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TO: SCAP Members

FROM: John Pastore, Executive Director

DATE: February 10, 2006

Notice of Preparation for Kern County Biosolids Ordinance Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The Kern County Planning Department has released the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the development of the biosolids ordinance Environmental Impact Report (EIR). (This document is available on the SCAP website at www.scap1.org/reference/biosolids). The County is soliciting comments on the scope and content of the environmental information related to the proposed project, amendment of Chapter 8.05-Land Application of Biosolids of the Kern County Ordinance Code.

Kern County is required to prepare an EIR that covers the adoption of an ordinance regulating the biosolids land application based on a court decision in the lawsuit where SCAP is a party. The EIR will evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed amendment to the County's existing biosolids ordinance to prohibit <u>all</u> land application of <u>all</u> categories of biosolids on unincorporated lands in Kern County.

The scoping meeting is <u>February 17, 2006, 1:30 pm</u> at the Kern County Planning Department located at 2700 M Street, Bakersfield, California. The comments on the NOP are <u>due March 6, 2006</u> at 5 pm.

SCAP is requesting that member agencies review the NOP and provide comments to SCAP Biosolids Committee Chair, Diane Gilbert at diane.gilbert@lacity.org February 28, 2006. Comments should address the specific environmental impacts outlined in the NOP. If your agency is planning to attend the scoping meeting and provide comments, please forward an email to Diane or call her at 310-648-5248.

If you have any questions or comments on the NOP please contact Diane Gilbert.