

**To:** Distribution List

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**Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (LACDPW) will be the lead agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Ordinances to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags in Los Angeles County (proposed ordinances). The LACDPW is seeking input from regulatory agencies and other interested parties regarding the scope and intent of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. Scoping has been helpful to agencies in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in an EIR and in eliminating detailed studies of issues found not to be important. Responsible and trustee agencies will need to use the EIR prepared by the LACDPW when considering permits or related approvals for the proposed ordinances. The proposed project would entail adoption of an ordinance to ban the issuance of plastic carryout bags by certain stores in the unincorporated territories of the County and the adoption of comparable ordinances by the incorporated cities within the County. The proposed ordinances would affect an area of approximately 2,649 square miles encompassing the unincorporated territories of the County and 1,435 square miles encompassing the incorporated cities of the County. The proposed ordinances aim to significantly reduce the number of plastic carryout bags that are disposed of or that enter the litter stream by ensuring that certain retail establishments located in the County would not distribute or make available to customers any plastic carryout bags or compostable plastic bags. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study were prepared by the LACDPW for the proposed ordinances. The Initial Study contains a preliminary analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed project in accordance with the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that identify 16 areas of concern. The County has decided to present the detailed analysis of five issue areas in an EIR: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Utilities and Service Systems. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, responses must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 5:00p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010. Please send letters of comment (including the name of the designated contact person for your agency) on the Notice of Preparation to:

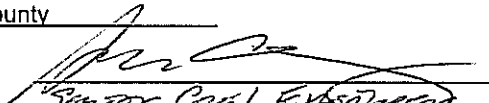
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Scoping Meeting: The LACDPW will facilitate six public scoping meetings to ensure that each of the Supervisorial Districts is given an opportunity to provide input. The purpose of these meetings will also be to review the various elements of the proposed ordinances and solicit information in relation to the CEQA analysis for the proposed ordinances. Please direct any questions regarding these meetings to Mr. Coby Skye at (626) 458-5163 or by e-mail at cskye@dpw.lacounty.gov

District	Scoping Meeting Date	Location
1	December 9, 2009 Time: 6:00 p.m.	East Los Angeles College 1700 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754
2	December 7, 2009 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Yvonne B. Burke Community and Senior Center 4750 West 62nd Street (Baldwin Hills / Ladera Heights Area), Los Angeles, CA 90056
3	December 14, 2009 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Calabasas Library, Founder's Hall 101 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302
4	December 8, 2009 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Steinmetz Senior Center 1545 South Stimson Avenue, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
5	December 10, 2009 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Castaic Regional Sports Complex 31230 North Castaic Road, Castaic, CA 91384
	December 11, 2009 Time: 7:00 p.m.	Jackie Robinson Park 8773 East Avenue R, Littlerock, CA 93543

**Project Title:** Ordinances to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags in Los Angeles County

Date: 11/25/09

Signature:   
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**Reference:** California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (CEQA Guidelines), Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.