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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)
FOR THE
LA QUINTA PENINSULAR BIGHORN SHEEP BARRIER PROJECT
(SCH NO. 2016021102)**

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed La Quinta Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Barrier Project is available for public review and comment.

PROJECT LOCATION: Vicinity of Lake Cahuilla and extending north, west and south along the Santa Rosa Mountain foothills, City of La Quinta, Riverside County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) proposes the construction of a Peninsular bighorn sheep barrier (9.5± mile linear barrier) in the City of La Quinta, along the toe of slope of the Santa Rosa Mountain foothills and within portions of Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 20 & 29, Township 6 South, Range 7 East, SBB&M in the Coachella Valley area of Riverside County. The purpose of the project is to address the urban-related impacts of Peninsular bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*) using artificial sources of food and water in urbanized lands, including golf course, resort and residential areas. The species is listed as “endangered” under the Federal Endangered Species Act and as “threatened” under the California Endangered Species Act. A variety of barrier and wildlife management alternatives are being considered to prevent Peninsular bighorn sheep from accessing golf courses and urban areas and are evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. The proposed project site is not contained on the lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The public comment period for the Draft EIR will commence at 8:00 a.m. on January 13, 2017 and end on February 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. You may email comments to the following address: kbarrows@cvag.org. Written comments on the Draft EIR may also be submitted to:

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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review and download on the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP) website at www.cvmshcp.org. [Copies of the document are also available for review](#) at CVCC offices at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and at the City of La Quinta Public Library, 78275 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253. Please call (760) 346-1127 for further information.

The date for consideration of the Final EIR before the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission has not been set. Please contact Ms. Barrows at (760) 346-1127 for confirmation of meeting date and location.