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Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Proposed Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update One Valley One Vision

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Report.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The SCAQMD staff would be happy to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Nakamura".

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Attachment

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CARB Air Quality and Land Use Handbook Guidelines

- In the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), the lead agency is proposing a comprehensive update to its 1984 General Plan (Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan One Valley One Vision) for an approximate 20-year planning period. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has published the “Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective (April 2005). “ This document is intended to serve as a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. The SCAQMD recommends that the lead agency review the Handbook guidelines while completing its update and consider the recommendations that apply to the siting of sensitive receptors. The Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective is available at the following website:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm> .