

**Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report
for the
Scotts Valley Town Center Specific Plan
Scotts Valley, California**

Lead Agency:

The City of Scotts Valley
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Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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Summary: The City of Scotts Valley will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Scotts Valley Town Center Specific Plan. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project. The EIR is intended to serve as an informational document to inform decision-makers and the general public of the environmental consequences of the proposed action.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to this notice must be sent at the earliest possible date but *not later than 30 days from receipt of this notice*. Please send your response to the City of Scotts Valley at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

An Initial Study has been prepared for the project and is attached.

Project Title: Scotts Valley Town Center Specific Plan

Project Location: The project is located in the City of Scotts Valley, immediately north of the City of Santa Cruz, in Santa Cruz County. The proposed site is located along the northern side Mt. Hermon Road, east of Sky Park Drive, and south of Blue Bonnet Lane. The proposed site predominately consists of the former location of Sky Park Airport.

Project Description: The Environmental Impact Report will address the environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the Scotts Valley Town Center Specific Plan. The proposed project would include development of a pedestrian friendly downtown and civic center. The project would consist of commercial retail uses, mixed-use buildings, multi-family housing, parking structures, a town green/plaza, library and possibly a court house.

Potential Environmental Effects: Key issues that the EIR will address include aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, recreation, transportation/traffic and utility services.

Public Scoping Meeting. A Scoping Meeting to discuss the project and answer questions will be held **March 3, 2008 at City Hall Council Chambers, which is located at 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Susan Westman at the City of Scotts Valley Community Development Department (831) 440-5630, or Kris Vardas at Rincon Consultants (805) 547-0900.

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