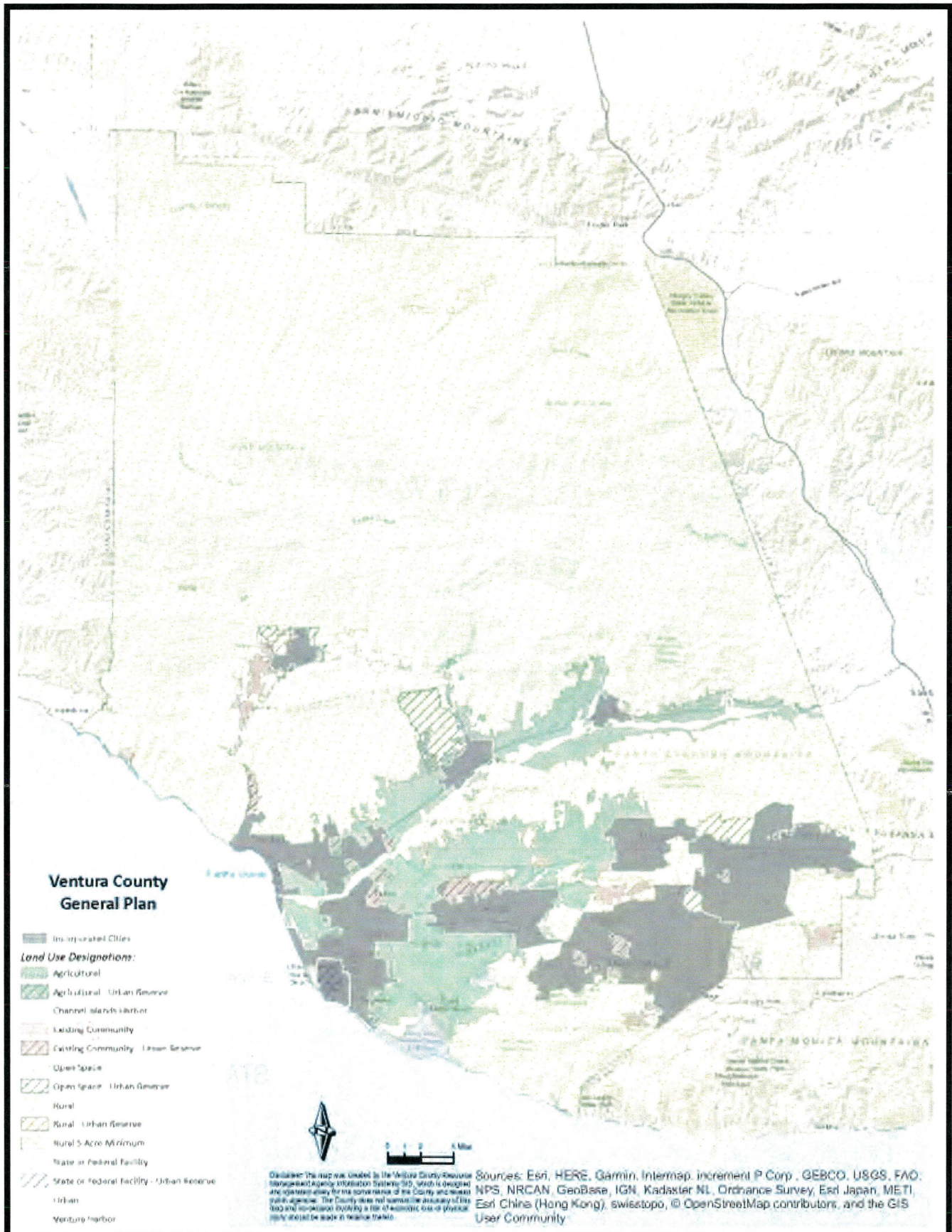
Susan Curtis, Manager
General Plan Update Section

Attachments: Location Map
 Notice of Availability

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT EIR FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the County of Ventura, State of California, and is available for public review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for the Ventura County 2040 General Plan (State Clearinghouse No. #2019011026).

PROJECT LOCATION: All unincorporated areas within Ventura County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is a comprehensive update of the County of Ventura General Plan, also known as the 2040 General Plan. The 2040 General Plan will set forth the County's vision of its future and identify the goals, policies, and implementation programs that will guide future decisions concerning a variety of issues, including but not limited to land use, climate change, agriculture, transportation, hazards, public facilities, health and safety, environmental justice, and resource conservation out to the year 2040. The County, as the lead agency, has prepared an EIR in accordance with CEQA. The purpose of the notice of availability is to call attention to this EIR and to request that interested persons review and provide comments on significant environmental issues, mitigation measures, and range of reasonable alternatives addressed in the EIR. The 2040 General Plan is anticipated to be adopted in 2020. With implementation of the 2040 General Plan, development may occur on or near site(s) identified in one of the regulatory databases compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR has identified significant and unavoidable environmental impacts in the following resource areas.

- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural, Tribal Cultural, and Paleontological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards, Hazardous Materials, and Wildfire
- Mineral and Petroleum Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities

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