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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

DATE: December 23, 2021

TO: Office of Planning and Research, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: **Notice of Preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting for the Los Angeles County 2045 Climate Action Plan**

PROJECT NAME: Los Angeles County 2045 Climate Action Plan (Draft 2045 CAP)

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County; see Figure 1.

The County of Los Angeles (County) is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and its implementing regulations, the CEQA Guidelines. The County intends to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2045 Climate Action Plan (CAP) that would be an implementing component of the Air Quality Element of the Los Angeles County General Plan. The County has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, potentially affected federal agencies, organizations, and other interested parties with information regarding this project and its potential environmental effects, and to solicit your input on the scope and content of the PEIR.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Draft 2045 CAP would require a General Plan Amendment to replace the Los Angeles County Community Climate Action Plan (2020 CCAP), which is an implementing component of the Air Quality Element of the Los Angeles County General Plan. In early 2020, the Department of Regional Planning ("DRP") released a Public Discussion Draft of the Draft 2045 CAP (Public Discussion Draft). After receiving significant comments from stakeholders, DRP determined the need to substantially revise and update the Public Discussion Draft. Revisions will include an updated GHG emissions inventory for 2018; new emissions forecasts for 2030, 2035, and 2045; new GHG emissions targets for 2030, 2035, and 2045; a revised suite of GHG reduction strategies, measures, and actions in response to public comments to be more clear, specific, feasible, and quantifiable; a technical modeling appendix to explain the Draft 2045 CAP's GHG reduction estimates; a consideration of environmental justice and equity concerns; and a new development review consistency checklist to allow projects to streamline CEQA compliance for by using the CAP, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The County has prepared an Initial Study, which is being circulated with this Notice of Preparation. Because the Initial Study indicates that the proposed project may have a significant impact to the environment in one or more resource areas, the County has determined that preparation of a PEIR is required. The PEIR will focus on the potentially significant effects of the project, and briefly discuss any effects found not to be significant. The PEIR will include a more detailed evaluation of the following environmental issues:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The County invites interested parties to provide written comments as to your specific concerns about the project's potential environmental effects. The County requests that any Responsible or Trustee Agency responding to this notice do so in a manner consistent with Section 15082(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

A 30-day review period starts on January 3, 2022, and ends on February 1, 2022. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, please send your written response to the address or email below at the earliest possible date, but no later than February 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Please include your name and address for all written correspondence.

Please send written comments to the following address:

Thuy Hua, Supervising Regional Planner
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, 13th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For email submittal of your comment letter, send to: climate@planning.lacounty.gov

Any comments provided should identify specific topics of environmental concern and your reason for suggesting the study of these topics in the PEIR. All written comment letters/emails will be included in an appendix in the Draft PEIR and the contents considered in the preparation of the PEIR.

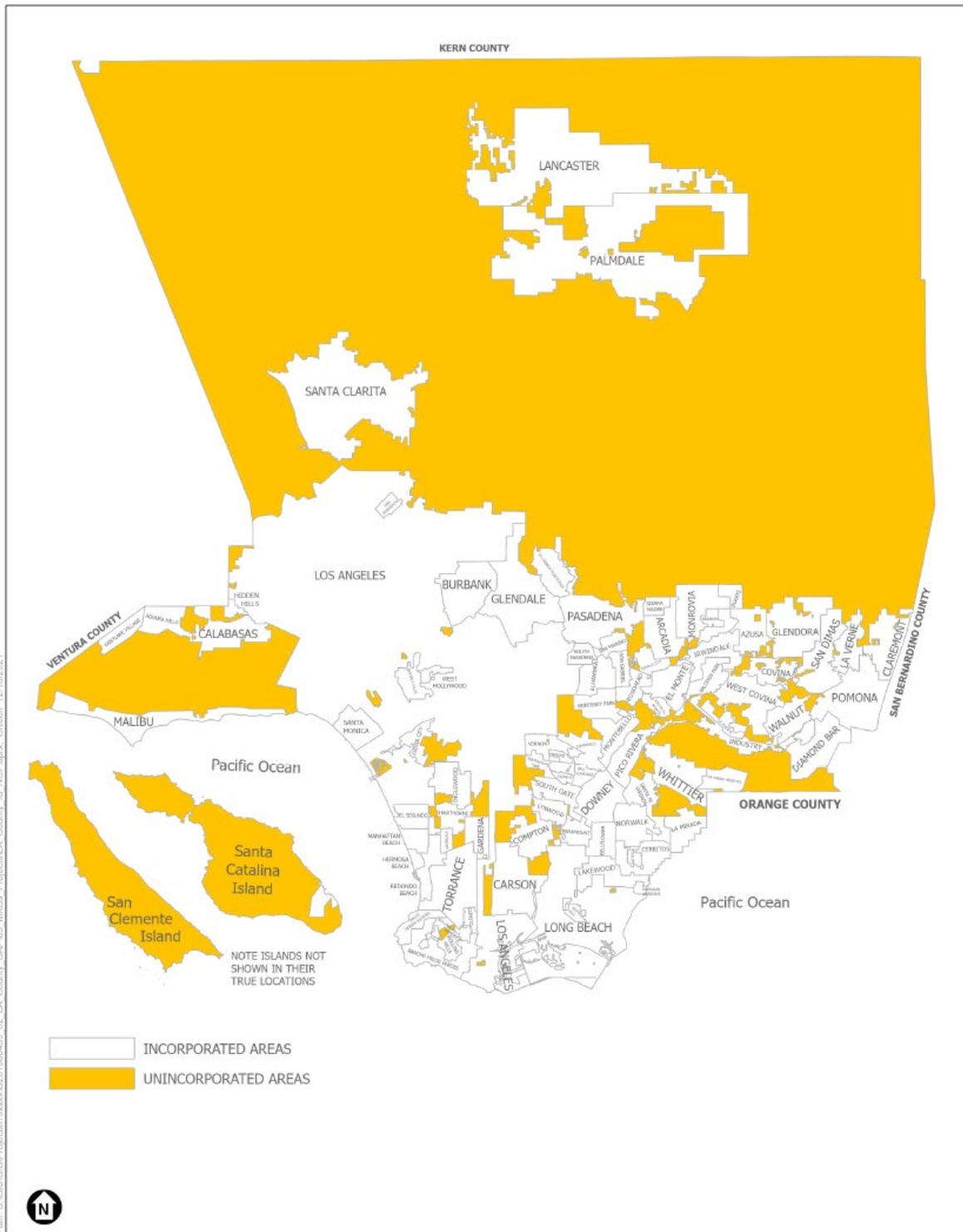
DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND PROJECT WEBSITE: This Notice of Preparation and the Initial Study are available for view online at: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/climate>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: The County will conduct a public scoping meeting to solicit oral and written comments from interested parties on the scope and content of the PEIR. All interested parties are invited to attend the scoping meeting to assist in identifying issues to be addressed in the PEIR.

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The scoping meeting will include a brief presentation of the project scope to be addressed in the PEIR, a summary of the PEIR process, and will provide attendees with an opportunity to provide input to the scope and content of the PEIR.

The scoping meeting will be held online via Zoom on **January 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. PST**. Please visit <https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/meetings-hearings/> to register for the meeting.



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SOURCE: Los Angeles County Climate Action Plan
 March 2020 Public Review Draft

Los Angeles County 2045 Climate Action Plan (2045 CAP)

Figure 1
 Map of Unincorporated Los Angeles County

