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**Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of a Public Scoping Meeting for the Apple Valley 143 Project.**

The Town of Apple Valley (Town) is commencing preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Apple Valley 143 Project (Project). The approximately 143-acre Project site is located on the northeast quadrant of I-15 and Stoddard Wells Road in the Town of Apple Valley.

The Project involves the construction and operation of 3 industrial/warehouse buildings totaling approximately 2,628,000 square feet. The Project would involve associated improvements, including loading docks, truck and vehicle parking, and landscaped areas. The Project, Project location, and potential environmental effects are described in detail within the Initial Study and Notice of Preparation (NOP), which is available at the Town’s website: https://www.applevalley.org/services/planning-division/environmental. The NOP and the Project’s Initial Study are also available for review in person at Apple Valley Town Hall (Planning Department, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, California 92307) and at the San Bernardino County Library (14901 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, California 92307).

 The Town has established a 30-day public scoping period from July 1, 2022 through August 1, 2022. During the scoping period, the Town’s intent is to disseminate Project information to the public and solicit comments from agencies, organizations, and interested parties, including nearby residents and business owners, regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR, including mitigation measures or Project alternatives to reduce potential environmental effects.

 During the 30-day public scoping period, the Town will also hold a public scoping meeting on July 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at Apple Valley Town Hall, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, California 92307. The public scoping meeting will provide an additional opportunity to receive and disseminate information, identify potential environmental issues of concern, and discuss the scope of analysis to be included in the EIR. The scoping meeting is not a public hearing, and no decisions on the Project will be made at this meeting. It is an additional opportunity for agencies, organizations, and the public to provide scoping comments in person on what environmental issues should be addressed in the EIR. All public agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting. All scoping comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2022, which marks the end of the 30-day public scoping period. All written comments should indicate an associated contact person for the agency or organization, if applicable, and reference the Project name in the subject line. Pursuant to CEQA, responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project when responding.

Please mail or email comments to Daniel Alcayaga, Planning Manager, Town of Apple Valley, at dalcayaga@applevalley.org or 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, California 92307.