

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
**FOR**  
**THE LA VERNE WILDERNESS AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

TO: State Clearinghouse  
Public Agencies  
Interested Parties

FROM: City of La Verne  
Community Development Department  
3660 D Street  
La Verne, California 91750  
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This Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the City of La Verne will serve as the Lead Agency, consistent with Section 15021 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, in preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed La Verne Wilderness Area Management Plan (the “proposed project”). The City of La Verne is soliciting the views of interested persons and agencies as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be studied in the EIR. The EIR will address the potential physical environmental effects of the proposed project for each of the environmental topics outlined in the CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G.

In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is being sent to the Office of Planning and Research, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and other interested parties. Responsible Agencies are those public agencies, besides the City of La Verne, that also have a role in approving or carrying out the proposed project. Agencies are requested to review the proposed project description provided in this NOP and provide comments on environmental issues related to the statutory responsibilities of the agency. If you are an authorized representative of a Responsible Agency, or a Trustee Agency, a transportation planning agency, agency with transportation facilities that may be affected, or a Federal agency involved in approving or funding the proposed project, the City of La Verne

encourages you to express the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR if it will consider a permit or other approval for the proposed project. In responding, please also provide the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the contact person for your agency.

Scoping comments on the EIR should focus on discussing possible impacts of the proposed project on the physical environment, ways in which potential adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the proposed project in light of the EIR's purpose to provide useful and accurate information about such factors.

**Project Location:**

The project site consists of ten parcels of land totaling 358 acres of open space, located in the northern portion of the City of La Verne, California. La Verne is situated 30 miles east of Los Angeles below the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains on the northwest edge of the Pomona Valley. The northern area of the project site is bounded by the Angeles National Forest on all sides. The southern portion is roughly bounded by Brydon Road, Calle Aragon, and Monterey Street to the east, Golden Hills Road to the south, and Mountain Springs Ranch Road to the north.

**Project Applicant:**

City of La Verne  
3660 D Street  
La Verne, California 91750

**Project Description:**

In early 2006 the City, through State grant funds obtained in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land and the La Verne Land Conservancy, acquired 208 acres in north La Verne adjacent to 150 acres already owned by the City. The grant funds were specifically dedicated to acquire and conserve wildlife habitat. Nonetheless, the City desired to explore opportunities for uses compatible with conservation and the resolution of public safety hazards as part of its stewardship responsibilities.

The proposed La Verne Wilderness Area Management Plan (project) involves the provision of controlled, public access to the site; management of storm water, sediment, woody debris, and wildlife hazards; and preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat corridors and diversity.

**Potential Environmental Effects:**

Potentially significant environmental impacts have been identified in the following issue areas: Biological Resources, Hazards, Hydrology/Water Quality, and Land Use/Planning. In addition,

three alternative development scenarios, including the “no project” alternative, will be examined as part of the Environmental Impact Report.

**Public Scoping Meeting:**

The City of La Verne, in its role as Lead Agency, will hold a public scoping meeting to provide an opportunity for the public and representatives of public agencies to address the scope of the Environmental Impact Report. The Scoping Meeting for the Environmental Impact Report for the project is scheduled for September 20, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., at the following location:

La Verne City Council Chamber  
3660 D Street  
La Verne, California 91750

**Thirty-Day Comment Period:**

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. The Notice of Preparation comment period begins on September 8, 2016 and ends on October 10, 2016. Please send your comments by regular mail, e-mail, or fax no later than October 10, 2016, to:

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