

## California Environmental Quality Act – Notice of Preparation

**Date:** November 8, 2012  
**To:** Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties  
**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting for the Town of Yucca Valley General Plan Update

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Yucca Valley has prepared an Initial Study for the Town of Yucca Valley General Plan Update and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is necessary. 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 Preparation (NOP) of an EIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, (2) to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR to be prepared for the proposed project, and (3) to notice the public scoping meeting. Copies of the Initial Study are available for review at the following locations:

Town of Yucca Valley, Planning Division,  
58928 Monterey Business Center Drive  
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 21080.4 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, the Initial Study will be available for a 30-day public review beginning on Thursday, November 8, 2012, through December 10, 2012. 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 and responses to this Notice of Preparation should be submitted in writing to Shane Stueckle at the Town address above by **Monday, December 10, 2012**.

**Scoping Meeting:** The Town will conduct a public scoping meeting in conjunction with this NOP in order to present the project and the EIR process and to receive public comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR. The meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.**  
Yucca Valley Community Center  
57090 29 Palms Highway  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Planning  
(760) 369-6575 x317  
Public Works  
(760) 369-6579 x308  
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58928 Business Center Drive  
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**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 while 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 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 64,543, 27,276 residential units, 20,964,487 square feet of nonresidential development, and 34,927 employees in the Town.

**Environmental Issues:** Based on the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, the Town anticipates several potential impacts that will need to be addressed in the EIR:

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

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

**Project Sponsor:** Town of Yucca Valley

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

**Date:** November 8, 2012

**Signature:**



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