

## California Environmental Quality Act – Notice of Availability

**Date:** August 28, 2013  
**To:** Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties  
**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Town of Yucca Valley General Plan Update (SCH#2012111021)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Yucca Valley has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Town of Yucca Valley General Plan Update. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15050, the Town of Yucca Valley is the Lead Agency for the project. The purpose of this notice is (1) to serve as a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a DEIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, and, (2) to advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the DEIR. Copies of the DEIR are available for review at the following locations:

Town of Yucca Valley, Planning Division,  
58928 Business Center Drive  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Town of Yucca Valley Town Hall  
57090 29 Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Yucca Valley Branch Library  
57098 29 Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

The document can also be accessed online at <http://www.yucca-valley.org>.

**Notice of Availability:** Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, the DEIR will be available for a 45-day public review beginning on Thursday, August 29, 2013, through Monday, October 14, 2013. The Town, as Lead Agency, requests that responsible and trustee agencies respond in a manner consistent with Section 15082(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. All comments on this DEIR should be submitted in writing to Shane Stueckle at the Town address above by Monday, October 14, 2013.

**Project Title:** Yucca Valley General Plan Update

**Project Location:** The Town of Yucca Valley is near the southern boundary of the central portion of San Bernardino County, approximately 20 miles north of downtown Palm Springs in neighboring Riverside County. The Town is also near the City of Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree National Park, and the unincorporated communities of Joshua Tree, Pioneertown, and Morongo Valley. State Route 62 traverses the Town from east to west, and State Route 247 crosses the northern half of the Town from north to south.

**Project Description:** The project is an update to the Town of Yucca Valley General Plan. The Yucca Valley General Plan Update is intended to shape development within the Town for at least the next 20 years and involves reorganization of the current General Plan into the following elements: Land Use, Circulation, Safety, Noise, Open Space and Conservation, and

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Housing. The General Plan Update will also revise the General Plan land use map. Buildout of the Yucca Valley General Plan Update would result in a population of 64,565, 27,229 residential units, 20,963,702 square feet of nonresidential development, and 34,926 employees in the Town.

**Environmental Issues:** Based on the analysis in the EIR and comment letters received in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP), the Town determined that the following environmental issues would be further analyzed in the EIR:

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| - Aesthetics           | - Greenhouse Gas Emissions      | - Population & Housing        |
| - Air Quality          | - Hazards & Hazardous Materials | - Public Services             |
| - Biological Resources | - Hydrology & Water Quality     | - Recreation                  |
| - Cultural Resources   | - Land Use & Planning           | - Transportation & Traffic    |
| - Geology & Soils      | - Noise                         | - Utilities & Service Systems |

The Draft EIR addresses the short- and long-term effects of the General Plan Update on the environment. Mitigation measures are proposed for impacts that are determined to be potentially significant.

**Project Sponsor:** Town of Yucca Valley

**Consulting Firm:** The Planning Center|DC&E

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**Signature:**

  
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