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SUBJECT: RMA 08-032. One Valley One Vision –

Santa Clarita Valleywide Area Plan Update

The Watershed Protection District has reviewed the above Notice of Preparation and our comments are as follows:

Thank you for the opportunity to allow us to comment on the Notice of Preparation for One Valley One Vision – Santa Clarita Valleywide Area Plan Update.

The areas within our purview that we would like to see special studies done will be in the Land Use Element and Safety Element in the EIR Section:

Potential Environmental Effects

- Hydrology
- Hydraulic Hazards Erosion and Siltation
- Water Quality
- Groundwater Quantity/Quality/Water Supply

The Hydrologic, Hydraulic and Drainage Studies

This element would necessitate a comprehensive Drainage Study that will provide a clear understanding of the cumulative impact of the buildout of the entire Santa Clarita Valley Planning Area (Planning Area) to County of Los Angeles, city of Santa Clarita, Santa Clarita Valley and the effect it will have to the common waterway between our counties. The EIR should also incorporate mitigation measure that would eliminate increase in runoff and increase in erosion.

Water Quality

The document should consider both the temporary and permanent impacts to water quality resulting from both construction impacts and runoff from newly developed area. Some examples of impacts are erosion, siltation, and release runoff from paved and landscaped areas.

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