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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance

Lead Agency: City of Los Angeles

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Project Location: Citywide - Los Angeles
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project is a proposed Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance (Oil Ordinance, Ordinance, or Project) amending Sections 12.03, 12.20, 12.23, 12.24, and 13.01 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and Sections 1.4.7, 5D.9.7, 8.2.4, 12.1.2, 12.5.4, 13B.2.2, and Division 14.3 of Chapter 1A of the LAMC to prohibit new oil and gas extraction and make existing extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones within the City of Los Angeles (City). The Ordinance permits otherwise prohibited activities, equipment, or changes to operations through a separate zoning process to cease a threat to public health, safety, or the environment. The Ordinance exempts from its requirements wells that are operated by a public utility that is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission. Twenty years from the effective date of the Ordinance, all nonconforming, non-exempt oil and gas extraction uses will be required to cease operations and terminate, unless required to do so earlier due to idle status and/or inactivity.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance, which phases out existing extraction activities over a 20-year period and prohibits new drilling, was determined to result in less than significant environmental impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures for Noise and Hazards and Hazardous Materials. Specifically, potential Noise impacts during temporary well abandonment activities, which could exceed the 75 dBA standard at distances up to 50 feet from a sensitive receptor, require Mitigation Measure NOI-1 to erect flexible sound control curtains with a minimum Sound Transmission Class (STC) 20 rating to reduce noise levels by at least 5 dBA. For Hazards and Hazardous Materials, due to the likelihood that some well sites are on a hazardous materials list (Cortese List), Mitigation Measure HAZ-1 mandates a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and potentially a Phase II ESA and subsequent remediation prior to abandonment for any well site located on or within 500 feet of a listed site that has not been previously remediated, thereby ensuring that the abandonment process does not exacerbate existing hazardous conditions.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board
Caltrans District # 7
Department of Conservation
Energy Commission
Fish & Game Region #5
Native American Heritage Commission
Office of Historic Preservation
Public Utilities Commission
Regional WQCB #4
SWRCB: Water Quality
Department of Toxic Substances Control