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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

State Clearinghouse #2012011008

Project Title: City of Banning Circulation Element General Plan Amendment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Banning (City), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Notice of Availability (NOA) for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed City of Banning Circulation Element General Plan Amendment Project (Project). The EIR has been prepared pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. Copies of available materials may be reviewed or obtained from the City's Community Development Department at the address below.

Project Location: The project is located in the City. The City is located in the San Gorgonio Pass area and is served by Interstate 10 (I-10) as well as a network of arterial roadways and local streets. I-10 is an eight-lane divided freeway that runs through Banning, bisecting it into south and north communities. Malki Road (formerly Fields Road), Ramsey Street, Hargrave Street, 8th Street, 22nd Street, Sunset Avenue, and Highland Springs Avenue are the access streets that provide interchange access to I-10.

Project Description: The City is proposing to amend the General Plan Circulation Element. The General Plan Amendment (GPA) would include two components: a policy change to the acceptable Level of Service (LOS) for roadway operating conditions from LOS C to LOS D throughout the City; and replacement of the future planned I-10/Highland Home Road interchange with an overcrossing.

Environmental Issues: Environmental issues addressed in the EIR include: Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gases, Land Use and Planning, Noise, and Transportation and Circulation.

Significant Environmental Effects: There are no significant environmental effects associated with the proposed Project.

Public Review Period: The Draft EIR will be available for a 45-day public review period from September 21, 2012 to November 5, 2012.

Written comments on this Draft EIR should be addressed to:

City of Banning
Community Development Department
99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, California 92220
Attn: Zai Abu Bakar, Community Development Director

A copy of the Public Review Draft Environmental Impact Report is available at the above address and at the Banning Public Library, 21 W. Nicolet Street, Banning CA 92220, as well as at the City Community Development Department's website at www.ci.banning.ca.us.

All comments must be received in writing at the address below no later than 5 p.m. on November 5, 2012. Upon completion of the public review period, written responses to all significant environmental issues raised will be prepared and made available for review at least 10 days prior to the City's certification of the Final EIR. Comments received and the responses to comments will be included as part of the record.

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Public Meeting: A public meeting has been tentatively scheduled to discuss the Project, answer questions, and receive public comments on the Draft EIR. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Banning City Hall, Banning.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF BANNING,
CALIFORNIA**

Zai Abu Bakar
Community Development Director

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