

Notice of Public Meeting on the Proposed
Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Investment Strategy

March 7, 2017

1:00pm to 4:00pm

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Offices

Interested parties are invited to attend a Public Meeting to learn about the Proposed Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Investment Strategy to be held on March 7, 2017 at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority offices, 42210 6th St. W., Lancaster. The meeting will allow interested parties to receive preliminary information about a non-regulatory planning effort underway to prepare an Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) and to provide comments.

Regional Conservation Investment Strategies are new, voluntary, landscape-scale conservation planning tools that will identify conservation priorities to guide public and private conservation actions and investment, such as habitat restoration and protection. Guided by state legislation signed by the Governor in 2016 (AB 2087), the effort is being led by a Steering Committee, convened by the Desert and Mountains Conservation Authority, and comprised of local, state and federal agency representatives and stakeholders. This public meeting is being hosted by the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority. If the Antelope Valley RCIS is approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) in Summer 2017, conservation actions identified in the RCIS could be used to develop mitigation credit agreements with the Department for transportation and other projects. The Antelope Valley RCIS is part of a broader effort to implement regional advanced mitigation planning in the state to facilitate landscape-scale conservation and improve the delivery of transportation and other projects.

Public Comments: Interested parties may provide written comments at the Public Meeting, by mail to: DMCA c/o Michelle Osborn, 630 K St. Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by email to: michelle.osborn@icf.com. Comment forms will be provided at the meeting and all written comments must be submitted by March 24, 2017. Written comments will be considered in the development of the

Antelope Valley RCIS, but there will not be any written response to comments provided.

Additional background information will be available and posted at <http://dmca.ca.gov> by Feb 17th.

If you have questions concerning this Public Meeting Notice please contact: michelle.osborn@icf.com, 916-231-9585.