

Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research
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From:

Public Agency: LA County Regional Planning
320 W. Temple Street, 13th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project Title: Oil Well Ordinance
Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Project Location - Specific:

All unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

An ordinance to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities in all zones, designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming uses in all zones, and establish regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities. The proposed ordinance does not apply to the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District, specific plans, nor uses operating under a valid discretionary permit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); Class 1, 8, and 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____
- Exemptions for Agricultural Housing, Affordable Housing, and Residential Infill Projects. State type and section number: _____
- Others: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See the "Attachment to Notice of Exemption" for reasons why Class 1 - Section 15301, Class 8 - Section 15308, and Section 15061(b)(3) exempt this project from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Larry Jaramillo Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 974-6432
Contact Person: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Larry Jaramillo Date: 2/13/23 Title: Principal Regional Planner

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Project Location

The project location is Los Angeles County.

Project Description

The project is the Oil Well Ordinance, Project No PRJ2020-000246-(1-5) and Case No RPPL2020000624. The project amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) and Title 12 (Environmental Protection) of the Los Angeles County Code. The project consists of more stringent regulations than the current regulations in Title 22 and Title 12 and does not relax regulatory standards for new or existing oil wells and production facilities.

The project amends Title 22 to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities, designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use, and establish consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period. The regulations include: well and site signage, comment and complaint log, requirements for site maintenance, bonds for existing wells, and standards for well plugging and abandonment and restoration. The amendment to Title 22 applies to the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, except for the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District, areas designated as a specific plan, and uses operating under a valid discretionary permit.

The project amends Title 12 by removing the exception for oil wells from regulations for noise and vibration, resulting in more stringent regulations for oil wells because the use must comply with the County's regulations for noise and vibration.

Reasons Why this Project is Exempt

This project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County CEQA Guidelines pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3), 15061(b)(2), 15301 (Class 1), and 15308 (Class 8).

CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)

The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The project is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment. The project adopts more stringent regulations for oil wells and production facilities than the current regulations in Title 22 and Title 12. The project does not cause physical changes to the environment and does not have any potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(2)

The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.

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The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1 and CEQA Guidelines section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment, Class 8.

- **CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1.** *Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.*

The project consists of more stringent regulations than the current regulations in Title 22 and Title 12. Under the amendment to Title 22, new oil wells and production facilities are prohibited and existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming may continue to operate in accordance with Section 22.172 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures). The project also establishes consistent regulations in Title 22 for existing oil wells and production facilities, including: well and site signage, comment and complaint log, requirements for site maintenance, bonds for existing wells, and standards for well plugging and abandonment and restoration. The amendment to Title 12 removes the exception for oil wells from regulations for noise and vibration. The project involves no change nor expansion to existing facilities and sites. Therefore, the project qualifies for a Class 1 exemption.

- **CEQA Guidelines Section 15308. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment, Class 8.** *Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.*

The project consists of more stringent regulations than the current regulations in Title 22 and Title 12. Under the amendment to Title 22, new oil wells and production facilities are prohibited and existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming may continue to operate in accordance with Section 22.172 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures). The amendment to Title 12 removes the exception for oil wells from regulations for noise and vibration, therefore, oil wells will be subject to regulations for noise and vibration. The project does not relax standards for existing oil wells and production facilities. The project increases the level of protection of the environment. Therefore, the project qualifies for a Class 8 exemption.

Review of Possible Exceptions to the Categorical Exemptions

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 identifies circumstances when a categorical exemption cannot be used. This project has been reviewed to determine if any of the conditions listed in this section might invalidate findings that the project is exempt under

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CEQA. None of the following exceptions to the categorical exemptions are applicable to the project, therefore, the project qualifies for Class 1 and Class 8 exemptions under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(2).

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 (a) - Location.
This exception is specific to Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11. This exception does not apply to the Class 1 or Class 8 exemptions.
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 (b) - Cumulative Impact.
In Title 22, the project prohibits new oil wells and production facilities and allows existing oil wells and production facilities to continue to operate in accordance with Section 22.172 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures). Current regulations in Title 22 allow new oil wells with either a ministerial permit or a discretionary permit. In Title 12, the project removes the exception for oil wells from regulations for noise and vibration, therefore, oil wells will be subject to more stringent regulations for noise and vibration than the regulations in Title 12 before the project. The project adopts more stringent regulations for oil wells and production facilities than the current regulations in Title 22 and Title 12, therefore the project will not have an individual or cumulative adverse impact on the environment.
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 (c) - Significant Effect.
The project does not propose or facilitate new development on any property. Currently, Title 22 allows new oil wells with either a ministerial permit or a discretionary permit. In Title 22, the project prohibits the development of new oil wells and production facilities and prohibits new wells on properties with existing oil wells and production facilities. In Title 12, the project removes the exception for oil wells from regulations for noise and vibration, The project adopts more stringent regulations for oil wells and production facilities than the current regulations in Title 22 and Title 12, therefore there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 (d) - Scenic Highways.
In Title 22, the project prohibits the development of new oil wells and production facilities, thereby preventing development of such a use on a property, including scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. In Title 22, the project allows existing oil wells and production facilities to continue to operate in accordance with Section 22.172 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures). In Title 12, the project removes the exception for oil wells from regulations for noise and vibration. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 (e) - Hazardous Waste Sites.

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In the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, there are nine sites on the Cortese List, a list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. A list of sites is provided below:

List of Sites on the Cortese List in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County					
SITE_FACIL	ENVIROSTOR	ADDRESS_DE	CITY	ZIP	LATITUDE, LONGITUDE
CALTRANS I-105 FWY PROJECT 3, PARCEL 15	19990002	NE OF INTRSECTN OF WESTERN AVE & 120 ST	ATHENS	90047	33.92366078, -118.3086294
CALTRANS I-105 #16 & 17	19990003	I-5 FWY BTW NORMANDIE BLV & IMPERIAL HWY	LOS ANGELES	90047	33.92855586, -118.3017158
DAVIS CHEMICAL COMPANY	19281215	1550 NORTH BONNIE BEACH PLACE	LOS ANGELES	90063	34.0591752, -118.1826778
WHITTIER NARROWS (SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUPERFUND SITE)	60001340	BETWEEN HIGHWAY 60 AND THE MONTEBELLO FOREBAY (NEAR WHITTIER NARROWS DAM)	SOUTH EL MONTE	91733	34.03045157, -118.0588031
PUENTE VALLEY (SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SUPERFUND SITE)	60001338	COVERS MOST OF CITY OF INDUSTRY, PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY	CITY OF INDUSTRY	91744	34.02933124, -117.9674149
PALOS VERDES LANDFILL	19490181	25706 HAWTHORNE BLVD.	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	90274	33.784775, -118.348361
WATTS/JORDAN DOWNS PROJECT	60002017	VARIOUS ADDRESSES NEAR ALAMEDA STREET AND EAST 97TH STREET	LOS ANGELES	90002	33.9487635, -118.2298932
SERVICE PLATING COMPANY INC	60002166	1855 EAST 62ND STREET	LOS ANGELES	90001	33.9842021, -118.23936
LUBRICATION COMPANY OF AMERICA	19290153	12500 LANG STATION ROAD	CANYON COUNTRY	91350	34.4323, -118.369951

The project does not propose or facilitate new development on any property designated as a hazardous waste site. Instead, the project prohibits the development of new oil wells and production facilities, thereby preventing development of such a use on any property, including properties designated as a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 (f) - Historical Resources.
The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. None of the properties with existing oil wells and production facilities are designated as a federal, state, or local historical resource. The project prohibits the development of new oil wells and production facilities, thereby

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preventing development and any negative impacts associated with such a use on a property with a historical resource.



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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Director of Regional Planning

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Regional Planning

September 27, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HEARING ON THE OIL WELL ORDINANCE
PROJECT NUMBER PRJ2020-000246-(1-5)
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NUMBER RPPL2020000624
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Oil Well Ordinance (Ordinance or Project), Project Number PRJ2020-000246-(1-5) and Advance Planning Case Number RPPL2020000624, amends Title 22 - Planning and Zoning of the County Code and Title 12 - Environmental Protection of the County Code. The Ordinance amends Title 22 to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities, designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use, and establish consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period. The amendment to Title 22 applies to the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The Ordinance amends Title 12 to remove the exemption for oil wells and production facilities from the County's noise and vibration regulations. A project summary is included as Attachment 1 and the Ordinance is included as Attachment 2.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING,

1. Find that the Project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record;
2. Indicate its intent to approve the Ordinance; and
3. Instruct County Counsel to prepare the necessary final documents for the Ordinance and submit to the Board for consideration.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On September 15, 2021, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) approved three motions which articulate the Board's vision to prioritize and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of residents living near oil wells and begin the process of a just transition away from fossil fuels and decarbonization of the economy. All three motions are long term projects and will take years to complete and decades to fully implement. Several County agencies are assigned to work on the policy directives in these motions.

The motion "Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County" instructs the Department of Regional Planning (Department) to prepare the Oil Well Ordinance. The Ordinance, as described below, represents one of several actions that the Department and the County of Los Angeles are making to fulfill this motion.

On June 8, 2022, the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) held a public hearing to consider an amendment to Title 22 to effectuate the Ordinance. The Commission recommended that the Board consider and adopt the amendment to Title 22 and approved a resolution to this effect, which is included as Attachment 3. The summary of proceedings for the public hearing is included as Attachment 4. The amendment to Title 12 does not require action by the Commission and was provided to the Commission for their information.

Key Components

The Ordinance includes the following key components:

Prohibit New Oil Wells and Production Facilities

The Ordinance prohibits new oil wells and production facilities in 33 zones in Title 22 by adding "oil wells and production facilities" as a use "not permitted." The Ordinance also prohibits new oil wells and production facilities by amending the East Los Angeles Community Standards District and the Florence-Firestone Community Standards District to remove "oil wells and appurtenances, to the same extent and under all of the same conditions as permitted in Zone A-2" from the list of uses allowed in Zone M-1.

Designate Existing Oil Wells and Production Facilities as Nonconforming Due to Use

By adding "oil wells and production facilities" as a use "not permitted" in Title 22, the Ordinance designates existing, legally established oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use. Chapter 22.172 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures) contains regulations for the continuation, addition, repair, and termination of status for nonconforming uses. According to Sections 22.172.050.B and 22.172.050.B.1.f, nonconforming uses shall be discontinued and removed from their sites within 20 years of becoming nonconforming.

Establish Regulations for Existing Oil Wells and Production Facilities

The Ordinance adds consistent regulations to Title 22 for existing oil wells and production facilities, including: well and site signage, comment and complaint log, requirements for site maintenance, bonds for existing wells, and standards for well plugging and abandonment and restoration. These regulations ensure that existing oil wells and production facilities operate under a consistent set of development and performance standards and increase transparency in operations until the uses are discontinued and removed.

Implementation Schedule

The Ordinance specifies a schedule for the effective date for regulations in Title 22. Regulations for

site maintenance, well plugging and abandonment, and restoration become effective on the day the Ordinance goes into effect. Regulations for well and site signage and the comment and complaint log become effective one year after the Ordinance goes into effect. Regulations for bonds become effective two years after the Ordinance goes into effect.

Amendment to Title 22 Applicability

The amendment to Title 22 applies to the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, except for the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District and uses operating under a valid discretionary permit. In addition, specific plans must be amended in order for the Ordinance to apply. Concurrent to the development of the Ordinance, the Department will amend the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District and individual specific plans to prohibit new wells and production facilities and add additional standards, as applicable. Once the Ordinance is in effect, the Department will take separate actions to pursue modifications to valid discretionary permits in accordance with existing procedures in Title 22.

Amendment to Title 12

The Ordinance amends Title 12 to remove the exemption for oil wells and production facilities from the County's noise and vibration regulations. Removal of this exemption means that oil wells and production facilities are subject to the County's noise and vibration regulations.

Additional Department Recommendations

After the June 8, 2022 Commission public hearing, the Department revised the Ordinance with changes to clarify that underground gas storage facilities are not subject to the Ordinance. The revision is a non-substantive change as it is not the intent of the Ordinance to regulate underground gas storage facilities. The revisions are included in Attachment 2 and a redlined excerpt is included as Attachment 6.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Ordinance is consistent with and supportive of the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan: Goal II, to foster vibrant and resilient communities and Strategy II.3, to make environmental sustainability our daily reality.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Adoption of the Ordinance will not result in additional costs to the County. Implementation of the County Code is an ongoing responsibility of the County of Los Angeles and thus covered by the County of Los Angeles' operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the public hearing conducted by the Commission on June 8, 2022, a public hearing before the Board is required pursuant to Chapter 22.244 of the County Code and Section 65856 of the Government Code. Required notice was provided pursuant to Chapter 22.244 of the County Code.

The Department provided outreach for the Ordinance, including: posting the Ordinance and supporting materials online, informing stakeholders of the Ordinance and the public hearing by email and social media, publishing the notice of public hearing in 14 local newspapers, providing language access support in Spanish and Chinese at the public hearing and through translated project summary sheets, and meeting with stakeholders.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA and County CEQA Guidelines pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3), 15061(b)(2), 15301 (Class 1), and 15308 (Class 8). The Notice of Exemption is included as Attachment 5.

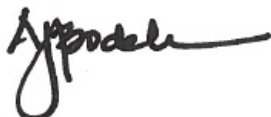
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the Ordinance will not significantly impact County services.

CONCLUSION

For further information, please contact Bruce Durbin or Adrienne Ng at (213) 974-6432 or ordinance@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy J. Bodek, AICP
Director

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Enclosures

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Office
- County Counsel
- Fire Department
- Public Works
- Public Health



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

9:30 AM

8. Hearing on Project No. PRJ2020-000246-(1-5) for the Oil Well Ordinance

Hearing on Project No. PRJ2020-000246-(1-5) and Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2020000624-(1-5), an ordinance amending County Code, Title 22 - Planning and Zoning and Title 12 - Environmental Protection, to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities, designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use, and establish consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period, in the unincorporated areas of the County and to remove the exemption for oil wells and production facilities from the County's noise and vibration regulations; and find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. **(Department of Regional Planning) (22-3437)**

The Department of Regional Planning submitted a written statement for the record.

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Amy Bodek, Director of Regional Planning and Rita Kampalath, Acting Chief Sustainability Officer, responded to questions posed by the Board. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Ralph Combs, Hugo Garcia, Damon Doherty, Jessica Paquette, Jonathan Gregory, Katherine Doherty, Ted Cordova, Eric Preven, Trent Rosenliev and Jasmine Vargas addressed the Board. Correspondence was received.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Mitchell, seconded by Supervisor Solis, the Board closed the public hearing and took the following actions:

- 1. Indicated its intent to approve the Oil Well Ordinance, Project No. PRJ2020-000246-(1-5), Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2020000624-(1-5);**

2. Instructed the Acting County Counsel to prepare the necessary final documents for the Oil Well Ordinance and submit for the Board's consideration; and
3. Made a finding that the proposed Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Said motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Solis, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Hahn, Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Mitchell

Attachments: [Board Letter](#)
[Departmental Statement](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
[Audio I](#)
[Audio II](#)

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held September 27, 2022, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Celia Zavala, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By 

Celia Zavala
Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OIL WELL ORDINANCE
PROJECT NO. 2020-000246-(1-5)
PLAN NO. RPPL2020000624**

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles conducted a duly noticed public hearing on June 8, 2022 to consider the Oil Well Ordinance, an amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities, designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use, and establish consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period.

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. On September 15, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved three motions "Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County," "Developing an Oil Well Cleanup Pilot Program for Los Angeles County," and "Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels for Los Angeles County." These motions assigned several County agencies to work on these directives.
2. The motion "Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County" instructed the Department of Regional Planning (Department) to prepare the Oil Well Ordinance.
3. The Ordinance amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities, designate existing oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use, and establish consistent regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period.
4. The Ordinance applies to the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, except for the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District, areas designated as a specific plan, and uses operating under a valid discretionary permit.
5. The Ordinance affects approximately 473 existing oil wells and production facilities.
6. The Ordinance prohibits new oil wells and production facilities by adding "oil wells and production facilities" as a use "not permitted" in Zones A-1, A-2, O-S, R-R, W, R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, RPD, C-H, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-M, C-

MJ, C-R, CPD, M-1, M-1.5, M-2, M-2.5, M-3, B-1, B-2, MPD, C-RU, MXD-RU, IT, MXD, and P-R.

7. The Ordinance amends the East Los Angeles Community Standards District and the Florence-Firestone Community Standards District in order to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities.
8. By adding "oil wells and production facilities" as a use "not permitted" in Title 22, the Ordinance designates existing, legally established oil wells and production facilities as nonconforming due to use.
9. The Ordinance adds consistent regulations to Title 22 for existing oil wells and production facilities, including: well and site signage, comment and complaint log, requirements for site maintenance, bonds for existing wells, and standards for well plugging and abandonment and restoration.
10. The Ordinance is consistent with and supportive of the goals, policies, and principles of the General Plan, including: Policy LU 7.1: Reduce and mitigate the impacts of incompatible land uses, where feasible, using buffers and other design techniques; Policy LU 7.8: Promote environmental justice in the areas bearing disproportionate impacts from stationary pollution sources; Policy LU 9.1: Promote community health for all neighborhoods; and Policy LU 9.4: Encourage patterns of development that protect the health of sensitive receptors.
11. The Ordinance is in the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice.
12. The Ordinance is consistent with other applicable provisions of Title 22.
13. Pursuant to Chapter 22.244 (Ordinance Amendments) and Section 22.222.180 of the County Code, a public hearing notice was published in 14 local newspapers countywide, including the Spanish-language newspaper La Opinión. The public hearing notice and materials were posted on the Department website and promoted through social media.
14. The Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County CEQA Guidelines pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3), 15061(b)(2), 15301 (Class 1), and 15308 (Class 8).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider the Oil Well Ordinance;

2. That the Board find that the Oil Well Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons in the record;
3. That the Board determine that the Oil Well Ordinance is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the General Plan; and
4. That the Board adopt the Oil Well Ordinance.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission on the County of Los Angeles on June 8, 2022

Elida Luna

Elida Luna
Commission Secretary
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM: OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By *Elaine Lemke*

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Assistant County Counsel
County of Los Angeles