

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE “REVISED OIL WELL ORDINANCE PROJECT”

DATE: August 3, 2026

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

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, section 15087 of the California Code of Regulations

The County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning (“LA County Planning”) is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and has filed a “Notice of Availability” of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for the Revised Oil Well Ordinance Project (“Project”). This document is pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), as amended; Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.; and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act” (State CEQA Guidelines), California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Chapter 15000 et seq., (including Section 15160).

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The formal public review period for the Revised Oil Well Ordinance Draft Environmental Impact Report will be from **August 3, 2026, to September 17, 2026** (45 days).

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project encompasses regulatory changes that apply to private property within unincorporated Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County is in the southern portion of California and is one of the most populous counties in the United States. It encompasses a diverse range of environments, including coastal plains, mountain ranges, valleys, and desert areas, with extensive urban, suburban, and rural communities. Los Angeles County is bordered by Kern County to the north, San Bernardino County to the east, Orange County to the southeast, and Ventura County to the west.

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

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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 permits 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.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The project would result in two significant and unavoidable environmental impacts related to mineral resources including Loss of a Known Mineral Resource of Value and Loss of a Locally Delineated Mineral Resource Recovery Site. All other environmental factors, including Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry 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 Service Systems, and Wildfire, would result in less than significant impacts or no impacts.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed Project will be scheduled before the Regional Planning Commission at a time and date to be determined.

REVIEWING LOCATION

A copy of the Draft EIR is available for public review at the following locations:

- o A C Bilbrew Library: 150 E El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90061
- o Acton Agua Dulce Library: 33792 Crown Valley Rd, Acton, CA 93510

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- Agoura Hills Library: 29901 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
- Alondra Library: 11949 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
- Angelo M. Iacoboni Library: 4990 Clark Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712
- Anthony Quinn Library: 3965 Cesar E Chavez Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90063
- Artesia Library: 18801 Elaine Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701
- Avalon Library: 215 Sumner Ave, Avalon, CA 90704
- Baldwin Park Library: 4181 Baldwin Park Blvd, Baldwin Park, CA 91706
- Bell Express Library: 4357 E Gage Ave, Bell, CA 90201
- Bell Gardens Library: 7110 S Garfield Ave, Bell Gardens, CA 90201
- Carson Library: 151 E Carson St, Carson, CA 90745
- Castaic Library: 27971 Sloan Canyon Rd, Castaic, CA 91384
- Charter Oak Library: 20540 E Arrow Highway Suite K, Covina, CA 91724
- Chet Holifield Library: 1060 S Greenwood Ave, Montebello, CA 90640
- City Terrace Library: 4025 E City Terrace Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90063
- Claremont Helen Renwick Library: 208 N Harvard Ave, Claremont, CA 91711
- Clifton M. Brakensiek Library: 9945 E Flower St, Bellflower, CA 90706
- Compton Library: 240 W Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220
- Cudahy Library: 5218 Santa Ana St, Cudahy, CA 90201
- Culver City Julian Dixon Library: 4975 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230
- Diamond Bar Library: 21800 Copley Dr, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library: 17906 S Avalon Blvd, Carson, CA 90746
- Duarte Library: 1301 Buena Vista St, Duarte, CA 91010
- East Los Angeles Library: 4837 E 3rd St, Los Angeles, CA 90022
- East Rancho Dominguez Library: 4420 E Rose St, East Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221
- El Camino Real Library: 4264 E Whittier Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90023
- El Monte Library: 3224 Tyler Ave, El Monte, CA 91731
- Florence Library: 7807 Compton Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90001
- Gardena Mayme Dear Library: 1731 W Gardena Blvd, Gardena, CA 90247
- George Nye, Jr. Library: 6600 Del Amo Blvd, Lakewood, CA 90713
- Graham Library: 1900 E Firestone Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90001
- Hacienda Heights Library: 16010 La Monde St, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
- Hawaiian Gardens Library: 11940 Carson St, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716
- Hawthorne Library: 12700 Grevillea Ave, Hawthorne, CA 90250
- Hermosa Beach Library: 550 Pier Ave, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
- Hollydale Library: 12000 Garfield Ave, South Gate, CA 90280
- Huntington Park Library: 6518 Miles Ave, Huntington Park, CA 90255
- La Cañada Flintridge Library: 4545 N Oakwood Ave, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011
- La Crescenta Library: 2809 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta, CA 91214
- La Mirada Library: 13800 La Mirada Blvd, La Mirada, CA 90638
- La Puente Library: 15920 E Central Ave, La Puente, CA 91744
- La Verne Library: 3640 D St, La Verne, CA 91750
- Lake Los Angeles Library: 16921 E Avenue O, #A, Palmdale, CA 93591
- Lancaster Library: 601 W Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA 93534
- Lawndale Library: 14615 Burin Ave, Lawndale, CA 90260
- Leland R. Weaver Library: 4035 Tweedy Blvd, South Gate, CA 90280

- Lennox Library: 4359 Lennox Blvd, Lennox, CA 90304
- Littlerock Library: 35119 80th St East, Littlerock, CA 93543
- Live Oak Library: 22 W Live Oak Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007
- Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library: 4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
- Lomita Library: 24200 Narbonne Ave, Lomita, CA 90717
- Los Nietos Library: 8511 Duchess Drive, Whittier, CA 90606
- Lynwood Express Library: 3798 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Lynwood, CA 90262
- Malibu Library: 23519 W Civic Center Way, Malibu, CA 90265
- Manhattan Beach Library: 1320 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
- Masao W. Satow Library: 14433 Crenshaw Blvd, Gardena, CA 90249
- Maywood César Chávez Library: 4323 E Slauson Ave, Maywood, CA 90270
- Montebello Library: 1550 W Beverly Blvd, Montebello, CA 90640
- Norwalk Library: 12350 Imperial Hwy, Norwalk, CA 90650
- Norwood Library: 4550 N Peck Rd, El Monte, CA 91732
- Paramount Library: 16254 Colorado Ave, Paramount, CA 90723
- Pico Rivera Library: 9001 Mines Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
- Quartz Hill Library: 5040 West Avenue M-2, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
- Rivera Library: 7828 S Serapis Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
- Rosemead Library: 8800 Valley Blvd, Rosemead, CA 91770
- Rowland Heights Library: 1850 Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748
- San Dimas Library: 145 N Walnut Ave, San Dimas, CA 91773
- San Fernando Library: 217 N Maclay Ave, San Fernando, CA 91340
- San Gabriel Library: 500 S Del Mar Ave, San Gabriel, CA 91776
- Sorensen Library: 6934 Broadway Ave, Whittier, CA 90606
- South El Monte Library: 1430 North Central Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733
- South Whittier Library: 11543 Colima Road, Whittier, CA 90604
- Stevenson Ranch Library: 25950 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381
- Sunkist Library: 840 N Puente Ave, La Puente, CA 91746
- Temple City Library: 5939 Golden West Ave., Temple City, CA 91780
- Topanga Library: 122 N Topanga Canyon Blvd, Topanga, CA 90290
- View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library: 3854 W 54th St, Los Angeles, CA 90043
- Walnut Library: 21155 La Puente Rd, Walnut, CA 91789
- West Covina Library: 1601 W Covina Pkwy, West Covina, CA 91790
- West Hollywood Library: 625 N San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069
- Westlake Village Library: 31220 Oak Crest Dr, Westlake Village, CA 91361
- Willowbrook Library: 11737 Wilmington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059
- Wiseburn Library: 5335 W 135th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250
- Woodcrest Library: 1340 W 106th St, Los Angeles, CA 90044

The public is also encouraged to visit the LA County Planning's website to review the digital copy of the Draft EIR at: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/revised-oil-well-ordinance/project-ceqa-resources/>

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The previous Notice of Preparation, Initial Study, Draft Ordinance, and Draft General Plan Text Amendment for the Project can be found on this webpage:
<https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/revised-oil-well-ordinance/>

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