



**Notice of Completion and Public Release**  
of the  
**Newhall Ranch Resource Management and Development Plan (RMDP)**  
and the **Spineflower Conservation Plan (SCP)**



**Final Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR)**

DFG is pleased to announce the completion and public release of the Newhall Ranch Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) (SCH No. 200001125). Completion and release of the Final EIS/EIR follows an earlier draft environmental analysis released for public review from April 25, to August 26, 2009. DFG prepared the Draft and Final EIS/EIR as a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in close coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), DFG's federal lead agency partner under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Final EIS/EIR marks the end of a near year-long effort by DFG and the Corps to complete written responses to comments concerning the earlier Draft EIS/EIR. The Final EIS/EIR also marks nearly a decade of DFG and Corps' environmental review of the Newhall Ranch Project previously approved by Los Angeles County. Importantly, completion and public release of the Final EIS/EIR does not mark final agency action by DFG; final action is not expected by DFG until late summer 2010, at the earliest.

The Draft and Final EIS/EIR provide a detailed analysis of the environmental impacts expected to occur with build-out of the Newhall Ranch Project and two other properties also owned by the Newhall Land and Farming Company. The Draft and Final EIS/EIR focus on, among other things, the environmental impacts to biological resources expected to occur with implementation of the Newhall Land's proposed Resource Management and Development Plan (RMDP) and Spineflower Conservation Plan (SCP). The proposed RMDP is a conservation, mitigation, and permitting plan for sensitive biological resources within the previously approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan area. The proposed SCP is a conservation and management plan to permanently protect and manage a system of preserves designed to maximize the long-term persistence of the San Fernando Valley spineflower (*Chorizanthe parryi ssp. fernandina*), a federal candidate and a state-listed endangered plant species. The proposed RMDP and SCP as revised in the Final EIS/EIR are key components of Newhall Land applications pending before DFG for various permits and entitlements required under the California Fish and Game Code to develop the Newhall Ranch Project, along with two other properties owned by Newhall Land, commonly known as Entrada and the Valencia Commerce Center.

The Final EIS/EIR is available via DFG's web page: [www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/5/newhall](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/5/newhall).

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR are also available to the public at the following locations:

- Valencia Library, 23743 West Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California 91355
- Sylmar Library, 14561 Polk Street, Sylmar, California 91342
- E.P. Foster Library located at 651 East Main Street, Ventura, California 93001
- Castaic Library, 27971 Sloan Canyon Road, Castaic, California 91384
- Department of Fish and Game, 4665 Lampson Avenue, Los Alamitos, California 90702

DFG's completion and release of the Final EIS/EIR coincides with the beginning of a federal 30-day public comment period initiated by the Corps. DFG understands the Corps will provide notice in the Federal Register on June 18, 2010, of the 30-day public comment period for the Final EIS/EIR and a related federal Clean Water Act Alternatives Analysis appended to the Final EIS/EIR. Inquiries regarding the Final EIS/EIR, Clean Water Act Alternatives Analysis, and the related federal public comment period may be directed to:

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Additional information regarding the ACOE review of the Newhall Ranch Project is available at: [www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/NewhallRanch.htm](http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/NewhallRanch.htm).

Please note the ACOE has extended their review period an additional 15 days now ending on August 3, 2010.