

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE LA VERNE PLANNING COMMISSION
ON OCTOBER 10, 2018**

PROJECT NAME: La Verne Wilderness Area Management and Public Access Plan

This notice announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed **La Verne Wilderness Area Management and Public Access Plan** (the “proposed project”). This notice is provided pursuant to noticing requirements found in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sec. 21092), and the State CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines Sec. 15087).

PROJECT LOCATION: The Wilderness Area is located north of Golden Hills Road, east of Mountain Springs Ranch Road, and west and northwest of Monterey Street, Calle Aragon, and Brydon Road in the City of La Verne (City). Elevation on-site ranges from 1,435 feet in the southwest corner to 3,165 feet in the northeast corner. The Wilderness Area is located within, and surrounded to the west/northwest, north, and east by the area of the Angeles National Forest designated in 2014 as the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The Wilderness Area is made up of 10 City-owned parcels: 8678022900, 8678022901, 8678022902, 8678015900, 8678015901, 8678015902, 8678015903, 8678015904, 8678015905, and 8678015906.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In 2006, the City acquired 208 acres in north La Verne through State grant funds obtained in cooperation with the County of Los Angeles, the Trust for Public Land, and the La Verne Land Conservancy. This land was combined with 150 acres already owned by the City to create an open space preserve of 358 acres, collectively referred to as the Wilderness Area. The Wilderness Area Management and Public Access Plan includes selective habitat enhancement actions, the resolution of public safety hazards, and opportunities for limited controlled public access as part of the City’s stewardship responsibilities for the Wilderness Area. The Management Plan includes goals for specific physical improvements or management policies that would implement the vision for the Wilderness Area.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The proposed project would have less than significant impacts on aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, mineral resources, noise population and housing, and utilities. The proposed project would have potentially significant but mitigable impacts on the following environmental issue areas: biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, public service and recreation, transportation and traffic, and tribal cultural resources. The proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the DEIR are available for public review from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Thursday, at the City of La Verne Community Development Department (3660 D Street, La Verne, California 91750). Copies of the DEIR are also available for public review at the La Verne library located at 3640 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750. The DEIR is also available on the City of La Verne website at: <http://www.ci.la-verne.ca.us/index.php/docs/community-development>

COMMENTING ON THE DEIR AND DUE DATE FOR COMMENTS: The City welcomes all comments on the DEIR prepared for the proposed project. In accordance with the time limits mandated by CEQA, public comments on the DEIR must be received by the City of La Verne during the 45-day public comment period, which extends from **June 25, 2018 to August 14, 2018**. Comments on the project itself shall be submitted prior to the meeting date.

Please submit your written comments, including a return address and contact name, by fax, e-mail, or regular mail to:

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UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING DATES: The City of La Verne Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the Draft EIR and the proposed project on **October 10, 2018** at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the City of La Verne Council Chambers located at La Verne City Hall, 3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750.

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