Appendix I NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To:	State Clearinghouse		From:	County of Alameda
	1400 Tenth Street			224 West Winton Avenue, Room 111
	Sacramento, CA 95814	-		Hayward, CA 94544
Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report				
The County of Alameda will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.				
The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study ($$ is $$ is not) attached.				
Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.				
Please send your response to Jana Beatty at the address shown above We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.				
Project Title: Altamont Motorsports Park Project (2248 th Zoning Unit)				
Project Applicant, if any: Lakeside Motorsports - Altamont, LLC				
Date	June 25, 2007 Si	gnature _		25
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NOTICE OF PREPARATION ATTACHMENT ALTAMONT MOTORSPORTS PARK PROJECT

The County of Alameda, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is requesting your views on the scope and content of the environmental information for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Altamont Motorsports Park Project described below and in the attached Notice of Preparation.

Project Location

The project site is located at 17001 Midway Road at the intersection of Highway 580 (I-580) and Highway 205 (I-205) (Assessor's Parcel Number 99B-7675-5-7). The project site is approximately 83.4 acres in size and is located in the eastern portion of Alameda County known as the Unincorporated Midway Area. The project site is presently developed with a motorsports racing facility. The surrounding area is agricultural in nature and includes rural single-family detached homes to the west and south, I-580 to the north, and I-205 to the east. The project site is located in an area of low foothills and has intermittent views of the surrounding foothills to the north and west. A location map is provided in Figure 1.

Project Description

The applicant has applied to Alameda County to change the zoning of the site from the A (Agriculture) District to the PD (Planned Development) District to regulate the continued operation of this motorsports facility. Also included in the proposed project are improvements and upgrades to the facility, including constructing a grandstand cover and adding two electronic LED signs to the site. The proposal would also clarify and define certain aspects of the 1996 Conditional Use Permit under which the motorsports facility currently operates, including allowable facility events, event scheduling, and event parking. No new buildings or racing venues on or off the property are being proposed as part of this application.

The project is described in greater detail in application materials submitted by the applicant, which are available for review by contacting Jana Beatty, Senior Planner, at the offices of the Alameda County Planning Department, (510) 670-5400.

Probable Environmental Effects/Issues Scoped for Analysis in the EIR

Potentially significant environmental effects may involve the following issue areas. The current scope of work for the EIR includes analysis of these topics:

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, and Seismicity
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic

Figure 1

