

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In compliance with Section 15132 of the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines*, this document serves as the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project: Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTTM) 69164, General Plan Amendment 07-001a, Pre-Zone 07-001a, Annexation No. 07-002a (including an amendment to the City's Sphere of Influence), Specific Plan No. 07-001, Conditional Use Permit 07-009, and Oak Tree Permit 07-019. Annexation of the non-Vista Canyon area, referred to in the Draft EIR as the Ancillary Annexation Area (AAA), would require approval of the following entitlements: Pre-Zone No. 07-001b, General Plan Amendment No. 07-001b, and Annexation No. 07-002b (including an amendment to the City's Sphere of Influence).

As required, this document provides responses to written comments received on the Draft EIR and response to public testimony received at public hearings before the City of Santa Clarita Planning Commission on the following dates: October 19, 2010, November 2, 2010, and December 21, 2010. The Draft EIR was circulated for review from October 19, 2010 to December 3, 2010.

Section 15132 of the *State CEQA Guidelines* requires that the Final EIR consist of the following elements:

1. The Draft EIR or a revision of the draft.¹
2. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary.²
3. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
4. The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
5. Any other information added by the Lead Agency.

The Final EIR is organized in the following manner:

- Project Revisions and Additional Information
- Comment Letters
- Responses to Comment Letters
- Responses to Public Hearing Testimony

¹ All references to the Draft EIR are to the Draft EIR for the Vista Canyon project, SCH No. 2007071039, released for public comment on October 19, 2010, and incorporated by reference into the Final EIR (*State CEQA Guidelines*, Sections 15132, 15150, and 15362).

² Ibid.

- Revised Draft EIR Pages
- Appendices to the Final EIR:
 - Appendix A – Staff Reports
 - Appendix F1-April 27, 2009 letter from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
 - Appendix F2- Regional River Width at Bridges Comparison
 - Appendix F3- California Department of Fish and Game 2001 Criteria
 - Appendix F4- Fehr & Peers Memorandum, January 24, 2011