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## MEMORANDUM

Date: September 5, 2014

To: The Governing Board Members

From:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

Subject: **Agenda Item XI: Update and discussion regarding the Los Angeles County 2035 General Plan.**

Background: This is for informational purposes. There is no staff recommendation at this time.

The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) has been following closely changes to Los Angeles County's proposed General Plan, Significant Ecological Area (SEA) Ordinance, SEA boundaries, and Hillside Management Area Ordinance. Numerous comment letters were provided by WCCA to Los Angeles County (County) on these topics over the years. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update were due August 7, 2014.

According to the County's website, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) was scheduled to hear this item at its August 27, 2014 hearing, but it was continued to the October 8, 2014 hearing. The SEA Program Update will be presented at the October 8, 2014 hearing.

This multi-year planning process is anticipated to be completed this year, with the Board of Supervisors hearing anticipated to be September or October 2014 (according to the County's website). (Even though the RPC hearing is scheduled for October, the County's website still says that the Board of Supervisors hearing is anticipated to be September or October.)

According to the County's website, the Los Angeles County 2035 General Plan provides the policy framework for how and where the unincorporated County will grow through the year 2035, while recognizing and celebrating the County wide diversity of cultures, abundant natural resources, and status as an international economic center. The General Plan Update effort includes goals, policies, implementation programs, and ordinances.

To date, WCCA's request to include additional area where the Aera property meets Harbor Boulevard has not produced any changes. Staff has not yet met with County staff on the SEAs and is currently seeking a meeting. Relevant background information is attached.