

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

DATE: March 27, 2025

TO: State Clearinghouse, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

The County of Los Angeles (“County”) is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for the proposed project identified below. The County has prepared this Notice of Preparation (“NOP”) to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the project and to identify its potential environmental effects pursuant to State requirements.

AGENCIES: The County requests your agency’s input on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with Title 14, section 15082(b) of the California Code of Regulations. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the County when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The County requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT & PERMIT(S): Revised Oil Well Ordinance (ROWO), Project No. PRJ2025-000212, Ordinance RPPL2025000276, General Plan Amendment RPPL2025000277, Environmental Plan RPPL2025000284

PROJECT APPLICANT: County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Countywide)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes: i) Amendments to Title 22 – Planning & 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 modify standards for oil wells during the amortization period; ii) Amendments to the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) to be consistent with countywide prohibition of oil wells and production facilities and standards for oil wells during the amortization period; iii) Amendments to Title 12 – Environmental Protection of the Los Angeles County Code to remove noise exemptions for oil wells; and iv) Amendments to the County of Los Angeles General Plan in support of sustainability and environmental justice goals by phasing out oil production in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

- i. Amendments to Title 22 – Planning & Zoning: Under the proposed project, no new oil wells or production facilities may be established in any zone. Pursuant to Section 22.172 of the County Code (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings, and Structures), existing, legally established oil wells or production facilities operating without an approved Conditional Use Permit or other discretionary permit will be considered nonconforming and subject to a 20-year amortization period. In addition, the ordinance establishes performance standards addressing signage, comment and complaint logging, site maintenance, bonding, well plugging, and site abandonment and restoration. This ordinance would apply to all oil wells in unincorporated Los Angeles County, except in the Coastal Zone.
- ii. Amendments to the Baldwin Hills CSD: The project amends the Baldwin Hills CSD to align with and implement the provisions of the Title 22 amendments described above, ensuring consistent application of the new regulations and standards within the Baldwin Hills CSD.
- iii. Amendments to Title 12 – Environmental Protection: The project eliminates the current exemption for oil and gas wells from the Noise Control regulations set forth in Title 12 of the County Code. Consequently, these wells will be subject to all provisions of the Noise Control chapter, ensuring better management of noise impacts related to oil and gas extraction activities.
- iv. Amendments to the General Plan: The project amends the General Plan. Specifically, it revises the Land Use Element, Conservation and Natural Resources Element, and Safety Element to prohibit new oil well operations and remove designations that support oil production activities.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: Based on a preliminary review of the proposed project consistent with section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County has determined that an EIR should be prepared for this proposed project. In addition, consistent with section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County has identified the following probable environmental effects of the project, which will be addressed in the EIR for this project:

- Mineral Resources

The County has determined that there is not a likelihood of potentially significant effects related to the following environmental topics:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Services Systems
- Wildfire
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

The County proposes that the EIR indicate the reasons why these effects were determined not to be significant and are therefore not addressed in detail in the EIR.

NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING: The County will conduct a virtual public scoping meeting for the purpose of soliciting oral and written comments from interested parties as to the appropriate scope and content of the EIR.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting to assist in identifying issues to be addressed in the EIR. The meeting will include a brief presentation of the project to be addressed in the EIR and will provide attendees with an opportunity to provide input to the scope of the EIR. The meeting will be held online.

Thursday, April, 17, 2025
6:00 PM–7:00 PM (Pacific Time)—Via Zoom Meeting
Please use the following link to access the webinar: bit.ly/4hYN0WB

The meeting will include language access service in Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin. Translation in other languages can be made available at the meeting upon request. Please submit translation requests at least seven business days in advance of each scheduled meeting to ordinance@planning.lacounty.gov.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The County has determined to make this NOP available for public review and comment pursuant to Title 14, Section 15082(b) of the California Code

of Regulations. The comment period for the NOP begins on March 27, 2025 and ends on April 26, 2025.

Any comments provided should identify specific topics of environmental concern and your reason for suggesting the study of these topics in the EIR.

Please direct all written comments to the following address:

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320 West Temple Street, Floor 13
Los Angeles, CA 90012
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All written responses will be included as Appendices in the Draft EIR and their contents considered in accordance with State and County environmental guidelines.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The NOP and Initial Study are available for public review during regular business hours at the LA County Planning address listed above and the following locations:

- 1340 W 106th St, Los Angeles, CA 90044
- 11949 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
- 18801 Elaine Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701
- 150 E El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90061
- 9945 E Flower St, Bellflower, CA 90706
- 240 W Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220
- 4420 E Rose St, East Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221
- 7807 Compton Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90001
- 1900 E Firestone Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90001
- 11940 Carson St, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716
- 12000 Garfield Ave, South Gate, CA 90280
- 4990 Clark Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712
- 12350 Imperial Hwy, Norwalk, CA 90650
- 6600 Del Amo Blvd, Lakewood, CA 90713
- 16254 Colorado Ave, Paramount, CA 90723
- 13800 La Mirada Blvd, La Mirada, CA 90638
- 3798 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Lynwood, CA 90262
- 11543 Colima Road, Whittier, CA 90604
- 4035 Tweedy Blvd, South Gate, CA 90280
- 11737 Wilmington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059
- 4411 E Gage Ave, Bell, CA 90201

- 7110 S Garfield Ave, Bell Gardens, CA 90201
- 4025 E City Terrace Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90063
- 5218 Santa Ana St, Cudahy, CA 90201
- 4837 E 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90022
- 4264 E Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90023
- 1060 S Greenwood Ave, Montebello, CA 90640
- 6518 Miles Ave, Huntington Park, CA 90255
- 8511 Duchess Drive, Whittier, CA 90606
- 4323 E Slauson Ave, Maywood, CA 90270
- 1550 W Beverly Blvd, Montebello, CA 90640
- 9001 Mines Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
- 3965 Cesar E Chavez Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90063
- 7828 S Serapis Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
- 8800 Valley Blvd, Rosemead, CA 91770
- 500 S Del Mar Ave, San Gabriel, CA 91776
- 20540 E Arrow Highway Suite K, Covina, CA 91724
- 208 N Harvard Ave, Claremont, CA 91711
- 21800 Copley Dr, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
- 1301 Buena Vista St, Duarte, CA 91010
- 3224 Tyler Ave, El Monte, CA 91731
- 16010 La Monde St, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
- 15920 E Central Ave, La Puente, CA 91744
- 3640 D St, La Verne, CA 91750
- 22 W Live Oak Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007
- 4550 N Peck Rd, El Monte, CA 91732
- 1850 Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748
- 145 N Walnut Ave, San Dimas, CA 91773
- 1430 North Central Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
- 840 N Puente Ave, La Puente, CA 91746
- 21155 La Puente Rd, Walnut, CA 91789
- 1601 W West Covina Pkwy, West Covina, CA 91790
- 14433 Crenshaw Blvd, Gardena, CA 90249
- 17906 S Avalon Blvd, Carson, CA 90746
- 625 N San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069
- 5335 W 135th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250
- 1731 W Gardena Blvd, Gardena, CA 90247
- 4359 Lennox Blvd, Lennox, CA 90304
- 24200 Narbonne Ave, Lomita, CA 90717
- 1320 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
- 12700 Grevillea Ave, Hawthorne, CA 90250
- 550 Pier Ave, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
- 14615 Burin Ave, Lawndale, CA 90260

- 33792 Crown Valley Rd, Acton, CA 93510
- 122 N Topanga Canyon Blvd, Topanga, CA 90290
- 4545 N Oakwood Ave, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011
- 2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta, CA 91214
- 16921 E Avenue O #A, Palmdale, CA 93591
- 601 W Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA 93534
- 29901 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
- 35119 80th St East, Littlerock, CA 93543
- 27971 Sloan Canyon Rd, Castaic, CA 91384
- 5040 West Avenue M-2, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
- 217 N Maclay Ave, San Fernando, CA 91340
- 6934 Broadway Ave, Whittier, CA 90606
- 31220 Oak Crest Dr, Westlake Village, CA 91361
- 215 Sumner Ave, Avalon, CA 90704
- 151 E Carson St, Carson, CA 90745
- 4975 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230
- 3854 W 54th St, Los Angeles, CA 90043
- 4181 Baldwin Park Blvd, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
- 25950 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381
- 5939 Golden West Ave, Temple City, CA 91780

The public is also encouraged to visit LA County Planning's website to review the initial study at <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/revised-oil-well-ordinance/>.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review of this project.