



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning

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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
AND SCOPING MEETING**  
“The Skyline Ranch Project”

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**County Project No. 04-075  
Tentative Tract Map No. 060922  
Oak Tree Permit, Conditional Use Permit, Development Agreement**

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The County of Los Angeles will be the lead agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified above. In compliance with Section 15082 of the CEQA *Guidelines*, the County of Los Angeles is sending this Notice of Preparation to responsible agencies, interested parties and federal agencies which may be involved in approving or permitting the project, and to trustee agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the project. Within 30 days after receiving the Notice of Preparation, each agency shall provide the County of Los Angeles with specific details about the scope and content of the environmental information to be contained in the EIR related to that agency's area of statutory responsibility. In addition to the project actions cited above, permission will be sought for offsite grading on federally owned land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Should such offsite grading be determined to be a project subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), clearance of that aspect of this project will probably be undertaken separately through an Environmental Assessment (EA) or a joint EIR/EA.

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation is to solicit the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

As shown in Figure 1, the 2,196-acre Skyline Ranch site is located in the Santa Clarita Valley west and north of Highway 14 (Antelope Valley Freeway) and north of the City of Santa Clarita in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The project site includes various parcels west of Mint Canyon between the Santa Clara River and Vasquez Canyon. As illustrated in Figure 2, the site is roughly defined by Sierra Highway (Mint Canyon) on the east and southeast, residential communities on the south and southwest, Plum Canyon Road on the west, Bouquet Canyon Road to the northwest, and Vasquez Canyon Road to the northeast.