



CITY OF AGOURA HILLS
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Planning Staff

DATE: December 1, 2005

SUBJECT: DRAFT EIR – AGOURA VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Agoura Village Specific Plan has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is currently available for public review. Pursuant to CEQA, the 45-day public comment period for the DEIR began Friday, November 18, 2005 and ends Monday, January 2, 2006 at 5:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting and the role of the Planning Commission are to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR, but not necessarily on the content and merit of the Agoura Village Specific Plan. The Commission is not required to respond to comments raised at this hearing. However, City staff will be available to respond to procedural and technical questions, and will record the comments and respond to them at the end of the public review period, as part of the Response to Comments phase of the EIR process and as part of the Final EIR preparation.

In addition to providing oral comments at this meeting, City staff encourages members of the public to prepare written comments and submit them to the Planning and Community Development Department prior to January 2, 2006.

Prior to the Commission recommending approval of the AVSP and the City Council adopting the AVSP, the Commission needs to certify that it has reviewed the Final EIR in formulating its decision and that the Final EIR is in compliance with CEQA. These meetings regarding the Final EIR are expected to occur early next year, after the close of the public comment period and completion of the responses to the comments.

Copies of the Draft EIR were provided to the Commissioners at the November 17, 2005 meeting. The Draft EIR is currently available for review at the Planning Counter at City Hall and at the Agoura Hills Library. The Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR is posted on the City website. Additionally, copies of the DEIR (printed and electronic) can be purchased at the Planning Counter at City Hall.