

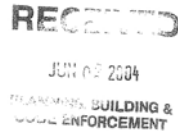
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May 28, 2004



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Dear Mr. Rojas:

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
 NATURAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVATION PLANNING SUBAREA PLAN,  
 SCH #2003071008, “CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES” – (EIR #1972/2004)**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Rancho Palos Verdes Natural Communities Conservation Planning Subarea Plan has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, and Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

**LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project. However, this project does not propose structures or any other improvements that appear to have a significant impact that requires a comment from the Land Development Unit.

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Should any questions arise regarding subdivision, water systems, or access please contact Inspector Marvin Dorsey at (323) 890-4243.

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| AGOURA HILLS | BRADBURY  | CUCAMAH          | HAWTHORNE            | LA MIRADA | MALIBU               | POMONA                | SIGNAL HILL      |
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| AZUSA        | CARSON    | DURANTE          | HUNTINGTON PARK      | LAKEWOOD  | NORWALK              | ROLLING HILLS         | SOUTH GATE       |
| BALDWIN PARK | CERRITOS  | EL MONTE         | INDUSTRY             | LANCASTER | PALMDALE             | ROLLING HILLS ESTATES | TEMPLE CITY      |
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| BELL GARDENS | COMMERCE  | GLENDALE         | IRVINDALE            | LOMITA    | PARAMOUNT            | SAN DIMAS             | WEST HOLLYWOOD   |
| BELLFLOWER   | COVINA    | HAWAIIAN GARDENS | LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE | LYNWOOD   | PICO RIVERA          | SANTA CLARITA         | WESTGATE VILLAGE |
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**FORESTRY DIVISION:**

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance.

Although the thought process and development of this plan is commendable, a "self-permitting process" for a "take" of a listed species is a measure that is inconsistent with current California Department of Fish and Game policy, particularly the suggested 50-year authorization life span.

We recommend that the established permitting process continue to be consistent with current California Department of Fish and Game policies and guidelines.

The continuance of the established permitting process shall guarantee that each project will be reviewed under the most current project design and environmental guidelines.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



DAVID R. LEININGER, CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
PREVENTION BUREAU

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**Comment 2**

The NCCP program is a CDFG sponsored program that includes CDFG as signatory to the Implementing Agreement. The wildlife agencies are full participants to the program and provide oversight to the City and PVPLC decisions and actions.