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# Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program

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A Component of The Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program  
County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning



**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to establishment of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program (LIP) and other actions necessary to implement the Santa Monica Mountains segment of the Los Angeles County Local Coastal Program.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The following chapter and sections of the Los Angeles County Code are repealed:

Chapter 22.44, Part 6, Malibu Coastal Program District.  
Section 22.44.119, Topanga Canyon Community Standards District.  
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## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**22.44.600 Intent and purpose.** The Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program (LIP) constitutes the primary implementation mechanism for the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone Land Use Plan (Plan). As such, it establishes regulations for new development and for the protection and management of the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone's unique resources. Together, the Plan and the LIP constitute the County's State-mandated Local Coastal Program (LCP) for the Santa Monica Mountains segment of the County's coastal zone.

**22.44.610 Description of district.** The Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone District (Coastal Zone) is the unincorporated area bounded by the City of Los Angeles on the east, the Pacific Ocean and the City of Malibu on the south, Ventura County on the west, and the inland boundary of the Coastal Zone on the north. The inland boundary of the Coastal Zone is located approximately five miles inland of the Pacific Ocean. Coastal development at Pepperdine University is subject to the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) pursuant to the University's existing Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), and, as such, the University is not included in this district. The boundaries of the district are shown on the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone District map following this LIP.

**22.44.620 Resolving regulatory conflicts.**

A. Where provisions within this LIP conflict, the provision which is the most protective of coastal resources shall take precedence, unless the conflict involves a safety issue. In that case, the provision which is most protective of public safety shall take precedence provided that every effort is made to avoid impacting coastal resources.

B. Where provisions of this LIP are in conflict with other provisions of this Title 22, this LIP shall prevail. For matters on which this LIP is silent, or where more restrictive standards are subsequently adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, other applicable provisions of the Los Angeles County Code shall apply provided that all such provisions are consistent with the certified LCP and will not result in impacts to coastal resources.

C. Amendments to the LIP, or other County Code sections cited in the LIP, shall not apply until certified as amendments to the LCP by the Coastal Commission.

#### **22.44.630 Definitions.**

-- "Accessory building or structure" means a detached subordinate building or structure, the use of which is customarily incidental to that of the main building, the principal permitted use, or other use, and which is located in the same or a less restrictive zone, and on the same lot or parcel of land with the main building or use.

-- "Accessory use" means a use customarily incidental to, related and clearly subordinate to the principal permitted use or other use established on the same lot or parcel of land, which accessory use does not alter said principal use nor serve property other than the lot or parcel of land on which the principal permitted use or other use is located.

-- "Area, Gross" means the area of a site that includes dedicated streets and private easements.

-- "Area, Net" means the portion of a site that can actually be built upon. The following generally are not included in the net acreage of a site: public or private road rights-of-way, dedicated open space, and floodways.

-- "Best Management Practices (BMPs)" are the methods, measures, and practices designed and selected to reduce or eliminate pollutants in runoff and/or changes in runoff flow characteristics from development.

-- "Bluff" is a high bank or bold headland with a broad, precipitous, sometimes rounded cliff face overlooking a plain or a body of water with at least ten feet of vertical relief.

-- "Buildable parcel" means a legally created lot or parcel which contains a site that may be lawfully accessed, has a well or municipal water system to serve as the potable water source, is served by public sewer or the rate of percolation will accommodate an approved onsite wastewater treatment system, is not located in an area of landslide or other geologic hazard, and upon which at least one structure can be built in conformity with all County policies and all County codes in effect at the time of a complete application for a development or building permit.

-- "Building site" means the approved area of a project site that is or will be developed, including the building pad and all graded slopes, all structures, decks, patios, impervious surfaces, and parking areas. The following development may be excluded from the total building site area:

- The area of one access driveway or roadway that does not exceed 20 ft. wide and is the minimum design necessary, as required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department;
- The area of one hammerhead safety turnaround as required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department and not located within the approved building pad; and
- Graded slopes exclusively associated with the access driveway or roadway and hammerhead safety turnaround indicated above, and grading necessary to correct an adverse geological condition.

Fuel modification area required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department for approved structures, and confined animal facilities approved pursuant to Section 22.44.1940, may extend beyond the limits of the approved building site area.

-- "Campground" means a lot or parcel of land designed or used for tent camping other than a Low-Impact Campground, including appurtenant support facilities and picnic areas, but excluding any structures for permanent human occupancy. Fire pits or open fires of any kind are strictly prohibited.

-- "Campground, low-impact" means an area of land designed or used for "carry-in, carry-out" tent camping accessed by foot or wheelchair, but excluding any structures for permanent human occupancy and excluding roads. Low-impact campgrounds may contain multiple tent sites, subject to the area requirements of the basic zone and resource overlay.

These campgrounds may contain the following appurtenant facilities, where appropriate, provided the development of these facilities complies with all biological, water, and visual resource-protection provisions of this LIP: potable water, self-contained chemical or composting restrooms, shade trees, water tanks, portable fire suppression apparatus, and fire-proof cooking stations. Low-impact campgrounds shall be considered a resource-dependent use.

-- "Coastal Bluff" is a bluff, as defined herein, whose toe is now or was historically (within the last 200 years) subject to marine erosion.

-- "Coastal waters" means wetlands, streams, drainage courses, estuaries, marshes, lakes and groundwater within the Coastal Zone.

-- "Development" means, on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of a solid material or structure; discharge or disposal of any dredged material or of any gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste; change in density or intensity of use of land, including but not limited to, subdivision pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act (commencing with Section 66410 of the Government Code), and any other division of land, including lot splits, except where the land division is brought about in connection with the purchase of such land by a public agency for public recreational use; change in the intensity of use of water, or access thereto; construction, reconstruction, demolition, or alteration of the size of any structure, including any facility of any private or public or municipal utility; and the removal or harvesting of major vegetation other than for agricultural purposes, kelp harvesting, and timber operations which are in accordance with a timber harvesting plan submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (commencing with Section 4511).

-- "Donor areas" mean those buildable parcels where the development potential can be retired. Donor areas include parcels with building sites within 200 feet of H1, vacant land within the H2 Habitat Category, property adjoining parklands, and lots within any of the identified antiquated subdivisions within the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone or Santa Monica Mountains North Area.

-- "Drainage course" means a watercourse or stream channel with defined bed, bank, and channel, and locally-indigenous hydrophytic vegetation.

-- "Dry-weather runoff" is the runoff from a site not attributed to rainfall; it typically includes, for example, irrigation water, wastewater from rinsing or pressure-washing pavements, and residential car wash water.

-- "Emergency preparedness and response facilities" means structures which provide temporary protection to individuals from natural disasters such as wildfires. These facilities are intended to serve as a short-term refuge when evacuation to safer areas is not possible.

-- "Fractional section" means a section, often irregularly shaped, located at the boundary of a rancho that was divided into numbered lots by the original government survey of public lands; considered an undersized section.

-- "Historical vehicle collection" means one or more vehicles of historic value, special interest vehicles, parts cars, or street rod vehicles as defined in the California Vehicle Code, which are collected, restored, or maintained for noncommercial hobby or historical purposes.

-- "Hydromodification" is the physical effect on receiving water streams linked to the modification of the duration, volume, and intensity of runoff from development that influences sediment transport, erosion and depositional processes, and stream ecology.

-- "Integrated Pest Management (IPM)" is the process used to manage pest damage using current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment, in combination with available pest control methods, with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

-- "Land Division" or "Division of Land" means the division of improved or unimproved land, including subdivisions (through parcel map or tract map), and any other



divisions of land including lot splits, lot line adjustments, redivisions, mergers, reversions to acreage, and legalization of unlawfully-created lots through the approval of a certificate of compliance or other means.

-- "Livestock" means any pig, pygmy pig, hog, cow, bull steer, horse, mule, jack, jenny, hinny, sheep, goat, llama, alpaca, domestic fowl, or rabbit. For the purposes of this LIP, livestock keeping shall be considered an agricultural use.

-- "Low Impact Development (LID)" is a development site design strategy with a goal of maintaining or reproducing the site's pre-development hydrologic functions of storage, infiltration, and groundwater recharge, as well as the volume and rate of stormwater discharges. LID strategies use small-scale integrated and distributed management practices, including minimizing impervious surfaces, infiltrating stormwater close to its source, and preservation of permeable soils and native vegetation.

-- "New development" means any development, as defined in this section, which has not been approved by the Department of Regional Planning or the California Coastal Commission.

-- "Non-urban land use category" means a maximum density of one dwelling unit or less per gross acre is allowed, as shown on the Land Use Policy Map of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan.

-- "Normal division of land" means a breakdown by quarters and/or halves which results in parcels of 320, 160, 80, 40, 20, or 10 acres, or an original numbered lot in a fractional section.

-- "Open space" means land intended to remain in an undeveloped condition; it does not include land that is part of a private yard, roadway, golf course, playground area, or any other developed area that does not contain a structure unless a Conservation Easement or other similar instrument is recorded over it.

-- "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, social club, fraternal organization, limited liability company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, this and any other county, city and county, municipality, district or other local or regional political subdivision, the state and any of its agencies, and to the extent permitted by federal law, the United States, or any of its agencies or political subdivisions, or any other group or combination acting as a unit.

-- "Private living space" means the total gross structural area (GSA) calculated according to subsection A of Section 22.44.2140 (Development standards within Rural Villages), excluding 400 square feet of garage or carport area per unit.

-- "Project" means the whole, and all phases, of a development on one or more parcels and including easements and entitlements to improve and use other properties in connection with the project.

-- "Rural inn" means a facility located in a rural area, containing guest rooms or cabins used for short-term rental accommodations, some or all of which have a separate entrance leading directly from the outside of the building, and which do not contain kitchen facilities.

-- "Rural land use category" means a maximum density of one dwelling unit or less per gross acre is allowed, as shown on the Land Use Policy Map of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan.

-- "Rural villages" means antiquated subdivisions in rural mountain areas, many of which were created in the 1920s and which often lack a basic physical infrastructure meeting current development standards. In the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone, these lots are shown on Map 7 of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan: El Nido, Fernwood, Las Flores Heights, Malibu Bowl, Malibu Highlands, Malibu Lake, Malibu Mar Vista, Malibu Vista, Monte Nido, Old Post Office Tract, Old Topanga, Topanga Oaks, Topanga Woods, and Vera Canyon.

-- "Second Unit" means a dwelling unit authorized by subsection B of Section 22.44.1370 (Additional dwelling units) that is either attached to or located on the same lot or parcel of land as an existing single-family residence.

-- "Sensitive environmental resource areas" (SERAs) H1 habitat or H2 habitat, including H2 "High Scrutiny" habitat, as described in Section 22.44.1810 (Description of habitat categories).

-- "Significant watersheds" means relatively undisturbed watershed areas containing riparian and oak woodlands (or savannas) and recognized as important in contributing to the integrity of these woodlands.

-- "Site Design BMPs" are project design features that reduce the creation or severity of potential pollutant sources, or reduce the alteration of the project site's natural stormwater flow regime. Examples are minimizing impervious surfaces, preserving native vegetation, and minimizing grading.

-- "Source Control BMPs" are methods that reduce potential pollutants at their sources and/or avoid entrainment of pollutants in runoff, including schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, managerial practices, or operational practices. Examples are covering outdoor storage areas, use of efficient irrigation, and minimizing the use of landscaping chemicals.

-- "Temporary Event" is an activity or use that constitutes development as defined in this Section but which is an activity or function which is or will be of limited duration and involves the placement of non-permanent structures such as bleachers, vendor tents/canopies, portable toilets, stages, film sets, etc., and/or involves exclusive use of sandy beach, parkland, filled tidelands, water, streets, or parking areas in temporary facilities, public or private buildings or open spaces, or outside of buildings which are otherwise open and available for general public use;

-- "Tailwater" means excess surface runoff draining from an irrigated field under cultivation.

-- "Treatment Control BMPs" are systems designed to remove pollutants from stormwater, by simple gravity settling of particulate pollutants, filtration, biological uptake, media absorption, or any other physical, biological, or chemical process. Examples are vegetated swales, detention basins, and storm drain inlet filters.

-- "Undersized section" means one that contains less than 640 acres as originally surveyed by the United States Geological Survey.

-- "Urban land use category" means a density of more than one dwelling unit per net acre is allowed, as shown on the Land Use Policy Map of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan.

-- "Vacant Lot" means a lot or parcel that is not developed with any structures.

-- "Watershed" means the entire land area, delineated by ridgelines, which collects precipitation and drains into a receiving body of water or point along a drainage course.

-- "Wildlife-permeable fencing" means fencing that can be easily bypassed by all species of wildlife found within the Santa Monica Mountains, including but not limited to deer, coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, ground rodents, amphibians, reptiles and birds, and shall be subject to the following standards:

A. Fences shall be split-rail or flat-board with no more than three horizontal rails or boards;

B. The bottom edge of the bottom horizontal rail or board shall be no lower than 18 inches from the ground;

C. There shall be a minimum two-foot gap between each rail or board;

D. The top edge of the topmost rail or board shall be no higher than 48 inches from the ground;

- E. Fence material shall be of wood, wood composite or some other similar material that gives the appearance of wood;
- F. Fence posts shall not be hollow at the top or have holes drilled into them near the top;
- G. Fences shall not be barbed; and
- H. The top of the fence shall not contain spikes of any manner.

**22.44.640 Land divisions.**

A. A Coastal Development Permit shall be required to authorize that portion of any land division that lies within, in whole or in part, the boundaries of the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone District. The County shall only approve a Coastal Development Permit where substantial evidence demonstrates that the land division meets all of the following requirements:

1. All existing parcels proposed as part of a land division must be legal lots pursuant to a recorded tract map, parcel map, certificate of compliance, conditional certificate of compliance which conditions have been cleared, recognized record of survey, or certificate of exception conversion to a certificate of compliance;

2. The density proposed by the land division does not exceed the maximum density designated for the property by the Land Use Plan's Land Use Policy map;

3. The land division clusters development, including building pads, if any, to maximize open space and minimize site disturbance, erosion, sedimentation and required fuel modification, where feasible. The land division includes a safe, all-weather access road and driveway(s), if necessary, that comply with all applicable policies of the LCP and all applicable fire safety regulations, and does not locate the building site on slopes of 25 percent or more and does not result in grading on slopes of 25 percent or more;

4. The land division does not divide an existing lot entirely designated as H1 habitat, H1 habitat buffer, and/or H2 high scrutiny habitat;

5. The land division does not result in construction of roads and/or driveways in H1 habitat area, any areas within 100 feet of H1 habitat area, on a coastal bluff or on a beach;

6. The layout of the lots designed to avoid or minimize impacts to visual resources consistent with all scenic and visual resources policies of the LCP, through measures which may include, but are not limited to the following:

a. Clustering the building sites to minimize site disturbance and maximize open space;

b. Prohibiting building sites on Significant Ridgelines;

c. Minimizing the length of access roads and driveways;

d. Using shared driveways to access development on adjacent lots;

e. Reducing the maximum allowable density in steeply sloping and visually sensitive areas;

f. Minimizing grading and alteration of natural landforms;

g. Landscaping or revegetating all cut and fill slopes and other disturbed areas at the completion of grading;

h. Incorporating interim seeding of graded building pad areas, if any, with native plants unless construction of approved structures commences within 30 days of the completion of grading.

7. Includes the requirement to retire one existing lot for each new parcel created to mitigate cumulative impacts to coastal resources through the transfer of development credit program, in compliance with the provisions of Section 22.44.1230; and

8. Each lot proposed to be created meets the following minimum standards:

a. Is deed restricted as permanent open space; or,

b. Contains an approved building site that can be developed consistent with all policies and standards of the LCP, and satisfies all of the following criteria:

i. Is safe from flooding, erosion, geologic and extreme fire hazards;

ii. Will not result in grading on slopes over 30%;

iii. Has the legal rights that are necessary to use, improve, and/or construct an all-weather access road to the parcel from an existing, improved public road;

iv. Is located in an area where adequate public services are or will be available and construction of structures will not have significant effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources;

v. Has the appropriate conditions on-site for a properly functioning onsite wastewater treatment system and an adequate water supply for domestic use;

vi. Contains an identified, feasible building site, and any necessary access road thereto, that does not include any H1 habitat area, area within 100 feet of H1 habitat area, or H2 high scrutiny habitat, and would not require vegetation removal or thinning for fuel modification in an H1 habitat area within 100 feet of H1 habitat area, or H2 high scrutiny habitat. Creation of a new Open Space parcel shall be allowed within any habitat category or buffer, as long as the entire parcel is used exclusively as Open Space in perpetuity and the construction rights over the entire parcel are dedicated to the County of Los Angeles;

vii. Contains an approved building site where a shoreline protection structure or bluff stabilization structure will not be necessary to protect development on the parcel from wave action, erosion or other hazards at any time during the full 100 year life of any structures;

viii. If located on a beachfront parcel, contains an approved building site that has sufficient area to site a dwelling or other principal structure, onsite wastewater treatment system, if necessary, and any other necessary facilities without development on sandy beaches or bluffs;

B. A major Coastal Development Permit shall be required for a tract map and a minor Coastal Development Permit shall be required for a parcel map, and the both types of Coastal Development Permits for these land divisions shall be conditioned to require the retirement of one existing parcel for each new parcel created in the land division, in compliance with the requirements of Section 22.44.1230 (Transfer of development credit program). The Coastal Development Permit shall also be conditioned to require that future development of each new parcel shall conform to the location, design, and grading volumes of each building site and access road/driveway approved in the land division.

C. All proposed subdivisions within the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone shall be the subject of at least one public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission, or the Board of Supervisors in the case of a reversion to acreage. All public hearings held to consider a subdivision within the Coastal Zone shall comply with the noticing requirements of Section 22.44.990 (Notice requirements).

D. A Final Map is required for all land divisions, including reversions to acreage. A Final Map Waiver is not allowed.

E. In addition to the requirements of this Section 22.44.640 (Land divisions), all land divisions proposed within the Coastal Zone shall meet the fee requirements, standards and procedures found in the Subdivision Ordinance, Title 21 of the Los Angeles County Code. If any provisions of this Section 22.44.640 conflict with those of the Subdivision Ordinance, the provisions that are most protective of coastal resources shall take precedence.

## **22.44.650 Reversion to acreage.**

A. Establishment and purpose. This Section establishes the procedures and standards for the reversion to acreage of subdivided real property as provided in Sections 66499.11 et seq. of the Subdivision Map Act. This Section shall apply to tract and parcel maps.

B. Initiation. A reversion to acreage may be initiated by:

1. The Board of Supervisors on its own motion by resolution; or
2. A petition by all of the owners of record of the real property intended to be part of reversion within the subdivision.

C. Contents of petition. When a reversion to acreage is initiated by all of the owners of record of the real property intended to be part of reversion within the subdivision, the petition shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Evidence of title to the real property within the subdivision;
2. Evidence that all owners of an interest in the real property within the subdivision have consented to the reversion;
3. Evidence that none of the improvements required to be made have been made within two years from the date the tract or parcel map was filed for recordation, or within the time allowed by agreement for completion of the improvements, whichever is the later;
4. Evidence that no lots shown on the tract or parcel map have been sold within five years from the date such map was filed for recordation;
5. Copies of a tract or parcel map in the form and with the contents prescribed by this section which delineates dedications that will not be vacated and dedications that are a condition of reversion;
6. Fees as required by Title 21;
7. Such other information as may be required by the Planning Director or Director of Public Works; and
8. The Planning Director may waive any of these items where they are not necessary to process the application.

D. Submittal of petition.

1. The petition, together with the final or parcel map for reversion, shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works for review and distribution.
2. After consultation with the Department of Regional Planning and upon finding that the petition meets all the requirements of this section, the Department of Public Works shall set the matter for public hearing before the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the provisions of Section 22.44.970 (Public hearing procedures). Where a petition for reversion has been submitted pertaining to four or fewer contiguous parcels under the same ownership, the Department of Public Works shall notify the Planning Director who shall set the matter for public hearing before the hearing officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 22.44.970.

E. Eligible lots or parcels. A request for reversion to acreage may apply when fewer than all lots or parcels within a subdivision are reverting, and where other lots or parcels within the subdivision may already be developed.

F. Board of Supervisors or the hearing officer's decision.

1. A public hearing shall be held by the Board of Supervisors or the hearing officer on all proposed reversions to acreage.
2. The Board of Supervisors or the hearing officer may approve a reversion to acreage only if it finds:
  - a. That dedications or offers of dedication to be vacated or abandoned by the reversion to acreage are unnecessary for present or prospective public purposes; and
  - b. Either:
    - i. All owners of an interest in the real property within the subdivision which are subject to the reversion petition have consented to the reversion;

ii. None of the improvements required to be made on the subject property have been made within two years from the date the tract or parcel map was filed for recordation, or within the time allowed by agreement for completion of the improvements, whichever is the later; or

iii. None of the lots shown on the tract or parcel map which are subject to the reversion petition have been sold within five years from the date such map was filed for recordation.

G. Dedications. Dedication of land for public streets, highways, trails, ways, or easements may be accepted on a tract or parcel map submitted for the purpose of reverting to acreage land previously subdivided.

H. Title sheet information. Upon the title sheet of each map filed for the purpose of reverting subdivided land to acreage, the subtitle shall consist of the words "A Reversion to Acreage of . . . (insert a legal description of the land being reverted)."

I. Contiguous parcels under common ownership may be merged without reverting to acreage by filing a certificate of compliance. Following the review and approval by the Director, the certificate of compliance and a covenant and agreement to hold property as one parcel shall be filed with the County Recorder for recordation. Any parcels within the Coastal Zone, as defined in Section 30103 of the Public Resources Code, that have been merged through this procedure shall not be separated by sale or lease without an approved minor Coastal Development Permit.

#### **22.44.660 Merger of lots or parcels.**

A. Purpose of section provisions. This section implements the provisions of Section 66451.10 et seq. of the Subdivision Map Act pertaining to mergers of lots and parcels.

B. Merger requirements. A lot or parcel may be merged with contiguous lots or parcels held by the same person if any one of the contiguous lots or parcels held by the same person does not conform to standards for minimum lot or parcel size under Title 22 applicable to the lots or parcels, and if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

1. At least one of the affected lots or parcels is undeveloped by any structure for which a building permit was issued or for which a building permit was not required at the time of construction, or is developed only with an accessory structure or accessory structures, or is developed with a single structure, other than an accessory structure, that is also partially sited on a contiguous lot or parcel that would be part of the merger.

2. With respect to any affected lot or parcel, one or more of the following conditions exists:

a. Comprises less than 5,000 square feet in area at the time of the determination of merger;

b. Was not created in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances in effect at the time of its creation;

c. Does not meet current standards for sewage disposal and domestic water supply;

d. Does not meet current standards for slope stability;

e. Has no legal access which meets current standards for vehicular and emergency access and maneuverability;

f. Its development would create health or safety hazards; or

g. Is inconsistent with the applicable general plan, area plan, coastal plan, community plan, and any applicable specific plan.

3. The person who owns the affected parcels has been notified of the merger proposal pursuant to Subsection D (Notice of intent to determine status) and is afforded the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Subsection E. For purposes of this section, when

determining whether contiguous lots or parcels are held by the same person, ownership shall be determined as of the date that notice of intention to determine status is recorded.

C. Effective date of merger. A merger of lots or parcels becomes effective when a determination of merger is filed for record with the County Recorder. A notice of merger shall specify the names of the record owners and shall particularly describe the real property.

D. Notice of intent to determine status. Prior to recording a notice of merger, the Planning Director shall cause to be mailed by certified mail to the then current record owner of the property a notice of intention to determine status, notifying the person that the affected lots or parcels may be merged pursuant to standards specified in Subsection B, and advising the owner of the opportunity to request a hearing on determination of status and to present evidence at the hearing that the property does not meet the criteria for merger. The notice of intention to determine status shall be filed for record with the County Recorder on the date that the notice of merger is mailed to the property owner.

E. Request for hearing. At any time within 30 days after recording of the notice of intention to determine status, the owner of the affected property may file with the Planning Director a request for a hearing on determination of status.

F. Hearing procedures.

1. Upon receiving a request for a hearing on determination of status from the owner of the affected property pursuant to Subsection E, the Planning Director shall fix a time, date, and place for a hearing to be conducted by the hearing officer, and shall notify the property owner of that time, date, and place for the hearing by certified mail. The hearing shall be conducted not more than 60 days following the local agency's receipt of the property owner's request for the hearing, but may be postponed or continued with the mutual consent of the Planning Director and the property owner.

2. At the hearing, the property owner shall be given the opportunity to present any evidence that the affected property does not meet the standards for merger specified in Subsection B. At the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer shall make a determination that the affected lots or parcels are to be merged or are not to be merged and shall so notify the owner of his or her determination. A determination of merger shall be recorded within 30 days after conclusion of the hearing, as provided for in Subsection C.

G. Determination when no hearing is requested. If, within the 30-day period specified in Subsection E, the person owning the property does not file a request for a hearing in accordance with Subsection F, the hearing officer may, at any time thereafter, make a determination that the affected lots or parcels are to be merged or are not to be merged. A determination of merger shall be recorded as provided for in Subsection C no later than 90 days following the mailing of notice required by Subsection D.

H. Determination of non-merger.

1. A determination of non-merger may be made whether or not the affected property meets the standards for merger specified in Subsection B if the hearing officer or Regional Planning Commission finds that development of the individual lots or parcels would not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare.

2. If, in accordance with Subsections F or G, the hearing officer or Regional Planning Commission determines that the subject property shall not be merged, the Planning Director shall cause to be recorded in the manner specified in Subsection C a release of the notice of intention to determine status, recorded pursuant to Subsection D, and shall mail a clearance letter to the person who is the current owner of record.

I. Appeals.

1. A property owner dissatisfied with an action taken by the Planning Director or hearing officer may appeal to the Regional Planning Commission.

2. All appeals shall be submitted and acted upon in the manner prescribed by Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits).

3. Upon filing an appeal the appellant shall pay a processing fee as required in Section 21.56.020 of Title 21.

**22.44.670 Lot legalization.** A minor Coastal Development Permit shall be required, except as noted in Subsection A below, for the authorization of a land division(s) for a parcel(s) of land that was previously created by a method that did not comply with State law and local ordinances in effect at the time of its creation, including but not limited to the issuance of a certificate(s) of compliance pursuant to Government Code Sec. 66499.35 and where a Coastal Development Permit is required pursuant to Section 22.44.800 et seq. after the certification of the LCP.

A. Where the parcel(s) of land was created prior to January 1, 1977 in compliance with state law and local ordinances in effect at the time of its creation and the parcel(s) of land has not subsequently been merged or otherwise altered, a Coastal Development Permit shall not be required. However, if the originally created parcel of land was subsequently merged or recombined with another parcel(s) of land, a certificate of compliance shall not be issued for the originally created parcel, unless a Coastal Development Permit is approved for the land division in accordance with Subsection A of Section 22.44.640 (Land divisions).

B. Where the parcel(s) of land was created prior to January 1, 1977 not in compliance with state law and local ordinances in effect at the time of its creation, a minor Coastal Development Permit shall be required to authorize the land division. In such cases, the County shall only approve a minor Coastal Development Permit where substantial evidence demonstrates compliance with one of the following:

1. The land division complies with all policies and standards of the LCP, including the requirements of Section 22.44.640 (Land divisions) of the LIP for approval of land divisions; or

2. All of the following shall apply:

a. Prior to January 1, 1977, the County approved all required local permits authorizing construction of a residence, or after January 1, 1977 and prior to certification of the LCP, the Coastal Commission approved a Coastal Development Permit authorizing construction of a residence on one or more of the parcels of land that were created from the same parent parcel as the parcel of land for which a land division is sought;

b. The owner of the parcel of land does not also own one or more of the developed parcel(s); and

c. The owner of the parcel of land acquired it prior to certification of the LCP and is a good-faith, bona fide purchaser for value. In such a case, a Coastal Development Permit authorizing the land division may be approved only if it is conditioned to prohibit construction on the subject parcel unless it complies with all policies and standards of the LCP, except the minimum parcel size. The Coastal Development Permit shall also be conditioned to require the retirement of one existing parcel for each new parcel created in the land division, in compliance with the requirements of Section 22.44.1230 (Transfer of development credit program).

C. Where the parcel(s) of land was created after January 1, 1977 not in compliance with state law and local ordinances in effect at the time of its creation, a minor Coastal Development Permit shall be required to authorize the land division. In such cases, the County shall only approve a minor Coastal Development Permit where substantial evidence demonstrates compliance with one of the following:

1. The land division complies with all policies and standards of the LCP, including the requirements of Section 22.44.640 for approval of land divisions; or

2. All of the following apply:

a. Prior to certification of the LCP, the Coastal Commission approved a Coastal Development Permit authorizing construction of a residence on one or more of the



parcels of land that were created from the same parent parcel as the parcel of land for which a land division is sought, and

b. The owner of the parcel of land does not also own one or more of the developed parcel(s), and

c. The owner of the parcel of land acquired it prior to certification of the LCP and is a good-faith, bona fide purchaser for value. In such a case, a minor Coastal Development Permit authorizing the land division may be approved only if it is conditioned to prohibit construction on the subject parcel unless it complies with all policies and standards of the LCP, except the minimum parcel size. The minor Coastal Development Permit shall also be conditioned to require the retirement of one existing parcel for each new parcel created in the land division, in compliance with the requirements of Section 22.44.1230 (Transfer of development credit program).

**22.44.680 Lot line adjustments.** A minor Coastal Development Permit shall be required to authorize a lot line adjustment. The County shall only approve a minor Coastal Development Permit where substantial evidence demonstrates that the lot line adjustment meets the following requirements:

A. Each parcel that is part of the lot line adjustment is a legal lot pursuant to a recorded tract map, parcel map, certificate of compliance, conditional certificate of compliance which conditions have been cleared, recognized record of survey, or certificate of exception conversion to a certificate of compliance;

B. The applicant provides all of the following information:

1. A site plan for any use, development of land, structure, building or modification of standards that involves the approval of the director;

2. Such other forms and documents as are necessary to determine compliance with the provisions of this Part or any conditions that may be specified in granting an approval of the requested use, development or modification;

3. Such supplemental information or material as may be necessary, including revised or corrected copies of any site plan or other document previously presented.

C. The proposed lot line adjustment complies with subsection 22.44.640 A as well as all of the following:

1. That the use, development of land, and/or application of development standards, when considered on the basis of the suitability of the site for the particular use or development intended, is so arranged as to avoid traffic congestion, provide for the safety and convenience of bicyclists and pedestrians, including children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities, insure the protection of public health, safety and general welfare, prevent adverse effects on neighboring property and is in conformity with good zoning practice.

2. That the use, development of land and/or application of development standards is suitable from the standpoint of functional developmental design.

3. The lot design, frontage, access and similar standards shall be consistent with all applicable provisions contained in this LIP.

4. Any change in access, lot configuration or orientation of structures, easements or utilities to lot lines will not, in the opinion of the director, result in any burden on public services or materially affect the property rights of any adjoining owners.

5. The parcels to be adjusted are eligible for unconditional certificates of compliance under the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act and this Part.

6. The adjusted parcel configurations will be in accord with established neighborhood lot design patterns and will not violate any statute, ordinance, regulation or good planning practice.

7. If any of the parcels to be adjusted are improved with a structure requiring a building permit, the applicant shall provide an inspection report from the building and safety

division of the department of public works certifying that changes in lot lines will not violate any ordinances or regulations administered by that department. The department of public works shall collect any fees required for this service.

D. The reconfigured parcels comply with the LCP size standards and the parcels can be developed consistent with all LCP policies and standards or, if the existing parcels do not meet this requirement, then the reconfigured parcels can accommodate development that does not have greater conflicts with the LCP policies and standards than would have occurred from development on the existing parcels;

E. If H1 habitat area is present on any of the parcels involved in the lot line adjustment, the lot line adjustment will not increase the amount of H1 habitat area that would be damaged or destroyed by development on any of the parcels, including any necessary road extensions, driveways, and required fuel modification;

F. As a result of the lot line adjustment, future development on the reconfigured parcels will not increase the amount of landform alteration (including from any necessary road extensions or driveways) from what would have been necessary for development on the existing parcels;

G. As a result of the lot line adjustment, future development on the reconfigured parcels will not have greater adverse visual impacts from a scenic road, public trail or trail easement, or public beach than what would have occurred from development on the existing parcels; and

H. If there is a conflict between subsections D and E or F, then protection of environmentally sensitive habitat as required in subsection D shall take precedence.

I. If the adjustment is approved, the director shall record a certificate of compliance containing the descriptions of the parcels as they will exist after adjustment. If the request is denied, the director shall report this in writing to the applicant, citing the reasons for denial.

J. The lot line adjustment shall be reflected in a deed or record of survey which shall be recorded by the applicant.

**22.44.690 Coastal Zone enforcement procedures.** In addition to the enforcement provisions contained in this Part, the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code shall also apply with respect to violations and enforcement.

A. Applicability. The procedures in this section shall apply beginning on [insert the effective certification date of the LCP].

B. Purpose. This Section establishes procedures for enforcement of the provisions of this Part. These enforcement procedures are intended to assure due process of law in the abatement or correction of nuisances and violations of this Part.

C. General prohibitions.

1. No structure shall be moved into an area, erected, reconstructed, added to, enlarged, advertised on, structurally altered or maintained, and no structure or land shall be used for any purpose, except as specifically provided and allowed by this Part.

2. No person shall use or permit to be used any structure or land, nor shall any person erect, structurally alter or enlarge any structure, or advertise on any structure, except in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

3. No permit or entitlement may be issued or renewed for any use, construction, improvement or other purpose unless specifically provided for, or permitted by, this Part.

D. Violations.

1. Every person violating any condition or provision either of this Part, or of any permit, nonconforming use and structure review, zoning exception case, variance or amendment thereto, is guilty of a misdemeanor, unless such violation is otherwise declared to

be an infraction in subsection E below. Each violation is a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which the violation is committed.

2. Each violation determined to be an infraction by this Part shall be punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for the first violation. Subsequent violations of the same provision of this Part shall be punishable by a fine of \$200.00 for the second violation and \$500.00 for the third violation in a 12-month period as provided by applicable law. The fourth and any further violations of the same provision of this Part which are committed at any time within a 12-month period from the date of the commission of the first violation shall be deemed misdemeanors, regardless of the dates of conviction of the first three violations. The three infraction violations which are the basis for the fourth and any further violations being misdemeanors may be brought and tried together. The increased penalties set forth in this section for subsequent violations shall be applicable whether said subsequent violations are brought and tried together with the underlying previous violations or separately therefrom.

E. Public nuisance. Any use of property contrary to the provisions of this Part shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be unlawful and a public nuisance, and the authorized legal representative of the county may commence actions and proceedings for the abatement thereof, in any manner provided by law or equity, and may take such other steps and may apply to any court having jurisdiction to grant such relief as will abate or remove such use and restrain and enjoin any person from using any property contrary to the provisions of this Part.

F. Infractions. Violations of the provisions contained in the following list are deemed infractions:

- Automobile, truck or other motor vehicle repair conducted outside of an enclosed building.
- Commercial vehicles weighing more than 6,000 pounds unladen where parked or stored in violation of this Part.
- Inoperative vehicle parking or storage.
- Keeping or parking of vehicles in violation of this Part.
- Outside display and/or sales, except when authorized by and in accordance with a temporary use permit.
- Signs prohibited by this Part.

G. Injunction. The provisions of this Part may also be enforced by injunction issued by any court having jurisdiction upon the suit of the owner or occupant of any real property affected by such violation or prospective violation.

H. Enforcement. The Director, or any representative thereof designated by the Director, is hereby authorized to arrest any person without a warrant whenever the Director, or his representative, has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a violation of this Part in his presence.

I. Cease and desist orders, notice, terms and conditions, time of effectiveness, duration.

1. If the Director determines that any person has undertaken any activity within the Coastal Zone that (1) requires a Coastal Development Permit from the County without first having obtained a Coastal Development Permit, or (2) may be inconsistent with any Coastal Development Permit previously issued by the County, the Director may issue an order directing that person to cease and desist.

2. The cease and desist order shall be issued only if the person has failed to respond in a satisfactory manner to a written notice given by certified mail or hand delivered to the landowner or the person performing the activity. The notice shall include the following:

- a. A description of the activity which meets the criteria of subsection 1;

b. A statement that the described activity constitutes development which is in violation of this Part because it is not authorized by a valid Coastal Development Permit;

c. A statement that the described activity be immediately stopped or the alleged violator may receive a cease and desist order, the violation of which may subject the violator to additional fines; and

d. The name, address, and phone number of the Department of Regional Planning staff member who is to be contacted for further information.

3. The cease and desist order may be subject to such terms and conditions as the Director may determine are necessary to avoid irreparable injury to any area within the Coastal Zone pending action by the County.

4. The cease and desist order shall be effective upon its issuance, and copies shall be served immediately by certified mail upon the person or governmental agency subject to the order.

5. A cease and desist order issued pursuant to this section shall become null and void 90 calendar days after issuance. Consecutive cease and desist orders may be issued.

J. Cease and desist orders issued after public hearing; terms and conditions; notice of hearing; finality; and effectiveness of order.

1. If the Regional Planning Commission, after public hearing, determines that any person or governmental agency has undertaken any activity that (1) requires a Coastal Development Permit from the County without first having obtained the permit, or (2) is inconsistent with any Coastal Development Permit previously issued by the County, the Regional Planning Commission may issue an order directing that person or governmental agency to cease and desist the activity.

2. The cease and desist order may be subject to such terms and conditions as the Commission may determine are necessary to ensure compliance with this Section, including immediate removal of any development or material or the setting of a schedule within which steps shall be taken to obtain a permit pursuant to Section 22.44.800 et seq.

3. Notice of the public hearing on a proposed cease and desist order shall be given to all affected persons and agencies and the order shall be final and effective upon the issuance of the order. Copies shall be served immediately by certified mail or in person, upon the person or governmental agency subject to the order and upon other affected persons and agencies who appeared at the hearing or requested a copy. The notice shall include a description of the civil remedy to a cease and desist order, authorized by State Public Resources Code Section 30803.

K. Restoration order; violations. In addition to any other authority to order restoration, the County may, after a public hearing, order restoration of a site if it finds that the development has occurred without a Coastal Development Permit from the County or the Coastal Commission, the development is inconsistent with the certified local coastal program, and the development is causing continuing damage to resources.

L. Definitions. The elements of the term "continuing damage to resources," as such term is used in Subsection K, shall have the following meanings:

-- "Resource" means any resource which is afforded protection under the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, including but not limited to public access, marine and other aquatic resources, environmentally sensitive wildlife habitat, and the visual quality of coastal areas.

-- "Damage" means any degradation or other reduction in quality, abundance, or other quantitative or qualitative characteristic of the resource as compared to the condition the resource was in before it was disturbed by unpermitted development.

-- "Continuing," when used to describe "resource damage," means such damage which continues to occur as of the date of issuance of the restoration order.

M. Commencement of Restoration Order Proceeding Before the Regional Planning Commission.

1. If the Director determines that the results of an enforcement investigation so warrant, he or she shall commence a restoration order proceeding before the Regional Planning Commission by providing the property owner and any person whom he or she determines to have engaged in development activity as described in Subsection K with notice of his or her intent to do so. Such notice of intent shall be given either as a provision of a staff report or by separate written communication delivered either (1) by certified mail, (2) by regular mail receipt of which is confirmed by subsequent oral communication either in person or by telephone, or (3) by hand, and shall include, at minimum, the information specified in Subsection R.1, 2, and 3 together with an explanation of the basis of the Director's determination that the specified activity meets the criteria of Subsection K. The notice of intent shall be accompanied by a "statement of defense form" as contained in Appendix I of the Technical Appendices to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program. The person(s) to whom such notice is given shall complete and return the statement of defense form to the Director by the date specified therein, which date shall be no earlier than 20 calendar days from transmittal of the notice of intent.

2. The Director may at his or her discretion extend the time limit for submittal of the statement of defense form imposed by any notice of intent issued pursuant to subsection A of this section upon receipt within the time limit of a written request for such extension and a written demonstration of good cause. The extension shall be valid only to those specific items or matters that the Director identifies to the requesting party as being exempt from the submittal deadline and shall be valid only for such additional time as the Director allows.

N. Distribution of Notice of Hearings on Proposed Restoration Order. At least 10 calendar days prior to a hearing on a proposed restoration order, the Director shall mail by regular mail a written notice of the date, time, and place of the initial hearing to the property owner and all alleged violators at their last known address and to all members of the public who have requested in writing that they receive such notice, provided that no notice need be mailed to the alleged violator if the alleged violator has already received notice of the hearing in a staff report prepared by the Director.

O. Contents of a Director's Recommendation on Proposed Restoration Order.

1. The Director shall prepare a recommendation on a proposed restoration order.

2. The Director's recommendation shall be in writing and shall include, at minimum:

a. A copy of any statement of defense form completed and returned to the Director by the alleged violator(s) pursuant to Subsection M;

b. A brief summary of (a) any background to the alleged violation, (b) the allegations made by staff in its violation investigation, (c) a list of all allegations either admitted or not contested by the alleged violator(s), (d) all defenses and mitigating factors raised by the alleged violator(s), and (e) any rebuttal evidence raised by the staff to matters raised in the alleged violator's assertion of any defense or mitigating factor with references to supporting documents;

c. A summary and analysis of all unresolved issues;

d. The proposed text of any restoration order that the Director recommends that the Regional Planning Commission approve for issuance.

P. Distribution of Director's Recommendation. The Director's recommendation on a proposed restoration order shall be distributed by regular mail to the property owner, the alleged violator(s), and to all persons who specifically requested it.

Q. Public Hearing on Proposed Restoration Order. A hearing on a proposed restoration order shall be held by the Regional Planning Commission. After conclusion of the hearing, the Regional Planning Commission shall make a determination as to whether a restoration order should be issued by the Director, either in the form recommended by the Director or as amended by the Commission.

R. Contents of Restoration Orders. Restoration orders shall be signed by the Director and shall contain at a minimum the following:

1. The names of the property owner and/or the person or persons who have undertaken the activity that is the subject of the order;
2. Identification of the property where the activity has been undertaken;
3. A description of the activity;
4. The effective date of the order;
5. Any terms, conditions, or other provisions authorized by Subsection K. Any term or condition that the Regional Planning Commission may impose which requires removal of any development or material shall be for the purpose of restoring the property affected by the violation to the condition it was in before the violation occurred;
6. Written findings that (a) explain the decision to issue the order and (b) provide the factual and legal basis for the issuance of the order;
7. A statement of the obligation of the person(s) subject to the order to conform strictly to its terms and the consequences specified in Section 30821.6 of the State Public Resources Code of the failure to do so.

S. Rescission or Modification of Restoration Orders. The Regional Planning Commission, after public hearing, may rescind or modify a restoration order that the Director has issued. A proceeding for such a purpose may be commenced by (a) any person to whom the restoration order is directed, (b) the Director, or (c) a majority of the Regional Planning Commission. A person described in subsection (a) may commence a proceeding for the purpose of rescinding or modifying a restoration order only where the person demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director that there has been a material change in the facts upon which the order was issued. Upon receipt of a request pursuant to this section for rescission or modification of a restoration order, a hearing on the request shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Planning Commission or as soon thereafter as is practicable after notice to all persons subject to the order or whom the Director otherwise has reason to know would be interested in the matter.

T. Notice of violation.

1. Whenever the Director has determined, based on substantial evidence, that real property in the Coastal Zone has been developed in violation of this LIP or any of the provisions of Title 22, the Director may cause a notification of intention to record a notice of violation to be mailed by regular and certified mail to the owner of the real property at issue, describing the real property, identifying the nature of the violation, naming the owners thereof, and stating that if the owner objects to the filing of a notice of violation, an opportunity will be given to the owner to present evidence on the issue of whether a violation has occurred.

2. The notification specified in subsection T.1 shall indicate that the owner is required to respond in writing, within 15 calendar days of the date the notification was mailed, to object to recording the notice of violation. The notification shall also state that if, within 15 calendar days of mailing of the notification, the owner of the real property at issue fails to inform the Director of the owner's objection to recording the notice of violation, the Director shall record the notice of violation in the office of the County Recorder.

3. If the owner submits a timely objection to the proposed filing of the notice of violation, a public hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled hearing officer meeting for which adequate public notice can be provided, at which time the owner may present evidence to the hearing officer why the notice of violation should not be recorded. The hearing

may be postponed for cause for not more than 90 calendar days after the date of the receipt of the objection to recordation of the notice of violation.

4. If, after the hearing officer has completed his or her hearing and the owner has been given the opportunity to present evidence, the hearing officer finds that, based on substantial evidence, a violation has occurred, the Director shall record the notice of violation in the office of the County Recorder. If the hearing officer finds that no violation has occurred, the Director shall mail a clearance letter to the owner of the real property.

U. Notice of violation; contents.

1. The notice of violation shall be contained in a separate document prominently entitled "Notice of Violation of the Coastal Zone Provisions of Title 22 of the County Code." The notice of violation shall contain all of the following information:

- a. The names of the owners of record of the property affected by the notice;
- b. A legal description of the real property affected by the notice;
- c. A statement specifically identifying the nature of the alleged violation and the measures necessary to remediate the alleged violation;
- d. A name and telephone number of the staff member at Regional Planning to contact concerning the alleged violation; and
- e. A County case number relating to the notice.

2. The notice of violation, when properly recorded and indexed, shall be considered notice of the violation to all successors in interest in that property. This notice is for informational purposes only and is not a defect, lien, or encumbrance on the property.

V. Notice of violation; clearance. Within 30 calendar days after the final resolution of a violation that is the subject of a recorded notice of violation, the Director shall mail a clearance letter to the owner of the real property and shall record a notice of rescission in the office of each County Recorder in which the notice of violation was filed, indicating that the notice of violation is no longer valid.

W. Civil liability; violations; amount; factors.

1. Any person who violates any provision of this LIP or any of the provisions of Title 22 within the Coastal Zone may be civilly liable in accordance with this subdivision as follows:

a. Civil liability may be imposed by the Superior Court in accordance with this Section on any person who performs or undertakes development that is in violation of this LIP or any of the provisions of Title 22 or that is inconsistent with any Coastal Development Permit previously issued by the County, and on the owner of any lot or parcel of land on which such development has occurred, in an amount that shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) and shall not be less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

b. Civil liability may be imposed for any violation of this LIP or any of the provisions of Title 22 other than that specified in paragraph (1) in an amount that shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

2. Any person who performs or undertakes development that is in violation of this LIP or that is inconsistent with any Coastal Development Permit previously issued by the Coastal Commission or the County, when the person intentionally and knowingly performs or undertakes the development in violation of this Section or inconsistent with any previously issued Coastal Development Permit, may, in addition to any other penalties, be civilly liable in accordance with this subdivision. Civil liability may be imposed by the Superior Court in accordance with this article for a violation as specified in this subdivision in an amount which shall not be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), not more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), per day for each day in which the violation persists.

3. In determining the amount of civil liability, the following factors shall be considered:

a. The nature, circumstance, extent, and gravity of the violation.  
b. Whether the violation is susceptible to restoration or other remedial measures.  
c. The sensitivity of the resource affected by the violation.  
d. The cost to the County of bringing the action.  
e. With respect to the violator, any voluntary restoration or remedial measures undertaken, any prior history of violations, the degree of culpability, economic profits, if any, resulting from, or expected to result as a consequence of, the violation, and such other matters as justice may require.

X. Exemplary damages. Where a person has intentionally and knowingly violated any provision of this LIP or any of the provisions of Title 22 or any order issued pursuant to this LIP or any of the provisions of Title 22, the County may maintain an action for exemplary damages and may recover an award, the size of which is left to the discretion of the court. In exercising its discretion, the court shall consider the amount of liability necessary to deter further violations.

Y. Zoning enforcement order and noncompliance fee.\*

1. Final Zoning Enforcement Order.

a. In the course of enforcing any provision of this title, the Planning Director shall have the authority to issue a final zoning enforcement order concerning any property not in compliance with the provisions of this Part. Such order shall state, in not less than 14 point type in substantially the following form, that "Failure of the owner or person in charge of the premises to comply with this order within fifteen (15) days after the compliance date specified herein, or any written extension thereof, shall subject the violator to a noncompliance fee in the amount of \$704.00, unless an appeal from this order is filed within fifteen (15) days after the compliance date. Such appeal must comply with Section 22.44.1040 (Appeal Procedures) of this LIP. The Director's issuance of a final zoning enforcement order shall be final unless an appeal from the order has been filed as provided in this section.

b. Service of a final zoning enforcement order shall be upon (a) the person in real or apparent charge and control of the premises involved, (b) the record owner, (c) the owner or holder of any lease of record, or (d) the record owner of any interest in or to the land or any building or structure located thereon. Service shall be by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, at the Director's election. In the event the Director, after reasonable effort, is unable to serve the order as specified above, proper service shall be by posting a copy of the order on the premises. The date of service is deemed to be the date of mailing, personal delivery or posting, as applicable.

2. Noncompliance Fee.

a. If a final zoning enforcement order has not been complied with within 15 days following the compliance date specified in the order, or any written extension thereof, and no appeal of such order has been timely filed as provided in this section, the director shall have the authority to impose and collect a noncompliance fee in the amount of \$704.00.

b. The purpose of the noncompliance fee is to recover costs of zoning enforcement inspections and other efforts by the Director to secure substantial compliance with a zoning enforcement order. Not more than one such fee shall be collected for failure to comply with a zoning enforcement order. The noncompliance fee shall be in addition to any other fees required by the County Code.

c. The determination of the Director to impose and collect a zoning noncompliance fee shall be final, and it shall not be subject to further administrative appeal.

3. Appeal of Final Zoning Enforcement Order.

a. Any person upon whom a final zoning enforcement order has been served may appeal the order to the hearing officer within the time specified in subsection



A of this section above. Such appeal shall contain any written evidence that the appellant wishes to be considered in connection with the appeal. If applicable, the appeal shall state that said person has applied for the appropriate permit or other administrative approval pursuant to this title.

b. The hearing officer shall consider such appeal within 45 days from the date that the appeal is filed and shall notify the appellant of the decision within a reasonable period of time thereafter in the manner described in this section for service of a final zoning enforcement order. The hearing officer may sustain, rescind or modify the final zoning enforcement order. The decision of the hearing officer shall be final and effective on the date of decision, and it shall not be subject to further administrative appeal.

4. Imposition and Collection of the Noncompliance Fee.

a. The director shall notify the person against whom a noncompliance fee is imposed in the manner described in this section for service of a final zoning enforcement order. The director may waive the imposition and collection of a noncompliance fee where the director determines such waiver to be in the public interest.

b. The person against whom the noncompliance fee is imposed shall remit the fee to the director within 15 days after the date of service of said notice.

5. Penalty After Second Notice of Noncompliance Fee. If the person against whom a noncompliance fee has been imposed fails to pay such fee within 15 days of notification as provided above, the director may send a second notice of noncompliance fee in the manner described in this section for service of a final zoning enforcement order. If the fee has not been paid within 15 days after the date of service of the second notice of noncompliance fee, the County shall withhold the issuance of a building permit or other approval to such person until the noncompliance fee has been paid in full. An administrative penalty assessment equal to two times the noncompliance fee and a collection fee equal to 50 percent of the noncompliance fee shall also be imposed if the fee is not paid within 15 days after the date of service of the second notice. The administrative penalty assessment and collection fee, after notice, shall become part of the debt immediately due and owing to the County. The County thereafter shall have the right to institute legal action in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect the amount of the noncompliance fee, administrative penalty assessment and collection fee. In any suit brought by the County to enforce and collect the noncompliance fee, administrative penalty assessment and collection fee, the County shall be entitled to collect all costs and fees incurred in such proceedings.

\* Editor's note: Fee changes in this section include changes made by the Director of Planning due to increases in the Consumer Price Index and became effective March 1, 2013.

Z. Enforcement and Compliance Process for Existing, Non-Conforming Confined Animal Facilities. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any such facility established after 2001. This enforcement and compliance process set forth herein shall be carried out through a minor Coastal Development Permit process, and shall meet the following requirements:

1. Eligible parcels. The relief set forth in this section shall only be available to legal parcels of 10 acres or less and exceeding 15,000 square feet.

2. Identification of parcels and facilities. Any property owner meeting the requirements of Section 22.44.690 Z.1 may apply to the Director to utilize the procedures provided by this section. The County may also identify such parcels and establish an outreach program to assist property owners with compliance.

3. Application submittal requirements. Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), property owners acting pursuant to this section are required to obtain approval of a minor Coastal Development Permit. Applicants shall provide to the satisfaction of the County:

a. The method for complying with the Best Management Practices (BMPs) contained in Section 22.44.1450 (Livestock management).

b. An implementation commitment, through a covenant recorded with the County Registrar-Recorder, and timeframe for compliance with BMPs contained in Section 22.44.1450.

c. The best efforts made to relocate facilities in accordance with the Biological Resources regulations contained in Section 22.44.1800 et seq. of this LIP.

d. Along with the site plans required by Section 22.44.840, the applicant shall include a table showing the footprint area in square feet of all structures and confined animal facilities on the property. No more than a cumulative 10 percent increase in the footprint area of all structures and confined animal facilities shall be allowed.

4. Biological submittal requirements. The proposal shall be subject to Section 22.44.1870 Supplemental Application Requirements. The proposal shall be reviewed by the County Biologist for potential impacts to biological resources.

5. Relocation criteria. The Director shall require that owners relocate existing facilities to existing disturbed areas of 3:1 slopes or less but outside of areas protected under Section 22.44.1800 et seq. as set forth below:

a. Relocation shall be required where the County finds that all of the following criteria are met:

i. The County determines that there is sufficient space within existing disturbed areas of 3:1 slopes or less that are outside of areas protected under Section 22.44.1800 et seq.; and,

ii. Relocating the facility is cost feasible and will cause less damage to coastal resources than would occur by allowing the facility to remain in its current location, after taking into account impacts to biological resources, scenic resources, water quality resources, and the advantages of incorporating BMPs at the existing location.

b. When the lawfully constructed principal permitted use is proposed to be demolished and replaced, any such non-conforming facility shall be relocated to an existing disturbed area of 3:1 slopes or less that are outside of areas protected under Section 22.44.1800 et seq.;

6. Status of facilities following minor Coastal Development Permit approval. The legal status of the facility or facilities following minor Coastal Development Permit approval shall be guided by the degree of compliance with this LIP, as follows:

a. If the facility is relocated within the disturbed area in a manner fully complying with the LCP, the use shall be considered legally established and valid.

b. If the use cannot feasibly be located within the disturbed area due to site constraints, but the property owner complies with all of the BMPs contained in Section 22.44.1450, the use shall be allowed to continue as a legal non-conforming use so long as the BMPs are maintained.

i. A legal non-conforming use may not be re-established after one year of inactivity unless the appropriate Coastal Development Permit is first secured.

ii. A legal non-conforming use may not be enlarged or altered in any material way.

7. The permittee shall complete all relocation activities and BMP compliance measures approved by the minor Coastal Development Permit as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than one year following the effective date of the minor Coastal Development Permit. If such relocation activities and BMP compliance measures are not completed within one year of the effective date of the minor Coastal Development Permit, the permit approval shall expire and the use shall be considered unlawful and subject to enforcement.

8. Grading is allowed for the establishment of relocated facilities within disturbed slope areas of 3:1 or less.

9. If the owner/operator of the unpermitted facility elects not to submit to these regulations, the use shall be considered unlawful and subject to enforcement.

10. Any minor Coastal Development Permit for a facility relocated to, or allowed to stay within, any area outside of the fuel modification zone for the principal permitted use shall require the payment of the habitat fee as set forth in Section 22.44.1950.

## **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS**

**22.44.800 Established–Purpose.** The Coastal Development Permit is established to ensure that any development, public or private, within the Coastal Zone conforms to the policies and programs of the County of Los Angeles Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program in accordance with Division 20 of the Public Resources Code. As used in this section, the word "Commission" by itself refers to the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission; references to the State of California Coastal Commission are indicated by the words "Coastal Commission."

### **22.44.810 Permit required.**

A. In addition to obtaining any other permits required by law, any person wishing to perform or undertake any development in the Coastal Zone, other than either a power facility subject to the provisions of Public Resources Code Section 25500, or a development specifically exempted by this Part, shall obtain a Coastal Development Permit from the County. If the development is one specified in Public Resources Code Section 30519(b), a Coastal Development Permit shall be obtained from the Coastal Commission.

B. A determination on whether a development is exempt or has been categorically excluded from the Coastal Development Permit requirements shall be made by the Director at the time an application is submitted for development within the Coastal Zone. Any dispute arising from the Director's determination shall be resolved pursuant to the procedure described in Section 22.44.930.

C. A person undertaking development included in a public works plan or long range development plan certified by the Coastal Commission is not required to obtain a Coastal Development Permit from the County for the same development. Other County permits may be required.

D. Where a proposed development straddles the boundaries of the plan area and another local jurisdiction, or where a proposed development straddles the boundaries of the County's Coastal Development Permit jurisdiction area and the Coastal Commission's retained jurisdiction area, the applicant shall obtain separate Coastal Development Permits from each jurisdiction.

E. Development that occurred after the effective date of the Coastal Act or its predecessor, the Coastal Zone Conservation Act, if applicable, that was not authorized in a Coastal Development Permit or otherwise authorized under the Coastal Act, is not lawfully established or lawfully authorized development. No improvements, repair, modification or additions to such existing development may be approved, unless the County also approves a Coastal Development Permit that authorizes the existing development. The Coastal Development Permit shall only be approved if the existing and proposed development, with any applicable conditions of approval, are consistent with the policies and standards of the LCP.

F. The processing of a Coastal Development Permit shall be subject to the provisions of this LIP. Development undertaken pursuant to a Coastal Development Permit shall conform to the plans, specification, terms and conditions of the permit. The requirements for obtaining a Coastal Development Permit shall be in addition to requirements to obtain any other

permits or approvals required by other County ordinances or codes or from any state, regional or local agency.

**22.44.820 Exemptions and categorical exclusions.**

A. Exemptions: The provisions of this Part shall not apply to:

1. a. Improvements to existing single-family residences except as noted below in subsection b. For purposes of this Section, the term “Improvements to existing single-family residences” includes all fixtures and structures directly attached to the residence and those structures normally associated with a single-family residence, such as garages, swimming pools, fences, storage sheds and landscaping but specifically not including guest houses or accessory self-contained residential units.

b. The exemption in subsection a. above shall not apply to the following classes of development which require a Coastal Development Permit because they involve a risk of adverse environmental impact:

i. Improvements to a single-family structure if the structure or improvement is located: on a beach, in a wetland, seaward of the mean high tide line, in an H1 habitat area, in an area designated as highly scenic in the certified Land Use Plan, or within 50 feet of the edge of a coastal bluff.

ii. Any significant alteration of land forms including the movement of cut and/or fill material requiring a Coastal Development Permit, removal or placement of 800 square feet or more of vegetation, on a beach, wetland, or sand dune, or within 50 feet of the edge of a coastal bluff, or in H1 habitat areas;

iii. The expansion or construction of water wells or septic systems, not including the repair or maintenance of an existing, lawfully established on-site wastewater treatment system;

iv. On property not included in subsection b.i. above that is located between the sea and the first public road paralleling the sea or within 300 feet of the inland extent of any beach or of the mean high tide of the sea where there is no beach, whichever is the greater distance, or in a Scenic Resources Area as designated by the County, an improvement that would result in a cumulative increase of 10 percent or more of internal floor area of an existing structure or an additional improvement of 10 percent or less where an improvement to the structure had previously been undertaken pursuant to subsection A.3 below, a cumulative increase in height by more than 10 percent of an existing structure, and/or any significant non-attached structure such as garages, fences, shoreline protective works or docks.

v. In areas which the County or Coastal Commission has previously declared by resolution after public hearing to have a critically short water supply that must be maintained for the protection of coastal resources or public recreational use, the construction of any specified major water using development not essential to residential use including but not limited to swimming pools, or the construction or extension of any landscaping irrigation system.

vi. Any improvement to a single-family residence where the development permit issued for the original structure by the Coastal Commission, regional Coastal Commission, or County indicated that any future improvements would require a development permit.

2. a. Improvements to any structure other than a single-family residence or public works facility, except as noted below in subsection b. For purposes of this Section, the term “Improvements to any structure other than a single-family residence or public works facility” includes all fixtures and other structures directly attached to the structure and the landscaping on the lot.

b. The exemption in subsection a. above shall not apply to the following classes of development which require a Coastal Development Permit because they

involve a risk of adverse environmental effect, adversely affect public access, or involve a change in use contrary to the policy of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code:

i. Improvement to any structure if the structure or the improvement is located: on a beach; in a wetland, stream, or lake; seaward of the mean high tide line; in an area designated as highly scenic in a certified land use plan; or within 50 feet of the edge of a coastal bluff;

ii. Any significant alteration of land forms including removal or placement of 800 square feet or more of vegetation, on a beach or sand dune; in a wetland or stream; within 100 feet of the edge of a coastal bluff, in a highly scenic area, or in an H1 habitat area;

iii. The expansion or construction of water wells or septic systems;

iv. On property not included in subsection 2.a. above that is located between the sea and the first public road paralleling the sea or within 300 feet of the inland extent of any beach or of the mean high tide of the sea where there is no beach, whichever is the greater distance, or in a Scenic Resource Area as designated by the County, or an improvement that would result in a cumulative increase of 10 percent or more of internal floor area of the existing structure, and/or a cumulative increase in height by more than 10 percent of an existing structure;

v. In areas which the County or Coastal Commission has previously declared by resolution after public hearing to have a critically short water supply that must be maintained for protection of coastal recreation or public recreational use, the construction of any specified major water using development including but not limited to swimming pools or the construction or extension of any landscaping irrigation system;

vi. Any improvement to a structure where the Coastal Development Permit issued for the original structure by the Coastal Commission, regional Coastal Commission, or County indicated that any future improvements would require a development permit;

vii. Any improvement to a structure which changes the intensity of use of the structure;

viii. Any improvement made pursuant to a conversion of an existing structure from a multiple-unit rental use or visitor-serving commercial use to a use involving a fee ownership or long-term leasehold including but not limited to a condominium conversion, stock cooperative conversion or motel/hotel timesharing conversion.

3. Repair and Maintenance Activities.

a. Repair or maintenance activities that do not result in an addition to, or enlargement or expansion of, the object of those repair or maintenance activities.

b. The exemption in subsection a. above shall not apply to the following extraordinary methods of repair and maintenance which require a Coastal Development Permit because they involve a risk of adverse environmental impact:

i. Any method of repair or maintenance of a seawall, revetment, bluff retaining wall, breakwater, groin, shoreline culvert, outfall, or similar shoreline work that involves:

(A) Repair or maintenance involving alteration of 20 percent or more of the foundation of the protective work including pilings and other surface or subsurface structures;

(B) The placement, whether temporary or permanent, of rip-rap, artificial berms of sand or other beach materials, or any other forms of solid materials, on a beach or in coastal waters, streams, wetlands, estuaries and lakes or on a shoreline protective works;

(C) The replacement of 20 percent or more of the materials of an existing structure with materials of a different kind; or

(D) The presence, whether temporary or permanent, of mechanized construction equipment or construction materials on any sand area, bluff, or H1 habitat area, or within 20 feet of coastal waters or streams.

ii. Any method of routine maintenance dredging that involves:

(A) The dredging of 100,000 cubic yards or more within a twelve (12) month period;

(B) The placement of dredged spoils of any quantity within an H1 habitat area, on any sand area, within 50 feet of the edge of a coastal bluff or H1 habitat area, or within 20 feet of coastal waters or streams; or

(C) The removal, sale, or disposal of dredged spoils of any quantity that would be suitable for beach nourishment in an area the County or the Coastal Commission has declared by resolution to have a critically short sand supply that must be maintained for protection of structures, coastal access or public recreational use.

iii. Any repair or maintenance to facilities or structures or work located in an H1 habitat area, any sand area, within 50 feet of the edge of a coastal bluff or H1 habitat area, or within 20 feet of coastal waters or streams that include:

(A) The placement or removal, whether temporary or permanent, of rip-rap, rocks, sand or other beach materials or any other forms of solid materials;

(B) The presence, whether temporary or permanent, of mechanized equipment or construction materials.

c. All repair and maintenance activities governed by subsection 4.b. above shall be subject to the LCP permit regulations, including but not limited to the regulations governing administrative and emergency permits. The provisions of subsection b. above shall not be applicable to those activities specifically described in the document entitled Repair, Maintenance and Utility Hookups, adopted by the Coastal Commission on September 5, 1978 unless a proposed activity will have a risk of substantial adverse impact on public access, H1 habitat area, wetlands, or public views to the ocean.

d. Unless destroyed by disaster, the replacement of 50 percent or more of a single-family residence, (as measured by 50 percent of the exterior walls), seawall, revetment, bluff retaining wall, breakwater, groin or any other structure is not repair and maintenance but instead constitutes a replacement structure requiring a Coastal Development Permit.

4. Utility Connections. The installation, testing and placement in service or the replacement of any necessary utility connection between an existing service facility and any development approved pursuant to Division 20, the California Coastal Act, of the Public Resources Code; provided, however, that the Director may, where necessary, require reasonable conditions to mitigate any adverse impacts on coastal resources, including scenic resources. All repair, maintenance and utility hookups shall be consistent with the provisions adopted by the California Coastal Commission on September 5, 1978.

5. The replacement of any structure, other than a public works facility, destroyed by a disaster. The replacement structure shall conform to applicable existing zoning requirements; shall be for the same use as the destroyed structure, shall not exceed either the floor area, height or bulk of the destroyed structure by more than 10 percent; and shall be sited in the same location on the affected property as the destroyed structure. The Director may approve a replacement structure that is to be located in an alternative location if the new location decreases risk to health and safety, or habitat destruction.

As used in this section, "disaster" means any situation in which the force or forces which destroyed the structure to be replaced were beyond the immediate control of its owners; "bulk"

means total interior cubic volume as measured from the exterior surface of the structure; and “structure” includes landscaping and any erosion control structure or device which is similar to that which existed prior to the occurrence of the disaster.

6. Any activity anywhere in the Coastal Zone that involves the conversion of any existing multiple-unit residential structure to a time-share project, estate or use, as defined in Section 11212 of the California Business and Professions Code. If any improvement to an existing structure is otherwise exempt from the permit requirements of this division, no Coastal Development Permit shall be required for that improvement on the basis that it is to be made in connection with any conversion exempt pursuant to this subsection. The division of a multiple-unit residential structure into condominiums, as defined in Section 783 of the Civil Code, shall not be considered a time-share project, estate or use for the purposes of this subsection.

7. All temporary events except those which meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Are held between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day; and
- b. Occupy any portion of a sandy beach area (unless it is located in a remote area with minimal demand for public use and there is no potential for adverse effect of sensitive coastal resources); and

- c. Involve a charge for general public admission and/or seating where no fee is currently charged for use of the same area (unless any fee charge is for preferred seating only and more than 75 percent of the provided seating capacity is available free of charge for general public use).

- d. The Director may determine that a temporary event shall be subject to Coastal Development Permit review even if the criteria above are met, if the Director determines that unique circumstances exist relative to a particular temporary event that have the potential for significant adverse impacts on coastal resources or public access.

8. Development authorized in a Coastal Development Permit approved by the Coastal Commission prior to certification of the LCP, provided that:

- a. The approval has not expired or been forfeited.
- b. The development proposal faithfully and accurately complies with what was authorized in the Coastal Development Permit approved by the Coastal Commission. Any deviation from that prior approval shall be subject to the requirements of this LCP and may be subject to a Coastal Development Permit as required by this LIP.

B. Record of Permit Exemptions. The Director shall maintain a record of all those developments within the Coastal Zone that have been authorized as being exempt from the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to this Section. This record shall be available for review by members of the public and representatives of the Coastal Commission. The Record of Permit Exemptions shall include the name of the applicant, the location of the project, and a brief description of the project.

C. Categorical Exclusions. Projects pursuant to a Categorical Exclusion Order as certified by the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code 30610(e).

D. A determination on whether a development is exempt shall be made by the Director at the time an application for development within the Coastal Zone is submitted. Any dispute arising from the Director’s determination shall be resolved pursuant to the procedure described in Section 22.44.930.

#### **22.44.830 Application Filing and Withdrawal.**

A. Filing. Any person desiring a Coastal Development Permit required by or provided for in this Part may file an application with the Director, except that no application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within one year prior thereto by either the hearing officer, Commission or Board of Supervisors on an application requesting the same or substantially the same permit.

B. Withdrawal of application or petition permitted when. An applicant or petitioner for any permit, variance, nonconforming use or structure review, or zone change provided for in this Part may withdraw his application at any time before hearing or before ex parte action by the hearing officer by filing with the hearing officer a request in writing signed by all persons who signed the original application or petition, or their successors in interest.

**22.44.840 Application—Information required.** An application for a Coastal Development Permit shall contain, but is not limited to, the information listed in this section, accuracy of which is the responsibility of the applicant. Notice is provided to applicants that failure to provide truthful and accurate information necessary to review the permit application or to provide public notice as required by this Part may result in delay in processing the application or may constitute grounds for denial of the permit.

A. Names and addresses of the applicant and of all persons owning any or all of the property proposed to be used.

B. Evidence that the applicant meets the following criteria:

1. Is the owner of the property involved. If the applicant is a limited liability corporation (LLC) or limited partnership (LP), the Partnership Agreement/Articles of Organization, and all other agreements between partners/members pertaining to management authority for the LLC that demonstrates which individual(s) is legally authorized to manage the LLC's/LP's business affairs (to make decisions, accept conditions, etc.); or

2. Has written permission of the owner or owners to make such application;

or

3. Is or will be the plaintiff in an action in eminent domain to acquire the premises involved, or any portion thereof; or

4. In the case of a public agency, is negotiating to acquire a portion of the premises involved.

C. Location of the subject property by address and/or vicinity.

D. Legal description of the property involved.

E. Nature of the requested use, indicating the business, occupation or purpose for which such building, structure or improvement is to be erected, constructed, altered, enlarged, moved, occupied or used.

F. Indication of the nature, condition and development of adjoining and adjacent uses, buildings and structures.

G. A site plan drawn to a scale satisfactory to and in the number of copies prescribed by the director indicating the following:

1. The area and dimensions of the proposed site for the requested use.

2. The location and dimensions, to include elevations, of all existing and proposed structures, yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features.

3. The dimensions and state of existing and proposed improvement of the adjoining streets, highways, driveways, access roads, and/or easements providing access to the proposed site of the requested use.

4. Existing and/or proposed public access to and along the shoreline for projects proposed between the first through public road and the sea.

5. Existing and proposed property lines on the site, including all dedications, easements or recorded offers to dedicate easements, deed restrictions over or adjacent to the site, and documentation for all such recorded instruments;

6. Existing and proposed topography, at a contour interval appropriate to the size of the site to be developed, including elevations. For development in a Rural Village subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.2140, gross structural area calculations for the project. It may



be necessary to provide a topographic survey of the entire site with an enlarged scale version of the topography in the immediate area of the development site to show sufficient detail;

7. Major natural and manufactured landscape and water features, including location, type, size, and square footage or acreage of any trees or other natural vegetation to be planted or to be removed or made subject to thinning, irrigation, or other modification by the proposed project including building site and road/driveway areas;

8. Location and amount of any fuel modification or brush clearance that would be required on the site and on adjoining properties to comply with fire safety requirements, based on a fuel modification plan that has received preliminary approval from the Fire Department Forestry Division. If the full 200 foot radius of fuel modification cannot be located completely on the project site, a plan shall be provided by the applicant that shows the area of the 200 foot brush clearance radius that would be located on adjoining parcels;

9. Any hazard areas as identified in Section 22.44.2060 that are not to be developed shall be labeled on the site plans as "Hazard Areas" and shall be deed restricted to prevent any future development in those areas. The applicant shall provide the Director with a copy of the recorded deed prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit.

H. Architectural drawings showing the following:

1. Elevations of all sides of building(s).
2. Roof plan of proposed building(s).
3. Indication of colors and materials for all exterior surfaces.

I. A listing and copies of all other permits and approvals secured or to be secured in compliance with the provisions of the LIP and other applicable ordinances and laws, including the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act.

J. Maps in the number prescribed, and drawn to a scale specified by the Director, showing the location of all property included in the request, the location of all highways, streets, alleys and the location and dimensions of all lots or parcels of land within a distance of 700 feet from the exterior boundaries of such proposed use. One copy of said map shall indicate the uses established on every lot and parcel of land shown within said 700-foot radius.

K. A list, certified to be correct by affidavit or by a statement under penalty of perjury pursuant to Section 2015.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, of the names and addresses of all persons who are shown on the latest available assessment roll of the County of Los Angeles as owners of the subject property and as owning property within a distance of 1,000 feet from the exterior boundaries of the parcel of land on which the development is proposed. In addition, the list shall include the names and addresses of persons residing within 100 feet of said parcel; if the names of the residents are not known, they shall be listed as "occupants". One copy of the map described in subsection (J) of this section shall indicate where such ownerships and residents are located.

L. Proof satisfactory to the Director that water for fire protection will be available in quantities and pressures required by the Water Ordinance, set out at Division 1 of Title 20 of this Code, or by a variance granted pursuant to said Division 1. The Director may accept as such proof a certificate from the person who is to supply water that water can be supplied as required by said Division 1 of Title 20, also stating the amount and pressure, which certificate also shall be signed by the Forester and Fire Warden, or a certificate from the Department of Public Works or applicable Water District that such water will be available.

M. For development on a vacant lot, evidence of the date and method by which the parcel was created, in one of the following cases:

1. If the lot was created through the recordation of a final parcel map or tract map, this will consist of the lot and tract/parcel map identification number and evidence that the current lot configuration is consistent with the tract map or parcel map approval.

2. If the lot was created through a minor land division (September 22, 1967-March 4, 1972), this will consist of the lot and certificate of exception identification number and evidence that the current lot configuration is consistent with the minor land division approval.

3. In all other cases, this will consist of all of the following: 1) a copy of the certificate of compliance approved for the parcel, if any; 2) a complete title history, including all documentation necessary to determine when and how the parcel(s) was created; what additional parcels were created from the same parent parcel either at the same time, prior to and/or after creation of the parcel; and what other grants, land divisions, mergers or transactions occurred involving the parcel after the initial creation of the parcel; and 3) mapping or graphic depiction of the various lot configurations reflected in the legal descriptions from the deeds or other transactions in the chain of title.

4. Where the Director determines that the lot was created after the effective date of the Coastal Act, or was created prior to the effective date of the Coastal Act but without complying with applicable state or local requirements, either evidence of a valid Coastal Development Permit authorizing the land division must be submitted prior to filing of any application for proposed development on the lot, or the land division must be included as part of the application request in order to be deemed filed.

N. For all new development located in, or within 200 feet of, H1, H2, or H2 "High Scrutiny" Habitat as mapped on the Biological Resources Map, a biological assessment report, prepared in accordance with Section 22.44.1870. For all other new development, a biological inventory, containing the following information:

1. Biological survey and map (drawn to scale) of biological resources and physical site features on the project site;
2. The plants, animals, and habitats found on the project site;
3. The plants, animals, and habitats likely to occur on the project site based on a California Native Diversity Database (CNDDDB) query as well as local knowledge;
4. On sites that have been subject to wildfire or unpermitted development, including but not limited to vegetation removal or grading, the plants, animals, and habitats likely to have occurred on the site based on historical records and habitat found in surrounding undisturbed areas;
5. Assessment of need for additional surveys due to timing/season of initial survey (potential for missing sensitive species) and assessment for need of protocol level species surveys (based on CNDDDB query results and local knowledge);
6. Proximity of the project site to locations of known sensitive resources within 200 feet;
7. Photo documentation of the site that includes photos of all the respective habitats on site; and
8. Native tree survey and map (drawn to scale) if oak, sycamore, walnut, bay, or toyon trees are present on the project site.

O. For minor and major Coastal Development Permits, a completed initial study environmental questionnaire.

P. Pre-Application. Completion of a pre-application review to determine project impacts and conformance issues, coordinated by Regional Planning and conducted by the Los Angeles County One-Stop interdepartmental land development counseling team. County Departments of Fire, Health Services, Public Works and Regional Planning shall be represented at a scheduled pre-application review session, unless the project does not require approval from a specific department.

Q. For development relying on an onsite wastewater treatment system, a septic plot plan, prepared by a registered sanitarian, that shall include a percolation testing report and septic system design of adequate size, capacity and design to serve the proposed development for the life of the project.

R. Detailed grading plans for all grading, whether onsite or offsite, including grading for any necessary road construction or improvements that is prepared by a registered engineer. The amount of cut and fill material shall be identified, with totals listed separately, and breakdown of amounts for different components of the project (including but not limited to the access road, driveway, building pad, remedial grading). Representative grading cross sections shall be included.

S. Landscape plan for all cut and fill slopes and other areas that would be disturbed by proposed construction activities, including areas that would be disturbed by required fuel modification or brush clearance, that meets the requirements of Section 22.44.1240 (Vegetation Management and Landscaping).

T. For applications for land divisions, these additional items:

1. A report prepared by a California Professional Geologist, a California Certified Engineering Geologist, a California Registered Engineer, California Certified Hydrogeologist, or a California Registered Environmental Health Specialist that addresses the ability of each proposed building site to accommodate an onsite wastewater treatment system, if one is deemed necessary by the Department of Public Health, including an analysis of depth of groundwater that addresses seasonal and cyclical variations as well as the adequacy of percolation rates in post-grading conditions (cut or compacted fill);

2. Evidence of water availability sufficient to provide service for each proposed parcel, supplied either by water well or municipal water system;

3. Line-of-sight analysis showing the view of the project site, including each proposed building site from public viewing areas;

4. Depiction of the proposed building site or building area (if future structures will be built to the slope) and access road/driveway to each proposed parcel with detailed grading plans for all grading, whether onsite or offsite, grading volumes (cut and fill), and representative cross sections; and

5. Easements required to access each proposed parcel from a public road.

6. Conceptual fuel modification plan based on the anticipated location of future structures.

7. Information regarding transfer of development credits, as required by Section 22.44.1230.

U. For applications for water wells, a groundwater hydrological study that analyzes the individual and cumulative impacts the wells may have on groundwater supplies and the potential individual and cumulative impacts the wells may have on adjacent or nearby streams, springs, or seeps and their associated riparian habitat.

V. For applications for development located in areas identified by the County or State as archaeologically sensitive, a site survey shall be performed by a qualified archaeologist, and a archaeology report, including alternatives that would avoid or minimize impacts to resources and recommended measures to mitigate impacts to resources, shall be prepared unless waived by the Director. All projects shall comply with the following:

1. In accordance with the archaeology report submitted with the application for development, resources found in the area planned for development shall be collected and maintained at the Santa Monica Mountains Visitor Center, or at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum or as otherwise required by State law.

2. In the event of discovery of Native American remains or of grave goods, section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, and Sections 5097.94, 5097.98, and 5097.99 of the California Public Resources Code apply

W. Visual analysis as required by Section 22.44.1990 et seq.

X. Analysis of all feasible project alternatives (including, but not limited to, siting, design, size, height, and use alternatives) to avoid adverse impacts to coastal resources, and all feasible mitigation measures available to minimize or reduce unavoidable impacts.

Y. New development that includes construction within 25 feet of any drainage course shall be subject to a hazard analysis to identify invasive species or contaminants which may potentially be moved from or introduced into the drainage course, causing ecological damage and furthering the spread of unwanted species to new habitats.

1. The Director shall determine the content and format of the hazard analysis, and make this paperwork available to impacted applicants.

2. The hazard analysis shall be prepared by the applicant and reviewed by the staff biologist.

3. If it is determined that development activity presents a risk for spreading invasive species or contaminants, the applicant must submit a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) Plan designed to prevent the spread of invasive species and contaminants. The HACCP Plan will be reviewed by the staff biologist, and development must follow the requirements of the HACCP Plan.

Z. Proof of water availability for new residential development or other new development that requires water use. Proof of legal access for any new development that is not accessed directly from a public roadway.

AA. Plans, prepared in consultation with the Department of Public Works, demonstrating that the proposed development and improvements avoid or minimize potential degradation of water quality, and that meet the requirements of the applicable policies of the LCP and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Permit's Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP), as required by the Department of Public Works.

BB. Those items necessary to review the visual impact of the proposed development listed in Section 22.44.1440.

CC. The Director may require the submission of additional information deemed necessary to process the application and permit, or waive the filing of one or more of the above items if the nature of the development is unrelated to the required item.

**22.44.850 Application—Burden of proof.** In addition to the information required in the application by Section 22.44.840, the applicant shall substantiate to the satisfaction of the County the following facts:

A. That the proposed development is in conformity with the certified local coastal program; and, where applicable,

B. That any development, located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the Coastal Zone, is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of Division 20 of the Public Resources Code.

**22.44.860 Application – Types of Coastal Development Permits and review procedures.** A. The different types of Coastal Development Permits in the Santa Monica Mountains are:

1. Administrative Coastal Development Permit is required for development of a principal permitted use and certain other permitted uses as set forth in this Part, and shall be processed pursuant to Section 22.44.940 and this Part. An application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit shall be reviewed by the Director and the staff biologist;

2. Minor Coastal Development Permit is required for establishment of certain uses other than a principal permitted use as set forth in this Part, and shall be processed pursuant to this Part, except that the hearing officer will conduct the public hearing. An application for a minor Coastal Development Permit shall be reviewed by the Director and staff biologist or Environmental Review Board; and

3. Major Coastal Development Permit is required for establishment of certain uses other than a principal permitted use as set forth in this Part, and shall be processed

pursuant to this Part, except that the Regional Planning Commission will conduct the public hearing. An application for a major Coastal Development Permit shall be reviewed by the Director, the staff biologist, and the Environmental Review Board.

4. A Coastal Development Permit is required to allow a person to cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage or encroach into a protected zone of any tree or shrub of the oak genus as specified in Section 22.44.950, and subject to the provisions of this Part.

B. Review procedures. Upon receipt of a complete application for a proposed development in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone that requires a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) from the County, the Director shall determine which CDP is required for the proposed use. The Director shall utilize the following process to determine the type of permit required:

1. Determine the following:

a. The permit required for the use by the underlying zone. For example, a conditional certificate of compliance requires a minor Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 22.44.670.

b. The permit required based on the biological constraints of the site, pursuant to Section 22.44.1800 et seq., Biological inventory review.

c. The permit required for the amount of grading, pursuant to Section 22.44.1260.

d. Whether the project involves a land division, pursuant to Section 22.44.640.

2. Select the appropriate permit for the proposed development:

a. Based on the different permits required for the proposed development in subsection B.1 above, identify the permit that requires the highest level of review. An administrative CDP is a low level of review, a minor CDP is a medium level of review, and a major CDP is a high level of review.

b. The proposed development is subject to the highest level CDP identified in subsection 1. For example, if the grading requires a minor CDP but the use requires an administrative CDP, the project is subject to a minor CDP.

C. All applications shall obtain a recommendation from the County Departments of Fire, Health Services, and Public Works, as required by Section 22.44.2100, except as waived by the Director.

D. The Director shall determine whether the proposed development is:

1. Subject to the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit or permit amendment from the Coastal Commission;

2. Appealable to the Coastal Commission;

3. Exempt from the Coastal Development Permit requirements pursuant to Section 22.44.820;

4. Subject to the requirement of securing a Coastal Development Permit to be issued by the County.

**22.44.870 Application—Filing fee.\*** For the purpose of defraying the expense involved in connection with any application or petition required or authorized by this Part, the following fees shall accompany the application or petition:

Coastal Development Permit, Administrative, without public hearing – \$1,479

Coastal Development Permit, Administrative, with public hearing – \$7,473

Coastal Development Permit, Minor – \$9,601

Coastal Development Permit, Major – \$9,601

Coastal Development Permit, Waiver – \$1,159

Coastal Development Permit Appeal – No Fee

Coastal Development Permit Variance – \$8,625

\* Editor's note – Fee changes in this section include changes made by the Director of Planning due to increases in the Consumer Price Index and are effective March 1, 2013.

**22.44.880 Application for a waiver of permit requirements – Information required.** The Director may issue a waiver from the requirements of this Part for structures damaged or destroyed by disaster, subject to the following provisions:

A. A completed Coastal Development Permit application shall be submitted to the Director.

B. In addition to the information required under this Part, the application shall contain the following information:

1. A report from the owner's insurance company substantiating the loss.  
2. Copies of the building permits originally issued for each structure to be repaired or replaced.

3. Any Coastal Development Permit, variance, conditional use permit, or other permit issued that shows the damaged or destroyed development was lawfully established.

4. Documentation for any remedial work performed prior to the issuance of the waiver that was necessary to protect public health and/or safety after the disaster.

C. The application shall be subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.820 A.5.

D. The Director may waive the requirement for any information required in subsections A or B above.

**22.44.890 Application—Denial for lack of information.** The hearing officer may deny, without a public hearing, an application for any Coastal Development Permit if such application does not contain the information required by Sections 22.44.840 and 22.44.850 and any other pertinent sections. The hearing officer may accept the original file with the supplementary information when re-filed by the applicant.

**22.44.900 Application—Concurrent filing.**

A Coastal Development Permit shall be considered concurrently with the granting of any other tentative maps or permits required by this LIP or other applicable ordinances and laws. Where a Coastal Development Permit is being considered concurrently with other permits or maps that do not have a public hearing requirement, a public hearing for such concurrent cases shall be held if the Coastal Development Permit is subject to Section 22.44.970.

**22.44.910 Determination of jurisdiction.**

A. A determination on whether a Coastal Development Permit is in the County's or Coastal Commission's jurisdiction shall be made by the Director at the time an application for a Coastal Development Permit has been submitted. The County's jurisdiction over Coastal Development Permits does not include tidelands, submerged lands, public trust lands, certain ports, State university or State college lands as described in Section 30519 of the Public Resources Code. In making such determination the Director may refer to the "Post-LCP Certification Permit and Appeals Jurisdictional Map" adopted by the Coastal Commission. A Coastal Development Permit within the County's jurisdiction shall be processed pursuant to the provisions of this Part. Any such permit not within the County's jurisdiction shall be referred to the Coastal Commission for processing.

B. For a Coastal Development Permit within the County's jurisdiction, the Director shall also determine if such permit is appealable to the Coastal Commission. In making this determination, the Director shall use the criteria contained in Section 22.44.1050. The Director may also use the "Post-LCP Certification Permit and Appeals Jurisdictional Map".

C. Any dispute arising from the Director's determination of jurisdiction or appealability shall be resolved pursuant to the procedure described in Section 22.44.930.

D. The County's jurisdiction over Coastal Development Permits does not include tidelands, submerged lands, and public trust lands as described in Section 30519(b) of the Public Resources Code and described as areas of Coastal Commission Permit Jurisdiction illustrated on the Local Coastal Program Post-Certification Permit and Jurisdictional Map as amended.

E. The Coastal Commission retains authority over Coastal Development Permits issued by the Coastal Commission, including condition compliance. Where either new development or a modification to existing development is proposed on a site where development was authorized in a Coastal Commission-issued Coastal Development Permit, either prior to certification of the LCP or through a de novo action on an appeal of a County-approved Coastal Development Permit and the permit has not expired or been forfeited, the applicant shall apply to the County for the Coastal Development Permit, except for:

1. Requests for amendment, extension, reconsideration, and revocation of the Coastal Commission-issued permits.

2. Development that would lessen or negate the purpose of any specific permit condition, any mitigation required by recorded documents, any recorded offer to dedicate or grant of easement or any restriction/limitation or other mitigation incorporated through the project description by the permittee, of a Coastal Commission-issued Coastal Development Permit.

In either circumstances 1 or 2 above, the applicant must file an application with the Coastal Commission for an amendment to the Coastal Commission-issued Coastal Development Permit and authorization for the proposed new development or modification to existing development. The Coastal Commission will determine whether the application for amendment shall be accepted for filing pursuant to the provisions of Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 13166.

F. Any proposed development within the Coastal Zone that is subject to the County's jurisdiction upon certification of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) and that the Director preliminarily approved (i.e., an "Approval in Concept") before effective certification of the LCP but for which a complete application has not been filed with the Coastal Commission for approval, shall be resubmitted to the County through an application pursuant to this certified LCP. The standard for review for such an application shall be the requirements of this certified LCP. The applicant may request an application fee refund from the Coastal Commission for any fees previously paid to the Coastal Commission and from the Director for any fees previously paid to the County.

G. Any proposed development within the certified area which the County preliminarily approved (i.e., an "Approval in Concept") before effective certification of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program and for which a complete application has been filed with the Coastal Commission may, at the option of the applicant, remain with the Coastal Commission for completion of review. Projects for which a Coastal Development Permit will be obtained from the Coastal Commission will remain under the jurisdiction of the Commission as set forth in subsection E above. Alternatively, the applicant may withdraw the application filed with the Coastal Commission and resubmit it to the County through an application pursuant to the requirements of this certified LCP. The standard of review for such an application shall be the requirements of this certified LCP.

H. Upon effective certification of a local coastal program except as provided under subsections D and E of this section, no applications for development within the County's permit jurisdiction shall be accepted by the Coastal Commission for development within the certified area.

**22.44.920 Determination of status.** The following procedures shall establish whether a development is exempt, non-appealable, or appealable:

A. The Director or his or her designee shall make a determination as to what type of development is being proposed (i.e., exempt, appealable, non-appealable) and shall inform the applicant of the notice and hearing requirements for the particular development.

B. If the determination of the Director is challenged by the applicant or an interested person, or if the County wishes to have a Coastal Commission determination as to the appropriate designation, the Director shall notify the District Director of the South Central Coast District Office of the Coastal Commission by telephone or in writing of the dispute/question and shall request the Executive Director's determination as to whether the development is categorically excluded, non-appealable, or appealable.

C. The Executive Director of the Coastal Commission shall, within two (2) working days of the local government request (or upon completion of a site inspection where such inspection is warranted), transmit his or her determination as to whether the development is categorically excluded, non-appealable or appealable.

D. Where, after the Executive Director's investigation, the Executive Director's determination is not in accordance with the Director's determination, the Coastal Commission shall hold a hearing for purposes of determining the appropriate designation for the area. The Coastal Commission shall schedule the hearing on the determination for the next Coastal Commission meeting (in the appropriate geographic region of the State) following the Executive Director's determination.

**22.44.930 Resolving determination disputes.**

A. If the Director's determination made pursuant to Sections 22.44.810, 22.44.820, or 22.44.910 is challenged by the applicant or interested person, or if the local government wishes to have a Coastal Commission determination as to the appropriate determination, the Director shall notify the Coastal Commission by telephone of the dispute and shall request an opinion of the Coastal Commission's Executive Director.

B. Processing of such Coastal Development Permit shall be suspended pending a final determination by the Executive Director or Coastal Commission.

**22.44.940 Administrative Coastal Development Permit.**

A. Applicability. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all principal permitted uses and other permitted uses as set forth in this Part that:

1. Meet all development standards without the need for a discretionary permit such as a variance, minor or major Coastal Development Permit;
2. Do not fall within an Environmental Review Board review area; and
3. Do not disturb plants and/or animals found on the resource lists, as

updated:

a. *Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants*, by the California Native Plant Society.

b. *Special Animals and Special Vascular Plants, Bryophytes and Lichens*, by the California Department of Fish and Game.

B. Limitations. The Director may not issue an administrative Coastal Development Permit if the proposed development:

1. Lies within the Coastal Commission's continuing permit jurisdiction pursuant to the California Coastal Act, Sections 30519 and 30601;
2. Involves a structure or similar integrated physical construction that lies partly within and partly outside the Coastal Commission's appeal area;
3. Will have a significant adverse environmental impact, either individually or cumulatively, on sensitive coastal resources; or



4. Involves any division of land, including but not limited to subdivisions or minor land divisions pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act, or lot-line adjustments for two or more lot lines shared by three or more adjoining properties.

C. Application. An applicant shall submit the materials and information required in Section 22.44.840.

D. Application review. If the Director receives an application that does not qualify for an administrative Coastal Development Permit, the applicant will be notified within 10 days of filing the application that the application must comply with the processing procedures for either a minor or major Coastal Development Permit as set forth in Section 22.44.840. The Director, with the concurrence of the applicant, may accept the application for filing as a minor or major Coastal Development Permit and shall adjust the application fees accordingly.

E. Decision by the Director or hearing officer. Administrative Coastal Development Permits not appealable to the Coastal Commission shall be decided by the Director. Administrative Coastal Development Permits that are appealable to the Coastal Commission shall be set for public hearing before and decided by the hearing officer.

F. Notice. Notice shall be provided as follows:

1. Notice shall be posted at the site of the proposed development in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 22.44.970. The Director shall revoke the administrative Coastal Development Permit pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 22.44.1140 if it is determined that the administrative Coastal Development Permit was granted without proper notice having been given, and that proper notice would have had the potential of altering the decision of the Director to act differently in issuing the permit.

2. Notice shall be mailed to all owners of property located within 500 feet of the parcel(s) where development is proposed.

3. Notice of administrative Coastal Development Permits shall also be mailed by first class mail to any persons known to be interested in the proposed development and any persons who have informed the Director in writing that they wish to receive such notice.

4. The applicant shall provide any additional notice to the public that the Director deems necessary.

G. Action.

1. The Director may deny, approve, or conditionally approve an administrative Coastal Development Permit on the same grounds as contained in Sections 22.44.850 and 22.44.1000.

2. The hearing officer may deny, approve or conditionally approve an administrative Coastal Development Permit on the same grounds as contained in subsection G.1 above, for a minor or major Coastal Development Permit application, and may include reasonable terms and conditions necessary to bring the project into consistency with the certified Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program.

3. Administrative Coastal Development Permits issued shall be governed by the procedures used in approving minor and major Coastal Development Permits.

H. Appeals of administrative Coastal Development Permit applications.

1. Not appealable to the Coastal Commission. The decision of the Director on an administrative Coastal Development Permit application may be appealed to the hearing officer within 14 calendar days following the date on the notice of action. The hearing officer may approve, deny or modify the decision of the Director.

2. Appealable to the Coastal Commission.

a. The decision of the hearing officer on an administrative Coastal Development Permit may be appealed to the Regional Planning Commission within 14 calendar days following the date on the notice of action. Upon appeal, the Regional Planning Commission may approve, deny, or modify the decision of the hearing officer.

b. The decision of the Regional Planning Commission concerning an appeal of the hearing officer's decision, may be appealed to the Coastal Commission by any aggrieved person, or any two members of the Coastal Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Section 22.44.1050.

I. Report to the Regional Planning Commission.

1. Any administrative Coastal Development Permit issued by the Director or hearing officer shall be reported in writing to the Regional Planning Commission at their first regularly scheduled meeting after the permit is approved. The Director shall prepare a development permit to allow the Regional Planning Commission to understand the development to be undertaken. This report shall be available at the meeting and shall have been mailed to the Regional Planning Commission, to any person who requested to be on the mailing list for the project, and to all persons wishing to receive such notification, at the time of the regular mailing of notice for the Regional Planning Commission meeting.

2. If one-third or more of the full membership of the Regional Planning Commission so request, the issuance of an administrative Coastal Development Permit shall not become effective, but shall, if the applicant wished to pursue the application, be treated as a minor or major Coastal Development Permit application subject to all provisions of this Part.

J. Effective date. A decision on an administrative Coastal Development Permit shall not be deemed final and effective until all the following have occurred:

1. The Director or hearing officer has made a decision on the application;
2. The Regional Planning Commission review of the administrative Coastal Development Permit is complete and the Regional Planning Commission did not object to the decision, as provided for in subsection I.1 above;
3. All rights of appeal have been exhausted; and
4. Notice of final decision prepared in accordance with Section 22.44.1030 has been received by the Coastal Commission, and their 10-working-day appeal period has passed without the filing of an appeal.

K. Amendments.

1. Amendments to administrative Coastal Development Permits issued by the Director may be approved by the Director upon the same criteria and subject to the same reporting requirements as procedures, including public notice and appeals, as provided for in this Section.

2. Amendments to administrative Coastal Development Permits issued by the hearing officer may be approved by the hearing officer upon the same criteria and subject to the same reporting requirements as procedures, including public notice and appeals, as provided for in this Section.

3. If any amendment would, in the opinion of either the Director or the hearing officer as the case may be, change the nature of the approved project, or change or delete a previously-imposed condition of approval so that it no longer meets the criteria established for treating the application as an administrative Coastal Development Permit pursuant to this Section, then the application shall thereafter be treated in the manner prescribed in Section 22.44.1130 dealing with amendments to Coastal Development Permits.

4. The Director or hearing officer shall not approve amendments to administrative Coastal Development Permits issued by the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission.

**22.44.950 Coastal development permit – oak tree requirements.**

A. Purpose. A Coastal Development Permit-oak tree (CDP-OT), a specific type of administrative Coastal Development Permit, is required for oak tree removal or encroachment (a) to recognize oak trees as significant historical, aesthetic and ecological resources, and as one of the most picturesque trees in Los Angeles County, lending beauty and charm to the natural and manmade landscape, enhancing the value of property, and the character of the

communities in which they exist; and (b) to create favorable conditions for the preservation and propagation of this unique, threatened plant heritage, particularly those trees which may be classified as heritage oak trees, for the benefit of current and future residents of Los Angeles County. It is the intent of this Section to maintain and enhance the general health, safety and welfare by assisting in counteracting air pollution and in minimizing soil erosion and other related environmental damage. This CDP-OT is also intended to preserve and enhance property values by conserving and adding to the distinctive and unique aesthetic character of many areas of Los Angeles County in which oak trees are indigenous. The stated objective of this CDP-OT is to preserve and maintain healthy oak trees in the development process.

B. Damaging or removing oak trees prohibited—Permit requirements.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection C below, a person shall not cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage or encroach into a protected zone of any tree or shrub of the oak genus which is (a) 25 inches or more in circumference (eight inches in diameter) as measured four and one-half feet above mean natural grade; in the case of an oak with more than one trunk, whose combined circumference of any two trunks is at least 38 inches (12 inches in diameter) as measured four and one half feet above mean natural grade, on any lot or parcel of land within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, or (b) any tree that has been provided as a replacement tree, pursuant to subsection N below, on any lot or parcel of land within the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone, unless a CDP-OT is first obtained as provided by this section.

2. "Damage," as used in this Section, includes any act causing or tending to cause injury to the root system or other parts of a tree, including, but not limited to, burning, application of toxic substances, operation of equipment or machinery, or by paving, changing the natural grade, trenching or excavating within the protected zone of an oak tree.

3. "Protected zone," as used in this Section, shall mean that area within the dripline of an oak tree and extending therefrom to a point at least five feet outside the dripline, or 15 feet from the trunks of a tree, whichever distance is greater.

C. Exemptions. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:

1. Any permit, variance or tentative map for a subdivision, including a minor land division, approved prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section by the board of supervisors, regional planning commission or the planning director;

2. Cases of emergency caused by an oak tree being in a hazardous or dangerous condition, or being irretrievably damaged or destroyed through flood, fire, wind or lightning, as determined after visual inspection by a licensed forester with the County Fire Department, Forestry Division;

3. Emergency or routine maintenance by a public utility necessary to protect or maintain an electric power or communication line or other property of a public utility;

4. Tree maintenance, limited to medium pruning of branches not to exceed two inches in diameter in accordance with guidelines published by the National Arborists Association, (see Class II), intended to insure the continued health of a protected tree;

5. Trees planted, grown and/or held for sale by a licensed nursery;

6. Trees within existing road rights-of-way where pruning is necessary to obtain adequate line-of-sight distances and/or to keep street and sidewalk easements clear of obstructions, or to remove or relocate trees causing damage to roadway improvements or other public facilities and infrastructure within existing road rights-of-way, as required by the Director of Public Works.

D. Application—Filing—Repeated filings. Any person desiring a CDP-oak tree, as provided for in this Section, may file an application with the Director, except that no application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within one year prior thereto by the hearing officer or Director or the Commission on an application requesting the same or substantially the same permit.

E. Application—Information and documents required. An application for a CDP-oak tree shall include the following information and documents:

1. The name and address of the applicant and of all persons owning any or all of the property proposed to be used;

2. Evidence that the applicant:

a. Is the owner of the premises involved, or

b. Has written permission of the owner or owners to make such

application;

3. Location of subject property (address or vicinity);

4. Legal description of the property involved;

5. a. A site plan drawn to a scale satisfactory to, and in the number of copies prescribed by the director, indicating the location and dimension of all of the following existing and proposed features on the subject property:

i. Lot lines,

ii. Streets, highways, access and other major public or private

easements,

iii. Buildings and/or structures, delineating roof and other

projections,

iv. Yards,

v. Walls and fences,

vi. Parking and other paved areas,

vii. Proposed areas to be landscaped and/or irrigated,

viii. Proposed construction, excavation, grading and/or landfill.

Where a change in grade is proposed, the change in grade within the protected zone of each plotted tree shall be specified,

ix. The location of all oak trees subject to this Section proposed to be removed and/or relocated, or within 200 feet of proposed construction, grading, landfill or other activity. Each tree shall be assigned an identification number on the plan, and a corresponding permanent identifying tag shall be affixed to the north side of each tree in the manner prescribed by subsection N below. These identifications shall be utilized in the oak tree report and for physical identification on the property where required. The protected zone shall be shown for each plotted tree,

x. Location and size of all proposed replacement trees,

xi. Proposed and existing land uses,

xii. Location of all surface drainage systems,

xiii. Other development features which the director deems

necessary to process the application,

b. Where a concurrent application for a permit, variance, zone change, tentative map for a subdivision, including a minor land division or other approval, is filed providing the information required by this subsection E, the Director may waive such site plan where he deems it unnecessary to process the application;

6. a. An oak tree report, prepared by an individual with expertise acceptable to the Director and county forester and fire warden, and certified to be true and correct, which is acceptable to the Director and County forester and fire warden, of each tree shown on the site plan required by this subsection E, which shall contain the following information:

i. The name, address and telephone number during business hours of the preparer,

ii. Evaluation of the physical structure of each tree as follows:

(A) The circumference and diameter of the trunk,

measured four and one-half feet above natural grade,

(B) The diameter of the tree's canopy, plus five feet, establishing the protected zone,

(C) Aesthetic assessment of the tree, considering factors such as but not limited to symmetry, broken branches, unbalanced crown, excessive horizontal branching,

(D) Recommendations to remedy structural problems where required,

iii. Evaluation of the health of each tree as follows:  
(A) Evidence of disease, such as slime flux, heart rot, crown rot, armillaria root fungus, exfoliation, leaf scorch and exudations,

(B) Identification of insect pests, such as galls, twig girdler, borers, termites, pit scale and plant parasites,

(C) Evaluation of vigor, such as new tip growth, leaf color, abnormal bark, deadwood and thinning of crown,

(D) Health rating based on the archetype tree of the same species,

(E) Recommendations to improve tree health, such as insect or disease control, pruning and fertilization,

iv. Evaluation of the applicant's proposal as it impacts each tree shown on the site plan, including suggested mitigating and/ or future maintenance measures where required and the anticipated effectiveness thereof,

v. Identification of those trees shown on the site plan which may be classified as heritage oak trees. Heritage oak trees are either of the following: any oak tree measuring 36 inches or more in diameter, measured four and one-half feet above the natural grade; any oak tree having significant historical or cultural importance to the community, notwithstanding that the tree diameter is less than 36 inches,

vi. Identification of any oak tree officially identified by a County resource conservation district.

b. The requirement for an oak tree report may be waived by the Director where a single tree is proposed for removal in conjunction with the use of a single-family residence listed as a permitted use in the zone, and/or such information is deemed unnecessary for processing the applications;

7. The applicant shall provide an oak tree information manual prepared by and available from the Forester and Fire Warden to the purchasers and any homeowners' association.

F. Application—Burden of proof.

1. In addition to the information required in the application by subsection E above, the application shall substantiate to the satisfaction of the Director the following facts:

a. That the proposed construction of proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees subject to this Section, if any, on the subject property; and

b. That the encroachment, removal, or relocation of the oak tree(s) proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated; and

c. That in addition to the above facts, at least one of the following findings apply:

i. That the encroachment, removal, or relocation of the oak tree(s) proposed is necessary as continued existence at present location(s) frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that:

(A) Alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive, or

(B) Placement of such tree(s) precludes the reasonable and efficient use of such property for a use otherwise authorized, or

ii. That the oak tree(s) proposed for encroachment, removal, or relocation interferes with utility services or streets and highways, either within or outside of the subject property, and no reasonable alternative to such interference exists other than encroachment or removal of the tree(s), or

iii. That the condition of the oak tree(s) proposed for removal with reference to seriously debilitating disease or danger or falling is such that it cannot be remedied through reasonable preservation procedures and practices;

d. That the encroachment or removal of the oak tree(s) proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of this particular CDP-oak tree procedure;

2. For purposes of interpreting this section, it shall be specified that while relocation is not prohibited by this section, it is a voluntary alternative offering sufficient potential danger to the health of a tree as to require the same findings as removal.

G. Application—Filing fee. When an application for a CDP-OT is filed, it shall be accompanied by the appropriate administrative Coastal Development Permit filing fee as required in Section 22.44.870. Where the applicant has applied for an associated Coastal Development Permit for development concurrent with their application for a CDP-OT, no additional fee for the CDP-OT shall be required unless the provisions herein trigger a public hearing where a public hearing was not required without a CDP-OT.

H. Application—Denial for lack of information. The Director may deny without further action an application requesting a CDP-oak tree-oak tree if such application does not contain the information required by this section. The Director may permit the applicant to amend the application.

I. Application—Notice requirements. Notification pertaining to an application for CDP-OT shall be provided as follows:

1. Where an application for a permit, variance, zone change or tentative map for a subdivision, including a minor land division, is concurrently filed, notice that an CDP-OT will also be considered shall be included in required legal notices for such permit, variance, zone change or tentative subdivision map;

2. a. Where no concurrent application is filed as provided in subsection 1 of this section and except as otherwise expressly provided in subsection 3, the Director not less than 20 days before the date of public hearing shall cause notice of such filing to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles available in the community in which such CDP-OT is proposed.

b. Such notices shall include the statement: "Notice of Coastal Development Permit - Oak Tree Filing." Also included shall be information indicating the location of the subject property (address or vicinity), legal description of the property involved, the applicant's request, and the time and place of the proposed public hearing. The notice shall also provide the address and telephone number of the Department of Regional Planning, and state that the Department may be contacted for further information;

3. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, publishing shall not be required where removal or relocation of not more than one tree is proposed in conjunction with the use of a single-family residence listed as a permitted use in the zone.

J. Review of oak tree report by County Forester and Fire Warden.

1. On receipt of an application for a CDP-OT, the Director shall refer a copy of the applicant's oak tree report as required by subsection E to the County Forester and Fire Warden. The County Forester and Fire Warden shall review said report for the accuracy of statements contained therein, and shall make inspections on the project site. Such inspections shall determine the health of all such trees on the project site and such other factors as may be

necessary and proper to complete his review, a copy of which shall be submitted in writing to the Director and/or Commission within 15 days after receipt from the Director;

2. The County forester and fire warden may at his/her option also suggest conditions for use by the hearing officer or the Director or commission pursuant to subsection N below.

3. When the County Forester determines that replacement or relocation on the project site of oak trees proposed for removal is inappropriate, the Forester may recommend that the applicant pay into the Oak Forests Special Fund the amount equivalent to the oak resource value of the trees described in the oak tree report. The oak resource value shall be calculated by the applicant and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide to Establishing Values for Trees and Shrubs."

4. Funds collected shall be used for the following purposes:
- a. Establishing and planting new trees on public lands;
  - b. Maintaining existing oak trees on public lands;
  - c. Purchasing prime oak woodlands;
  - d. Purchasing sensitive oak trees of cultural or historic significance.

5. Not more than seven percent of the funds collected may be used to study and identify appropriate programs for accomplishing the preceding four purposes.

K. Application—Commission consideration when concurrently filed.

When an application for a permit, variance, zone change or tentative map for a subdivision, including a minor land division, is concurrently filed with an application for a CDP-OT as provided by this section, the hearing officer or the Commission shall consider and approve such application for a CDP-OT concurrently with such other approvals. The hearing officer or the Commission, in making their findings, shall consider each case individually as if separately filed.

L. Application—Public hearing required when. Where no concurrent consideration is conducted by the hearing officer or the Commission pursuant to subsection K above, a public hearing shall be held pursuant to the procedure provided in Section 22.44.970 subject to the notice requirements of subsection I.2 of this Section; provided, however, that no hearing shall be required for a filing in conjunction with the use of a single-family residence when publishing is not required by subsection I.3 of this Section.

M. Application—Grant or denial conditions. The hearing officer or the Director or Commission shall approve an application for a CDP-OT where the information submitted by the applicant and/or brought to their attention during public hearing, including the report of the County Forester and Fire Warden, substantiates that the burden of proof set forth in subsection F of this Section has been met. The hearing officer or the Director or Commission shall deny such application where the information submitted fails to substantiate such findings.

N. Additional conditions imposed when. The hearing officer or the Director or Commission, in approving an application for a CDP-OT, shall impose such conditions as are deemed necessary to insure that the permit will be in accord with the findings required by subsection F of this Section. These conditions may involve, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The replacement of oak trees proposed for removal or relocation with trees of a suitable type, size, number, location and date of planting. In determining whether replacement should be required, the hearing officer or the Director or Commission shall consider but is not limited to the following factors:

- a. The vegetative character of the surrounding area,
- b. The number of oak trees subject to this Section which are proposed to be removed in relation to the number of such trees currently existing on the subject property,

c. The anticipated effectiveness of the replacement of oak trees, as determined by the oak tree report submitted by the applicant and evaluated by the County Forester and Fire Warden,

d. The development plans submitted by the applicant for the proposed construction or the proposed use of the subject property,

e. The relocation of trees approved for removal shall not be deemed a mitigating factor in determining the need for replacement trees,

f. i. Required replacement trees shall consist exclusively of indigenous oak trees of the same type removed (e.g., *Quercus agrifolia* or *Quercus lobata*), and shall be in the ratio of at least two to one. Each replacement tree shall be at least a one-gallon size specimen and measure at least one inch in diameter one foot above the base. An acorn sourced from the Santa Monica Mountains shall be planted in the watering zone of all replacement trees. Planting of acorns shall be verified by the County Forester. The hearing officer, Director or Commission may, in lieu of this requirement, require the substitution of one larger container specimen for each oak tree to be replaced, where, in its opinion, the substitution is feasible and conditions warrant such greater substitution,

ii. Replacement trees shall be properly cared for and maintained for a period of seven years and replaced by the applicant or permittee if mortality occurs within that period,

iii. Where feasible replacement trees shall consist exclusively of indigenous oak trees and certified as being grown from a seed source collected in Los Angeles or Ventura Counties,

iv. Replacement trees shall be planted and maintained on the subject property and, if feasible, in the same general area where the trees were removed. The process of replacement of oak trees shall be supervised in the field by a person who, in the opinion of the County Forester and Fire Warden, has expertise in the planting, care and maintenance of oak trees;

2. A plan for protecting oak trees on the subject property during and after development, such as, but not limited to, the following requirements:

a. The installation of chain link fencing not less than four feet in height around the protected zone of trees shown on the site plan. Said fencing shall be in place and inspected by the Forester and Fire Warden prior to commencement of any activity on the subject property. Said fencing shall remain in place throughout the entire period of development and shall not be removed without written authorization from the Director or the Forester and Fire Warden,

b. Where grading or any other similar activity is specifically approved within the protected zone, the applicant shall provide an individual with special expertise acceptable to the director to supervise all excavation or grading proposed within the protected zones and to further supervise, monitor and certify to the County Forester and Fire Warden the implementation of all conditions imposed in connection with the applicant's CDP-OT,

c. That any excavation or grading allowed within the protected zone or within 15 feet of the trunk of a tree, whichever distance is greater, be limited to hand tools or small hand-power equipment,

d. That trees on other portions of the subject property not included within the site plan also be protected with chain link fencing thus restricting storage, machinery storage or access during construction,

e. That the trees on the site plan be physically identified by number on a tag affixed to the north side of the tree in a manner preserving the health and viability of the tree. The tag shall be composed of a noncorrosive all-weather material and shall be permanently affixed to the tree. The tree shall be similarly designated on the site plan in a manner acceptable to the Director,



f. That corrective measures for trees noted on the oak tree report as requiring remedial action be taken, including pest control, pruning, fertilizing and similar actions,

g. That, to the extent feasible as determined by the Director, utility trenching shall avoid encroaching into the protected zone on its path to and from any structure,

h. At the start of grading operations and throughout the entire period of development, no person shall perform any work for which an CDP-OT is required unless a copy of the oak tree report, location map, fencing plans, and approved CDP-OT and conditions are in the possession of a responsible person and also available at the site.

O. Notice of action—Method of service.

1. The Director shall serve notice of action upon:

a. The applicant, as required by law for the service of summons or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; and

b. All protestants testifying at the public hearing who have provided a mailing address, by first class mail, postage prepaid.

2. Where the hearing officer or the Commission has concurrently considered a permit, variance, zone change or tentative map for a subdivision, including a minor land division, notice shall be included in the notice of action required for such concurrent actions.

P. Appeal—From Director's decision—Procedures. Any person dissatisfied with the action of the Director may file an appeal of such action with the secretary of the Commission within the time period set forth in, and subject to all of the other provisions of, Section 22.44.1040.

Q. Appeal—Hearing procedures. In all cases where the Commission sets the matter for public hearing, it shall be held pursuant to the procedure provided for public hearings in Section 22.44.970.

R. Effective dates of decisions. The decision of:

1. The Director shall become final and effective as set forth in Section 22.44.1040 unless an appeal is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of said Section 22.44.1040.

2. The Commission shall be final and effective on the date of decision. Appeal of a CDP-OT to the Board of Supervisors is only allowed where a CDP-OT is concurrently considered with a permit, variance, zone change or tentative map for a subdivision, including a minor land division, and such CDP-OT shall be appealable only as a part of an appeal on the concurrent entitlement. Said appeal must be made within the applicable time period and shall be subject to the applicable procedures established for appealing the concurrent entitlement.

S. Expiration date for unused permits. An approved CDP-OT which is not used within the time specified in the approval or, if no time is specified, within one year after the granting of such approval, becomes null and void and of no effect; except that, where an application requesting an extension is filed prior to such expiration date, the Director may extend such time once for a period of not to exceed one year.

T. Enforcement. For the purposes of this section, each individual tree cut, destroyed, removed, relocated or damaged in violation of these provisions shall be deemed a separate offense.

**22.44.960 Emergency projects.** In the event of an emergency within the County's jurisdiction, where an emergency is defined as a sudden, unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services, an application for an emergency Coastal Development Permit ("emergency permit") may be made to the Director. The Director may issue an emergency permit in accordance with Coastal Act Section 30624 and the following:

A. Applications in cases of emergencies shall be made to the Director by letter, facsimile, or e-mail during business hours if time allows, by telephone or in person if time does not allow, within four days (96 hours) of learning of the emergency.

B. The information to be included in the application shall include the following:

1. The nature of the emergency;
2. The cause of the emergency, insofar as this can be established;
3. The location of the emergency;
4. The remedial, protective or preventative work required to deal with the emergency; and
5. The circumstances during the emergency that appeared to justify the course(s) of action taken, including the probable consequences of failing to take action.

C. The Director shall verify the facts, including the existence and nature of the emergency, insofar as time allows. The Director shall document in writing the steps taken to verify the emergency and the conclusions based thereon.

D. Prior to issuance of an emergency permit when feasible, the Director shall notify, and coordinate with, the South Central Coast District office of the California Coastal Commission as to the nature of the emergency and the scope of the work to be performed. This notification shall be in person or by telephone.

E. The Director shall provide public notice of the proposed emergency, with the extent and type of notice determined on the basis of the nature of the emergency itself. The Director may grant an emergency permit upon reasonable terms and conditions, including and expiration date and the necessity for a regular permit application later, if the Director finds that:

1. An emergency exists and requires action more quickly than permitted by the procedures for Coastal Development Permits administered pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter and Public Resources Code Section 30600.5 and the development can and will be completed within 30 days unless otherwise specified by the terms of the permit;
2. Public comment on the proposed emergency action has been reviewed if time allows; and
3. The work proposed would be temporary and consistent with the requirements of the County's certified LCP.
4. The work proposed is the minimum action necessary to address the emergency and, to the maximum extent feasible, is the least environmentally damaging temporary alternative for addressing the emergency.
5. The Director shall not issue an emergency permit for any work that falls within the provisions of Public Resources Code Section 30519(b) since a Coastal Development Permit application must be reviewed by the California Coastal Commission pursuant to provisions of Public Resources Code Section 30600.5.

F. The emergency permit shall be a written document that includes the following information:

1. The date of issuance;
2. The expiration date;
3. The scope of work to be performed;
4. Terms and conditions of the permit;
5. A provision stating that within 90 days of issuance of the emergency permit, a regular Coastal Development Permit application shall be submitted and properly filed consistent with the requirements of this Chapter.
6. A provision stating that any development or structures constructed pursuant to an emergency permit shall be considered temporary until authorized by a follow-up regular Coastal Development Permit and that issuance of an emergency permit shall not constitute an entitlement to the erection of permanent development or structures;

7. A provision that states that: The development authorized in the emergency permit must be removed unless a complete application for a regular Coastal Development Permit is filed within 90 days of approval of the emergency permit and said regular permit is approved. If a regular Coastal Development Permit authorizing permanent retention of the development is denied, then the development that was authorized in the emergency permit, or the denied portion of the development, must be removed. The Director may extend the length of time that the development authorized by the emergency permit is allowed to remain in place, if such an extension is requested and substantiated by the applicant.

G. The emergency permit may contain conditions for removal of development or structures if they are not authorized in a regular Coastal Development Permit, or the emergency permit may require that a subsequent permit must be obtained to authorize the removal.

H. The Director shall report in writing to the Regional Planning Commission and to the California Coastal Commission at each meeting the emergency permits applied for or issued since the last report, with a description of the nature of the emergency and the work involved. Copies of this report shall be available at the meeting and shall have been mailed at the time that application summaries and staff recommendations are normally distributed to all persons who have requested such notification in writing.

I. All emergency permits issued after completion of the agenda for the meeting shall be briefly described by the Director at the meetings and the written report required by subsection 8 above shall be distributed prior to the next succeeding meeting.

J. The report of the Director shall be informational only; the decision to issue the emergency permit is solely at the discretion of the Director.

#### **22.44.970 Public hearing procedures.**

A. Initiation of hearings. Hearings on permits, variances, or nonconforming use or structure review may be initiated:

1. If the Board of Supervisors instructs the Director, hearing officer, or Commission to set the matter for a public hearing in the case of a Coastal Development Permit, variance, or nonconforming use or structure review; or

2. Upon the initiative of the Commission in the case of a Coastal Development Permit, variance, or nonconforming use or structure review; or

3. Upon the filing of an application.

B. Scheduling. Upon the filing of an application accompanied by the required fee and/or deposit, or other initiation pursuant to this section, the Director shall fix a time and place for a public hearing as required by this Part.

C. Required procedures described. Unless otherwise specified by this Part, no less than 30 days prior to the date of any hearing, the Director shall:

1. Cause a copy of a notice of the time and place of such hearing to be published as follows:

a. Hearings on general amendments to this Part shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles.

b. Hearings on permits, variances, nonconforming uses or structure review, development agreements or zone changes shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles available in the community in which the permit, variance or agreement is proposed to be established. Such publications, if made in a daily newspaper, shall be for a period of not less than five consecutive publications of such newspaper, and if made in a weekly newspaper, shall be for a period of not less than two consecutive publications of such paper, the first publication in either case appearing not less than 20 days before the date of the hearing;

2. Cause a notice to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid to:

a. The applicant and all persons listed in the application or petition as owners of the property under consideration, and

b. All persons whose names and addresses appear on the verified lists of property owners required to be submitted by the applicant, and

c. Such other persons whose property might in his judgment be affected by such application or permit, and

d. Any person who has filed a written request therefore with the Director. Such a request may be submitted at any time during the calendar year. The Director may establish a reasonable fee for persons on such list;

3. Cause a notice of the time and place of such hearing to be sent to such public officers, departments, bureaus or agencies who, in the opinion of the Director, might be interested, requesting a report thereon;

4. If for a revocation, also serve upon every person, if any, in real or apparent charge and control of the premises involved, the record owner, the holder of any mortgage, trust deed or other lien or encumbrance of record, the holder of any lease of record, the record holder of any other estate or interest in or to the premises or any part thereof, written notice of the time and place of such hearing, either in the manner required by law for the service of summons, or by registered mail, postage prepaid;

5. The Director may, as an alternative to the mailed notice required by subsections 2.a and 2.b of this section, provide an advertised notice in the time and manner specified in the Government Code when authorized by the Government Code.

D. Posting. Not less than 30 days prior to a public hearing scheduled pursuant to this Part, the affected applicant shall post sign(s) according to the following specifications:

1. Size. Dimension of sign(s) shall be two feet in width and three feet in length;

2. Height. Sign(s) shall be placed not less than four feet above ground level;

3. Materials. Sign(s) shall be cardboard with a plywood backing. Except for sign(s) located within structures, sign(s) shall be affixed to (a) wooden stake(s);

4. Location. One sign shall be located on each public road frontage adjoining the proposed project, legible and accessible by foot from said public road(s). If the subject property is not visible from an existing public road, the signposting requirement may be waived by the Director;

5. Colors. Black letters on white background;

6. Content and Lettering. Major block-style letters three inches in height shall state: "NOTICE OF HEARING." Minor letters one and one-half inches in height shall specify the case number and the phone number to be called for information. A notice of hearing the same as that specified by subsection C.1.b above indicating the time, date, and location of the public hearing, the case number, a telephone number which may be called for information about the proposal, a description of the proposal, and a map showing the boundaries of the subject property in relation to the adjoining public roads, shall be securely affixed to the sign;

7. Additional Requirements. Notwithstanding the specifications provided in subsections 1, 2, 3, and 6, above, the Director may at his discretion require any sign(s) to be larger and/or constructed of stronger materials to improve visibility and legibility at the posted location(s);

8. Verification. At the time of the public hearing the applicant shall provide the director with a photograph showing the sign(s) erected on the subject property. The applicant shall also sign an affidavit stating that the sign(s) have been placed on the subject property in conformity with the provisions of this section;

9. Removal of Sign(s). The sign(s) shall be removed from the subject property within one week following the public hearing; and

10. Applicability. These provisions shall not apply to public hearings on matters initiated by the Board of Supervisors or the Regional Planning Commission; however, the Director may, in his discretion, cause signs for such public hearings to be posted at locations he deems appropriate.

E. Conduct of hearings. When a verified application is filed for a permit or variance and a hearing is required by this Part, the hearing officer shall hold such hearing unless the Commission conducts a hearing. Public hearings shall be required for Coastal Development Permits appealable to the Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 22.44.1050, as specified below, subject to the requirements of this section, unless otherwise provided in this Part:

1. For an administrative Coastal Development Permit that is appealable to the Coastal Commission or a minor Coastal Development Permit, a public hearing before the hearing officer.

2. For a major Coastal Development Permit, a public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission.

F. Continuance of hearings authorized when. If for any reason the testimony on any case set for public hearing cannot be completed on the appointed day, the chairman of such hearing may, before adjournment or recess, publicly announce the time and place at which said hearing will be continued, and no further notice thereof shall be required. If the public hearing is continued to a date uncertain, new notice of the continued public hearing shall be provided in accordance with Section 22.44.990.

G. Notification of action taken. At the close of the public hearing, the hearing officer or Commission, as the case may be, shall publicly announce the appeal period for filing an appeal of its action. In addition, the hearing officer, Commission, or Board of Supervisors, as the case may be, shall serve notice of its action upon:

1. The applicant for a permit, variance, nonconforming use or structure review, development agreement or zone change, or the person owning and/or operating a use for which the revocation of a permit, variance or nonconforming use, or structure is under consideration as required by law for the service of summons or by first-class mail, and by electronic mail where applicable.

2. The following persons by first-class mail or electronic mail where applicable:

- a. All protestants testifying or speaking at the public hearing;
- b. All persons testifying or speaking in favor of the proposal at a public hearing; and
- c. Any other persons testifying or speaking at a public hearing.

**22.44.980 Director's action on non-appealable permits.** A Coastal Development Permit which is not subject to appeal to the Coastal Commission shall be acted on by the Director who shall cause notices to be sent in accordance with Section 22.44.990. The Director's decision to approve or deny a permit shall be based on the findings contained in Section 22.44.1000. After the Director's decisions, notices shall be sent pursuant to Section 22.44.1020.

**22.44.990 Notice requirements.**

A. The Director shall provide notice by first class mail for a Coastal Development Permit at least 20 calendar days prior to the public hearing or decision on the application to:

1. The applicant, property owners and residents whose names and addresses appear on the verified list of persons required to be submitted by Section 22.44.840 and other pertinent sections;

2. The California Coastal Commission; and

3. Any person who has requested to be noticed of such permit.

B. The notice for a Coastal Development Permit shall contain the following information:

1. A statement that the development is within the Coastal Zone;
2. The date of filing and name of the applicant;
3. The number assigned to the application;
4. The location and description of the development; and
5. In addition, a notice for a Coastal Development Permit which requires a public hearing shall also contain the following:

a. The date, time and place of the public hearing,  
b. A statement that written comments may be submitted to the Director prior to the hearing and that oral comments may be made or written material may be submitted at the public hearing, and

c. A brief description of the procedures concerning the conduct of the hearing, the action likely to occur and that the notice will be given after the action, and

d. A description of the procedure for filing an appeal with the County and California Coastal Commission.

6. In addition, a notice for a Coastal Development Permit which does not require a public hearing shall contain the following:

a. The date the Director will make a decision on the application,

b. A statement that written or oral comments may be submitted to the Director during the 20 day period between the time that the notice is mailed and the date of the Director's decision; this period would allow sufficient time for the submission of comments by mail prior to the Director's decision, and

c. A description of the procedure for filing an appeal with the County.

#### **22.44.1000 Approval or denial findings.**

A. An application for a Coastal Development Permit shall be approved where the information submitted by the applicant, discovered during the staff investigation process and/or presented at a public hearing substantiates to the satisfaction of the County the following findings:

1. That the proposed development is in conformity with the certified local coastal program; and, where applicable,

2. That any development, located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the Coastal Zone, is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of Division 20 or the Public Resources Code.

B. An application shall be denied where the information submitted by the applicant and/or presented at a public hearing fails to substantiate the above-mentioned findings to the satisfaction of the County.

#### **22.44.1010 Conditions of approval.**

A. The County, in approving an application for a Coastal Development Permit, may impose such conditions as are deemed necessary to insure that the development will be in conformity with the certified local coastal program and be in accord with the findings required by Sections 22.44.850 and 22.44.1000. The land owner and applicant shall record with the office of the Los Angeles County Recorder an affidavit accepting and agreeing to implement all conditions of permit approval.

B. All Coastal Development Permits subject to conditions of approval pertaining to public access and open space or conservation easements shall be subject to either of the following procedures:

1. The executive director of the Coastal Commission shall review and approve all legal documents specified in the conditions of approval of a Coastal Development Permit for public access and conservation/open space easements.

a. Upon completion of permit review by the County and prior to the issuance of the permit, the County shall forward a copy of the permit conditions and findings of approval and copies of the legal documents to the executive director of the Coastal Commission for review and approval of the legal adequacy and consistency with the requirements of potential accepting agencies;

b. The executive director of the Coastal Commission shall have fifteen (15) working days from receipt of the documents in which to complete the review and notify the applicant of recommended revisions if any;

c. The County may issue the permit upon expiration of the fifteen (15) working day period if notification of inadequacy has not been received by the County within that time period;

d. If the executive director has recommended revisions to the applicant, the permit shall not be issued until the deficiencies have been resolved to the satisfaction of the executive director; or

2. If the County requests, the Coastal Commission shall delegate the authority to process the recordation of the necessary legal documents to the County if the requirements of 14 Cal. Code of Regulations, section 13574(b) are met. If this authority is delegated, upon completion of the recordation of the documents, the County shall forward a copy of the permit conditions and findings of approval and copies of the legal documents pertaining to the public access and open space conditions to the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission.

C. Monitoring and inspection fees. For development with conditions which require monitoring or periodic inspection, any fees imposed to cover the cost of monitoring those conditions or performing inspections must be paid to the Department of Regional Planning prior to any development or the issuance of any building, demolition, grading, or similar permits.

#### **22.44.1020 Notice of action and County appeal rights.**

A. The Director shall notify by first class mail the applicant, any person who specifically required notice of such action of the decision made on an application for a Coastal Development Permit and any person who participated at the public hearing.

B. The notice shall contain the following information:

1. That a Coastal Development Permit decided by the Director with no public hearing may be appealed by filing an appeal with the secretary of the Regional Planning Commission. The decision of the Regional Planning Commission shall be based on the findings of Section 22.44.1000 and shall be final.

2. That a Coastal Development Permit decided by the hearing officer or Regional Planning Commission after a public hearing may be appealed or called for review by following the procedure contained in Section 22.44.1040.

C. An appeal may be filed by any interested person dissatisfied with a decision on a Coastal Development Permit within:

1. Fourteen calendar days following the date on the notice of action for a Coastal Development Permit that is not appealable to the Coastal Commission;

2. Ten business days from the date of receipt by the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission of the notice of the County's final action for a Coastal Development Permit that is appealable to the Coastal Commission.

**22.44.1030 Notice of final decision.** Within seven calendar days of a final decision on a Coastal Development Permit, the Director shall provide notice of such decision by first

class mail to the applicant, the Coastal Commission and to any persons who specifically requested notice of such decision by submitted an self-addressed stamped envelope to the Planning Department. A decision shall be considered final when all local appeals have been exhausted and the effective dates contained in Section 22.44.1040 and Section 22.44.1090 have been reached. Such notice shall include written findings, conditions of approval and the procedures for appeal of the decision, if applicable pursuant to Section 22.44.1050, to the Coastal Commission.

#### **22.44.1040 Appeal Procedures**

##### **A. Purpose and authorization.**

1. Appeals. To avoid results inconsistent with the purposes of this Part, unless otherwise specified or limited by specific provisions of this Part, decisions of the Director or hearing officer may be appealed to the Commission; and decisions of the Commission may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

2. Calls for Review. As an additional safeguard to avoid results inconsistent with the purposes of this Part, decisions of the hearing officer may be called up for review by the Commission; and decisions of the Commission may be called up for review by the Board of Supervisors, unless otherwise specifically stated regarding a specific permit or review.

B. Rights of appeal. Unless otherwise specified or limited by specific provisions of this Part, any interested person dissatisfied with the action of the Director, hearing officer, or the Commission may file an appeal from such action.

C. Time limits for appeals and calls for review. Appeals of decisions and calls for review shall be initiated prior to the effective date of the decision. However if the deadline for initiation of an appeal or call for review falls on a non-business day for the relevant appellate body, then the deadline for an appeal or call for review is extended to the next business day and the effective date of the decision shall be the following day.

##### **D. Initiation of appeals and calls for review.**

###### **1. Appeals.**

a. Filing. An appeal shall be filed with the secretary or clerk of the designated appellate body on the prescribed form, along with any accompanying appeal fee, and shall state specifically wherein a determination or interpretation is not in accord with the purposes of this Part; wherein it is claimed that there was an error or abuse of discretion; wherein the record includes inaccurate information; or wherein a decision is not supported by the record.

b. Information Required. An appeal shall contain the following information:

i. The administrative file number (case number) identifying the matter which is being appealed; and

ii. The street address of the premises included in the action being appealed or if no street address, the legal description of the premises; and

iii. Whether the appeal is:  
(A). An appeal of the denial of such application; or  
(B). An appeal of the approval of such application; or  
(C). An appeal of a condition or conditions of an approval (specifying the particular condition or conditions); and

iv. Any other information that is requested on the appellate body's appeal form.

c. Appeal Vacates Decision. The filing of an appeal vacates the decision from which the appeal is taken. Such decision is only reinstated if the appellate body fails to act, or affirms the decision in its action.

d. Fee for Appeals.



i. Processing Fee for Appeals to the Board.

(A) Applicant Appeal of Decision. Upon filing an appeal with the Board of Supervisors, the appellant shall concurrently submit a processing fee in the amount of \$7,143.00 to cover the cost incurred by the Department of Regional Planning for the appeal. Only one appeal fee shall be charged for the appeal of any related concurrently acted upon entitlements under this Part, which concerns, in whole or in part, the same project. When an appeal of a decision made under this Part is filed with an appeal of any tentative map, parcel map, or request for waiver concurrently acted upon under the subdivisions, land divisions, and related provisions found in Sections 22.44.640 through 22.44.680 which concerns, in whole or in part, the same project, only the appeal fee set forth in Section 21.56.020 must be paid for all such appeals.

(B) Applicant Appeal of Condition(s). If the appellant files an appeal of no more than a total of two conditions of the approved discretionary permit or tentative map, parcel map, or request for waiver or other entitlement concurrently acted upon under the subdivisions, land divisions, and related provisions found in Sections 22.44.640 through 22.44.680 which concerns, in whole or in part, the same approved map, in any combination, the appellant shall pay a processing fee in an amount determined by the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to be ample to cover the cost of a hearing to be held by the Board. The appellant shall also pay a processing fee in the amount of \$833.00 to be applied to the Department of Regional Planning to cover the costs of the appeal.

(C) Non-applicant Appeal. If the appellant is not the applicant or subdivider, or any representative thereof, of an approved discretionary permit, map, or waiver or associated entitlement, the appellant shall pay a processing fee in an amount determined by the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to be ample to cover the cost of a hearing to be held by the Board. The appellant shall also pay a processing fee in the amount of \$833.00 to be applied to the Department of Regional Planning to cover the costs of the appeal.

ii. Processing Fee for Appeals to the Commission.

(A) Applicant Appeal of Decision. Upon filing an appeal with the Commission, the appellant shall pay a processing fee in the amount of \$5,859.00 to be applied in its entirety to the Department of Regional Planning; provided, however, that when an appeal is filed from a Director's Review of a large family child care home, the amount of the processing fee shall be \$358.00.

(B) Applicants Appeal of Condition(s). If the appellant files an appeal of no more than a total of two conditions on the approved discretionary permit, tentative map, parcel map, or request for waiver or other entitlement concurrently acted upon under the subdivisions, land divisions, and related provisions found in Sections 22.44.640 through 22.44.680 which concerns, in whole or in part, the same approved map, in any combination, the appellant shall pay a processing fee in the amount of \$727.00, to be applied in its entirety to the Department of Regional Planning.

(C) Non-applicant Appeal. If the appellant is not the applicant or subdivider, or any representative thereof, of an approved discretionary permit, map or waiver or associated entitlement, the appellant shall pay a processing fee in the amount of \$727.00, to be applied in its entirety to the Department of Regional Planning.

iii. The fees included in this subsection shall be reviewed annually by the County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller. Beginning on January 1, 2015, and thereafter on each succeeding January 1, the amount of each fee in this section shall be adjusted as follows: Calculate the percentage movement in the Consumer Price Index for Los Angeles during the preceding January through December period, adjust each fee by said percentage amount and round off to the nearest dollar. However, no adjustment shall decrease any fee and no fee shall exceed the reasonable cost of providing services.

e. Exception to Fees. When the appellant is not the applicant, the preceding prescribed fees for appeals shall be reduced by 50 percent, except that this reduction shall not apply to the processing fee for an appeal from a Director's review of a large family child care home, as prescribed in subsection d.ii of this section.

2. Calls for Review.

a. A call for review may be initiated by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present of the designated review body. A call for review by a designated review body shall be made prior to the effective date of the decision being reviewed. No fee shall be required.

b. When the Commission makes a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on a general plan or specific plan amendment, zone change, development agreement or other legislative action, any concurrent decision by the Commission on a permit, variance, nonconforming use or structure review or other non-legislative land use application concerning, in whole or in part, the same lot or parcel of land shall be deemed to be timely called up for review by the Board of Supervisors.

\* Editor's note – Fee changes in this section include changes made by the Director of Planning due to increases in the Consumer Price Index and are effective March 1, 2013.

E. Procedures for appeals and calls for review.

1. Hearing Dates. The appellate body may delegate the setting of hearing dates to its secretary or clerk.

2. Notice and Public Hearing. An appeal or review hearing shall be a public hearing if the decision being appealed or reviewed required a public hearing. The appellate body shall consider the matter directly at its public hearing. Notice of public hearings shall be given in the manner required for the decision being appealed or reviewed.

3. Plans and Materials.

a. At an appeal or review hearing, the Appeal Body shall consider only the same application, plans and materials that were the subject of the original decision. Compliance with this provision shall be verified prior to or during the hearing by a representative of the person or body that made the original decision. As part of the decision, the Appeal Body may impose additional conditions on a project in granting approval to a modified project.

b. If new plans and materials which differ substantially from the original are submitted, the applicant shall file a new application. Changes to the original submittal made to meet objections by the staff, the decision-maker or the opposition below need not be the subject of a new application.

4. Hearing. At the hearing, the appellate body shall review the record of the decision and hear testimony of the appellant, the applicant, the party or body whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, and any other interested party.

5. Decision and Notice. After the hearing, the appellate body shall affirm, modify, or reverse the original decision or refer the matter back for further review. When a decision is modified or reversed, the appellate body shall state the specific reasons for modification or reversal. Decisions on appeals or reviews shall be rendered within 30 days of the close of the hearing. The secretary or clerk of the appellate body shall mail notice of the decision within five working days after the date of the decision to the applicant, the appellant and any other persons required to be notified pursuant to Section 22.44.970.

6. Failure to Act. If the appellate body fails to act upon an appeal within the time limits prescribed in subsection 5 of this section, the decision from which the appeal was taken shall be deemed affirmed.

F. Additional procedures for appeals to the Board of Supervisors. Notwithstanding the foregoing procedures, upon receiving an appeal or initiating a call for review, the board of supervisors may take one of the following additional actions:

1. Affirm the action of the Commission; or

2. Refer the matter back to the Commission for further proceedings with or without instructions; or

3. Require a transcript of the testimony and any other evidence relevant to the decision and take such action as in its opinion is indicated by the evidence. In such case, the Board of Supervisors' decision need not be limited to the points appealed, and may cover all phases of the matter, including the addition or deletion of any conditions.

G. Effective dates. Unless otherwise specified in this Part, the following effective dates shall apply to all land use permits and variances issued pursuant to this Part.

1. Except as set forth in subsection 2, below, the decision of the Director, hearing officer, or the Commission shall be effective on the fifteenth calendar day following the date of the decision, except and unless the decision is timely appealed or called up for review, where available. To be timely, an appeal or call for review must be initiated on or before the fourteenth calendar day following the date of the decision unless said fourteenth day falls on a non-business day of the applicable appellate body, in which case, the appeal deadline shall be extended to the next business day and the effective date of the decision shall be the following day.

2. In all cases in which a project receives permit approval pursuant to this Part concurrently with tentative map approval for a subdivision, the decision shall become effective on the first calendar day after expiration of the time limit established by Section 66452.5 of the Government Code. If the last day of the appeal period provided for in section 66452.5 falls on a non-business day of the applicable appellate body, then the last day of such appeal period is extended to the next business day.

3. Where an appeal to or call for review by the Board of Supervisors is filed relating to any land use permit or variance, the date of decision by the Board of Supervisors of such appeal or review shall be deemed the date of grant in determining an expiration date.

#### **22.44.1050 Appeals to the California Coastal Commission.**

A. A Coastal Development Permit may be appealed to the California Coastal Commission for only the following types of development:

1. Approvals of developments which are located between the sea and the first public road paralleling the sea or within 300 feet of the inland extent of any beach or of the mean high tide line of the sea where there is no beach, whichever is the greater distance. The appeal jurisdiction described in Section 30603 of the Public Resources Code is shown on the "Post-LCP Certification Permit and Appeals Jurisdiction Map";

2. Approvals of developments not included within subsection A.1 of this section that are located on tidelands, submerged lands, public trust lands, within 100 feet of any wetland, estuary, stream or within 300 feet of the top of the seaward face of any coastal bluff. The appeal jurisdiction described in Section 30603 of the Public Resources Code is shown on the "Post-LCP Certification Permit and Appeals Jurisdiction Map";

3. Approvals of developments that are not designated as principal permitted uses in this Part; and

4. Any development which constitutes a major public works project or a major energy facility.

B. The grounds for an appeal of a development described in subsections A.1-A.4 above shall be limited to an allegation that the development does not conform to the standards set forth in this certified local coastal program or the public access policies set forth in Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

C. The grounds for an appeal of a denial of a permit pursuant to subsection A.4 above shall be limited to an allegation that the development conforms to the standards set forth in this certified local coastal program.

D. An appeal of the County's decision on a Coastal Development Permit application may be filed by an applicant or any aggrieved person who exhausted local appeals, or any two members of the Coastal Commission. The appeal must contain the following information:

1. The name and address of the permit applicant and appellant;
  2. The date of the local government action;
  3. A description of the development;
  4. The name of the governing body having jurisdiction over the project area;
  5. The names and addresses of all persons who submitted written comments or who spoke and left his or her name at any public hearing on the project, where such information is available;
  6. The names and address of all other persons known by the appellant to have an interest in the matter on appeal;
  7. The specific grounds for appeal;
  8. A statement of facts on which the appeal is based;
  9. A summary of the significant questions raised by the appeal.
- The filing of the notice of appeal shall also contain information which the local government has specifically requested or required.

E. The appeal must be received in the Coastal Commission district office with jurisdiction over the local government on or before the tenth working day after receipt of the notice of the permit decision by the Executive Director.

F. The appellant shall notify the applicant, any persons known to be interested in the application and the local government of the filing of the appeal. Notification shall be by delivering a copy of the completed notice of appeal to the domicile, office or mailing address of said parties. In any event, such notification shall be by such means as may reasonably advise said parties of the pendency of the appeal. Unwarranted failure to perform such notification may be grounds for dismissal of the appeal by the Commission.

**22.44.1060 Effect of appeal to the Coastal Commission.** Upon receipt in the Coastal Commission office of a timely appeal by a qualified appellant, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission shall notify the permit applicant and the County that the operation and effect of the development permit has been stayed pending Coastal Commission action on the appeal. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal the County shall refrain from issuing a development permit for the proposed development and shall within five working days, deliver to the Executive Director all relevant documents and materials used by the County in its consideration of the Coastal Development Permit application. If the Coastal Commission fails to receive the documents and materials, they shall set the matter for hearing and the hearing shall be left open until all relevant materials are received.

**22.44.1070 De novo review by the Coastal Commission.** Where the appellant has exhausted County appeals a de novo review of the project by the Coastal Commission shall occur only after the County decision has become final.

**22.44.1080 Appeal by two Coastal Commissioners.**

A. Where a Coastal Development Permit is appealed by two Coastal Commissioners, such appeal shall be transmitted to the appropriate County appellate body, either the Regional Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors, who shall follow the procedures of this Part. If the appellate body modifies or reverses the previous decision, the Coastal Commissioners shall file a new appeal from the decision if they are still dissatisfied. During the period of County appellate body review, the Coastal Commissioners' appeal will be suspended from the Coastal Commission appeal process pursuant to Section 13573 of the California Coastal Commission administrative regulations.

B. Where review by all County appellate bodies has left the originally appealed action unchanged, the Coastal Commissioners' appeal will be no longer suspended and the appeal may then be brought before the Coastal Commission.

**22.44.1090 Effective date of permit.**

A. A Coastal Development Permit which is not appealable to the Coastal Commission shall have the following effective dates:

1. The decision of the Director shall become effective on the fifteenth calendar day following the date on the notice of action taken, unless timely appealed to the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 22.44.1030.

2. The decision of the Commission is final and shall become effective on the date of its decision.

B. A Coastal Development Permit which is appealable to the Coastal Commission shall become effective at the close of business on the tenth business day following the date of receipt of the notice of the County's final action on the permit by the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission, unless an appeal is filed prior to the effective date and time. If an appeal has been filed, the operation and effect of the Coastal Development Permit shall be stayed pending Coastal Commission action on the appeal. The effective date of the Coastal Commission decision will be the date of decision by the Coastal Commission.

**22.44.1100 Expiration of unused permits.** Unused Coastal Development Permits shall expire based on the following schedule:

A. A permit which is not used within the time specified in such permit, or, if no time is specified, within two years after the granting of the permit, becomes null and void and of no effect with the exception of the following:

1. In all cases, the hearing officer may extend such time once only, for a period not to exceed one year, provided an application requesting such extension is filed prior to such expiration date. In the case of a non-profit corporation organized to provide low-income housing for the poor or elderly, the hearing officer may grant an additional one-year extension, provided that an application requesting such extension is filed prior to the expiration of the first such extension.

2. In the case of a Coastal Development Permit heard concurrently with a land division or other permit authorized in this Part, the hearing officer shall specify time limits and extensions to be concurrent and consistent with those of the land division or permits.

B. A Coastal Development Permit shall be considered used, within the intent of this section, when construction or other development authorized by such permit has commenced that would be prohibited if no permit had been granted.

**22.44.1110 Expiration following cessation of use.** A Coastal Development Permit granted by action of the hearing officer, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors shall automatically cease to be of any force and effect if the use for which such Coastal Development Permit was granted has ceased or has been suspended for a consecutive period of two or more years, or as otherwise provided in the Coastal Development Permit.

**22.44.1120 Continuing validity of permit.** A Coastal Development Permit that is valid and in effect and was granted pursuant to the provisions of this Part shall adhere to the land and continue to be valid upon change of ownership of the land or any existing building or structure on said land.

**22.44.1130 Amendments to permits.**

A. An amendment may be made to a Coastal Development Permit previously approved by the County by filing a written application with the Director. Such application shall contain a description of the proposed amendment, the reason for the amendment, together with maps, drawings or other material appropriate to the request. A filing fee as required by Section 22.44.870 shall accompany a request for an amendment.

B. An application for an amendment shall be rejected if, in the Director's opinion, the proposed amendment would lessen or avoid the intended effect of an approved or conditionally-approved permit unless the applicant presents newly discovered material information which could not, with reasonable diligence, have been discovered and produced before the permit was granted.

C. For those applications accepted, the Director shall determine whether the proposed amendment represents an immaterial or material change to the permit. If the Director determines that a proposed amendment has the potential for adverse impacts, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources or public access to and along the shoreline, the amendment shall be deemed a material amendment to the permit. Material amendments shall be processed in accordance with subsection D below.

1. For applications representing immaterial changes, the Director shall prepare a written notice which contains the information required by subsection B of Section 22.44.990, a description of the proposed amendment and a statement informing persons of the opportunity to submit written objection of the determination to the Director within 10 days of the date the notices were posted at the subject property and mailed to interested persons. The Director shall cause notices to be posted conspicuously along the exterior property line of the proposed development, not more than 300 feet apart and at each change of direction of the property line. The Director shall also mail notices to all persons who testified at a public hearing on the permit or who submitted written testimony on the permit, and such other persons as the Director has reason to know may be interested in the application. If no written objection is received by the Director within 10 days of posting and mailing, the director's determination shall be conclusive and the proposed amendment approved.

2. For applications representing material changes, applications which have objections to determinations of immateriality, or amendments to conditions affecting coastal resource protection or coastal access, the Director shall refer such applications to the Regional Planning Commission for a public hearing. The Director shall mail notices in accordance with the procedures of Section 22.44.990 to all persons who testified at the public hearing on the permit, who submitted written testimony on the permit, who objected to the Director's determination of immateriality, or such other persons as the Director has reason to know may be interested in the application.

D. The Regional Planning Commission, unless the proposed amendment has been found to be immaterial, shall determine and make appropriate findings by a majority vote of the membership present whether the proposed development with the proposed amendment is consistent with this certified local coastal program.

E. Amendments to Coastal Development Permits shall not become effective until all noticing and appeals procedures for appealable actions are completed in compliance with the provisions of Sections 22.44.990 and 22.44.1040.

#### **22.44.1140 Revocation of Coastal Development Permits.**

A. Grounds for revocation of a permit may include. After a public hearing as provided for in this Part, the hearing officer may revoke or modify any nonconforming use, or revoke or modify any permit, variance or other approval which has been granted by the hearing officer, the Board of Supervisors or the Commission, pursuant to either the provisions of this Part on any one or more of the following grounds:

1. That such approval was obtained by fraud;

2. That the use for which such approval was granted is not being exercised;  
3. That the use for which such approval was granted has ceased or has been suspended for one year or more.

4. Except in case of a dedicated cemetery, that any person making use of or relying upon the permit, variance or other approval is violating or has violated any conditions of such permit, variance or other approval, or that the use for which the permit, variance or other approval was granted is being, or recently has been, exercised contrary to the terms or conditions of such approval, or in violation of any statute, ordinance, law, or regulation;

5. Except in the case of a dedicated cemetery, that the use for which the approval was granted is so exercised as to be detrimental to the public health or safety, or so as to be a nuisance.

6. In all cases where the Director determines that it is in the public interest or where the Board of Supervisors, either individually or collectively, requests, a public hearing shall be scheduled before the commission. In such case all procedures relative to notification, public hearing and appeal shall be the same as for a Coastal Development Permit. Following a public hearing the Commission shall approve or deny the proposed modifications and/or revocation, based on the findings required by this section.

7. Intentional inclusion of inaccurate, erroneous or incomplete information where the County finds that accurate and complete information would have caused additional or different conditions to be required on a permit or denial of an application:

8. Failure to comply with the notice provisions of Section 22.44.990, where the views of the person not notified were not otherwise made known to the County and could have caused the County to require additional or different conditions on a permit or deny an application.

B. Hearing—initiation. Initiation of proceedings to revoke a permit may be made by:

1. Any person who did not have an opportunity to fully participate in the original permit proceeding because of the reasons stated in subsection A of this section and who applies to the Director specifying the particular grounds for revocation. The Director shall review the stated grounds for revocation and, unless the request is patently frivolous and without merit, shall initiate revocation proceedings. The Director may initiate revocation proceedings when the grounds for revocation have been established.

2. If the Board of Supervisors instructs the hearing officer or the Commission to set the matter for a public hearing; or

3. Upon the initiative of the Commission.

C. Where the Director determines that grounds exist for revocation of a permit, the operation of the permit shall be automatically suspended until the denial of the request for revocation. The Director shall notify the permittee by mailing a copy of the request for revocation and a summary of the procedures contained in this section, to the address shown in the permit application. The Director shall advise the applicant in writing that any development undertaken during suspension of the permit may be in violation of the certified local coastal program and subject to the penalties contained therein.

D. Notice of a public hearing on a revocation or modification shall be provided as follows:

1. To the same persons and in the same manner as required for a public hearing before the hearing officer pursuant to Section 22.44.990; and

2. By such other additional means that the hearing officer deems necessary.

E. Notice of the action taken by the hearing officer shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 22.44.970 G.

## **22.44.1150 Variances.**

A. Purpose—Conditions for granting variances. The variance procedure is established to permit modification of development standards as they apply to particular uses when practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships, or results inconsistent with the general purposes of this LIP, develop through the strict literal interpretation and enforcement of such provisions. A variance may be granted to permit modification of:

1. Building line setbacks, yards, open space and buffer areas;
2. Height, lot coverage, density and bulk regulations;
3. Off-street parking spaces, maneuvering areas and driveway width, and paving standards;
4. Landscaping requirements;
5. Wall, fencing and screening requirements;
6. Street and highway dedication and improvement standards;
7. Lot area and width requirements;
8. Operating conditions such as hours or days of operation, number of employees, and equipment limitations;
9. Sign regulations other than outdoor advertising;
10. Distance-separation requirements;
11. Access road maximum length requirement;
12. Other such requirements within this LIP which specifically state that they may be modified by a variance.

B. Application—Filing. Any person desiring any permit required by or provided for in this LIP may file an application therefor with the director, except that no application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within one year prior thereto by either the hearing officer or board of supervisors on an application requesting the same, or substantially the same permit.

C. Application—Information required. An application for a variance shall contain the information required by Section 22.44.840.

D. Application—Burden of proof. In addition to the information required in the application by subsection C of this Section, the applicant shall substantiate to the satisfaction of the hearing officer the following facts:

1. That there are special circumstances or exceptional characteristics applicable to the property involved, such as size, shape, topography, location or surroundings, which are not generally applicable to other properties in the same vicinity and under identical zoning classification; and
2. That such variance is necessary for the preservation of a substantial property right of the applicant such as that possessed by owners of other property in the same vicinity and zone; and
3. That the granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or be injurious to other property or improvements in the same vicinity and zone.
4. That the granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to coastal resources.

E. Application—Fee. When an application is filed it shall be accompanied by the filing fee found in Section 22.44.870.

F. Application—Denial for lack of information. The hearing officer may deny, without a public hearing, an application for a variance if such application does not contain the information required by subsection C and D of this Section. The hearing officer may permit the applicant to amend such application.

G. Application—Public hearing required. In all cases where an application is filed for a variance, the public hearing shall be held pursuant to the procedure provided by Section 22.44.970.

H. Application—Grant or denial—Findings required.



1. The hearing officer shall approve an application for a variance where the information submitted by the applicant and/or presented at public hearing substantiates the following findings:

a. That because of special circumstances or exceptional characteristics applicable to the property, the strict application of the Code deprives such property of privileges enjoyed by other property in the vicinity and under identical zoning classification; and

b. That the adjustment authorized will not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity and zone in which the property is situated; and

c. That strict application of zoning regulations as they apply to such property will result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the general purpose of such regulations and standards; and

d. That such adjustment will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare, or to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity.

e. That the granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to coastal resources.

2. The hearing officer shall deny the application where the information submitted by the applicant and/or presented at public hearing fails to substantiate such findings to the satisfaction of the hearing officer.

3. The hearing officer may approve the application in order to avoid a taking pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30010 standards.

I. Imposition of additional conditions authorized when. The hearing officer in approving an application for a variance, may impose such conditions as he deems necessary to insure that the adjustment will be in accord with the findings required by subsection H of this Section. Conditions imposed by the hearing officer may involve any pertinent factors affecting the establishment, operation and maintenance of the use for which such variance is requested.

J. All zone regulations apply unless variance is granted. Unless specifically modified by a variance, all regulations prescribed in the zone in which such variance is granted shall apply.

K. Adequate water supply—Criteria. If it appears that the variance requested will require a greater water supply for adequate fire protection than does either the existing use or any use permitted in the same zone without a variance, and will not comply with the provisions of Division 1 of Title 20 of this code, such facts shall be prima facie evidence that such requested variance will adversely affect and be materially detrimental to adjacent uses, buildings and structures and will not comply with the provisions of subsection H of this Section.

L. Continuing validity of variances. A variance that is valid and in effect, and was granted pursuant to the provisions of this Title 22, shall adhere to the land and continue to be valid upon change of ownership of the land or any lawfully existing building or structure on said land.

M. Expiration date of unused variances. A variance which is not used within the time specified in such variance, or, if no time is specified, within one year after the granting of the variance, becomes null and void and of no effect except that in all cases the hearing officer may extend such time once for a period not to exceed one year, provided an application requesting such extension is filed prior to such expiration date. In the case of a nonprofit corporation organized to provide low-income housing for the poor or elderly, the hearing officer may grant an additional one-year extension, provided that an application requesting such extension is filed prior to the expiration of the first such extension;

N. Variance does not legalize nuisances. Neither the provisions of this Section nor the granting of any permit provided for in this Section authorizes or legalizes the maintenance of any public or private nuisance.

## **COMMUNITY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

**22.44.1200 Coastal Zone boundary.** When parcels are divided by the Coastal Zone boundary, the use of that portion of a parcel within the Coastal Zone shall be consistent with the Local Coastal Program and the use of that portion outside the Coastal Zone shall be consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan. If a use crosses the Coastal Zone boundary, the use shall be consistent with the Local Coastal Program.

**22.44.1210 Applicability.** The provisions of this Part shall not apply to a new development project that meets the following criteria:

A. Prior to the date on which this Part is certified by the California Coastal Commission, a Coastal Development Permit has been issued by the California Coastal Commission, and

B. Said Coastal Development Permit was issued and remains valid at the time the first grading, building or other permit allowing construction is issued.

### **22.44.1220 Nonconforming uses, buildings and structures.**

A. This section shall apply to the following:

1. Any existing and lawfully established or lawfully authorized use of land or any existing and lawfully established or lawfully authorized buildings and other structures that do not conform to the policies and development standards of the certified LCP, or any subsequent amendments thereto, and

2. Development that is not exempt from the Coastal Development Permit requirements pursuant to Section 22.44.820 of the LIP (Exemptions). Development that occurred after the effective date of the Coastal Act or its predecessor, the Coastal Zone Conservation Act, if applicable, that was not authorized in a Coastal Development Permit or otherwise authorized under the Coastal Act, is not lawfully established or lawfully authorized development, is not subject to the provisions of this Section, but is subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.690 (Coastal Zone enforcement procedures) of the LIP.

B. Non-conforming uses as defined by subsection 22.44.1220 A above shall not be intensified, or expanded into additional locations or structures.

C. Additions and/or improvements to non-conforming structures, as defined by 22.44.1220 A above, may be authorized, provided that the additions and/or improvements themselves comply with the current policies and standards of the LCP, except as provided in Section 22.44.1220 F below.

D. Non-conforming structures as defined by 22.44.1220 A above may be repaired and maintained if it does not result in enlargement or expansion of the structure or increase the size or degree of nonconformity. However, demolition and/or reconstruction that results in replacement of 50 percent or more (as defined in subsection H below) of non-conforming structures, including all demolition and/or reconstruction that was undertaken after certification of the LCP, is not permitted unless such structures are brought into conformance with the policies and standards of the LCP.

E. For non-conforming structures located on a blufftop or on the beach that do not comply with the setbacks required for new development on a blufftop or beach, additions that increase the size of the structure by 50 percent or more (as defined in subsection H below), including all additions that were undertaken after certification of the LCP, shall not be authorized unless such structures are brought into conformance with the policies and standards of the LCP.

F. If a non-conforming use or structure as defined by subsection 22.44.1220 A above is damaged or destroyed by natural disaster, replacement shall be subject to provisions of 22.44.820 (Exemptions and categorical exclusions) of the LIP regarding structures destroyed by natural disaster.

G. If any non-conforming use as defined by 22.44.1220 A above is abandoned for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, any subsequent use of such land or the structure in which the use was located shall be in conformity with the regulations specified by the LCP for the district in which such land is located.

H. For purposes of this section, 50 percent or more replacement shall consist of 50 percent or more in any one of the following three categories:

1. Exterior Wall Area Demolition. Removal and/or reconstruction of 50 percent or more of the total exterior wall area. A wall is considered to be demolished, removed, and/or reconstructed when any of the following occur either above or below grade:

a. Both exterior cladding and framing systems are altered in a manner that requires removal and replacement of those cladding and framing systems;

b. Existing support for the wall is temporarily or permanently removed such that any portion of the remaining floors, roof, ceiling or other building elements supported by the wall cannot remain freestanding without supplemental support;

c. Additional reinforcement is needed for any remaining portions of the wall and cladding to provide structural support(e.g. addition of beams, addition of shear walls, placement of new studs whether alone or alongside the existing/retained studs).

2. Foundations. Demolition, removal, reconstruction and/or reinforcement/enlargement of 50 percent or more of the existing foundation system (e.g. structural slabs, pier and posts, caissons and grade beams and/or perimeter foundations). This percentage shall be measured as follows: slab foundation by horizontal surface area; pier and posts/caissons or grade beam foundation by the number of piers, posts, caissons, and/or grade beams.

3. Additions. One or more additions to an existing building or structure that increases the square footage of the existing building or structure by 50 percent or more. This shall not include roof coverings; filling in of existing window and door openings; replacement of glass in existing window openings, replacement of window and door framing when the size and location of the window or door remains unchanged; and/or repair of roofs or foundations without any change to structural supporting elements.

I. The Director may approve an alternative location for a replacement structure if the new location decreases risk to public health and safety or habitat destruction, or to comply with the development standards of this LIP, as amended;

J. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to an existing, lawfully-established commercial arts and crafts use described in subsection B.3 of Section 22.44.1750 and located in an area described in subsection 22.44.1750 B.3.a. Such uses are considered conforming and in case they are destroyed by disaster shall be allowed to rebuild and could be enlarged by a maximum of 10% of their footprint area.

#### **22.44.1230 Transfer of development credit program.**

A. Establishment and Purpose. The Santa Monica Mountains contain thousands of undeveloped private parcels. Many of these parcels are undersized, have development constraints, and are located in sensitive environmental areas. Urban services in the Santa Monica Mountains, such as roads, water lines, and sewers, are limited and are not expected to expand. Continued development in the region will adversely impact the existing infrastructure and the environment; full build-out of all legal parcels would place unsustainable demands on these systems. The transfer of development credit program is established to mitigate the adverse cumulative effects of development in the Santa Monica Mountains by preventing an

increase in the net amount of development that could occur, and by encouraging development in areas less constrained by small lot sizes, steep slopes, hazards, and sensitive resources. For each new lot, second residential unit, or multi-family unit created, an existing qualifying lot(s) sufficient to provide one transfer of development credit must be retired. Lots proposed for retirement in satisfaction of the transfer of development credit requirement must meet the criteria detailed below and all development potential must be retired by one of the processes described below, as determined by the Director.

B. Lot retirement required.

1. Land divisions.

a. All land divisions shall participate in the transfer of development credit program.

b. One transfer of development credit shall be retired for each new parcel to be created (e.g., to divide one parcel into three parcels, two transfer of development credits must be retired; to divide a combination of three parcels into four parcels, one transfer of development credit must be retired), ensuring that there is no increase in the number of buildable lots. The size of the new parcels is not a factor for purposes of the calculation.

c. One transfer of development credit shall be retired for each new residential unit created for a community apartment project or lease project.

2. Multiple dwelling unit development.

a. All two-family residences, additional dwelling units as described in Section 22.44.1370, and apartment houses shall participate in the lot retirement program.

b. One transfer of development credit shall be retired for each new dwelling unit created minus the number of existing parcels (e.g., a six-unit project to be sited on two existing parcels requires four credits).

3. All Coastal Development Permits shall be conditioned upon the applicant submitting evidence that transfer of development credits have been obtained prior to the issuance of the permit. The condition of approval shall specify the total number of credits required to mitigate the impacts of the approved development.

C. Reconstruction following a natural disaster. Existing lawful dwelling units which are destroyed in fires, floods, earthquakes, mudslides, or other natural disasters shall be exempt from the transfer of development credit program provided that the rebuilt unit conforms to the provisions of subsection 22.44.1220 D.

D. Qualifying criteria for lots to be retired in donor areas. Lots may be retired only in the donor areas listed below and shall be required to follow the criteria specific to each donor area. These criteria shall not apply to developments subject to the slope intensity formula found in subsection 22.44.2140 A.1. Lots subject to the slope intensity formula that have been used in a development to increase the maximum gross structural area in accordance with subsection A.3.d. of Section 22.44.2140 shall not also be eligible for the transfer of development credit program.

1. Rural Villages. The criteria for establishing the lot retirement credit for lots in antiquated subdivisions are as follows:

a. Primary areas.

i. The rural villages listed below shall be considered primary donor areas:

- (A) Fernwood;
- (B) Malibu Bowl;
- (C) Malibou Lake;
- (D) Monte Nido (special language included below);
- (E) Topanga Oaks;
- (F) Malibu Vista;
- (G) Topanga Woods; and

(H) Vera Canyon.

ii. Criteria.

(A) One transfer of development credit shall be given for each lawfully created buildable lot that is served by an existing road and water main, and is not located in an area of landslide or other geologic hazard, with a sum total credit area of at least 1,500 square feet as determined by the credit area formula, as follows:

(1)  $Credit\ Area = (A/5) \times (50-S)/35$

Where:

A = the area of the small lot in square feet.

S = the average slope of the small lot in percent. All

slope calculations are based on natural (not graded) conditions, as calculated by the formula:

$$S = I \times L/A \times 100$$

Where: S = average natural slope in percent.

I = contour interval in feet, at not greater than 25-foot intervals, resulting in at least five contour lines.

L = total accumulated length of all contour lines of interval "I" feet.

A = the area of the building site in square feet.

(2) Prior to credit area calculation where there is any question of geologic stability, the applicant must submit a geologic assessment that determines that the lot is buildable.

(3) A credit area of 1,500 square feet qualifies for one transfer of development credit. The applicant could receive fractional credit. For instance, a credit area of 750 square feet would qualify for one-half transfer of development credit. A lot smaller than one acre cannot qualify for greater than one transfer of development credit.

(4) As an alternative to calculating the credit area formula, the required 1,500 square-foot credit area may be calculated on the basis of 500 square feet of credit area per small lot, provided that each small lot exceeds 4,000 square feet in area and is served by an existing road or water main within 300 feet of the property and is not located in an area of landslide or other geologic hazard.

(B) One transfer of development credit shall be given for any combination of legal lots totaling at least one acre, regardless of current availability of road and water service to such lots.

(C) Monte Nido.

(1) One transfer of development credit shall be given for any two legal parcels in the Monte Nido antiquated subdivision (Zone R-C-10,000) that are contiguous and buildable (i.e., with road access and water main available).

(2) One transfer of development credit shall be given for any five legal parcels in the Monte Nido antiquated subdivision (Zone R-C-10,000) that are not contiguous or are not buildable (i.e., do not have road access or water available).

b. Secondary areas.

i. The small-lot subdivisions listed below shall be considered the secondary donor areas:

(A) El Nido;

(B) Las Flores Heights;

(C) Malibu Highlands

(D) Malibu Mar Vista; and

(E) Old Topanga.

ii. Criteria.

(A) Transfer of development credits shall be granted in secondary areas where two or more contiguous lots containing H1 habitat area will be retired.

(B) The method of calculating lot retirement credits shall be the same as for primary donor areas except that provisions relating to Monte Nido shall not apply.

2. Parcels containing H1 habitat area, or parcels adjoining or within 200 feet of H1 habitat areas or parklands.

a. Criteria. One transfer of development credit shall be given to any parcel up to and including 20 acres in size, where at least 50 percent of the parcel contains H1 habitat area, or is adjoining or within 200 feet of H1 or public parkland. Parcels meeting this criteria that are larger than 20 acres shall be given one transfer of development credit for each 20 acres, regardless of the amount of H1 habitat area contained, including fractional credit for the area over 20 acres.

D. Procedure.

1. All projects subject to the transfer of development credit program shall submit the following information as part of the Coastal Development Permit application:

a. A calculation of the number of transfer of development credit that need to be retired to accommodate the proposed project, pursuant to subsection B of this Section;

b. A list by assessor's identification number of the donor lots proposed to be retired;

c. A map showing the locations of the proposed donor lots;

d. A discussion of how the donor lots meet the qualifying criteria for retiring lots in donor areas; and

e. Maps of a scale generally not less than one inch equals 10 feet (1"=10') showing the parcel and building site, existing topographic contours, and both slope and area calculations, prepared by a Licensed Surveyor or Registered Professional Civil Engineer.

2. As part of processing a Coastal Development Permit application subject to the transfer of development credit program, the Director shall:

a. Verify the applicant's calculations for the number of lots to be retired;

b. Verify that the proposed donor lots meet the lot retirement criteria; and

c. Include, as a condition of the Coastal Development Permit staff report, the precise number of lots to be retired should the permit be approved.

3. Lot retirement process.

a. The applicant must submit evidence of the purchase of the number of legal lots or parcels within the prescribed donor areas necessary to meet the transfer of development credits for the project. The applicant need not purchase the lots or parcels outright, but may instead acquire only the right to extinguish the development potential as described below. The applicant shall provide evidence that the property owner of the donor lots authorizes participation in the transfer of development credit program.

b. In order to generate a transfer of development credit, the potential for development must be permanently extinguished on all lots or parcels used for each credit. The right to a transfer of development credit shall be granted by the Director's determination that the applicant has submitted sufficient evidence that all of the following steps have been completed for either one of the following two methods:

i. Open Space Easement Dedication and the Merging of the Retired Lot(s) with One or More Adjacent Developed or Buildable Parcel(s).

(A). The applicant shall provide evidence of the purchase of fee title or of development rights on one or more donor sites that have not been previously retired and recordation of a valid dedication to a public entity of a permanent, irrevocable open space easement in favor of the People of the State of California over the entirety of the retired lot(s) that conveys an interest in the lot(s) that insures that future development on the lot(s) is prohibited and that restrictions can be enforced, the text of which has been approved by the Director. Recordation of said easement on the donor site shall be permanent; and

(B) The combination of the donor lot(s) (used to generate the credit) with an adjacent, already-developed, unrestricted lot or with multiple contiguous parcels, at least one of which has no recorded restrictions on its development rights and all of which are in the same tax rate area and in common ownership. The retired lot and adjacent parcel(s) shall be recombined and unified, and shall henceforth be considered and treated as a single parcel of land for all purposes with respect to the lands included therein, including but not limited to sale, conveyance, lease, development, taxation or encumbrance. The combination shall be accomplished by reversion to acreage or merger through the certificate of compliance procedures. The permittee shall provide evidence that the combined parcels appear on a preliminary report (regarding title) as a single parcel (which may require the property owner re-conveying the combined property to him/her/itself, presumably via a quitclaim deed).

ii. Open Space Deed Restriction and Transfer in Fee Title to a Public Entity.

(A) The applicant shall provide evidence of the purchase of fee title or development rights on one or more donor sites that have not been previously retired or otherwise restricted, and the recordation of an open space deed restriction, free of prior encumbrances except tax liens, that applies to the entirety of the donor site(s), that insures that the future development on the lot(s) is prohibited and that restrictions can be enforced; and

(B). Evidence that fee title to the donor site(s) has been successfully transferred to a public entity acceptable to the Director after the recordation of the deed restriction listed in 3.b.i above and that the document effectuating the conveyance has been recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

c. All of the above procedures must be approved by County Counsel for form and legal sufficiency in order to assure that the purposes intended are accomplished.

4. Upon receiving notification from the applicant that the lot retirement procedures have been completed, the Director shall verify that the development potential on the lots has been retired, that any additional conditions have been satisfied, and that the transfer of development credit condition on the applicant's Coastal Development Permit has been satisfied.

#### **22.44.1240 Vegetation management and landscaping.**

A. Vegetation management.

1. New development and associated fuel modification shall comply with all requirements found in Section 22.44.1800 et seq. (Biological Resources).

2. At no time shall clearing to bare earth or discing be acceptable methods of vegetation removal and/or maintenance within fuel modification areas.

3. The removal, trimming, thinning or other reduction of locally-indigenous vegetation, is prohibited except when required for construction of an approved development and/or for compliance with fuel modification requirements for approved or lawfully existing development.

4. Vegetation that must be removed in order to repair or replace existing underground facilities such as plumbing, utilities, or onsite wastewater treatment systems shall be replaced with vegetation equivalent to that which was removed.

5. New development shall be sited and designed to avoid removal of locally-indigenous vegetation where feasible.

B. Landscaping. These provisions, along with those found in Section 22.44.1800 et seq. (Biological Resources) shall apply to new developments and to existing developments which propose to landscape previously-undisturbed areas, but shall not apply to replacement of landscaping that existed prior to the effective date of the LCP.

1. Landscape plans shall be submitted with an application for new development. The landscape plans shall be prepared by a licensed landscape architect or qualified resource specialist and include a scale map of the project site that shows the location, species, and size of each plant to be included in the site landscaping as well as a detailed depiction of the proposed irrigation system. The plan shall also identify existing invasive plant species on the site.

2. All new development shall minimize removal of natural vegetation, including locally-indigenous vegetation, in order to minimize erosion and sedimentation, impacts to scenic resources, and impacts to sensitive resources.

3. All cut and fill slopes and other areas disturbed by construction activities (including areas disturbed by fuel modification or brush clearance) shall be landscaped or revegetated. Plantings within fuel modification areas shall consist of primarily locally-indigenous, drought-tolerant plant species and shall blend with the existing natural vegetation and natural habitats on the site. Plantings required outside fuel modification areas shall consist of locally-indigenous, drought-tolerant plant species, and shall blend with the existing natural vegetation and natural habitats on the site.

4. All cut and fill slopes shall be stabilized with landscaping at the completion of final grading. The building pad and all other graded or disturbed areas on the subject site shall be planted within sixty (60) days of receipt of the certificate of occupancy for the residence, except when the staff biologist finds that delaying the planting would improve the long-term survivability of the plants.

5. Landscaping or revegetation shall provide 90 percent coverage within five years, or that percentage of ground cover demonstrated locally appropriate for a healthy stand of the particular native vegetation type chosen for revegetation.

6. The use of invasive plant species is prohibited. Existing invasive plant species within the development footprint on the site shall be removed.

7. Landscape new or improved roadways and/or other public infrastructure projects only with locally-indigenous plant species that are site-appropriate and conform to the surrounding landscape. Appropriate species are listed in the *Recommended Plant List for the Santa Monica Mountains (Plant List)*, maintained by the Director.

8. All topsoil removed during the grading and development process shall be preserved and maintained on the project site only where the topsoil stockpile area(s) will not impact natural vegetation, will not contribute to geologic instability, and where the grading does not substantially alter the existing natural topography and blends with the surrounding area. If it is appropriate to preserve topsoil on-site, appropriate measures shall be taken to protect the preserved soil from erosion and runoff through such measures as tarping, silt fencing, and sandbagging soil, and the topsoil shall be reused in post-construction landscaping.

9. Plantings shall be supplemented with a mycorrhizal inoculant, preferably oak leaf mulch or from clippings of locally-indigenous species lawfully removed from the site or from sites within the Santa Monica Mountains, at the time of planting to help establish plants.

10. Landscape areas shall be designed to minimize water runoff.



11. Irrigation water shall be used only for those species that require supplemental water. Whenever feasible, utilize drip irrigation systems.

12. Plant species listed on the *Plant List* that are known to stabilize soils shall be used in all hillside areas where the slope is greater than 20 percent.

13. Avoid or minimize pesticide use in landscape and revegetation areas.

14. The landscape plan shall identify existing and proposed landscaping, shall specifically identify locally-indigenous vegetation, and shall list the type and describe the current condition of the existing locally-indigenous vegetation.

C. Fuel Modification Zones.

1. Fuel Modification Plans shall be submitted with all applications for new development, unless evidence is provided that a fuel modification plan is not required by the Fire Department.

2. Fuel modification zones as defined by the Fire Department consist of:

a. Fuel Modification Zone A, Setback Zone – Typically 20 feet offset from structures that require fuel modification as per the Fire Department;

b. Fuel Modification Zone B, Irrigation/Transition Zone – Typically up to 80 feet offset from Zone A; and

c. Fuel Modification Zone C, Thinning Zone – Typically up to 100 feet offset from Zone B.

d. Roads – Typically up to 10 feet on each side of a public or private roadway.

3. For impact analysis, if the full 200 foot radius of fuel modification cannot be located completely on the project site, a plan shall be provided by the applicant that shows the area of the 200 foot brush clearance radius that would be located on adjacent parcels.

4. All new development shall be sited and designed to minimize required fuel modification and brushing to the maximum extent feasible in order to minimize habitat disturbance or destruction, removal or modification or natural vegetation, and irrigation of natural areas, while providing for fire safety.

5. Development shall utilize fire resistant exterior materials, windows, and roofing; and eaves and vents that resist the intrusion of flame and burning embers.

6. Removal of vegetation for the purpose of required fuel modification necessary to protect an approved structure(s) shall not commence until issuance of a building, grading permit, and commencement of construction for the development approved pursuant to a Coastal Development Permit.

7. Revegetation of disturbed areas shall predominantly include locally-indigenous, drought-tolerant vegetation in accordance with specific standards outlined in the Fuel Modification Zones, and shall incorporate existing or salvaged locally-indigenous vegetation whenever feasible.

8. Landscape materials for the various fuel modification zones shall be consistent with the designated Fuel Modification Zone, as determined by the Fire Department, as listed in the *Plant List* and consist of primarily locally-indigenous plant species:

a. Fuel Modification Zone A, the Setback Zone, shall typically extend 20 feet from every structure, appendage or projection requiring fuel modification and shall be cleared of all vegetation except for irrigated ground cover, lawn, adequately-spaced low-growing plant species, or hardscape. Plant species used in Zone A may include non-invasive ornamental plant species, including turf, but shall maximize the use of those species appropriate for Fuel Modification Zone A, as outlined in the *Plant List*.

b. Fuel Modification in Zone B, the Irrigation/Transition Zone, shall typically extend up to 80 feet from the outermost edge of Zone A and requires thinning and the removal of plant species constituting a high fire risk in order to eliminate fuel ladders and excessive flashy fuels. Irrigation shall be provided to maintain healthy vegetation and increase

fire resistance. Existing vegetation may be removed and replaced with irrigated fire resistant and drought resistant plant species. Thinning of species identified as having significant biological significance shall be minimized. Except for turf as allowed in subsection 5 below, plant species used in Zone B shall be restricted to locally-indigenous species, as specified in the *Plant List*.

c. Fuel Modification in Zone C, the Thinning Zone, shall typically extend up to 100 feet from the outermost edge of Zone B and is restricted to thinning the density of existing native vegetation and reducing the amount of fuel in order to slow the rate of fire spread, slow flame lengths, and reduce the intensity of fire before it reaches the irrigated zones. However, should additional revegetation be necessary, species used shall be limited to those locally-indigenous species in the *Plant List*. Other plant species may be allowed if proposed as part of a confined animal facility allowed under the provisions of Section 22.44.1940. All such plant species shall be reviewed by the staff biologist.

9. Species identified in the *Plants to Avoid in the Santa Monica Mountains* list found in Appendix A of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program Technical Appendices are prohibited.

10. Irrigated lawn, turf, or groundcover shall be selected from the most drought-tolerant species, subspecies, or varieties and are limited to no more than 50 feet from the primary residence.

11. Public improvement projects shall be landscaped with non-invasive locally-indigenous plant species, compatible with the surrounding area, and chosen from those species found in the *Plant List*.

12. Landscaping on slopes 20 percent or greater shall be restricted to those species in the *Plant List* identified as having slope stabilizing capabilities. Low-growing succulents shall not be used on slopes greater than 20 percent.

13. Locally-indigenous vegetation shall be used to provide a buffer of at least 200 feet from designated open space and public parkland areas, where feasible, in order to prevent impacts to the habitat and recreational resources.

14. Imported soil shall be free of exotic invasive plant species and shall come from a source local to the Santa Monica Mountains.

15. Landscape planting on all areas disturbed by construction activities, or by fuel modification or brush clearance activities, shall be installed prior to the subsequent rainy season where feasible.

16. Revegetation or restoration of habitat areas shall be installed just prior to the rainy season to minimize the need for supplemental watering and to allow vegetation to acclimate to natural conditions.

17. Confined animal facilities shall be allowed within the fuel modification zones subject to the requirements found in Sections 22.44.1450 and 22.44.1940.

#### **22.44.1250 Height limits.**

A. Intent and Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to minimize impacts to visual resources. These standards reflect maximum allowances that shall be reduced where necessary to achieve this purpose.

B. Except as listed in subsection B of this Section, every residence and every other building or structure in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone shall have a height not to exceed 30 feet above natural or finished grade, whichever is lower, excluding wireless telecommunication facilities, chimneys, rooftop solar panels, and rooftop antennas. Where an applicant can demonstrate that a taller structure would result a smaller building footprint with less land alteration and fewer impacts to environmental resources, for example on a downslope development, a building or structure shall not exceed 35 feet above natural or finished grade, whichever is lower.

C. Every residence and every other building or structure in a Scenic Resource Area, shall have a height not to exceed 18 feet above natural or finished grade, whichever is lower, excluding chimneys, rooftop solar panels and rooftop antennas.

D. Chimneys, rooftop solar panels and rooftop antennas may extend a maximum six feet above the permitted height of the structure.

#### **22.44.1260 Grading.**

A. Intent and Purpose. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that new development minimizes the visual and environmental resource impacts of grading and landform alteration.

B. No grading permit shall be issued for development associated with a land division prior to issuance of a valid Coastal Development Permit and the recordation of the final land division map.

C. A Coastal Development Permit as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. of this LIP shall be required for grading on a lot or parcel of land, or in connection with any project, as follows:

1. For amounts greater than 30 and less than 50 cubic yards of total cut plus total fill material, an administrative Coastal Development Permit is required, if the grading is associated with one of the specific uses that may be processed as an administrative permit and it meets the requirements of this LCP.

2. A minor Coastal Development Permit if the project does not meet the standards of subsection 1 above.

3. A major Coastal Development Permit if the project involves grading of amounts greater than 5,000 cubic yards of total cut plus total fill material.

4. For purposes of computing the cubic yard threshold amount, grading necessary to establish a turnaround required by the County Fire Department, but not the grading for any access road or driveway leading to such turnaround, shall be excluded.

5. All grading shall be performed in a manner that minimizes disturbance to the natural landscape and terrain through design features for the project such as, but not limited to, locating the building pad in the area of the project site with the least slope, clustering structures, locating the project close to a paved street traveled by the public, reducing building footprints, and minimizing hardscape. Wherever the Director determines that doing so is necessary to protect Coastal Resources, grading shall also be accompanied by other project features that maximize preservation of visual quality and rural community character through design features such as, but not limited to, reduced structural height, use of architectural features such as shape, materials, and color to promote blending with the surrounding environment, and use of locally-indigenous vegetation for concealment of the project. A list of locally-indigenous vegetation appropriate for the Coastal Zone shall be maintained by the Director.

D. Refuse disposal sites controlled by other regulations shall not require a grading permit.

E. The export of cut material may be required to preserve the natural topography of the project site. Cut material may only be exported to an appropriate landfill or a site permitted to accept the material. An approved haul route shall be required for the offsite transport of 1,000 cubic yards or more of cut or fill material, or any combination thereof, subject to the following requirements:

1. A grading permit, when required, shall be obtained before the commencement of any grading project.

2. The application shall contain statements setting forth the following information in addition to that required by subsection C.5 above:

- a. The names and addresses of all persons owning all or any part of the property from which such material is proposed to be removed from and transported to;
- b. The names and addresses of the person or persons who will be conducting the operations proposed;
- c. The ultimate proposed use of the lot or parcel of land;
- d. Such other information as the director finds necessary in order to determine whether the application should be granted.

3. The applicant shall submit a map showing in sufficient detail the location of the site from which such material is proposed to be removed, the proposed route over streets and highways, and the location to which such material is to be imported.

4. All hauling as approved under this section shall be restricted to a route approved by the road commissioner.

5. Compliance shall be made with all applicable requirements of other county departments and other governmental agencies.

6. If any condition of this section is violated, or if any law, statute or ordinance is violated, the privileges granted herein shall lapse and such approval shall be suspended.

7. Neither the provisions of this section nor approval provided for in this LIP authorizes or legalizes the maintenance of a public or private nuisance.

8. A grading permit shall not be required for grading project, off-site transport, if such use is in conjunction with:

- a. Any work of construction or repair by the county or any district of which the board of supervisors of the county is ex officio the governing body; or

- b. Construction or repair by the county or such district performed by force account; or

- c. Construction, maintenance or repair of any "state water facilities," as defined in Section 12934 of the State Water Code.

F. Grading shall be prohibited during the rainy season, defined as October 15 of any year through April 15 of the subsequent year, if the project is included in one or both of the following categories, unless permitted pursuant to provisions of subsection G or H below.

- i. The project site drains into H1, H1 buffer, or H2.

- ii. The project includes grading on slopes greater than 4:1.

Grading operations approved for development included in one of these categories shall not be undertaken unless there is sufficient time to complete grading operations before the rainy season.

G. If grading operations are not completed before the rainy season begins due to unforeseen circumstances or delays, grading shall be halted and temporary erosion control measures shall be put into place to minimize erosion until grading resumes after April 15. However, the Planning Director may permit grading to continue if it is determined that (1) completion of grading would be more protective of resources, and (2) BMP's designed to minimize or prevent erosion, sedimentation, and polluted runoff are being implemented to a degree that would prevent significant water quality impacts or any significant disruption of habitat values within an H1 or H2 habitat.

H. Grading during the rainy season may be permitted to remediate hazardous geologic conditions that endanger public health and safety.

I. Grading for temporary roads necessary for geologic, hydrologic, or similar testing purposes shall be conditioned to restore and replant all graded areas to a natural condition if the site is not developed within one year of the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit for the grading.

J. Grading in areas that have a slope of 50 percent or greater shall be prohibited, unless required for safety reasons or if it would be more protective of coastal resources.

K. Any amount of legal grading that has occurred on a lot or parcel of land, or in conjunction with a project, prior to [insert the effective date of the LCP adding these subsections], shall not be counted toward the grading thresholds set forth in those subsections. Proof that such grading was legal shall be demonstrated to the Director prior to the commencement of any construction activity. Any grading on a lot or parcel of land, or in connection with a project or any subsequent project, which is undertaken at any time after [insert the effective date of the LCP], the effective date of the ordinance adding subsections C and D above, other than grading completed for a project described in Section 22.44.960 (Emergency projects), shall be counted cumulatively toward the grading thresholds set forth in those subsections. Any grading that has occurred on a property where it cannot be demonstrated that the grading had received all of the necessary permits that were required at the time the grading took place shall be considered unpermitted, counted in the proposed grading amount and grading thresholds, and analyzed for consistency with all policies and provisions of the LCP as part of the proposed project.

L. Grading shall utilize landform grading techniques to minimize alteration to natural landforms, minimize the visual transition from natural landforms to manufactured slopes, and present the appearance of a natural hillside.

M. New development shall be sited and designed to minimize the amount of grading.

N. All grading projects shall be consistent with the requirements found in Section 22.44.1510 et seq. (Low Impact Development (LID)).

**22.44.1270 Exterior lighting.** Exterior lighting (except traffic lights, navigational lights, and other similar public safety lighting) shall be minimized, restricted to low-intensity features, shielded, and concealed to the maximum feasible extent so that no light source is directly visible from public viewing areas.

A. Purpose. The purpose of these exterior lighting standards is to promote and maintain dark skies for the health and enjoyment of individuals and wildlife within the Coastal Zone by:

1. Curtailing light pollution and preserving the nighttime environment.
2. Permitting reasonable uses of outdoor lighting for nighttime safety, security, productivity, and enjoyment, while protecting the natural environment from the adverse effects of excessive outdoor nighttime lighting from artificial sources.
3. Conserving energy and resources.
4. Minimizing adverse offsite impacts of outdoor lighting, such as light trespass.

B. Definitions.

1. Abandoned use. A use which has been discontinued and/or its structure has been abandoned and there is no indication that any use or occupancy of the structure will resume.
2. Accurate color rendition. The accurate representation of colors provided by an artificial light source.
3. Drop-down lens. A lens or diffuser that extends below a horizontal plane passing through the lowest point of the opaque portion of a light fixture.
4. Foot-candle. A unit of measurement that shows the quantity of light received on a surface. Foot-candles shall be measured by a photometer.
5. Fully shielded. A light fixture is fully shielded when it emits no light in the area above a horizontal plane passing through the lowest point of the light fixture and no more than 10 percent of its light in the area between zero and 10 degrees below the horizontal plane. A full-cutoff light (flat glass lens) fixture is a fully shielded light fixture of a specific design, usually with a box or oval shape and a flat bottom.

6. Light pollution. Any adverse effect of artificial lighting including glare, light trespass, obtrusive light, sky glow, or other lighting impacts on the nocturnal environment.

7. Light fixture. Light fixture is the structure used to produce an artificial light source, including all of its necessary auxiliary components. Examples of a light structure include a lamp, pole, post, ballast, reflector, lens, diffuser, shielding, bulb, and related electrical wiring.

8. Light trespass. The falling of light across a property line onto an adjoining lot or public right-of-way. The measurement of light trespass shall be determined by a photometer, taken at ground level from the subject property line. For purposes of this Section, an unacceptable level of light trespass shall be 0.5 (half) foot-candles or greater when the light trespass falls onto an adjoining public right-of-way or an adjoining residentially-zoned lot, open space zoned lot, or agriculturally-zoned lot, and 1.0 (one) foot-candle or greater when the light trespass falls onto an adjoining lot with any other zoning classification.

9. Lumen (lm). A unit of light energy or the visual amount of light produced by a light fixture, calculated as a rating by the manufacturer (distinct from a watt, which measures power consumption). For example, a 40-watt incandescent lamp produces approximately 400 lumens, and a 35-watt, high-pressure sodium lamp produces 2,300 lumens.

10. Major addition. The cumulative addition of 25 percent or more of gross floor area, seating capacity, parking spaces, or number of dwelling units to any structure, building, or development; except in the Coastal Zone, where a cumulative addition of 10 percent or more of gross floor area, seating capacity, parking spaces, or number of dwelling units to any structures, buildings, or development shall constitute a major addition.

11. Outdoor lighting. Lighting equipment or light fixtures used to provide illumination for outdoor areas, objects, or activities, including light fixtures attached to buildings or structures. Self-supporting structures to provide lighting for parking lots, walkways, building entrances, outdoor sales areas, recreational fields, or within landscaped areas shall all constitute outdoor lighting.

12. Outdoor recreational activity area. An area designed for active outdoor recreation, whether publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, sports fields, race tracks, stadiums, and riding arenas. The accessory uses to these areas, including parking lots and concessions stands, shall not be considered part of the involved outdoor recreational activity area.

13. Sky glow. The brightening of the nighttime sky resulting from outdoor light reflecting into or toward the sky, and combining with moisture and/or dust particles in the atmosphere to cause light pollution.

14. Street Lights. Pole-mounted light fixtures used to illuminate public or private rights-of-way and to enhance the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

C. Applicability.

1. General Applicability. The provisions of this Section shall apply within the entire LCP area, to the following:

- a. Outdoor lighting for new land uses, structures, buildings, and/or developments;
- b. Outdoor lighting for all portions of any structure, building, or development following a major addition thereto;
- c. New street lights; and/or
- d. Abandoned uses that are resumed.

2. Applicability to Existing Outdoor Lighting and Replacement Lighting. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection C, outdoor lighting, including street lights, that were lawfully existing at the time this LIP became effective, may remain in their present condition without complying with this Section 22.44.1270.

a. Additions, upgrades, or replacements that are made to outdoor lighting, including street lights, that were lawfully existing at the time this LCP became effective,

shall comply with the applicable provisions of this section, except that when less than 50 percent of the outdoor lighting fixtures on a property are replaced for a commercial, industrial, or mixed use, subsection F.3 shall not apply. For purposes of this provision, the term replacement shall include the replacement of outdoor lighting, including street lights, due to damage or destruction; and

b. Outdoor lighting, other than street lights, located on properties in a residential or agricultural zone that was lawfully existing on [insert effective date of LCP] shall be removed or made to comply with this section within six months after [insert the effective date of the LCP] if such outdoor lighting causes light trespass, the determination of which shall be made by the Director of Regional Planning, and in all other cases, shall be removed or made to comply with the applicable provisions of this section within two years after [insert the effective date of the LCP].

c. Outdoor lighting, other than street lights, located on properties in a non-residential or non-agricultural zone that was lawfully existing on [insert effective date of LCP] shall be removed or made to comply with this section within six months after [insert the effective date of LCP] if such outdoor lighting causes light trespass onto a property located in a residential, agriculture, or open space zone, or onto the improved portion of any public right-of-way, as such determination is made by the Director of Regional Planning.

D. Prohibited outdoor lighting. Subject to subsection C, the following types of outdoor lighting shall be prohibited within the Coastal Zone:

1. Drop-down lenses.
2. Mercury vapor lights.
3. Ultraviolet lights.
4. Searchlights, laser lights, or other outdoor lighting that flashes, blinks, alternates, or moves.

E. General development standards.

In addition to complying with the applicable provisions of the Building and Electrical Codes of the County of Los Angeles, outdoor lighting within the Coastal Zone, other than street lights, shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. Lighting allowance. For properties located in a residential, agricultural, or open space zone, outdoor light fixtures installed more than 15 feet above finished grade shall have a manufacturer's maximum output rating of no greater than 400 lumens.

2. Light trespass. Outdoor lighting shall cause no unacceptable light trespass.

3. Shielding. Outdoor lighting shall be fully shielded.

4. Maximum height.

a. The maximum height for an outdoor light fixture, as measured from the finished grade to the top of the fixture, shall be as follows:

i. 20 feet for a property located in a residential, agricultural, open space, or watershed zone;

ii. 35 feet for a property located in an institutional zone; and

iii. 30 feet for property located in any other zone.

b. Notwithstanding subsections i, ii, and iii of this subsection E.4, the height of any new outdoor light fixture used for an outdoor recreational activity area, regardless of the zone, shall be the minimum height necessary to illuminate the activity area, but in no event shall exceed 75 feet; and

c. Notwithstanding subsections 4.a. and 4.b. of this section 22.44.1270 E, the Director of Regional Planning may permit an outdoor light fixture with a height higher than as otherwise permitted by these subsections through a site plan review, if the applicant demonstrates that a higher light fixture would reduce the total number of light fixtures needed at the involved site, and/or would reduce the light trespass of the outdoor lighting.

d. Maintenance. Outdoor lighting shall be maintained in good repair and function as designed, with shielding securely attached to the outdoor lighting at all times.

F. Additional standards for commercial, institutional, and mixed uses.

In addition to complying with the applicable provisions of 22.44.1270 D, outdoor lighting located on a property with a commercial, institutional, or mixed use shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. Building entrances. All building entrances shall have light fixtures providing light with an accurate color rendition so that persons entering or exiting the building can be easily recognized from the outside of the building.

2. Hours of operation.

a. Outdoor lighting shall be turned off between the hours of 10:00 p.m., and sunrise every day, unless the use on the involved property operates past 10:00 p.m., and then the outdoor lighting shall be turned off within one hour after the use's operation ends for the day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the use on the involved property requires outdoor lighting between 10:00 p.m., and sunrise every day for safety or security reasons, outdoor lighting shall be allowed during these hours, but only if:

i. Fully-shielded motion sensors are used to turn the outdoor lighting on after 10:00 p.m., and these sensors turn the outdoor lighting off automatically no more than 10 minutes after the involved area has been vacated; or

ii. Where the use is commercial or institutional, at least 50 percent of the total lumen levels for the outdoor lighting are reduced, or 50 percent of the total number of outdoor light fixtures are turned off, between 10:00 p.m., and sunrise.

b. Exemption from hours of operation. Outdoor lighting shall be exempt from the hours of operation requirements of this subsection F.2 if such lighting:

i. Is required by the County Building Code for steps, stairs, walkways, or points of ingress and egress to buildings; or

ii. Is governed by a discretionary land use permit which specifically provides for different hours of operation.

3. Automatic controls. Outdoor lighting shall use automatic control devices or systems to turn the outdoor lighting off so as to comply with the applicable hours of operation requirements of subsection 2.a.i. These devices or systems shall have backup capabilities so that, if power is interrupted, the schedule programmed into the device or system is maintained for at least seven days.

G. Additional standards for signage. In addition to complying with the applicable requirements of E, outdoor lighting for new signs, including outdoor advertising signs, business signs, and roof and freestanding signs, shall comply with the following:

1. The outdoor lighting shall be fully shielded;

2. When the signs use externally-mounted light fixtures, they shall be mounted to the top of the sign and shall be oriented downward; and

3. Externally-mounted bulbs or lighting tubes used for these signs shall not be visible from any portion of an adjoining property or public right-of-way.

H. Street light standards.

So as to maintain the dark skies characteristics of the LCP area to the maximum extent possible, street lights in the Coastal Zone shall be prohibited except where necessary at urban cross sections with sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, or at intersections and driveways on County roads, where the Director of Public Works finds that street lights will alleviate traffic hazards, improve traffic flow, and/or promote safety and security of pedestrians and vehicles based on Public Works' highway safety lighting standards. Where street lights are installed in the Coastal Zone, they shall:



1. Be placed at the maximum distance apart, with the minimum lumens allowable pursuant to Public Works' highway safety lighting standards, as determined by the Director of Public Works;

2. Utilize full-cutoff (flat glass lens) luminaries so as to deflect light away from adjacent parcels; and

3. Be designed to prevent off-street illumination and glare.

I. Exemptions. The following outdoor lighting shall be exempt from the provisions of this section:

1. Outdoor lighting for a public facility operated by the Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, or similar department or entity, that keeps incarcerated persons, provided such lighting is needed for the security and/or operation of the facility.

2. Temporary outdoor lighting, which is outdoor lighting that does not persist beyond 60 consecutive days or more than 120 days per year.

3. Outdoor lighting used in or around swimming pools or water features for safety purposes.

4. Outdoor lighting required for compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

J. Prior to issuance of a Coastal Development Permit, the applicant shall be required to execute and record a deed restriction reflecting the above restrictions. Public agencies shall not be required to record a deed restriction but may be required to submit a written statement agreeing to any applicable restrictions above.

K. The science of night lighting is a quickly evolving field where today's best practices are not necessarily consistent with those of only a decade ago. Therefore, Los Angeles County will revisit the LIP's Dark Skies requirements, to ensure that they are consistent with the best practices in the field, five years after [insert the LCP's certification date].

#### **22.44.1280 Signs.**

A. Signs shall be unobtrusive and shall not alter, damage, or obstruct views of Scenic Elements, Significant, Ridgelines, parks, the ocean, or any other scenic resource.

B. If external lighting is used, all lighting fixtures shall be designed to direct all light onto the sign and shall be turned off no more than 30 minutes after the close of business. No light used to illuminate a sign shall extend above the plane to the top of the sign.

C. Maximum Area. The cumulative total of all wall signs located on a single-tenant property shall not exceed a maximum of 1.5 square feet in sign area for each one linear foot of building frontage, up to a cumulative maximum of 50 square feet. The cumulative total of all freestanding signs on a property, excluding on-site directional signs, shall not exceed 50 square feet in area. Only one side of a double-faced (back to back) sign shall be included when calculating sign area. Sign area calculations shall include architectural treatments and support structures.

D. Signs used as part of a multi-tenant commercial development shall be part of a coordinated sign program incorporated into the design of the project and shall be subject to the height and area-per-linear foot limitations contained in paragraph D above and all other applicable development standards and prohibitions contained in this Section.

E. The following signs shall be prohibited:

1. Signs which contain or utilize:  
a. Any exposed incandescent lamp with a rated wattage in excess of 40 watts;

b. Any exposed incandescent lamp with an internal metallic reflector;

c. Any exposed incandescent lamp with an external metallic reflector;

- d. Any revolving beacon light;
- e. Any continuous or sequential flashing operation, other than signs displaying time of day, atmospheric temperature or having programmable electronic messages, in which:
  - i. More than one-third of the lights are turned on or off at one time, or
  - ii. The operation is located less than 100 feet on the same side of the street or highway from residentially or agriculturally zoned property;
- f. Any system for display of time of day, atmospheric temperature or programmable electronic messages in which:
  - i. The proposed display has any illumination which is in continuous motion or which appears to be continuous motion, or
  - ii. The message is changed at a rate faster than one message every four seconds, or
  - iii. The interval between messages is less than one second, or
  - iv. The intensity of illumination changes, or
  - v. The display is located less than 100 feet on the same side of the street or highway from residentially or agriculturally zoned property;
- 2. Revolving signs, all or any portion of which rotate at a speed exceeding six revolutions per minute;
- 3. Signs advertising or displaying any unlawful act, business or purpose;
- 4. Devices dispensing bubbles and free-floating particles of matter;
- 5. Any notice, placard, bill, card, poster, sticker, banner, sign, advertising or other device calculated to attract the attention of the public which any person posts, prints, sticks, stamps, tacks or otherwise affixes, or causes the same to be done to or upon any street, right-of-way, public sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, lamppost, hydrant, tree, telephone pole or lighting system, or upon any fixture of the police or fire alarm system of the County;
- 6. Any strings of pennants, banners or streamers, clusters of flags, strings of twirlers or propellers, flares, balloons, and similar attention-getting devices, including noise-emitting devices, with the exception of the following:
  - a. National, state, local governmental, institutional or corporate flags, properly displayed,
  - b. Holiday decorations, in season, used for an aggregate period of 60 days in any one calendar year;
- 7. Devices projecting or otherwise reproducing the image of a sign or message on any surface or object;
- 8. Signs emitting or amplifying sounds for the purpose of attracting attention;
- 9. Portable signs, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this LIP
- 10. Temporary signs, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this LIP.
- 11. Outdoor advertising displays, structures, or signs.
- 12. Billboards.
- 13. Exposed neon, flashing, or scintillating signs, except for public service time and temperature signs, which shall not be flashing, animated, or revolving in nature.
- 14. Revolving signs.
- 15. Any placard, bill, card, poster, sticker, banner, sign, advertising, or other device affixed or attached to or upon any public street, walkway, crosswalk, other rights-of-way, curb, lamppost, hydrant, tree, telephone booth, utility pole, or lighting system.
- 16. Automatic changing signs or electronic message center signs, except for public service time and temperature signs, and public safety signs such as changeable traffic message signs.

17. A portable freestanding sign or any sign placed within, affixed, or attached to any vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way, or on public or private property, for the purpose of advertising an event or attracting people to a place of business, unless the vehicles or trailer is used in its normal business capacity and not for the primary purpose of advertising an event or attracting people to a place of business.

18. Signs or sign structures which by color, wording, or locations resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or devices.

19. Signs that create a safety hazard by obstructing the line of sight of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

20. Signs for the purpose of commercial advertising created by the arrangement of vegetation, rocks, or other objects such as on a hillside visible to pedestrians or motorists.

21. Internally lighted signs.

22. Freestanding signs, except for on-site directional signs, that have either or both of the following characteristics:

a. The sign face or base on the ground is more than 12 inches above the adjacent grade or base of the sign;

b) The highest point of the sign or supporting structure is higher than 6 feet above the adjacent grade.

23. Signs mounted on the roof of a building, or which are dependent upon a building for support, and which project above the highest point of a building with a flat roof, the eave line of building with a gambrel, gable, or hip roof, or the deck line of a building with a mansard roof.

**22.44.1290 Schools.** The County of Los Angeles may completely regulate private schools, but has only limited regulatory authority to set standards for public schools. While public schools are subject to the CDP process, the design and size of the school are dictated by the school district itself and the State Architect. All schools, including private schools, trade schools, and institutions of higher learning, shall be subject to the following standards:

A. A major Coastal Development Permit shall be required for all schools, grade K through 12, accredited, including appurtenant facilities, which offer instruction required to be taught in the public schools by the Education Code of the State of California, in which no pupil is physically restrained.

B. For established school sites, new construction shall be allowed within the existing disturbed area so long as it does not require the expansion of the existing fuel modification area.

C. For new school sites involving new construction, the building site for the facility shall be no more than 20 percent of the net area of the lot or parcel of land containing the facility. The maximum building site within H2 habitat area shall be two acres, and the minimum lot or parcel area shall be five acres.

D. In addition to the provisions of Section 22.44.800 et seq., the following conditions shall be required for all schools:

1. In addition to the information required in the application by Sections 22.44.840, 22.44.850, and 22.44.860, the applicant shall submit an evacuation/emergency plan for approval of the Sheriff and Fire Department. No Coastal Development Permit for a school shall be issued without an evacuation/emergency plan approved by the Sheriff and Fire Departments.

2. The school shall be located on a major or secondary highway or a parkway unless the Fire Department approves the location on a street of sufficient right-of-way and pavement width that connects to a highway or parkway. Schools that are located on a street, rather than on a highway or parkway, shall have a second route of access to a highway or parkway, if required by the Fire Department, that is approved by the Fire Department.

3. The school's design, siting, buffering from adjoining properties, scale, and enrollment shall be such that it will integrate the use with the existing uses in the surrounding area.

4. No amplified sound shall be generated between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. All school bells shall be placed so that they face away from residential areas. School bells shall not sound on Saturdays and Sundays.

5. Night lighting shall be limited to the minimum necessary for safety and security. All exterior lighting shall be shielded and directed away from neighboring residences to prevent direct illumination and glare. All light standards visible to the general public shall be consistent with the overall architectural style of the school with respect to design, materials, and color. Athletic field lighting is not permitted.

6. All required parking shall be kept clear and open at all times for staff, students, and guests.

7. The staggering of morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up hours of operation shall be coordinated with the operating hours and drop-off and pick-up hours of nearby schools.

8. An on-site pick-up and drop-off area shall be of sufficient size to prevent vehicles from backing up onto and blocking the roadway.

9. Landscaping shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and healthful condition, including proper pruning, weeding, removal of litter, and fertilizing, and replacement of plants when necessary. Watering facilities shall consist of a permanent water-efficient irrigation system, such as "bubblers" or drip irrigation, for irrigation of all landscaped areas except where there is turf or other ground cover.

10. Hazardous materials shall not be stored or use on the subject property, except for typical household materials.

11. All sound-producing and view-impacting outdoor equipment such as air conditioners and other roof or ground-mounted operating equipment shall be screened and insulated to minimize noise and viewshed impacts to adjacent properties. Coloring shall blend with the surrounding facilities.

12. The Department of Regional Planning shall be provided with a copy of a valid state license to operate the facility, or proof of exemption from such license, prior to the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit.

13. The Department of Regional Planning shall be provided with a copy of the accreditation documentation when such accreditation is obtained. In order for the Coastal Development Permit to be in full force, the school shall continue to be accredited and offer instruction required to be taught in the public schools by the Education Code of the State of California.

**22.44.1300 Crops.** New or expanded agricultural development shall be prohibited, except for residential vegetable gardens for the exclusively noncommercial use of the resident(s). Such vegetable gardens shall only be allowed within the building site or within Fuel Modification Zone A, and shall only be allowed if they meet the conditions for an exemption from the Coastal Development Permit requirements. Continued growing of existing croplands is allowed where such cropland meets all of the following limitations and conditions:

A. Crops shall be a minimum of 100 feet from an H1 habitat area. Crops shall be a minimum of 50 feet from any riparian habitat that is not a designated H1 habitat area, and 50 feet from coastal waters.

B. Only drip irrigation or similar types of non-aeration irrigation shall be used. The development shall reduce water loss to evaporation, deep percolation and runoff, remove leachate efficiently, and minimize erosion from applied water by implementing a managed irrigation system that includes all of the following components:

1. Irrigation scheduling,
2. Efficient application of irrigation water,
3. Efficient transport of irrigation water,
4. Use of runoff or tailwater, and
5. Management of drainage water.

C. If fencing is installed, only wildlife-permeable fencing shall be used around the perimeter of the area on which crops are grown. Such fencing shall be consistent with the development standards found in the definition for wildlife-permeable fencing contained in Section 22.44.630.

D. Plowing or harrowing the land, also known as tillage, shall be used minimally or not at all in order to minimize soil disturbance, soil compaction, and dust pollution. If tillage is necessary, a tillage plan shall be developed so that the number of tractor passes and the overall amount of soil disturbance is minimized, incorporating measures such as tilling alternate rows and combining operations.

E. Incorporate the following best management practices to minimize direct loading of fertilizers, chemicals, and other agricultural products into runoff and sediments offsite:

1. Crop areas shall be designed utilizing the principles of low impact development so that runoff from the crop area, from both irrigation and stormwater, is maintained onsite;

2. Site development shall include a determination of principal sources of runoff and erosion. Permanent measures for intercepting surface water and sedimentation movement shall be implemented based on this determination. Measures include, but are not limited to, bioretention facilities, dry wells, filter/buffer strips, bioswales, cisterns, and infiltration trenches. Where filter or buffer strips cannot absorb sheet flow runoff volumes, vegetated swales shall be designed to convey runoff to selected water retention facilities. For example, a filter strip can be positioned across a vineyard slope between sections to reduce sediment movement by sheet flow, or a vegetated swale can intercept runoff at a break in slope at the bottom of a hillside and attenuate and filter the flow before it reaches a stream or drainage course;

3. Runoff shall be diverted, with a berm or other such measure, around the storage or disposal area for waste, crop residues, waste by-products, fertilizers, chemicals, oils, other agricultural products and/or hazardous materials;

4. Stockpiled soils shall be protected from erosion by using tarps and jute netting to cover the pile;

5. Permanent or no-till cover vegetation shall be planted between crop rows. The species of ground cover shall be appropriate to the site, found on the *Plant List for the Santa Monica Mountains* maintained by the Director, and non-invasive. The grower shall seek advice from an appropriate cover crop specialist for site-specific recommendations; and

6. Anti-dust strategies that do not rely on water applications or increase the amount of impervious surface shall be implemented. Strategies include planting wind barriers such as trees and hedgerows comprised of locally-indigenous vegetation, planting locally-indigenous perennial grasses and shrubs along roadsides and ditch banks, utilizing mulches and/or compost beneath the crop, vegetating non-crop areas with locally-indigenous species, and applying appropriate non-toxic materials along roadways, such as gravel, sand, porous paving materials and mulches.

F. Incorporate the following best management practices for maintaining waste, waste byproducts, fertilizers, chemicals, oils, other agricultural products and/or hazardous materials:

1. Waste and waste byproducts must be contained on the area on which crops are grown, and disposed of in a manner that does not negatively impact coastal resources;

2. Waste, compost, oils, chemicals, fertilizers, and other similar materials shall be stored in a sealed area, either inside a structure or in a covered container with an impervious bottom surface; and

3. Waste, compost, oils, chemicals, fertilizers, and other similar materials shall be stored at least 100 feet away from any H1 habitat area, natural drainage course, or any underground water source used for human consumption.

4. Minimize the release of pesticides into the environment by implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies that apply pesticides only when an economic benefit to the producer will be achieved, and apply pesticides efficiently and at times when runoff losses are least likely. Pesticide runoff shall be carefully managed in a comprehensive manner, including evaluating past and current pest problems and cropping history, evaluating the physical characteristics of the site, selecting pesticides that are the most environmentally benign, using anti-backflow devices on hoses used for filling tank mixtures, and providing suitable mixing, loading, and storage areas. Utilize IPM strategies, bio-intensive pest management, biological control, or certified organic pest management to minimize the use of pesticides on crops. If pesticide application is necessary, the following BMPs shall be implemented:

a. Pesticides used shall be non-toxic to wildlife, and shall not be used within 50 feet of wildlife habitat, nesting sites, or riparian habitats;

b. Fumigants shall not be used;

c. Timing of applications shall be carefully considered to avoid impacting wildlife during their breeding season, and to avoid application when rain is forecast within 48 hours; and

d. Pesticides shall be applied utilizing low-drift spray technology, and not applied when winds exceed seven miles per hour.

5. Minimize nutrient loss by developing and implementing comprehensive nutrient management plans based on crop nutrient budgets; identification of the types, amounts, and timing of nutrients necessary to produce a crop based on realistic crop yield expectations; and identification of on-site environmental hazards.

H. A Post-Construction Runoff Plan-Agriculture (PCRP-Ag) is required for all non-exempt agricultural development projects. The PCRP-Ag shall include a site plan specifying: 1) the distance from the proposed development to the nearest coastal waters, 2) the location of all Site Design, Source Control, and Treatment Control Best Management Practices (BMPs), 3) drainage improvements (for example, locations of infiltration basins, diversions/conveyances for upstream runoff, grassed watercourses, and sediment basins), and 4) terraced land.

**22.44.1310 Fences, gates, and walls.** New fences, gates, and walls shall be subject to the following standards. Fences and walls may be erected and maintained in required yards subject to the requirements specified herein:

A. Front Yards. Fences and walls within a required front yard shall not exceed a height of three and one-half feet.

B. Corner Side Yards. Fences and walls within a required corner side yard shall not exceed three and one-half feet in height where closer than five feet to the highway line, nor exceed six feet in height where five feet or more from said highway line.

C. Interior Side and Rear Yards. Fences and walls within a required interior side or rear yard shall not exceed six feet in height; provided, however, that on the street or highway side of a corner lot such fence or wall shall be subject to the same requirements as for a corner side yard.

D. Retaining Walls. Retaining walls not to exceed six feet in height are permitted in all yards.

E. Retaining Walls Topped with Walls or Fences.

1. Where a retaining wall protects a cut below the natural grade and is located on a front, side or rear lot line, such retaining wall may be topped by a fence or wall of the same height that would otherwise be permitted at the location if no retaining wall existed. Where such retaining wall contains a fill, the height of the retaining wall built to retain the fill shall be considered as contributing to the permissible height of a fence or wall; providing, however, that in any event an open-work non-view-obscuring fence of three and one-half feet may be erected at the top of the retaining wall for safety.

2. Where a wall or fence is located in the required yard adjacent to a retaining wall containing a fill, such wall or fence shall be set back from said retaining wall a distance of one foot for each one foot in height, to a maximum distance of five feet; provided, however, that this does not permit a wall or fence in required yards higher than permitted by this section. The area between such wall or fence and said retaining wall shall be landscaped and such landscaping continuously maintained in good condition.

F. Fences and Walls Exempted. Where a fence or wall exceeding the heights specified is required by any law or regulation of the state of California, a fence or wall not exceeding such required height is permitted.

G. Measurement of Fence and Wall Height. The height of a fence or wall shall be measured at the highest average ground level within three feet of either side of said wall or fence. In order to allow for variation in topography, the height of a required fence or wall may vary an amount not to exceed six inches; provided, however, that in no event shall the average height of such fence or wall exceed the maximum height specified.

H. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the director may permit fences or walls within any required yard on flag lots to a height not to exceed six feet.

I. Modifications Authorized. Any modifications to the fence, wall, and landscaping standards contained in this section may be granted as part of the administrative Coastal Development Permit procedure identified in Section 22.44.940 and shall also include findings that the proposed modifications will not create a safety hazard and will not impair views of scenic resources. In addition to the information required under Section 22.44.840, an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit requesting a yard modification under this subsection shall contain the following information:

1. A scaled site plan showing the proposed landscaping, fence, or wall location, setbacks, and fence or wall height measurements;

2. A scaled elevation drawing of the proposed landscaping, fence, or wall showing measurements of all fence or wall elements, including fence or wall height, and all proposed materials and colors.

J. Fencing may surround the immediate development and extend no further than the outer extent of Fuel Modification Zone A (typically 20 feet from structures that require fuel modification), and shall be solely for safety purposes. Fencing shall be no more than 6 feet in height.

K. For animal containment facilities, such as corrals and stables, and facilities such as riding rings, fencing shall meet all requirements of this section.

C. Perimeter fencing of a parcel is prohibited.

D. All fencing shall be sited and designed to not restrict wildlife movement.

E. Fencing within H1 habitat area, or within 100 feet of H1 habitat area, is prohibited, except where necessary for public safety or habitat protection or restoration. Development permitted within H2 habitat may include fencing consistent with the requirements of Section 22.44.1800 et seq.

F. Fences and walls shall not be constructed of or topped with spikes, wire, barbs, razors, or any other similar material.

G. Fences, gates, and walls shall minimize impacts to public views of scenic areas and shall be compatible with the character of the area.

H. Walls more than 10 feet in length shall be divided into sections and made of materials similar in appearance to surrounding natural elements.

I. Walls shall be placed so they do not obscure public views of Scenic Resources as shown on Map 3 of the Land Use Plan.

J. Slopes utilizing retaining walls shall be terraced and landscaped with locally-indigenous and site-appropriate landscape species. Such revegetation efforts shall be completed before the rainy season, which is October 15 through April 15 of the subsequent year. Landscaping shall screen the wall.

K. Gates, walls, fences, guardhouses, barriers, or other structures designed to regulate or restrict pedestrian access within private street easements where they have the potential to limit, deter, or prevent public pedestrian access to the shoreline, trails, or parklands where adjudicated prescriptive rights exist are prohibited.

L. Gates, walls, fences, guardhouses, barriers, or other structures that prevent the movement of wildlife through developed areas to access adjacent open space resources are prohibited.

M. Gates must be wildlife-permeable, and shall only be allowed on roads or driveways that provide access to one property.

**22.44.1320 Construction colors, materials, and design.** Building construction and site design shall be subject to the following standards:

A. Clustering of structures and lots shall be required to site new construction in areas of least visibility, unless to do so would cause substantial habitat damage and destruction.

B. Reflective, glossy, polished, and/or roll-formed type metal siding shall be prohibited.

C. Polished and/or roll-formed type metal roofing shall be prohibited.

D. Colors and exterior materials used for new development shall be compatible with the surrounding landscape.

E. Structures shall conform to the natural topography. On hillsides having a natural slope of 15 percent or more:

1. Structures shall not extend more than six feet beyond (i.e., out from) the downslope edge of the natural slope or have an understory that exceeds a height of six feet from the bottom of the natural slope.

2. Structures shall be set into the slope utilizing a stepped or split-level design.

3. Structures shall be sited so that their higher elements are located toward the center or uphill portions of the building site, to minimize the visual impact of the structure.

F. The use of highly reflective materials is prohibited, except for solar energy devices which shall be placed to minimize adverse impacts to public views to the maximum extent feasible;

G All windows shall be comprised of non-glare/non-reflective glass.

H. New development shall incorporate colors and exterior materials that are compatible with the surrounding landscape. Acceptable colors shall be limited to earth tones that blend with the surrounding environment, including shades of green, brown, and gray, and no white or light shades, and no bright tones.

I. The walking surface of a deck with underpinnings visible from outside the parcel shall not exceed a height of six feet above grade. Decks shall be integrated into the architecture of the house.

J. Minimize the apparent size of exterior wall surfaces visible from offsite by using landscaping and/or other means of horizontal and vertical articulation to create changing shadow lines and break up the appearance of massive forms. Avoidance of impacts to visual resources through site selection and design alternatives is the preferred method over landscape



screening. Landscape screening, as mitigation of visual impacts, shall not substitute for project alternatives including resiting or reducing the height or bulk of structures.

K. The vertical distance between the lowest point where the foundation meets grade and the lowest floor line of the structure shall be the minimum necessary for safety purposes.

#### **22.44.1330 Wireless telecommunication facilities.**

New wireless telecommunication facilities shall be subject to the following standards, in addition to all of the other standards of the LCP:

A. All new wireless telecommunication facilities shall require a minor Coastal Development Permit.

B. All new wireless telecommunication facilities shall be subject to environmental review by the staff biologist. The Director may require such a facility to receive further review by the ERB.

C. All equipment for new wireless telecommunication facilities, including but not limited to cables and equipment boxes, shall be located underground where feasible, except where it would present or contribute to geologic hazards or be damaging to native trees. Existing communication transmission lines are encouraged to be relocated underground when they are replaced and when funding for undergrounding is available

D. Facilities shall be sited and designed to avoid or minimize their visibility from scenic resource and public viewing areas, and to preserve the character of the surrounding area. If there is no feasible alternative that can eliminate all impacts, then the alternative that would result in the fewest or least significant impacts shall be selected. Colors and designs must be integrated and compatible with existing on-site and surrounding buildings and/or uses in the area. Facilities shall be sited to avoid or minimize obstruction of views from adjacent properties.

E. Facilities shall be sited, designed, and operated to avoid or minimize impacts to H1 habitat areas, H1 Buffers, Quiet Zones, and native trees, consistent with all provisions of the LCP. If there is no feasible alternative that can eliminate all impacts, then the alternative that would result in the fewest or least significant impacts shall be selected. Existing locally-indigenous vegetation shall be preserved where feasible, and disturbance of the existing topography of the site shall be minimized.

F. All wireless telecommunication facilities shall be unlit, unless co-located with an existing lighted pole.

G. Site equipment shall be limited to the housing of radio, electronic, and related equipment necessary to that site and not used for storage of equipment. If feasible, the base station and all wires and cables necessary for the operation of the facility shall be placed underground so that the antenna is the only portion of the facility that is above ground.

H. All ground-placed wireless telecommunication facilities shall be screened with vegetation or natural-appearing materials, and pole-mounted facilities shall blend with the surroundings, to the fullest extent possible, and be located to minimize visibility from surrounding areas and right-of-ways.

I. The use of colors and facility designs shall be compatible with surrounding vegetation or buildings and shall prevent the facility from dominating the surrounding area.

J. All equipment, antennas, non-wooden poles, or towers shall have a non-reflective finish and shall be painted or otherwise treated to minimize visual impacts.

K. All wireless telecommunication facilities shall be designed so as to be resistant to and minimize opportunities for unauthorized access, climbing, vandalism, graffiti, and other conditions that would result in hazardous conditions, visual blight, or nuisances.

L. All wireless telecommunication facilities shall be maintained on a regular basis. Maintenance shall include painting and the care and replacement of dead or diseased landscaping planted in conjunction with the facility.

M. All equipment, antennas, poles, towers, artificial screens, or any other equipment related to the operation of the wireless telecommunication facility shall be removed by the service provider/permittee within 30 days of the site no longer being used.

N. All new wireless telecommunication facilities shall be sited as far from residences as possible, while maintaining adequate signal strength.

O. Newly installed monopoles and lattice towers shall be constructed so as to physically and structurally allow co-location of at least one other wireless facility.

P. Wireless facilities shall be co-located with one or more existing, authorized wireless facility, wherever the Director determines it is feasible to do so. Except where a proposed facility is proposed to be co-located, the applicant shall provide:

1. An inventory of existing and approved wireless facilities that reflects a good-faith effort to document all such facilities located within a one-quarter mile radius of the proposed facility, including the location, type, height, and design of each facility; and,

2. A sworn statement describing the good-faith efforts on the applicant's part to co-locate the proposed wireless facility on the site of another such facility, including coverage / interference analysis, capacity analysis, and any other reasons that co-location is claimed to be infeasible.

Q. Communications facilities constructed as part of Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System are exempt from these regulations and require no Coastal Development Permit.

**22.44.1340 Water Resources.** This chapter implements applicable provisions of the local coastal program for ensuring the protection of the quality of coastal waters by providing standards for the review and authorization of development consistent with the requirements of the California Coastal Act. All proposed development shall be evaluated for potential adverse impacts to water quality and water resources. New National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) standards from the Regional or State Water Quality Board shall apply.

A. Drainage course protection.

1. New development shall provide a buffer of at least 100 feet in width from the outer edge of the bank of a drainage course. Where riparian vegetation is present, the buffer shall be measured from the outer edge of the canopy of riparian vegetation.

2. Site grading shall be accomplished in accordance with the stream protection and erosion provisions of this Section 22.44.1340.

3. Streambeds and drainage courses shall not be altered except where consistent with Section 30236 of the Coastal Act; that is, limited to 1) necessary water supply projects, 2) flood control projects where no other method for protecting existing structures in the flood plain is feasible and where such protection is necessary for public safety or to protect existing development, or 3) developments where the primary function is the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat. Stream crossings shall be minimized, and where considered necessary shall be accomplished by the installation of a bridge. Stream crossings shall be designed, constructed and maintained in the following ways:

a. Stream crossings shall be installed at right angles to the stream channel.

b. Stream crossings shall minimize the disturbance to and degradation of habitat for locally-indigenous species located in stream channels. Crossings shall be designed such that substrate and flow conditions within the crossing structure mimic the natural streambed. Crossings shall not have higher water velocity, shallower water depth, or different streambed elevations than those of the natural stream channel. Blockages and erosion at stream crossing inlets and outlets are prohibited.

c. Removing locally-indigenous trees to accommodate stream crossings shall be avoided, except in those instances where the tree removal is determined to be less damaging to locally-indigenous species than alternative designs.

d. Stream crossing construction shall occur at times of low flow, with construction time and equipment location within stream waters kept to a minimum, and shall utilize current BMPs as required by the Department of Public Works to prevent construction discharges and sediment, particularly fine sediment, from entering streambeds. In addition, these projects shall undergo Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point planning, as required by the Director, in order to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and contaminants.

e. Fill used in construction of stream crossings shall be obtained from upstream sources, when it is possible to do so in an environmentally sensitive manner and when the fill can be shown to be free of invasive plant and animal species. Any new surface areas created with fill must be planted with locally indigenous vegetation as identified in Appendix A of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program Technical Appendices.

f. The design elements of stream crossings shall maximize preservation of rural community character and minimize visual impacts. All materials, textures and colors used for stream crossings shall be permanent, non-reflective and similar in color to the surrounding landscape. Examples of permanent materials include colored concrete, weathered metal, stone and wood. Non-permanent design elements are defined as aesthetic elements that require renewal more often than the overall structure of the stream crossing itself, such as paint. Drainage, railings, and other accessory structures located on the stream crossing shall not visually contrast with the stream crossing.

g. The total area of stream crossings and their accessory structures shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible.

h. No more lighting than is required for safety shall be permitted on stream crossings, and lighting shall be designed to avoid both astronomical and ecological light pollution as required by Section 22.44.1270.

4. Filling and/or grading of "blue line" streams designated on maps of the U.S. Geological Survey, and/or streambeds with a defined bed and bank, and/or drainage courses that support riparian vegetation, and/or drainage courses that contain hydric soils, shall be prohibited.

5. If channelization of a drainage course is necessary for flood control purposes, bioengineered options (such as brush-layering, brush matting, or pole-planted reinforced slope protection) shall be the first choice instead of concrete or riprap channels.

6. An in-stream road crossing, such as an "Arizona crossing," shall be modified to a soft-bottom crossing or replaced by a bridge, when major maintenance or major repair activities on the crossing are undertaken.

B. When a water well is proposed to serve a project, the applicant shall be required to do a test well and provide data relative to depth of water, geologic structure, production capacities, degree of drawdown, etc. The data produced from test wells shall be aggregated to identify cumulative impacts on riparian areas or other coastal resources. Once sufficient cumulative data is available to make accurate findings (to be determined by the Director), to approve a well the County must find that neither individual nor cumulative impacts will cause significant adverse impacts on coastal resources.

C. Pools and spas shall comply with the following:

1. Alternative sanitization methods shall be used, which may include no-chlorine or low-chlorine sanitization methods.

2. The discharge of chlorinated pool water into a street, storm drain, creek, canyon, drainage channel, or other location where it could enter receiving waters shall be prohibited.

D. Proposed development projects shall obtain approval of design and financial arrangements from the local water purveyor for the construction of water and, if applicable, sewer facilities prior to either recordation of subdivisions, or issuance of grading or building permits, if a subdivision is not involved.

E. Where best management practices (BMPs) are required, BMPs shall be selected that have been shown to be effective in reducing the pollutants typically generated by the proposed land use. Examples of BMPs can be found in Appendix H of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program Technical Appendices. The design of BMPs shall be guided by the current edition of the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Stormwater BMP Handbooks, or an equivalent BMP manual that describes the type, location, size, implementation, and maintenance of BMPs suitable to address the pollutants generated by the development, and specific to a climate similar to the Santa Monica Mountains.

F. The following Development-Specific BMPs shall be required.

1. Loading dock areas have the potential for material spills to be quickly transported to the stormwater conveyance system, and shall be covered, and designed to minimize run-on and runoff of stormwater. Direct connections to storm drains from depressed loading docks (e.g., truck wells) are prohibited.

2. Repair/maintenance bays must be indoors or designed in such a way that does not allow oil and grease, solvents, car battery acid, coolant, and gasoline from contacting stormwater runoff, and shall be designed to capture all wash-water, leaks, and spills. Repair/maintenance bay drains shall connect to a sump for collection and disposal; direct connection of the repair/maintenance bays to the storm drain system is prohibited. An Industrial Waste Discharge Permit shall be obtained if required.

3. Areas designated for washing/steam cleaning of vehicles and equipment must be: (1) enclosed in a structure and/or covered, (2) equipped with a clarifier or other pre-treatment facility, and 3) properly connected to a sanitary sewer to avoid metals, oil and grease, solvents, and phosphates from entering the storm drain system or coastal waters.

4. Parking lots over 5,000 square feet in area shall be designed to minimize impervious surfaces, and to treat and/or infiltrate runoff before it reaches the storm drain system so that heavy metals, oil and grease, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons deposited on parking lot surfaces will not be transported to surface waters. The design of landscaped areas for parking lots shall consider, and may, where appropriate, be required to include provisions for the on-site detention, retention, and/or infiltration of stormwater runoff, which reduces and slows runoff, and provides pollutant cleansing and groundwater recharge. Where landscaped areas are designed for detention, retention, and/or infiltration of stormwater runoff from the parking lot, recessed landscaped areas (below the surface of the pavement shall be required. Curb cuts shall be placed in curbs bordering landscaped areas, or else curbs shall not be installed, to allow stormwater runoff to flow from the parking lot into landscaped areas. All surface parking areas shall be provided a permeable buffer between the parking area and adjoining streets and properties. Accumulation of particulates contaminated by oil, grease, or other water-insoluble hydrocarbons from vehicle leaks shall be removed from heavily used parking lots (e.g. lots with 25 or more parking spaces, sports event parking lots if any, shopping malls, and grocery stores) by dry vacuuming or equivalent techniques. Filter treatment systems, particularly for hydrocarbon removal BMPs, shall be adequately maintained.

5. Restaurants shall be designed to minimize runoff of oil and grease, solvents, phosphates, and suspended solids to the storm drain system. Equipment washing/steam cleaning areas must be equipped with a grease trap, and properly connected to a sanitary sewer or approved Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS). If the wash area is to be located outdoors, it must be covered, paved, have secondary containment, and be connected to the sanitary sewer. Dumpster areas must have secondary containment

6. Vehicle Service Facilities (gasoline stations, car washes, and automotive repair facilities) shall cover fuel dispensing areas with an overhanging roof structure or canopy. The canopy must not drain onto the fuel dispensing area, and the canopy downspouts must be routed to prevent drainage across the fueling area. Fuel dispensing areas shall be paved with Portland cement concrete (or an equivalent smooth, impervious surface - the use of asphalt concrete shall be prohibited), shall have a 2% to 4% slope to prevent ponding, and must be separated from the rest of the site by a grade break that prevents run-off of stormwater. Repair bays shall be indoors or designed in such a way that does not allow stormwater run-on or contact with stormwater runoff, and shall have a drainage system that captures all wash-water, leaks, and spills and connects to a sump for collection and disposal. Direct connection of the repair/maintenance bays to the storm drain system is prohibited. An Industrial Waste Discharge Permit must be obtained if required.

7. Outdoor storage areas for material with the potential to pollute stormwater (e.g. toxic compounds, oil and grease, heavy metals, nutrients, suspended solids, and other pollutants) must be: 1) protected by secondary containment structures such as berms, dikes, or curbs, 2) sufficiently impervious to contain leaks and spills, and 3) must have a roof or awning to minimize collection of stormwater within the secondary containment area.

8. Commercial, industrial, and multi-unit residential trash storage areas must have drainage from adjoining roofs and pavement diverted around the area, must be screened or walled to prevent off-site transport of trash, and shall be inspected and cleaned regularly.

F. Site design using Low Impact Development (LID) techniques pursuant to Section 22.44.1510 et seq. shall receive preferential consideration in order to minimize runoff quality and quantity impacts from development. Alternative management practices shall be substituted where the Department of Public Works has determined that infiltration BMPs may result in adverse impacts, including but not limited to, where saturated soils may lead to geologic instability, where infiltration may contribute to flooding, or where regulations to protect groundwater may be violated. Besides the LID requirements of Section 22.44.1510 et seq., LID techniques to consider include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Development shall be sited and designed to minimize the impact of development on the infiltration, purification, detention, and retention functions of natural drainage systems that exist on the site.

2. Development shall minimize the creation of impervious surfaces (including pavement, sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking areas, streets, and roof-tops), especially directly-connected impervious areas. Directly-connected impervious areas include areas covered by a building, impermeable pavement, and/or other impervious surfaces that drain directly into the storm drain system without first flowing across permeable areas (e.g., vegetative landscaping or permeable pavement).

3. Development shall maintain, or enhance where appropriate and feasible, on-site infiltration of runoff, in order to preserve natural hydrologic conditions, recharge groundwater, attenuate runoff flow, retain dry-weather runoff on-site, and minimize transport of pollutants.

4. Development that creates new impervious surfaces shall divert runoff flowing from these surfaces into permeable areas in order to maintain, or enhance where appropriate and feasible, on-site infiltration capacity.

5. Where pavement is required, development shall use permeable pavement (e.g., interlocking paver blocks, porous asphalt, permeable concrete, decomposed granite or gravel), where feasible, to reduce runoff. Permeable pavements shall be designed so that runoff infiltrates into the underlying soil or engineered substrate, filtering pollutants, buffering runoff generation, and recharging groundwater.

G. A Construction Runoff and Pollution Control Plan (CRPCP) is required for all development projects that involve on-site construction to address the control of construction-

phase erosion, sedimentation, and polluted runoff. This plan shall specify the temporary BMPs that will be implemented to minimize erosion and sedimentation during construction, and minimize pollution of runoff by construction chemicals and materials. The CRPCP shall demonstrate that:

1. During construction, development shall minimize site runoff and erosion through the use of temporary BMPs (including, but not limited to, soil stabilization measures), and shall minimize the discharge of sediment and other potential pollutants resulting from construction activities (e.g., chemicals, vehicle fluids, asphalt and cement compounds, debris, and trash).

2. Clearing and grading shall be limited to the minimal footprint necessary and for the shortest time necessary to avoid increased erosion and sedimentation. Soil compaction due to construction activities shall be minimized in order to retain the infiltration capacity of the soil.

3. Construction shall minimize the disturbance of plant cover (including trees, native vegetation, and root structures), which is important for preventing erosion and sedimentation.

4. Development shall implement soil stabilization BMPs, including but not limited to re-vegetation, on graded or disturbed areas as soon as feasible.

5. Grading operations shall not be conducted during the rainy season (from October 15 to April 15), except in response to an emergency, unless the Department of Public Works grants an extension for a specific length of time, based on an inspection of the site, and a determination that conditions at the project site are suitable, that the likelihood of significant precipitation is low, and that adequate erosion and sedimentation control measures will be maintained during the activity.

6. The CRPCP shall be submitted with the final construction drawings. The plan shall include, at a minimum, a narrative report and map that describe all temporary polluted runoff, sedimentation, and erosion control measures to be implemented during construction, including:

- a. Controls to be implemented on the amount and timing of grading.
- b. BMPs to be implemented for staging, storage, and disposal of excavated materials.
- c. Design specifications for Treatment Control BMPs, such as sedimentation basins.
- d. Re-vegetation or landscaping plans for graded or disturbed areas.
- e. Other soil stabilization BMPs to be implemented.
- f. Measures to infiltrate or treat runoff prior to conveyance off-site during construction.
- g. Measures to eliminate or reduce the discharge of pollutants resulting from construction activities (including, but not limited to, paints, solvents, vehicle fluids, asphalt and cement compounds, and debris) into runoff.
- h. BMPs to be implemented for staging, storage, and disposal of construction chemicals and materials.
- i. Proposed methods for minimizing land disturbance activities, soil compaction, and disturbance of natural vegetation.
- j. A map showing the location of all temporary erosion control measures.
- k. A schedule for installation and removal of temporary erosion control measures, and identification of temporary BMPs that will be converted to permanent post-construction BMPs.

I. A list of “good housekeeping” provisions, including but not limited to, an inventory of products and chemicals used on-site, plans for the cleanup of spills and leaks.

H. A Post-Construction Runoff Plan (PCRP) is required for all development projects that involve on-site construction, to control post-construction runoff, and maintain or improve water quality. The PCRP shall specify BMPs that will be implemented to minimize polluted runoff, and minimize increases in stormwater runoff volume and rate from the development after construction is completed. The PCRP shall include:

1. A map specifying the distance from the proposed development to the nearest coastal waters, and any features to be implemented on-site listed in (2), below.

2. Proposed Site Design and Source Control Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize post-construction polluted runoff and impacts to water quality, including:

a. Proposed Site Design and Source Control BMPs that will be implemented to minimize post-construction polluted runoff.

b. Proposed drainage improvements (including locations of infiltration basins, and diversions/ conveyances for upstream runoff).

c. Measures to convey runoff from impervious surfaces into permeable areas of the property in a non-erosive manner.

d. Measures to maximize the ability of native substrates to retain and infiltrate runoff including directing rooftop runoff to permeable areas.

e. Measures to maximize the area of on-site permeable surfaces and to limit directly-connected impervious areas to increase infiltration of runoff.

f. Demonstrate the preferential consideration of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques, and provide a justification if LID techniques are not selected.

I. Certain categories of development have a greater potential for adverse coastal water quality impact, due to the development size, type of land use, or proximity to coastal waters. A development in one or more of the following categories shall be considered a Development of Water Quality Concern (DWQC), and shall be subject to additional requirements (see Section J, below) to protect coastal water quality. DWQC include the following:

1. Residential development consisting of five or more units.

2. Any development where 75% or more of the parcel area will comprise impervious surface.

3. Any development that results in the creation, addition, or replacement of 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface area.

4. Development of a parking lot with 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface area that may contribute to stormwater runoff.

5. Street, road, and highway facilities that will add an area of 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface.

6. Commercial development, if such development creates more than 5,000 square feet of impervious surface.

7. Development of commercial or industrial outdoor storage areas of 5,000 or more square feet in area, or as determined by the Department of Public Works based on the use of the storage area, where used for storage of materials that may contribute pollutants to the storm drain system or coastal waters.

8. Development of vehicle service facilities (including retail gasoline outlets, commercial car washes, and vehicle repair facilities).

9. All hillside development that will occur on slopes greater than 15 percent, located in areas with erodible soils.

10. All development that will occur within 125 feet of coastal waters, or that will discharge runoff directly to coastal waters, if such development results in the creation,

addition, or replacement of 2,500 square feet or more of impervious surface area. "Discharge directly" is defined as runoff that flows from the development to coastal waters and is not first combined with flows from any other adjacent areas.

11. Any other development determined by the Department of Public Works to be a DWQC.

J. A Development of Water Quality Concern (DWQC) (as identified in Section I, above) shall be subject to the following additional requirements to protect coastal water quality:

1. Hydromodification shall be controlled by maintaining certain characteristics of the pre-development hydrograph, as described herein. In a DWQC, where changes in stormwater runoff hydrology (i.e., volume and flow rate) may result in increased potential for streambank erosion, downstream flooding, or adverse habitat impacts, hydrologic control measures (e.g., stormwater infiltration, detention, harvest and re-use, and landscape evapotranspiration) shall be implemented in order to retain on-site the Stormwater Quality Design Volume (SWQDV), defined as the runoff from the 0.75-inch, 24-hour storm event, or the 85th percentile, 24-hour storm event, as determined from the Los Angeles County 85th percentile precipitation isohyetal map, whichever is greater.

2. If the combination of Site Design and Source Control BMPs proposed for a DWQC is not sufficient to protect water quality and coastal waters, Treatment Control BMPs shall also be required.

3. The applicant for a DWQC shall be required to submit a Water Quality and Hydrology Plan (WQHP), certified by a California Registered Civil Engineer, Professional Geologist, Certified Engineering Geologist, or Certified Hydrogeologist qualified to complete this work. In the application and initial planning process the applicant shall be required to submit for approval a preliminary WQHP and prior to issuance of a building permit the applicant shall submit a final WQHP for approval by the Department of Public Works.

4. The WQHP shall contain the following:

a. All of the information required in Section H, above, for the PCRFP.

b. An estimate of the increases in pollutant loads and runoff flows resulting from the proposed development, and calculations, per Department of Public Works standards.

c. Pre-development and post-development stormwater runoff hydrographs demonstrating that the Stormwater Quality Design Volume (SWQDV) will be retained on-site. The SWQDV is defined as either the runoff from 1) the 0.75-inch, 24-hour rain event, or 2) the 85th percentile, 24-hour rain event (as determined from the Los Angeles County 85th percentile precipitation isohyetal map), whichever is greater.

d. Measures to infiltrate or treat runoff from impervious surfaces (including roads, driveways, parking structures, building pads, roofs, and patios) on the site, and to discharge the runoff in a manner that avoids potential adverse impacts. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, Treatment Control BMPs including biofilters, grassy swales, on-site de-silting basins, detention ponds, or dry wells.

e. Site Design, Source Control, and, if necessary, Treatment Control BMPs that will be implemented to minimize post-construction water quality and/or hydrology impacts.

f. Appropriate post-construction Treatment Control BMPs selected to remove the specific runoff pollutants generated by the development, using processes such as gravity settling, filtration, biological uptake, media adsorption, or any other physical, chemical, or biological processes.

g. If Treatment Control BMPs are required in addition to Site Design and Source Control BMPs to protect water quality and control stormwater runoff, a description of how Treatment Control BMPs (or suites of BMPs) have been designed to infiltrate and/or treat the amount of runoff produced by all storms up to and including the 85th percentile, 24-hour



storm event for volume-based BMPs, and/or the 85th percentile, one-hour storm event (with an appropriate safety factor of two or greater) for flow-based BMPs.

h. A long-term plan for the scheduling, completion, monitoring, updating, and maintenance of all BMPs, as appropriate, to ensure protection of water quality for the life of the development. All structural BMPs shall be inspected, cleaned, and repaired as necessary to ensure their effective operation for the life of the development. Owners of these devices shall be responsible for ensuring that they continue to function properly, and additional inspections shall occur after storms throughout the rainy season, and maintenance done as needed. Repairs, modifications, or installation of additional BMPs, as needed, shall be carried out prior to the next rainy season.

i. If the applicant asserts that LID techniques, Treatment Control BMPs, or hydromodification requirements are not feasible for the proposed development, the WQHP shall document the site-specific engineering restraints and/or physical conditions that render these requirements to be infeasible for the development. In the event that LID, Treatment Control BMPs, and/or hydromodification controls are not proposed for the development, a detailed and specific account of the alternative management practices shall be provided, explaining how each facet of the alternative water quality practice will effectively substitute for the required plan element.

K. Pollution caused by the keeping of livestock shall be controlled by the strict adherence to the livestock management requirements found in Section 22.44.1450 (Confined animal facilities)

#### **22.44.1350 Hillside management.**

A. New development shall be prohibited on slopes of 50 percent or greater, unless required for safety reasons or if allowing such development would be more protective of biological resources and natural topography. Public trails are exempt from this prohibition.

B. The following provisions shall to minimize the impacts of development in hillside areas. These provisions shall apply to all property containing any area with a slope of 15 percent or more:

C. Utilize the following strategies:

1. Building sites shall be oriented to maximize the preservation of natural topography and groundcover;

2. Building sites, streets, and driveways shall be sited and designed to minimize grading and landform alteration and mimic the natural contours of the hillsides;

3. Stepped design shall be utilized in topographically steep or complex areas, unless another design would require less land alteration;

4. Cantilevers shall be designed so that they appear to blend into the environment as seen from Scenic Routes;

5. Terraced drains required in cut-and-fill slopes shall be paved with colored concrete to blend with the natural soil or shall be concealed with berms;

6. Terraced slopes resulting from grading shall be landscaped with locally-indigenous plants of varying types, density, and form;

7. Design new water tanks in scenic areas visible from scenic roads or public viewing areas to be partially below grade, where feasible. The above-ground portion shall be painted with colors that are similar to the surrounding landscape, including shades of green, brown, and gray. Landscape screening may also be required in areas of high scenic value; and

8. Development shall be sited and designed in a manner that minimizes visual impacts to existing trails and recreational facilities.

9. Support structures for gates must be natural in appearance (e.g., rock or

wood).

10. Site and design new development to minimize grading and the alteration of natural landforms.

11. Site and design new development to protect natural features, and minimize removal of locally indigenous vegetation.

12. Hillside development shall incorporate gutters, downspouts, or other appropriate means of roof drainage designed to direct water to a retention basin or a collector system.

13. Hillside development shall be sited and designed to protect public views of scenic areas and to be subordinate to the character of its setting.

14. Landscaping permitted on a hillside for restoration, revegetation, or erosion control purposes shall consist of locally-indigenous, drought-tolerant plant species as found on the *Recommend Plant List for the Santa Monica Mountains*.

15. For permitted grading operations on hillsides, the smallest practical area of land shall be exposed at any one time during development, and the length of exposure shall be kept to the shortest practicable amount of time. All measures for removing sediments and stabilizing slopes shall be in place prior to or concurrent with any on-site grading activities.

16. All structures on lots in hillside areas shall be clustered if clustering is shown to minimize site disturbance and grading. Development within a subdivision shall be clustered and utilize shared driveways..

17. In locating building pads, public safety and biological resource protection shall have priority over scenic resource preservation.

18. Ensure that development conforms to the natural landform and blends with the natural landscape in site, design, shape, materials, and colors. Building pads on sloping sites shall utilize split level or stepped pad designs. Buildings shall be constructed on multilevel pads, where feasible, to minimize grading and disturbance of biological resources.

19. New development shall be sited and designed to minimize the height and length of manufactured cut and fill slopes, and minimize the height and length of retaining walls. Graded slopes shall blend with the natural contours of the land.

20. Soils shall be stabilized and infiltration practices incorporated during the development of roads, bridges, culverts, and outfalls to prevent stream bank or hillside erosion. Project plans must include the following BMPs to decrease the potential of slopes and/or channels to erode and impact stormwater runoff:

a. Convey runoff safely from the tops of slopes into natural drainages. Artificial drainage outlets shall not discharge onto slopes.

b. Utilize natural drainage systems to the maximum extent feasible.

c. Stabilize permanent stream crossings.

d. Vegetate slopes with locally-indigenous, drought-tolerant vegetation.

e. No erosion shall occur at the outlets of new storm drains, culverts, conduits, or channels that enter unlined channels. Vegetation, such as willow trees, shall be utilized as the primary erosion-control device.

21. Additional measures to prevent downstream erosion, such as contour drainage outlets that disperse water back to sheet flow, shall be implemented for projects discharging onto slopes greater than 10 percent.

22. Development on slopes over 15 percent, with low permeability soil conditions, or where saturated soils can lead to geologic instability, as determined by the Department of Public Works, shall incorporate BMPs that do not rely on or increase infiltration.

#### **22.44.1360 Low- and moderate-income housing and lower cost visitor-serving facilities.**

A. Low- and moderate-income housing.

1. In order to receive approval for a demolition or conversion permit, all proposed projects shall comply with the California Government Code Section 65590 and 65590.1, commonly known as the 1982 Mello Act. The Mello Act is a statewide law which seeks to preserve housing for persons and families with low and moderate incomes in California's Coastal Zone.

2. As a condition of project approval, the applicant for demolition of housing occupied by low- and moderate- income households shall be required to replace each of the affordable housing units. As such, the applicant shall obtain the necessary permits, including building permits, for the replacement units prior to issuance of the demolition permit.

3. As a condition of project approval, the applicant shall record a deed restriction stating that the replacement unit(s) shall be sold, let, or leased only to those households which qualify as low or moderate income. Conversion, re-sale, or sub-letting of the units shall not alter this restriction.

B. Lower cost visitor-serving facilities. Lower cost visitor-serving facilities shall be protected and, to the extent feasible, new lower cost visitor-serving uses shall be encouraged and provided within Coastal Zone.

**22.44.1370 Additional dwelling units.**

A. The following additional dwelling units shall contain no more than 750 square feet of floor area, must be clustered with the main residence within the same building site, and must have an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) that is separate from the OWTS for the primary residence:

1. Caretaker's residence;
2. Caretaker's mobilehome; and
3. Senior citizen's residence.

B. Second units.

1. The provisions of this Section shall apply if a second unit's building site, as defined in Section 22.44.630 of this LIP, is located:

- a. Inside a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as designated pursuant to Government Code Section 51178 or 51179.
- b. Within an area not served by a public sewer system; or
- c. Within an area not served by a public water system.

2. The applicant shall obtain a major Coastal Development Permit, as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. A mandatory condition of the permit shall require the applicant to retire one lot in accordance with Section 22.44.1230.

3. In addition to the applicable provisions of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan, a second unit shall be subject to the following development standards:

a. Single-Family Residence Standards. A second unit shall comply with the development standards for a single-family residence set forth in the applicable zone in which the structure is located.

b. Street Access. The lot or parcel of land on which the second unit is located shall take vehicular access from a street or highway with a right-of-way of at least 60 feet in width;

c. Parking. A second unit with fewer than two bedrooms shall have one uncovered standard parking space; a second unit with two or more bedrooms shall have two uncovered standard parking spaces. A parking space provided for a second unit may be located in tandem with a parking space for the single-family residence only if such design is necessary in order to provide the required number of parking spaces for both units, and either space may be accessed from the driveway without moving an automobile parked in the other space.

as follows:

- d. Floor Area. The floor area requirements for a second unit shall be

- i. The minimum floor area shall be 220 square feet; and
- ii. The maximum floor area shall be 750 square feet.

- e. Height. The maximum height of a second unit shall consistent with the standard found in Section 22.44.1250.

- f. Minimum Lot Size. The minimum lot size for a second unit shall be a gross area of one acre;

- g. Required Yards. In rural areas, each lot or parcel of land on which a second unit is developed shall have front, side, and rear yards of not less than 35 feet in depth.

- h. Siting. The second unit shall be clustered with the main residence within the same building site.

4. Variances. The development standards in this section may be modified by variance in accordance with the provisions of 22.44.1150.

5. A major Coastal Development Permit is required for a second unit. The following additional requirements shall apply:

- a. A proposed second unit in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone that uses a shared driveway or that is located on a flag lot shall have conceptual approval of the suitability of its access by the Fire Department; the actual access road shall be at least 20 feet in width and shall be improved with all-weather surfacing.

- b. A proposed second unit in an area with no public sewer system shall have a separate onsite wastewater treatment system approved by the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Works.

6. A second unit shall not be considered a principal permitted use.

7. Second units shall be prohibited in all of the following areas:

- a. H1 habitat areas,

- b. The area of the H1 Buffer,

- c. Land located more than 2,500 feet from Pacific Coastal Highway, except for the five lots required to contain second units pursuant to the conditions of approval for Tentative Tract Map 46277, or

- d. On land with a natural slope of 25 percent or more.

#### **22.44.1380 Yard modifications authorized.**

A. Any person desiring a modification to yard or setback regulations may file an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit, except that no application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within one year prior thereto by the Director, Hearing Officer, or Regional Planning Commission on an application requesting the same, or substantially the same modification. This subsection applies only to yard requirements. A request for a modification to yard or setback regulations in the Malibou Lake Area shall be subject to the provisions of subsection D.2 of Section 22.44.2150.

B. The Director or Hearing Officer shall consider a request for modification to yard or setback regulations subject to the requirements of Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal development permits).

**22.44.1390 Trail requirements.** As part of the Coastal Development Permit process, the decision-making body shall review the proposed development to determine if protection of trails and public access to the shore is required. A decision to impose public access protection requirements and/or methods shall be based on a nexus between the project and its impacts on access and recreation opportunities. If the decision-making body determines public access

protections are required, the access-protection requirements and/or methods employed shall be proportional to the impacts of the project on the resources.

A. Determination of historic public use. Substantial evidence of the existence of public prescriptive rights over trails shall be determined based on evidence of all of the following:

1. The public must have used the land for a period of five years or more as if it were public land;
2. Without asking for or receiving permission from the owner;
3. With the actual or presumed knowledge of the owner;
4. Without significant objection or bona fide attempts by the owner to prevent or halt the use;
5. The use must be substantial, rather than minimal; and
6. The applicant must not have demonstrated that the law has prevented the property from being impliedly dedicated.

B. Access and recreation protection methods. Where an issue as to the existence of public prescriptive rights has been raised during the course of reviewing a Coastal Development Permit application, one of the following findings shall be made:

1. Substantial evidence does not warrant the conclusion that public prescriptive rights exist.
2. There is substantial evidence of the existence of public prescriptive rights, but development will not interfere with those rights.
3. There is substantial evidence of the existence of public prescriptive rights which requires denial of a Coastal Development Permit because of interference with those rights.
4. There is substantial evidence of the existence of public prescriptive rights, but a condition requiring dedication of public access protects the rights of the public and is equivalent in time, place and manner to any prescriptive rights which may exist.
5. There is substantial evidence of the existence of public prescriptive rights, but a condition requiring siting development away from the area used by the public protects the rights of the public.

C. Mapped Trails or Recorded Trail Easements. Depending on the size, location, impacts, and intensity of the proposed development with respect to trails depicted on Map 4 Recreation of the Land Use Plan, one of the following shall be required to avoid or minimize impacts to access and recreation:

1. The location of the trail may be revised if: the proposed project site contains H1 habitat, there is no feasible alternative siting location for the development that would avoid or minimize habitat impacts; and if the revised trail alignment offers equal or greater access and recreation opportunities and can feasibly be constructed. The County Department of Parks and Recreation and the easement holder (where there is an existing recorded trail easement) shall be consulted prior to any such revision;
2. The development is required by a condition of the Coastal Development Permit to provide an adequate set back from the trail to avoid any impact to public access or recreation opportunity;
3. A trail easement is required, through a condition of the Coastal Development Permit, over the portion of the mapped trail located on the project site; or
4. A trail dedication is required, as a condition of the Coastal Development Permit, over the portion of the mapped trail located on the project site.

D. Trail Access. A condition to require public trail access as a condition of approval of a Coastal Development Permit shall provide the public with the permanent right of access and active recreational use, (1) along a designated alignment of a coastal recreational path or trail in specific locations identified in the LCP for implementation of trail access, or (2) in

locations where it has been determined that a trail access is required to link recreational areas to the shoreline or provide alternative recreation and access opportunities pursuant to the access and recreation policies of the LCP and Coastal Act.

E. Legal description of a trail segment and recordation. A trail access dedication (offer to dedicate or grant of easement) required as a condition of a CDP shall be described, in the condition of approval of the permit in a manner that provides the public, the property owner, and the accepting agency with the maximum amount of certainty as to the location of the trail segment.

1. Prior to the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit, the landowner shall execute and record a document in a form and content acceptable to the Coastal Commission [or local agency authorized pursuant to 14 Cal. Code of Regulations Section 13574(b)], consistent with provisions of Sections E2 and E3 below, irrevocably offering to dedicate (or grant an easement) to a public agency an easement for public hiking and equestrian access that is 25 feet in width along the length of the trail alignment located within the project site.

2. The recorded document shall provide that: (1) the terms and conditions of the permit do not authorize any interference with prescriptive rights in the area subject to the easement prior to acceptance of the offer and, (2) development or obstruction in the trail prior to acceptance of the offer is prohibited.

3. The recorded document shall include legal descriptions and a map drawn to scale of both the applicant's entire parcel and the easement area. The offer or grant shall be recorded free of prior liens and any other encumbrances which the Coastal Commission [or local agency authorized by the Commission pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13574(b)] determines may affect the interest being conveyed. The offer to dedicate or grant of easement shall run with the land in favor of the People of the State of California, binding all successors and assignees, and the offer shall be irrevocable for a period of 21 years, such period running from the date of recording.

F. Implementation. For any project where the LCP requires an offer to dedicate an easement for a trail, a grant of easement may be recorded instead of an offer to dedicate an easement, if a government agency is willing to accept the grant of easement and is willing to operate and maintain the trail.

1. A dedicated trail shall not be required to be opened to public use until a public agency agrees to accept responsibility for maintenance and liability of the trail, except in cases where immediate public access is implemented through a deed restriction. New offers to dedicate trail access easements shall include an interim deed restriction that 1) states that the terms and conditions of the permit do not authorize any interference with prescriptive rights, in the area subject to the easement prior to acceptance of the offer and, 2) prohibits any development or obstruction in the easement area prior to acceptance of the offer.

2. Access facilities constructed on trail easements (e.g., walkways, paved paths, boardwalks, etc.) shall be as wide as necessary to accommodate the numbers and types of users that can reasonably be expected. Width of facilities can vary for ramps or paved walkways, depending on site factors.

3. For all offers to dedicate or to grant a trail easement that are required as conditions of Coastal Development Permits approved by the County, the County has the authority to allow a public agency to accept the offer or the grant of easement. Any government agency may accept an offer to dedicate or grant of an easement if the agency is willing to operate and maintain the easement. For all offers to dedicate or grant of a trail easement that were required as conditions of Coastal Development Permits approved by the Coastal Commission, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission retains the authority to approve a government agency that seeks to accept the offer or grant of easement.

4. The appropriate agency or organization to accept and develop trail dedication offers or grants of easement resulting from County issued CDPs shall be determined through coordination, where applicable, with the National Park Service, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council, and nonprofit land trusts or associations. Public agencies which may be appropriate to accept offers to dedicate include, but shall not be limited to, the State Coastal Conservancy, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Lands Commission, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

5. Offers to dedicate or grants of public trail easements shall be accepted for the express purpose of opening, operating, and maintaining the trail for public use. Unless there are unusual circumstances, the trail shall be opened within five (5) years of acceptance. If the trail is not opened within this period, and if another public agency expressly requests ownership of the easement in order to open it to the public, the easement holder shall transfer the easement to that entity within six (6) months of the written request. A Coastal Development Permit that includes an offer to dedicate or grant an easement for public trail as a term or condition shall require the recorded offer to dedicate to include the requirement that the easement holder shall transfer the easement to another public agency that requests such transfer, if the easement holder has not opened the trail to the public within five (5) years of accepting the offer.

6. Facilities to complement trails shall be permitted where feasible and appropriate. This may include parking areas, restrooms, picnic tables, or other improvements. No facilities or amenities, including, but not limited to, those referenced above, shall be required as a prerequisite to the approval of any trail offer to dedicate (OTD) or grant of easement or as a precondition to the opening or construction of the trail. Where there is an existing, but unaccepted and/or unopened public access OTD, easement, or deed restriction for trail access or related support facilities, necessary access improvements shall be permitted to be constructed, opened and operated for the intended public use.

7. Any trail which the managing agency or organization determines cannot be maintained or operated in a condition suitable for public use shall be offered to another public agency that agrees to open and maintain the trail in a condition suitable for public use.

8. All public access mitigation conditions or terms required by a CDP shall include, as a compliance component, a requirement that the permittee submit a detailed and surveyed map, drawn to scale, locating any proposed or required easements or deed restricted areas.

9. Title information. As a requirement for any trail access condition, prior to the issuance of the permit or other authorization for development, the applicant shall be required to furnish a title report and all necessary subordination agreements. All offers or grants shall be made free of all encumbrances which the approving authority determines may affect the interest being conveyed. If any such interest exists which could extinguish the access easement, it must be subordinated through a written and recorded agreement.

G. Review of Recorded Access Documents. Upon final approval of a Coastal Development Permit or other authorization for development, and where issuance of the permit or authorization is conditioned upon the applicant recording a legal document which restricts the use of real property or which offers to dedicate or grant an interest or easement in land for public use, a copy of the permit conditions, findings of approval and drafts of any legal documents proposed to implement the conditions shall be forwarded to the California Coastal Commission for review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit consistent with Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal development permits) of the LIP and California Code of Regulations Section 13574.

#### **22.44.1400 Parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches.**

A. Property in any zone may be used for parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches, with all appurtenant facilities and uses customarily found in conjunction therewith, subject to the provisions of this Section, provided that either a waiver or a Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit, unless an exemption has been granted pursuant 22.44.820 (Exemptions). In addition to the exemptions provided for in Section 22.44.820, a Coastal Development Permit shall not be required for parks, trails, playgrounds and beaches consisting of development that is limited to the following appurtenant facilities and uses customarily found in conjunction therewith, provided that no grading, removal of locally-indigenous vegetation, or streambed alteration is necessary, and as long as there are no negative impacts to sensitive habitat as determined by the staff biologist:

- Existing, lawfully-established single-family residence utilized as a residence and/or office for rangers or other staff.
- Existing, lawfully-established structures utilized by park personnel where no change in the intensity of use or physical development is occurring.
- One informational kiosk, less than 120 square feet in size.
- Movement or installation of boulders to delineate parking areas or for resource protection.
- Parking areas, less than 10 spaces, on existing unpaved areas that do not contain locally-indigenous vegetation or that encroach within the protected zone of native trees.
- Portable toilets.
- Sign, one, less than five square feet in total area, identifying the facility, and subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.1280.
- Traffic control and park regulatory signs.
- Trash receptacles.
- Temporary uses open to the public for activities that are resource-dependent or intended to enhance the resource, including but not limited to events for trail maintenance, litter removal, and invasive vegetation removal, as long as the uses meet the following conditions:

1. Sufficient parking for the temporary use is available on site. Onsite parking shall be of sufficient size to prevent vehicles from parking on the roadway or in habitat areas.

2. No outdoor amplified sound shall be generated between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

3. The temporary use is conducted for no more than six weekends or seven days during any 12-month period except when a longer time period is approved through an application for an Administrative Coastal Development permit pursuant to Section 22.44.940. "Weekend" means Saturday and Sunday, but national holidays observed on a Friday or Monday may be included

B. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permits. The following uses associated with parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches shall require an administrative Coastal Development Permit:

-- Equestrian facilities, including corrals and stables, utilized by public safety personnel and to support educational programs dependent on equestrian activities, subject to the provisions of Sections 22.44.1450 and Section 22.44.1940.

-- Parking on unpaved areas that do not contain locally-indigenous vegetation or that encroach within the protected zone of native trees, 10 to 24 spaces.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. The following uses associated with parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches shall require a minor Coastal



Development Permit:

- Parking on unpaved areas that do not contain locally-indigenous vegetation or that encroach within the protected zone of native trees, 25 or more spaces.
- Parking on new paved areas, fewer than 25 spaces.
- Private temporary uses.
- Structures, new, from 120 square feet to less than 3,000 square feet of gross area.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. The following uses associated with parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches shall require a major Coastal Development Permit:

- Parking on new paved areas, 25 or more spaces.
- Structures, new, with 3,000 square feet or more of gross area.

**22.44.1410 Vehicle parking space.**

A. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Section to establish comprehensive parking provisions to effectively regulate the design of parking facilities and equitably establish the number of parking spaces required for various uses. The standards for parking facilities are intended to promote vehicular and pedestrian safety and efficient land use. They are also intended to promote compatibility between parking facilities and surrounding neighborhoods and protect property values by providing such amenities as landscaping, walls and setbacks. Parking requirements are established to assure that an adequate number of spaces are available to accommodate anticipated demand in order to lessen traffic congestion and adverse impacts on surrounding properties.

B. Applicability.

1. The provisions of this Section shall apply to:

a. Vehicle parking at the time that a building or structure is erected, altered, or enlarged to increase floor space, numbers of dwelling units or guestrooms, or the use or occupant load of a building or structure is changed. Alterations, enlargements, increases, additions, modifications, or any similar changes to uses, buildings, or structures nonconforming due to parking shall also comply with Section 22.44.1220; and

b. Bicycle parking at the time that any new building or structure is erected, altered, or enlarged to increase floor area, where in the case of increased floor area, the alteration or enlargement results in the addition of at least 15,000 square feet of gross floor area.

2. In the case of mixed uses, the total number of parking spaces required shall be the sum of the requirements for the various uses computed separately. Required parking spaces for one use shall not be considered as providing required parking spaces for any other use unless allowed by a parking permit approved in accordance with Section 22.44.1415.

3. Parking spaces established by this Section shall be improved as required by this Section prior to occupancy of new buildings or structures, or occupancy of a new use in the case of an existing building or structure which has been altered or enlarged in accordance with subsection A of this section.

4. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to property on Santa Catalina or San Clemente Islands or to temporary parking facilities authorized by an approved temporary use permit, except where specifically required by the director.

5. The development standards contained in this Section shall be superseded where this LIP provides different standards.

6. The provisions of this Section in effect at the time of final approval of applications for conditional use permits, director's review site plan and other similar zoning cases shall apply, provided however, that as to any pending application which was filed and

completed and pursued diligently before [insert date of LCP certification], the applicant may request that the provisions in effect at the time of filing be applied.

C. Permanent maintenance required. Parking facilities required by this Section shall be conveniently accessible and permanently maintained as such unless and until substituted for in full compliance with the provisions of this LIP.

D. Ownership of required space.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this Section, space required by this Section for parking shall either be owned by the owner of the premises because of the use of which the parking space is required, or the owner of such premises shall have the right to use such space for parking by virtue of a recorded lease for a term of not less than 20 years. Such lease shall require that upon expiration or cancellation, the party using the parking spaces provided by such lease, prior to the effective date of such expiration or cancellation, shall notify the planning director of such event. If the lease is cancelled, expires or is otherwise voided, other parking shall be provided in accordance with this Section. If the required parking is not provided for any use covered by the former lease, such use shall be immediately terminated.

2. Ownership, or a 20-year lease of required parking space, is not necessary if another alternative is specifically allowed by a parking permit approved in accordance with Section 22.44.1415.

E. Width, paving, and slope of driveways. Access to one or more parking spaces required by this Section which serve three or more dwelling units shall be developed in accordance with the following:

1. Driveways shall be not less than 10 feet wide.

2. Where this Section requires that such access be paved, the pavement shall be not less than 10 feet in width throughout, except that a center strip over which the wheels of a vehicle will not pass in normal use need not be paved.

3. Unless modified by the Director or County Engineer because of topographical or other conditions, no portion of a driveway providing access to parking spaces shall exceed a slope of 20 percent. Where there is a change in the slope of driveway providing such access, it must be demonstrated that vehicles will be able to pass over such change in slope without interference with their undercarriages.

F. Difficult or impossible access to parking space—Alternate requirements. Where vehicular access to any parking space on the same lot or parcel of land as the residential structure to which it would be accessory is not possible from any highway or street due to topographical or other conditions, or is so difficult that to require such access is unreasonable in the opinion of the Director or County Engineer, such parking space is not required if:

1. Alternate parking facilities approved by either the director or county engineer are provided; or

2. The Director or County Engineer finds that alternate parking facilities are not feasible.

G. Specifications for Development of Parking Facilities. All land used for parking, other than a lot or parcel of land having a gross area of one acre or more per dwelling unit used, designed, or intended to be used for residential purposes shall be developed and used as follows:

1. Paving. Where access to a parking space or spaces is from a highway, street or alley which is paved with asphaltic or concrete surfacing, such parking areas, as well as the maneuvering areas and driveways used for access thereto, shall be paved with:

a. Concrete surfacing to a minimum thickness of three and one-half inches, with expansion joints as necessary; or

b. Asphalt surfacing, rolled to a smooth, hard surface having a minimum thickness of one and one-half inches after compaction, and laid over a base of

crushed rock, gravel or other similar material compacted to a minimum thickness of four inches. The requirement for said base may be modified if:

i. A qualified engineer, retained to furnish a job-site soil analysis, finds that said base is unnecessary to insure a firm and unyielding subgrade, equal, from the standpoint of the service, life and appearance of the asphaltic surfacing, to that provided if said base were required, and so states in writing, together with a copy of his findings and certification to such effect, or

ii. Other available information provides similar evidence; or

c. Other alternative material that will provide at least the equivalent in service, life and appearance of the materials and standards which would be employed for development pursuant to subsection 1.a or 1.b of this Section;

d. The County Engineer, at the request of the Director, shall review and report on the adequacy of paving where modification of base is proposed under subsection 1.b, or where alternative materials are proposed under subsection 1.c. The County Engineer may approve such modification or such alternative materials if, in her opinion, the evidence indicates compliance with subsection 1.b or 1.c as the case may be.

2. a. Marking of Spaces. Each parking space shall be clearly marked with paint or other similar distinguishable material, except spaces established in a garage or carport having not more than three spaces.

b. Striping for parking spaces may be modified by the director where there is a dual use of the parking facility or where an alternate paving material as described in subsection 1.c of this section is used. In approving such modification by site plan the director shall require suitable alternate means of marking the space to insure the required number of spaces is provided.

c. Each compact automobile parking space shall be clearly marked with the words "Compact Only."

3. Wheel Stops. Wheel stops shall be provided for parking lots with a slope of more than three percent, except that the installation of wheel stops is optional for parking stalls oriented at right angles to the direction of slope. Wheel stops are also required on the perimeter of parking lots which are adjacent to walls, fences or pedestrian walkways.

4. Walls.

a. Front Yards. Where parking facilities are located adjacent to the front lot lines, a solid masonry wall not less than 30 inches nor more than 42 inches in height, shall be established parallel to and not nearer than five feet to the front lot line except that:

i. The wall required shall not be nearer to the front lot line than the abutting required front or side yard of property in a residential or agricultural zone for a distance of 50 feet from the common boundary line;

ii. Where abutting and adjacent property is in zones other than a residential or agricultural zone, the director may permit the establishment of the required wall:

(A) Closer than five feet to the front property line,  
and/or

(B) To a height not exceeding six feet except where a yard is required in the zone.

b. Side and Rear Yards. Where parking facilities are located on land adjoining a residential or agricultural zone, a solid masonry wall not less than five feet nor more than six feet in height shall be established along the side and rear lot lines adjoining said zones except that:

i. Where such wall is located within 10 feet of any street, highway or alley and would interfere with the line-of-sight of the driver of a motor vehicle leaving

the property on a driveway, or moving past a corner at the intersection of two streets or highways, said wall shall not exceed a height of 42 inches.

ii. Such wall shall not be less than four feet in height above the surface of the adjoining property. If said wall is more than six feet in height above said adjoining property, it shall be set back from the adjoining property line a distance of one foot for each one foot in height above six feet.

c. The Director may approve substitution of a decorative fence or wall, or landscaped berm where, in his opinion, such fence, wall or landscaped berm will adequately comply with the intent of this Section pursuant to Section 22.44.940.

5. Landscaping.

a. Where a wall is required to be set back from a lot line, the area between said lot line and such wall shall be landscaped with a lawn, shrubbery, trees and/or flowers, and shall be continuously maintained in good condition.

b. Where more than 20 automobile parking spaces exist on a lot or parcel of land, areas not used for vehicle parking or maneuvering, or for the movement of pedestrians to and from vehicles, shall be used for landscaping. At least two percent of the gross area of the parking lot shall be landscaped. Landscaping shall be distributed throughout the parking lot, so as to maximize the aesthetic effect and compatibility with adjoining uses. This regulation shall not apply to parking areas on the roofs of buildings, nor to parking areas within a building.

c. Where an improved curbed walkway is provided within a parking lot, a landscaped strip a minimum of four feet in width shall be required adjoining such walkway. Within the landscaped strip, one tree shall be planted every 25 linear feet of walkway, and shall be at least seven feet in height measured from the base of the tree to the bottom of the tree canopy at the time of planting;

d. All landscaping materials and sprinkler systems shall be clearly indicated on the required site plans.

6. Lighting. Lighting shall be so arranged to prevent glare or direct illumination.

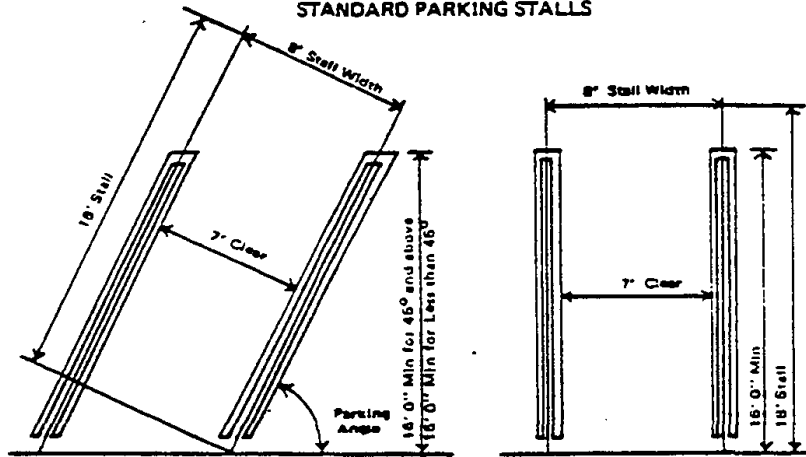
7. Slope. Parking lots shall not have a slope exceeding five percent, except for access ramps or driveways which shall not exceed a slope of 20 percent.

8. Design. Parking lots shall be designed so as to preclude the backing of vehicles over a sidewalk, public street, alley or highway. Parked vehicles shall not encroach on nor extend over any sidewalk. Parking spaces shall be designed and striped as shown in the diagrams below. Modifications to these diagrams may be approved by the Director provided that such modifications are compatible with the design criteria contained in said appendix.

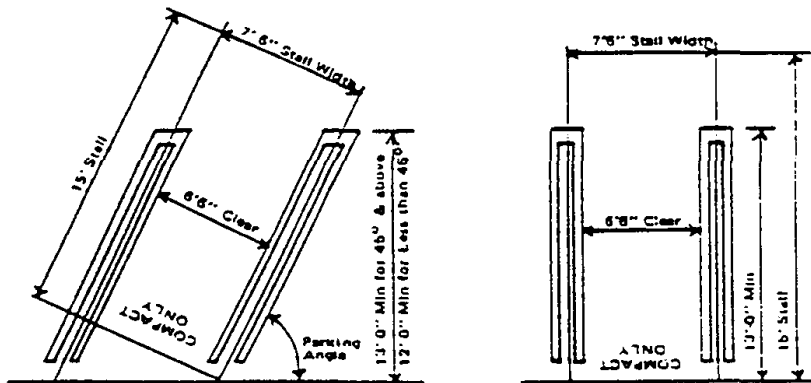
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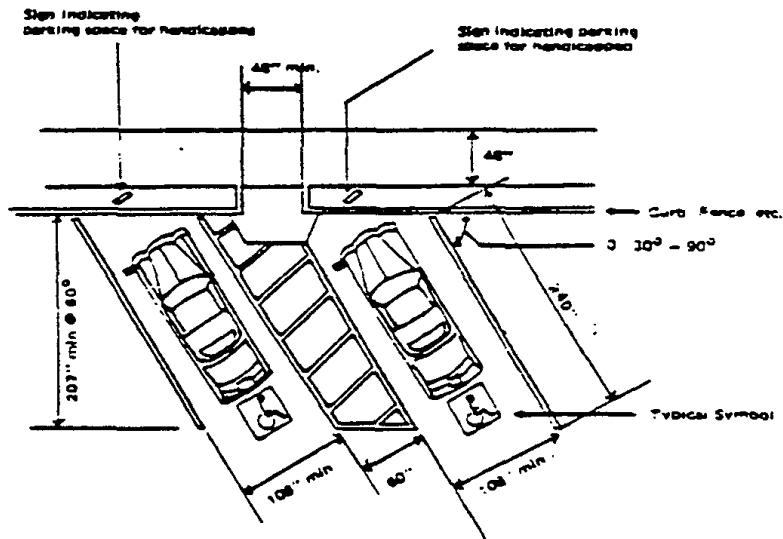
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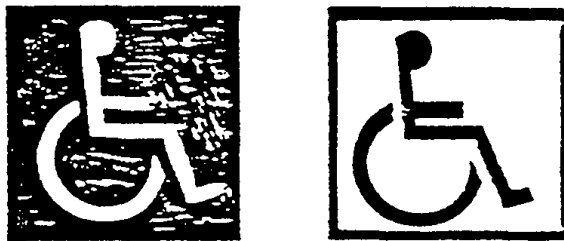


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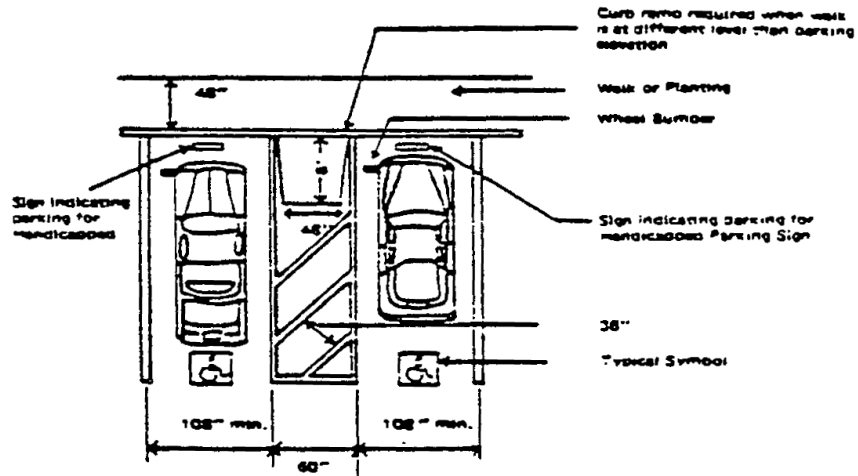


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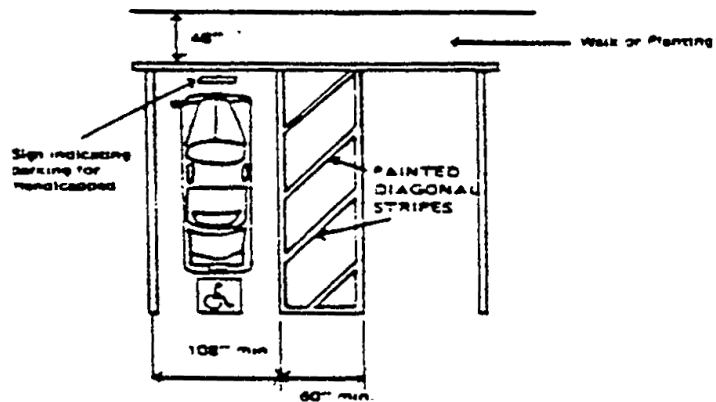
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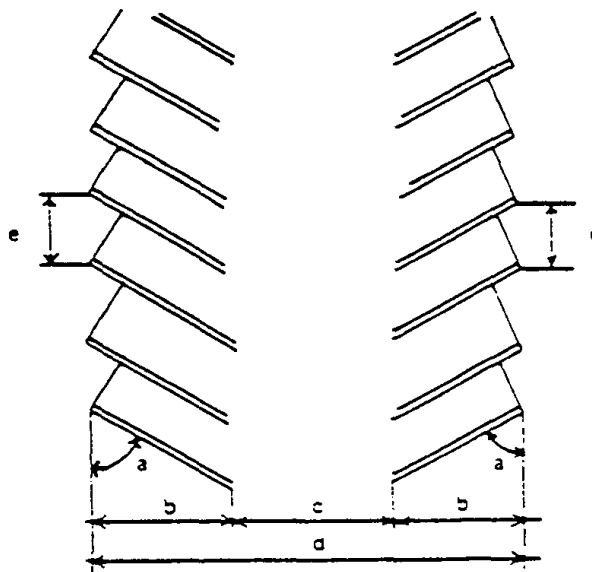
Parking Space for Handicapped, Single Type

### Appendix 3 MINIMUM DIMENSIONS FOR PARKING STALLS

Note: Stalls located immediately adjacent to solid walls must be at least ten feet in width.

angle (degrees)	b width	e depth	d overall width	c curb length
<b>STANDARD STALLS</b>				
30	16'	12'	44'	16'
45	18'	14'	52'	17'
60	20'	20'	60'	9'
90	18'	20'	62'	8'
<b>COMPACT STALLS</b>				
30	14'	12'	40'	15'
45	15'	13'	44'	10'
60	16'	16'	49'	8'
90	15'	23'	52'	7'

\* One-way traffic  
\*\* Two-way streets





10. Site Plans. A site plan shall be submitted to the Director to insure that said use will properly comply with the provisions of this LIP as provided in the Coastal Development Permitting provisions.

H. Parking for handicapped persons.

1. Number required:

a. All nonresidential parking lots accessible to the public, with the exception of parking lots providing 100 percent valet parking with an approved parking permit, shall provide parking spaces designated for use by handicapped persons, in the number indicated by the following table:

Total Number of Parking Spaces	Number of Parking Spaces Required For the Handicapped
1—40	1
41—80	2
81—120	3
121—160	4
161—300	5
301—400	6
401—500	7
over 500	1 additional for each 200 additional spaces provided

b. When fewer than five parking spaces are provided, one shall be 14 feet wide and lined to provide a nine-foot parking area and a five-foot loading and unloading area. However, there is no requirement that the space be reserved exclusively or identified for use by the handicapped only.

2. Location. Parking spaces for the physically handicapped shall be located as near as practical to a primary entrance. If only one space is provided, it shall be 14 feet wide and striped to provide a nine-foot parking area and a five-foot loading and unloading area. When more than one space is provided, in lieu of providing a 14 foot wide space for each parking space, two spaces can be provided within a 23-foot wide area striped to provide a nine-foot parking area on each side of a five-foot loading and unloading area in the center. The minimum length of each parking space shall be 18 feet. These parking spaces shall be designed substantially in conformance with the illustration in the parking diagrams of this LIP.

3. Encroachment. In each parking area, a wheel stop or curb shall be provided and located to prevent encroachment of cars over the required width of walkways. Also, the space shall be so located that a handicapped person is not compelled to wheel or walk behind parked cars other than their own. Pedestrian ways which are accessible to the physically handicapped shall be provided from each such parking space to related facilities, including curb cuts or ramps as needed. Ramps shall not encroach into any parking space. However, ramps located at the front of parking spaces for the physically handicapped may encroach into the length of such spaces when such encroachment does not limit a handicapped person's capability to leave or enter their vehicle.

4. Slopes. Surface slopes of parking spaces for the physically handicapped shall be the minimum possible and shall not exceed one-quarter inch per foot (2.083 percent slope) in any direction.

5. Marking. The surface of each parking space shall have a surface identification sign duplicating the symbol of accessibility in blue paint, at least three square feet in size.

6. Vertical Clearance. Entrances to and vertical clearances within parking structures shall have a minimum vertical clearance of eight feet two inches where required for accessibility to parking spaces for the handicapped.

I. Number of Spaces Required—Fractions. When the application of this Section requires a fractional part of a vehicle or bicycle parking space, any such fraction equal to or greater than one-half shall be construed as a whole and fractions less than one-half shall be eliminated.

J. Reduction in Required Vehicle Parking Spaces When Bicycle Parking Provided.

1. Eligibility requirements for a parking reduction. A reduction in vehicle parking spaces required by this Section shall be granted pursuant to this section, when:

a. The project provides more than the minimum number of bicycle parking spaces required by this Section; and

b. The project is located:

i. On or adjoining a lot or lots containing an existing or proposed bicycle path, lane, route, or boulevard, as so designated in the County Bicycle Master Plan; and

ii. Within one-half mile of a transit stop for a fixed rail or bus rapid transit or local bus system along a major or secondary highway.

2. Reduction calculation. For every two bicycle parking spaces provided above the minimum number of such spaces required by this Section, the required number of vehicle parking spaces required may be reduced by one, with a maximum reduction in vehicle parking spaces of five percent of the total number of such spaces otherwise required by this Section.

K. Compact automobile parking spaces. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, not more than 40 percent of the required number of parking spaces, and any parking spaces in excess of the required number, may be compact automobile parking spaces. Spaces for compacts shall be distributed throughout the parking area.

L. On-site parking. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, specifically approved by the commission in a density controlled development, or unless expressly allowed by a parking permit approved pursuant to Section 22.44.1415, every use shall provide the required number of parking spaces on the same lot or parcel of land on which the use is located. For the purposes of this section, transitional parking spaces separated only by an alley from the use shall be considered to be located on the same lot or parcel.

M. Loading areas. Every nonresidential use shall provide and maintain on-site loading and unloading space as provided herein.

1.

Gross Floor Area	Minimum Number of Loading Spaces Required
Office	
5,000—36,000	1 Type A
36,000 +	2 Type A
Commercial	
5,000—24,000	1 Type A
24,000—60,000	2 Type A
60,001 +	3 Type A

2. Minimum specifications for loading space:

	Length	Width	Vertical Clearance

Type A	24 feet	12 feet	
Type B	30 feet	12 feet	
Type C	40 feet	12 feet	14 feet

3. Loading spaces shall be located so that commercial vehicles shall not back onto a public street or alley.

4. All maneuvering operations shall be conducted on-site but not within required vehicle parking spaces.

5. The number of loading spaces required may be modified but not waived by the Director of Planning in special circumstances involving, but not necessarily limited to, the nature of the use and the design of the project. In no event, however, shall the Director require less than one loading space on the subject property.

6. Office and commercial uses with a gross floor area of less than 5,000 square feet may be required to provide one Type A loading space where the Director deems it appropriate in order to prevent traffic congestion in the parking lot or adjacent streets and highways.

N. Churches, temples and other places of worship. Every church, temple or other similar place used in whole or in part for the gathering together of persons for worship, deliberation or meditation shall provide, within 500 feet thereof, one parking space for each five persons based on the occupant load of the largest assembly area as determined by the County Engineer.

O. Commercial areas. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, every lot or parcel of land, except an electrical substation or similar public utility in which there are no offices or other places visited by the public, shall provide an area of sufficient size so that it contains one automobile parking space plus adequate access thereto for each 250 square feet of floor area of any building or structure so used. Except for medical offices, the preceding provisions shall not apply to business and professional offices, which shall instead provide an area of sufficient size so that it contains one automobile parking space plus adequate access thereto for each 400 square feet of floor area of any building or structure so used.

P. Day care facilities.

1. Every adult day care facility and child care center shall have one parking space for each staff member and any motor vehicle used directly in conducting such use.

2. In addition to the parking required in subsection 1 of this subsection, each child care center shall have one parking space for each 20 children for whom a license has been issued by the State of California. Every child care center shall have a specific area designated and marked for off-street drop-off and pickup of the children.

Q. Entertainment, assembly and dining.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every structure used for amusement, assembly, drinking, eating or entertainment shall provide one or more automobile parking spaces:

a. For each three persons based on the occupant load as determined by the County Engineer. These uses include but are not limited to:

i. Conference rooms;  
ii. Dining rooms, cafes, cafeterias, coffee shops, nightclubs, restaurants, and other similar uses;

iii. Drinking establishments, bars, cocktail lounges, nightclubs, soda fountains, tasting rooms, taverns, and other similar uses;

iv. Exhibit rooms, stages, lounges, and other similar uses;

v. Theaters, auditoriums, lodge rooms, stadiums or other places of amusement and entertainment, not otherwise enumerated in this Section;

- vi. Mortuaries;
- vii. Dancehalls, skating rinks, and gymnasiums; and,
- viii. Health clubs and centers.

b. For each 250 square feet for an eating establishment selling food for off-site consumption and having no seating or other areas for on-site eating where approved by the Director in accordance with Section 22.44.940.

2. A business establishment, other than that described in subsection 1.b of this section, containing a use or uses enumerated in this section shall be subject to a minimum of 10 automobile parking spaces.

3. The parking requirement for that portion of a business described in subsection 1 of this section that is conducted outside of a building shall be calculated in accordance with the method of determining the occupant load contained in the Building Code (Title 26 of this code).

R. Golf courses. Every golf course shall provide 10 parking spaces per hole plus additional parking for all other buildings with the exclusion of the starter offices, comfort stations and locker-shower rooms. Miniature golf courses are excluded from this section.

S. Hospitals, convalescent hospitals, adult residential facilities and group homes for children.

1. Every hospital shall have two automobile parking spaces, plus adequate access thereto, for each patient bed. The parking may be within 500 feet of the exterior boundary of the lot or parcel containing the main use. At least 25 percent of the required parking shall be reserved and marked for the use of employees only.

2. Outpatient clinics, laboratories, pharmacies and other similar uses shall have one parking space for each 250 square feet of floor area when established in conjunction with a hospital.

3. Every convalescent hospital shall have an amount of automobile parking spaces not less than the number of residents permitted by any license or permit which allows the maintenance of such facility. If employee dwelling units are provided on the premises there shall be, in addition to the automobile parking spaces required for the principal use, the number of automobile parking spaces required by this Section for residential uses.

4. Every adult residential facility and group home for children shall have one automobile parking space for each staff member on the largest shift and one parking space for each vehicle used directly in conducting such use.

T. For scientific research or experimental development uses, one parking space shall be provided for each 300 square feet of gross floor area, but not less than three spaces for each four employees.

U. Joint live and work units. Each joint live and work unit shall have a minimum of two uncovered standard parking spaces.

V. Mobilehome parks.

1. Every mobilehome site shall have two standard automobile parking spaces, plus adequate access thereto. Such spaces, if developed in tandem, shall be a minimum of eight feet wide and a total of 36 feet long.

2. In addition, guest parking spaces shall be provided at the ratio of one standard size automobile parking space for each four mobilehome sites.

3. Required parking spaces may be covered or uncovered.

W. Private parks. Private parks shall have the same parking requirements and be subject to the same modification provisions as public parks pursuant to subsection X of this Section.

X. Public parks.

1. Every publicly owned park shall have automobile parking spaces plus adequate access thereto, calculated as follows:

- a. For parks of not more than 50 acres:
  - i. One automobile parking space for each 45 square feet of floor area in the largest assembly area in each building used for public assembly except gymnasiums; plus
  - ii. One automobile parking space for each 100 square feet of floor area in the largest room in each gymnasium; plus
  - iii. One automobile parking space for each 400 square feet of floor area in the remaining area of each building in the park, excluding parking structures, maintenance and utility buildings, and other structures not open to the public; plus
  - iv. One automobile parking space for each one-half acre of developed park area up to 15 acres; plus
  - v. One automobile parking space for each additional acre of developed park area in excess of 15 acres.
- b. For parks of more than 50 acres in area, the number of required parking spaces shall be based on the occupant load of each facility constructed, as determined by the County Engineer using established standards where applicable. Where said standards are not available, the Director shall make such determination based on the recommendation of the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

2. The Director may, without public hearing, approve a modification in the number of automobile parking spaces required by this Section, where he finds:

- a. That the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that due to location, size or other factors, anticipated client usage would indicate that a lesser parking requirement is adequate and so recommends; and
- b. That elimination of parking spaces in the number proposed will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property; and
- c. That no written protest to the proposed reduction in parking spaces has been received within 15 working days following the date of mailing by the Director, of notice of the proposed modification by first class mail, postage prepaid, to all persons whose names and addresses appear on the latest available assessment roll of the County of Los Angeles as owning property within a distance of 500 feet from the exterior boundaries of such park. Such notice shall also indicate that any person opposed to the granting of such modification may express such opposition by written protest to the director within the prescribed 15-day period; and
- d. That sufficient land area is reserved to insure that the parking requirements of this section may be complied with should such additional parking be required in the future due to changes in client usage.

3. In all cases where a written protest has been received a public hearing shall be scheduled before the Commission. All procedures relative to notification, public hearing and appeal shall be the same as for a Coastal Development Permit. Following a public hearing the Commission shall approve or deny the proposed modification, based on the findings required by this section for approval by the Director exclusive of written protest.

Y. Residential uses.

1. Except as otherwise provided in Section 22.44.2140 B, every single-family residence, two-family residence, apartment house and other structure designed for or intended to be used as a dwelling on a lot or parcel of land having an area of less than one acre per dwelling unit shall have automobile parking as specified herein:

- a. Each single-family residence, two covered standard automobile parking spaces per dwelling unit. Each two-family residence, one and one-half covered, plus one-half uncovered standard parking spaces;

b. Each bachelor apartment, one covered parking space per dwelling unit; each efficiency or one-bedroom apartment, one and one-half covered parking spaces per dwelling unit; and, each apartment having two or more bedrooms, one and one-half covered, plus one-half uncovered parking spaces. In addition, parking for apartment houses shall comply with the following provisions:

i. Parking spaces for apartment houses shall be standard size unless compact size spaces are allowed by a parking permit approved pursuant to Section 22.44.1415.

ii. Guest parking shall be provided for all apartment houses containing 10 or more units at a ratio of one standard parking space for every four dwelling units. These spaces, which may be uncovered, shall be designated, marked and used only for guest parking,

iii. At least one accessible parking space shall be assigned to each dwelling unit.

2. Where two spaces are required or reserved for a dwelling unit such spaces may be developed in tandem. The minimum dimensions for such tandem spaces are eight feet wide and a total of 36 feet long for standard spaces and seven and one-half feet wide and a total of 30 feet long for compact spaces.

3. Parking spaces which are required to be covered shall be provided in a garage, carport or other suitable structure located in a place where the erection of such structures is permitted. Uncovered parking spaces, in addition to those specifically allowed by this section, may be developed where specifically allowed by a parking permit approved pursuant to Section 22.44.1415.

4. Where a senior citizen residence is to be constructed, one standard-size automobile parking space, which may be uncovered, shall be created to serve such residence. Such parking space shall not be located in the front or side yards, but may be developed in tandem with parking spaces required to serve the primary residence.

5. A second unit with fewer than two bedrooms shall have one uncovered standard parking space; a second unit with two or more bedrooms shall have two uncovered standard parking spaces. A parking space provided for a second unit may be located in tandem with a parking space for the single-family residence only if such design is necessary in order to provide the required number of parking spaces for both units, and either space may be accessed from the driveway without moving an automobile parked in the other space. Notwithstanding subsection 1.a of this Section, if tandem parking is provided, one of the parking spaces for the single-family residence may be uncovered.

6. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, parking spaces for farm worker dwelling units and farm worker housing complexes may be uncovered and/or in tandem.

b. A farm worker housing complex consisting of any group living quarters, such as barracks or a bunkhouse, shall have one parking space for every three beds in the complex.

Z. Schools.

1. Every building used in whole or in part for an elementary school having no grade above the sixth, shall have, within 500 feet thereof, one automobile parking space for each classroom.

2. Every other building used as a school auditorium of a school in which any pupil is in a grade higher than the sixth shall have, within 500 feet thereof, one automobile parking space for each five persons, based on the occupant load of the largest auditorium or room used for public assembly, as determined by the County Engineer.

AA. Tasting rooms and remote tasting rooms. The parking requirement for a tasting room or remote tasting room shall be one parking space for every 100 square feet of floor area, including any outdoor floor area.

BB. Wineries. The parking requirement for a winery shall be one parking space for every 500 square feet of enclosed floor area.

CC. Uses not specified—Number of spaces required. Where parking requirements for any use are not specified, parking shall be provided in an amount which the Director finds adequate to prevent traffic congestion and excessive on-street parking. Whenever practical, such determination shall be based upon the requirements for the most comparable use specified in this Section.

DD. Bicycle Parking and Related Facilities.

1. Definitions.

a. "Bicycle parking space" means an area at least six feet in length by at least two feet in width to accommodate secured storage for one bicycle;

b. "Bicycle rack" means a fixture on which one or more bicycles can be secured;

c. "Long-term bicycle parking" means bicycle parking intended for a period of two hours or longer, appropriate for residents, employees, transit users, and visitors to hotels in the nearby area; and

d. "Short-term bicycle parking" means bicycle parking intended for a period of two hours or less, appropriate for persons making short visits to commercial establishments such as grocery and convenience stores, restaurants, coffee shops, bars and clubs, and offices such as medical, dental, and post offices.

2. Number of bicycle parking spaces required. The minimum number of bicycle parking spaces for a particular use shall be provided in accordance with the chart below. For a combination of uses on a single lot, the number of required bicycle parking spaces shall be equal to the combined total of the required bicycle parking spaces for each of the individual uses. For purposes of this calculation, when floor area is used, all calculations for the specific use shall be based on gross floor area, including the gross floor area of any proposed addition to the involved structure or site.

Use	Short-term	Long-term
<b>Residential</b>		
Multi-family residential including apartments, attached condominiums, and townhouses (five dwelling units or more)	One space per each 10 dwelling units (two space minimum)	One space per each two dwelling units
<b>Commercial</b>		
General retail, including restaurants	One space per each 5,000 square feet of gross floor area (two space minimum)	One space per each 12,000 square feet of gross floor area (two space minimum)
Rural inns, clubs, fraternity and sorority houses, and dormitories	One space per each 40 guestrooms (two space minimum)	One space per each 20 guestrooms (two space minimum)
Office	One space per each 20,000 square feet of gross floor area (two space minimum)	One space per each 10,000 square feet of gross floor area (two space minimum)
Theatres, auditoriums, lodge	One space per each 50	One space per each 100

rooms, stadiums, or similar amusement and entertainment uses	intended visitors based on occupant load (two space minimum)	intended visitors based on occupant load (two space minimum)
Institutional		
Institutional uses, including hospitals, convalescent hospitals, adult residential facilities, and group homes for children	One space per each 20,000 square feet of gross floor area (two space minimum)	One space per each 10,000 square feet of gross floor area (two space minimum)
Schools, including trade schools, colleges, universities, and private elementary, middle, and high schools	Four spaces per each classroom (four space minimum)	One space per each 10 classrooms (two space minimum)
Churches, temples, and other places of worship	One space for each 50 intended visitors based on occupant load of largest assembly area within the facility (two space minimum)	One space for each 100 intended visitors based on occupant load of largest assembly area within the facility (two space minimum)

3. Showers and changing facilities. Showers and changing facilities of a size and at a location deemed appropriate by the Director, shall be provided in all new commercial buildings with 75,000 or more square feet of gross floor area and shall, at a minimum, be accessible to employees.

4. Development standards for bicycle parking spaces.

a. General Requirements. All bicycle parking spaces shall be:

i. Directly adjacent to a bicycle rack or within a secure, single bicycle locker and shall allow for convenient, unobstructed access to such bicycle rack or locker; and

ii. Located so as to not block pedestrian entrances, walkways, or circulation patterns in or around nearby facilities or structures;

b. Bicycle racks. When using bicycle racks, they shall be:

i. Located and installed to support an entire bicycle, including its frame and wheels, so that the frame and wheels can be locked without damage when using a customary, heavy-duty cable or u-shaped bicycle lock;

ii. Securely anchored to a permanent surface; and

iii. Installed to allow bicycles to remain upright when locked, without the use of a kickstand;

c. Bicycle Lockers. When using bicycle lockers, they shall be:

i. Of sufficient size to hold an entire bicycle; and

ii. Securely anchored to a permanent surface;

d. Location of Bicycle Parking Spaces.

i. Short-term bicycle parking spaces. Short-term bicycle parking spaces shall be:

(A) Located to be visible from public areas such as public streets, store fronts, walkway and plazas, and to be convenient to the target users of the bicycle parking to the maximum extent feasible;

(B) Installed as close to a structure's main entrance as feasible; and



- (C) Separated with a barrier from areas where vehicles park, such as with a curb or wheel stop;
- ii. Long-term bicycle parking. Long-term bicycle parking shall be:
  - (A) Located in a secure, and covered area;
  - (B) Accessible to and from nearby public streets for the target users of the bicycle parking, who may or may not include the general public;
  - (C) Located at surface levels near main pedestrian entrance(s) to nearby facilities or structures, or in the parking garages of such facilities or structures;
  - (D) Accessible only to residents and owners, operators, and managers of a residential facility when the involved use is residential; and
  - (E) Accessible only to employees, tenants, and owners of a commercial structure or facility when the involved use is commercial.
- e. Signage. For projects that include long-term bicycle parking, signage identifying the location of such bicycle parking shall be included in the project design. Preferred signage locations for this purpose shall be building access ways, street and sidewalk approaches, and nearby bicycle paths or facilities.

**22.44.1415 Parking permits.**

**A. Establishment—Purpose.**

1. The parking permit procedure is established to provide an alternative to the parking requirements of Section 22.44.1410 in the event that a particular use does not have the need for such requirements.
2. It is the intent to provide more flexibility in the design of particular uses that have special characteristics by reducing the number of parking spaces otherwise required for such uses including:
  - a. Senior citizens and handicapped persons housing developments where few of the residents will own their own automobiles;
  - b. Certain uses where parking requirements are based upon floor area of a structure, but bear no relationship to the number of employees, customers, etc., on the premises or the trade conducted;
  - c. Businesses which provide their employees, customers, or others with positive incentives to use means of transportation other than the automobile.
3. It is the intent to conserve land and promote efficient land use by allowing:
  - a. The dual or shared use of parking facilities by two or more uses;
  - b. Tandem parking for nonresidential uses;
  - c. Compact parking spaces for apartment houses.
4. It is the intent to provide greater flexibility and opportunity to meet the parking requirements by allowing:
  - a. Off-site parking facilities;
  - b. The short-term leasing of required parking spaces;
  - c. Transitional parking for parcels with rear lot lines abutting commercial zones;
  - d. Uncovered parking for low- and moderate-income housing.

**B. Application—Filing time.** Any persons desiring a parking permit provided for in this Section may file an application with the Planning Director; provided, that no application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within one year prior thereto by the Director, Commission or Board of Supervisors on an application requesting the same or substantially the same, permit.

C. Application—Information Required. Application for a parking permit shall contain the following information:

1. Name and address of the applicant and of all persons owning any or all of the property purposed to be used;
2. Evidence that the applicant:
  - a. Is the owner of the premises involved, or
  - b. Has written permission of the owner or owners to make such application, or
  - c. Is or will be the plaintiff in an action of eminent domain to acquire the premises involved or any portion thereof, or
  - d. In the case of a public agency, is negotiating to acquire a portion of the premises involved;
3. Location of the subject property (address or vicinity);
4. Legal description of the property involved;
5. The nature of the requested use, indicating the business, occupation or purpose for which such building, structure or improvement is to be occupied or used;
6. The nature, condition and development of adjacent uses, buildings and structures;
7. Two site plans, drawn to a scale satisfactory to and in the number of copies prescribed by the Director, indicating:
  - a. The area and dimensions of the proposed site for the requested use;
  - b. On the first site plan, the location and dimensions of all structures, yards, walls, fences, bicycle and vehicle parking and loading facilities, landscaping, pedestrian facilities, and other development features, as if no parking permit is applied for; and
  - c. On the second site plan, the location and dimensions of all structures, yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping, and other development features, including any land area reserved to satisfy normal parking requirements should the use or occupancies change, as if the parking permit were granted;
8. The dimensions and state of improvement of the adjoining streets and highways providing access to the proposed site of the requested use;
9. Other permits and approvals secured in compliance with the provisions of other applicable ordinances;
10. With each application the applicant shall also file:
  - a. Maps, in the number prescribed and drawn to a scale specified by the Director, showing the location of all property included in the request, the location of all highways, streets, alleys and the location and dimensions of all lots or parcels of land within a distance of 500 feet from the exterior boundaries of the subject parcel of land, and
  - b. One copy of said map shall indicate the uses established on every lot and parcel of land shown within said 500-foot radius, and
  - c. A list, certified to be correct by affidavit or by a statement under penalty of perjury pursuant to Section 2015.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, of the names and addresses of all persons who are shown on the latest available assessment roll of the County of Los Angeles as owners of the subject parcel of land and as owning property within a distance of 500 feet from the exterior boundaries of the parcel of land to be occupied by the use. One copy of said map shall indicate where such ownerships are located;
11. A description of the unique characteristics of the proposed use and/or special programs which are proposed which reduce the need for the required number of parking spaces or warrant modification of the parking requirements of Section 22.44.1410;
12. A vicinity map showing the location of transit lines, park-and-ride facilities, people-movers, bikeways or other similar facilities which provide alternate transportation modes;

13. When a parking permit is proposed for off-site parking, the filing requirements listed in this section shall apply to all parcels under consideration. In addition, the Director shall provide notice of the permit and of any public hearing required for such proposal for all parcels independently using the procedures contained in this Section and in Section 22.44.970 of this LIP; and

14. Such other information as the Director may require;

15. The Director may waive the filing of one or more of the above items;

16. The accuracy of all information, maps and lists submitted shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

D. Application—Burden of Proof. In addition to the information required in the application by subsection C of this Section, the applicant shall substantiate the following facts:

1. That there will be no need for the number of vehicle parking spaces required by Section 22.44.1410 because:

a. The age and/or physical condition of the residents is such that the use of automobile is unlikely; or

b. The nature of the use is such that there is a reduced occupancy,  
or

c. The business or use has established a viable transportation program for its employees and/or customers to use transportation modes other than the single-occupant automobile. Such a program shall include positive incentives such as van pools, transit fare subsidies, commuter travel allowances, car pools or bicycle commuter facilities. Where appropriate, proximity to freeways with high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, bus routes, park-and-ride facilities, people-movers, rapid transit stations, bikeways, or other similar facilities shall be a factor in this consideration, or

d. Sufficient land area is reserved or an alternative arrangement is approved to insure that the parking requirements may be complied with should the use, occupancy, or transportation program change. Such reservation or alternative may be waived for certain housing developments for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, where the Director finds that it is unnecessary because of the anticipated permanent nature of such use. If required, the reserved land area shall be so located and developed in such a manner that it can be feasibly converted to parking if needed; or

e. The reduction in the number of vehicle parking spaces will be offset by the provision of bicycle parking spaces, at a minimum ratio of two bicycle spaces for every one vehicle parking space above the minimum number of bicycle parking spaces otherwise required under subsection EE of Section 22.44.1410.

2. That there will be no conflicts arising from special parking arrangements allowing shared vehicle parking facilities, tandem spaces, or compact spaces because:

a. Uses sharing vehicle parking facilities operate at different times of the day or days of the week; or

b. Vehicle parking facilities using tandem spaces will employ valets or will utilize other means to insure a workable plan; or

c. Apartment houses using compact spaces for a portion of the required parking have a management program or homeowners' association to assure an efficient distribution of all parking spaces;

3. That off-site facilities, leases of less than 20 years, rear lot transitional parking lots and uncovered residential vehicle parking spaces will provide the required parking for uses because:

a. Such off-site facilities are controlled through ownership, leasing or other arrangement by the owner of the use for which the site serves and are conveniently accessible to the main use, or

b. Such leases are written in such a way as to prevent multiple leasing of the same spaces or cancellation without providing alternate spaces; such leases shall contain other guarantees assuring continued availability of the spaces, or

c. Such transitional lots are designed to minimize adverse effects on surrounding properties, or

d. Uncovered parking for low- and moderate-income residential developments will be appropriately screened and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood;

4. That the requested parking permit at the location proposed will not result in traffic congestion, excessive off-site parking, or unauthorized use of parking facilities developed to serve surrounding property.

5. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, loading facilities, landscaping, and other development features prescribed in this LIP.

E. Application—Fee and deposit. When an application is filed, it shall be accompanied by the filing fee and deposit as required in Section 22.44.870 for a minor Coastal Development Permit.

F. Application—Notice requirements.

1. In all cases where an application is filed, the Director shall cause a notice indicating the applicant's request at the location specified to be forwarded by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to:

a. All persons whose names and addresses appear on the latest available assessment roll of the county of Los Angeles as owning property within a distance of 500 feet from the exterior boundaries of the property on which the permit is filed. A notice shall also be sent in a similar manner to "occupant" at the site address in those cases where the mailing address of any owner of property required to be notified under the provisions of this subsection differs from the site address of such property. In the case of an apartment house, a notice addressed to "occupant" shall be mailed to each dwelling unit; and

b. Such other persons or groups whose property or interests might, in his judgment, be affected by such application or permit.

2. Such notice shall also indicate that any person, opposed to the granting of such permit may express such opposition by written protest to the director within 14 calendar days following the date on the notice.

G. Application—Findings and decision.

1. The Director shall approve an application for a parking permit where the following findings are made:

a. That the applicant has met the burden of proof set forth in subsection D of this Section; and

b. That no written protest to the proposed parking permit has been received within 14 calendar days following the date on the notice sent by the Director pursuant to subsection F of this Section.

2. The Director shall deny the application where the information submitted by the applicant fails to substantiate the findings to his satisfaction.

3. The Director shall send a notice of his decision to the applicant and any person requesting notification and anyone who has filed a written protest. Such notice shall indicate that an appeal may be filed pursuant to subsection H of this Section.

4. The decision of the Director shall become final and effective on the 15th calendar day following the date on the notice of action taken; provided, that neither a written appeal of the action taken has been filed with the Commission on or before the 14th calendar day following the date on the notice, nor a further review by the Commission of the Director's

decision has been timely initiated by the Board of Supervisors, or a member of the Board of Supervisors.

5. In all cases where a written protest has been received, or where the Board of Supervisors, either individually or collectively, requests, a public hearing shall be scheduled before the hearing officer. In such case, all procedures relative to notification and public hearing set forth in Section 22.44.970 shall be followed. Following a public hearing the hearing officer shall approve or deny the proposed modification, based on the findings required by this section for approval by the Director exclusive of written protest.

H. Appeal procedures. Any person dissatisfied with the action of the Director or the hearing officer, as applicable, may file an appeal of such action with the Commission, and any person dissatisfied with the decision of the Commission may file an appeal with the Board of Supervisors. All such appeals shall be filed within the time period set forth in, and shall be subject to all of the other provisions of Section 22.44.1040.

I. Request for further review. In addition to the procedure for initiation of appeals pursuant to Section 22.44.1040, within the appeal period, one or more members of the Board of Supervisors may request further review by the Board of Supervisors of a Commission action on a parking permit.

J. Agreement to develop following termination or approved use.

1. Where a parking permit is approved, the owner of the land shall furnish and record an agreement in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, as a covenant running with the land for the benefit of the County of Los Angeles, providing that, should such parking permit terminate, the owner or his successor in interest will develop the parking spaces needed to bring the new use or occupancy into conformance with the requirements of Section 22.44.1410 at the time such new use or occupancy is established.

2. Where a parking permit is approved for off-site parking, the agreement shall be recorded on both the lot or parcel of land containing the principal use as well as the lot or parcel of land developed for off-site parking.

3. All agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Director and County Counsel prior to recordation.

K. Decision—Effective date. The effective date of a decision made on a permit under this Section shall be as set forth in Section 22.44.1090.

L. Date of grant when an appeal is filed. Where an appeal is filed to any parking permit, and the permit is ultimately granted, the date of the decision by the Commission or the Board of Supervisors of such appeal, whichever is later, shall be deemed the date of grant in determining the expiration date.

M. All regulations apply unless permit is granted. Unless specifically modified by a parking permit, all regulations prescribed in Section 22.44.1410 shall apply.

N. Imposition of additional conditions.

1. In approving an application for a parking permit, additional conditions may be imposed as deemed necessary to insure that the permit will be in accord with the findings required by subsection G of this Section. Conditions imposed may include:

- a. Special yards, open spaces and buffer areas;
- b. Fences and walls;
- c. Parking facilities, including vehicular ingress and egress and the surfacing or parking areas and driveways to specified standards;
- d. Street and highway dedications and improvements, including sidewalks, curbs and gutters;
- e. Water supply and fire protection in accordance with the provisions of Division 1 of Title 20 of this code;
- f. Landscaping and maintenance of grounds;

- g. Regulation of nuisance factors such as noise, vibrations, smoke, dust, dirt, odors, gases, noxious matter, heat, glare, electromagnetic disturbances and radiation;
- h. Regulation of operating hours for activities affecting normal neighborhood schedules and functions;
- i. Regulation of signs, including outdoor advertising;
- j. A specified validation period limiting the time in which development may begin;
- k. Provisions for a bond or other surety that the proposed conditional use will be removed on or before a specified date;
- l. A site plan indicating all details and data as prescribed in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal development permits);
- m. Such other conditions as will make possible the development of the proposed conditional use in an orderly and efficient manner and in general accord with all elements of the certified LCP.

2. In addition, the following conditions shall be imposed, where applicable, unless specifically waived or modified:

- a. The required parking spaces for senior citizens and handicapped persons may be reduced to not less than one space for each four dwelling units;
- b. Where reduced occupancy is a primary consideration in the approval of a parking permit, the maximum occupant load for such use shall be established;
- c. Where special programs are proposed to reduce the parking requirement, they shall be reviewed annually to determine their effectiveness. In the event that such programs are terminated or unsuccessful, the property owner shall supply the required parking;

d. The required parking spaces for all uses other than a senior citizens and handicapped housing development may be reduced to not less than 50 percent of the parking spaces required by Section 22.44.1410;

e. Where land is required to be reserved to insure that sufficient area is available to meet the parking requirements, restrictions shall be imposed on such land so that it can feasibly be converted to parking if needed;

f. Where shared parking facilities are approved, operating conditions such as hours or days of operation shall be established for each use sharing the facility;

g. Where tandem parking is proposed for nonresidential uses, there shall be valets or other persons employed to assist in the parking of automobiles. The ratio of valets to parking spaces shall be established. The parking of automobiles by valets on public streets shall be prohibited. Each tandem parking space shall be eight feet wide; the length of the space shall be 18 feet for each automobile parked in tandem. Parking bays shall contain only two parking spaces where access is available from only one end. Bays of four parking spaces may be permitted where access is available from both ends.

h. Where compact parking is proposed for apartments, no more than 40 percent of the required spaces shall be for compact automobiles. A program to manage the distribution of parking spaces shall be approved and operated by the apartment management or a homeowners' association.

i. If off-site automobile parking facilities are proposed, such facilities must be within 400 feet from any entrance of the use to which they are accessory. Parking for employees shall be located within 1,320 feet from the entrance to such use. Directions to such facilities shall be clearly posted at the principal use.

j. Where leasing of parking facilities is proposed for any period less than 20 years, the applicant shall guarantee that the leased spaces are available for his sole use, the lease shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder, and the applicant shall demonstrate that he has the ability to provide the required number of spaces should the lease

be cancelled or terminated. Except for the term of the lease, the provisions of subsection D of Section 22.44.1410 relating to leases shall apply. A copy of such lease shall be submitted to the Director and County Counsel for review and approval. Other conditions including, but not limited to, requiring title reports, covenants and bonding may also be imposed where necessary to insure the continued availability of leased parking spaces.

k. Where transitional parking is proposed for lots whose rear lot line adjoins or is separated only by an alley from a commercial zone, no access is permitted from the parking facility to the street on which the lot fronts. The parking facility shall be developed in accordance with the standards of Section 22.44.1410 and the following standards, unless specifically waived or modified by the parking permit. The hours and days of operation shall be established to prevent conflicts with adjoining less restrictive uses, and the facility shall be secured to prevent unauthorized use during times when the facility is closed.

i. That the area used for parking adjoins or is separated only by an alley from property in a Commercial zone; and

ii. That parking shall be limited to an area within 100 feet from the boundary of the qualifying commercial zone; and

iii. That an area developed with parking shall have direct vehicular access to an improved public street, highway, alley or to the qualifying commercial or zone; and

iv. That the lot or parcel of land developed with parking including access, shall:

(A) Have a side lot line adjoining, or separated only by an alley, for a distance of not less than 50 feet, from property in the qualifying commercial or zone, or

(B) Have a rear lot line adjoining or separated only by an alley from property in the qualifying commercial or zone; provided, that a parking permit has been approved pursuant to this section.

(C) Where the lot or parcel of land referred to in item iv.(A). of this subparagraph has a width less than 100 feet, additional lots or parcels of land may be considered for parking provided:

(1) That they have successive contiguity on side lot lines with the first lot or parcel of land described in item iv.(A) of this subparagraph, and

(2) That in no event shall the total area developed for parking extend more than 100 feet from the qualifying commercial or zone, and

(3) That all area extending from the qualifying commercial or zone is developed for parking; and

v. That the side lot line of the lot or parcel of land developed with parking shall not exceed the length of the lot line common to said commercial zone. The Director may modify this provision to the extent permitted in item k.ii. of this subparagraph; and

vi. That any remaining portion of a lot or parcel of land developed with parking shall contain not less than the required area or width; and

vii. That parking shall be developed in accordance with the provisions of subsections G and H of Section 22.44.1410, except that a landscaped front yard setback equal to that of the zone in which it is located shall be provided; and

viii. That parking shall be limited to motor vehicle parking lots exclusively, but shall exclude vehicles over two tons rated capacity; and

ix. That a site plan shall be submitted to the Director, indicating compliance with the provision of this section and the standards of development of the zone in which it is located.

l. Where uncovered parking is proposed for low- and moderate-income housing, the following setback and screening provisions shall be complied with:

i. Uncovered parking spaces shall not be located in the required front, side, corner side or rear yards except in those places where garages or carports are permitted in accordance with other provisions of this LIP.

ii. Uncovered parking spaces shall be screened by a six-foot high solid fence or wall or by a three-foot wide planting strip along the sides of the parking space if the space is located within 10 feet of any property line.

(A) Landscaping material in the planting strip shall consist of evergreen trees and/or shrubs from the *Plant List for the Santa Monica Mountains* maintained by the Director, of such size, spacing and character that they form an opaque screen five to six feet high within two years of planting. This landscaping must be continuously maintained.

(B) Such buffering by walls, fences or landscaping is optional where the lots or parcels of land adjoining the uncovered parking area are developed with parking facilities, either covered or uncovered.

iii. Uncovered parking spaces will be permitted only for those units actually designated for low- or moderate-income housing.

m. In the event that any applicant and/or property owner is unable to comply with the provisions of the parking permit, the use for which permit has been granted shall be terminated, reduced, or removed unless some other alternative method to provide the required parking is approved by the director.

n. The parking permit shall be granted for a specified term where deemed appropriate.

O. Continuing validity of permit. A parking permit that is valid and in effect, and was granted pursuant to the provisions of this LIP, shall adhere to the land and continue to be valid upon change of ownership of the land or any lawfully existing building or structure on said land.

P. Termination on cessation of use or occupancy. An approved parking permit shall terminate and cease to be in effect at the same time the principal use or occupancy for which such permit is granted terminates.

Q. Permit does not legalize nuisances. Neither the provisions of this section nor the granting of any permit provided for in this section authorizes or legalizes the maintenance of any public or private nuisance.

#### **22.44.1420 Incentive program for certain development actions.**

A. Purpose and intent. The purpose of offering incentives for certain actions associated with development in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone is to encourage voluntary actions that further the goals of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program.

B. The action taken by the applicant must be voluntary, and not required as part of a project alternative or mitigation measure necessary for a proposed project to achieve consistency with the certified LCP, and formalized as a condition of approval for a Coastal Development Permit.

C. Action by Applicant. Subject to the approval of the Director, actions that qualify for participation in the incentive program are:

1. Retirement of all development rights on one or more lawfully-created parcel(s) that total at least 5 acres in size, contain habitat designated as H1 and/or H2, and may or may not be contiguous to the project site. At least one buildable parcel located in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone and meeting this criteria must have its development rights retired. For the purposes of this provision, a buildable parcel is one that is lawfully created, served by an existing road and water main, is not located in an area of landslide or other geologic hazard, and can accommodate an onsite wastewater treatment system if not served by a municipal sewer system. A parcel retired as part of the transfer of development credit program contained in Section 22.44.1230 cannot also be used for this incentive program. The



development rights may be retired subject to one of the two lot retirement methods detailed in Section 22.44.1230 D.3.b except that the retired parcels shall be considered the donor parcels for purposes of implementation.

2. Dedication of an irrevocable, nonexclusive ingress and egress easement for the purpose of providing access to publicly-owned open space, accepted by a receiving land conservation agency.

3. Dedication of a trail or trail easement across a segment of a public riding and hiking trail identified either on Map 4 Recreation of the Coastal Zone Plan or by the National Park Service trail map, and accepted by the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department; or by a state or federal park and/or recreation agency; that submits a plan that indicates that the organization will open, operate, and maintain the easement in accordance with terms of the recorded trail easement. Recordation of the trail easement shall be required as a condition of approval of the Coastal Development Permit and shall be implemented in accordance with Section 22.44.1390.

D. Incentive. Any one incentive listed below may be chosen for any one qualifying action, except as specified below. Only one incentive may be taken.

1. An increase in the threshold for submitting a Major Coastal Development Permit application from 5,000 cubic yards to 7,000 cubic yards of grading.

2. The maximum approvable building site is increased from 10,000-square feet to a 15,000-square-foot building site in H2.

E. Multiple incentives. If an applicant takes the action of retiring development rights and also takes any other qualifying action as provided in subsection C above, the applicant may choose two incentives as provided in D above.

F. Any action taken by applicant as provided in subsection C above must be recorded by the County Recorder and reported to the Assessor's office. Copies of the recorded documents, including any documents verifying that a dedication or easement has been received by a land conservation agency, shall be provided to the Director before a Coastal Development Permit will be issued.

G. Not all actions may be commensurate with each incentive. Therefore, the Director may reduce the incentive(s) chosen by the applicant in order to ensure that the public benefit obtained from a proposed action is commensurate with the incentive(s) conveyed to the applicant.

#### **22.44.1430 Exploratory Testing.**

"Exploratory testing" means any excavation for the purpose of evaluating soil and/or hydrologic conditions, or geologic hazards. This includes exploratory test holes for water wells, percolation testing for onsite wastewater treatment systems, the access road to the test site, and any other activity associated with evaluating a site for development. Property in any zone may be used for exploratory testing, provided that a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

A. Access for exploratory testing shall use existing roads, or track-mounted drill rigs, where feasible. Where there is no feasible access, a temporary access road may be permitted when it is designed to minimize length, width, and total grading to that necessary to accommodate required equipment. All such temporary roads shall be restored to the maximum extent feasible, through grading to original contours, re-vegetating with locally-indigenous vegetation to the project site, and monitoring to ensure successful restoration.

B. Any disturbances incurred to soil or locally-indigenous vegetation as a result of exploratory testing shall be mitigated and restored according to subsections A and B of Section 22.44.1240 (Vegetation management and landscaping) and subsection F of Section 22.44.1260 (Grading), and according to any requirements of the Department of Public Works.

C. Within 90 days from completion of exploratory testing, all disturbed areas shall be stabilized with temporary erosion control measures and seeded with locally-indigenous grass species to prevent erosion and instability. Full remediation of disturbed soil or locally-indigenous vegetation shall commence one year from the date of the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit, if further development of the disturbed site in conjunction with an approved project has not occurred.

D. Any required vegetation removal activities shall be implemented in a manner that will protect existing vegetative root stock to the maximum extent feasible in order to facilitate revegetation of the disturbed areas.

**22.44.1440 Visual resource protection.** This LIP is intended to protect the Coastal Zone's notable scenic resources, including specifically mapped resources, such as Significant Ridgelines and Scenic Elements, other designated areas, and wherever scenic resources are determined based on site-specific analysis. Because the public enjoys views of scenic resources from scenic highways and public areas, including public parkland and trails, throughout the Coastal Zone both the foreground and background views of scenic highways and public areas are of significant value and shall be protected to the maximum extent feasible. To further protect the Coastal Zone's visual resources, all new development within the LCP area shall meet the following requirements in order to protect the area's unique visual resources, and protect and, where feasible, enhance the quality of scenic resources:

A. All applications for a Coastal Development Permit shall be reviewed through an onsite investigation by County staff prior to any public hearing in order to determine whether the proposed project has the potential to cause adverse impacts upon scenic resources. Development shall be sited and designed to minimize impacts on scenic resources through measures that may include, but not be limited to: siting development in the least visible portion of the site; breaking up the mass of new structures; restricting building size and height; designing the structure to blend into its setting; minimizing grading; incorporating landscape screening elements; and, berming where such berming would be appropriate. To help ensure compliance with these requirements, the applicants shall accomplish all of the following. Proposed structures shall be accurately indicated as to footprint, height and rooflines by story poles to delineate the height, bulk, and footprint of the proposed development. All proposed grading and the proposed location of access roads or driveways, including the centerline top of cut and toe of fill, shall be accurately indicated by stakes. Both poles and stakes shall remain in place for the duration of the approval process. The applicant may also be required to provide other visual aids such as photographs with superimposed structures. These requirements may be waived by the Planning Director where it is determined through on site investigation, evaluation of topographic maps or photographic evidence, or by other means that there is no possibility that the proposed development will create or contribute to adverse impacts upon Scenic Areas. The installation of story poles shall comply with the following requirements:

1. If not already in place, story poles shall be erected at least 30 calendar days prior to the hearing date prior to the hearing date. The applicant shall submit photographic evidence of the story poles along with the verification and affidavit required by Section 22.44.970 D.8.

2. Story poles shall remain in place until the project has been reviewed and the appeal period has ended. If the project is appealed, the poles shall remain until the appeal has been acted upon.

3. Story poles associated with an application that has been inactive for three months shall be removed until the application review returns to an active status.

4. Story poles shall be removed within seven calendar days after a final decision on a Coastal Development Permit has been made and the appeal process has been exhausted.

5. Story poles shall be constructed of 2" x 4" lumber or other sturdy material. The poles must be able to withstand weather, and to this purpose, guy wires, support beams or other support measures may be used.

6. Story poles shall be erected to delineate the most distant corners of a structure, roof ridgelines, chimneys, balconies, and accessory buildings.

7. The height of story poles shall indicate the final height of the building. Grading shall be accounted for in the height of the poles. The top two feet of poles shall be painted red or orange to better identify the height of the proposed structure. Bright red or orange tape shall be strung between poles at the top of the painted area to aid visibility.

8. An applicant shall submit a signed written statement by a licensed architect, engineer, or surveyor that the locations and heights of the poles are true and correct representations of the proposed structure.

9. All story poles shall be erected safely and without putting the public at risk. If the story poles become unsafe at any time, they shall be repaired or removed immediately. The poles shall be removed immediately if determined by the County to be a public safety risk. The applicant shall notify the Department of Regional Planning when the frame is in place.

B. All applications for a Coastal Development Permit shall submit panoramic or composite photographs from all corners of the subject property, taken looking out from major elevated points within the property and looking toward the property from all public viewing areas in the vicinity.

C. Such other information as the Planning Director determines to be necessary for adequate evaluation. The Planning Director may waive the filing of one or more of the above items if any item is deemed unnecessary for processing the application.

D. A depiction of the type and location of all proposed lighting on the site demonstrating compliance with all provisions of this LCP.

E. All new development shall be sited and designed to accomplish all of the following:

1. Preserve topographic features, including canyon walls, geologic formations,, creeks, ridgelines, and waterfalls.

2. Minimize adverse visual impacts to the existing trails, recreational facilities, and scenic resources to the maximum extent feasible.

3. Ensure that development in areas containing scenic resources shall be subordinate to the natural setting, and all impacts on scenic resources are eliminated to the maximum extent feasible, consistent with all biological resource protection policies of the LCP.

F. Avoidance of impacts to scenic resources through site selection and design alternatives is the preferred method over landscape or building material screening. Screening shall not substitute for project alternatives, including re-siting and / or reducing the height and bulk of structures.

G. Access Roads. These provisions apply to any access road that is new, lengthened or widened, or is unpaved as of the date of certification of this LCP.

a. For H1 habitat area or any area of high potential erosion hazard as identified by ERB, the maximum length for an access road shall be 300 feet.

b. In all other areas, access roads shall not exceed 300 when measured from the terminus of the new, expanded, or newly paved access road to the nearest public roadway, unless a major Coastal Development Permit is first obtained and review by ERB has been conducted. In addition to all other required findings, findings shall be made that alternative building sites within the property or project have been considered and eliminated from consideration based on physical infeasibility, or the potential for substantial biological resource destruction if any such alternative is used.

c. The width of all access roads shall be the minimum required by the Fire Department for that development project.

**22.44.1450 Livestock management.** New and/or expanded livestock facilities shall require an Administrative Coastal Development Permit as long as the development is in compliance with the provisions of Section 22.44.1800 et seq. (Biological Resources). All other development of new and/or expanded livestock facilities shall require a Coastal Development Permit as provided in this LIP.

Property in Zones R-C and R-R may be used for the raising and keeping of horses and other equine, cattle, sheep, goats, llamas, and alpacas, and boarding of horses and other equine, provided that the requirements of measures are utilized for all facilities, whether new or existing:

A. Animal containment facilities shall not be located within drainage courses;  
B. Animal containment facilities, such as corrals and barns, and accessory structures shall be a minimum of 100 feet from H1 habitat area. These facilities shall be a minimum of 100 feet from any riparian habitat or natural drainage course that is not a designated H1;

C. Fencing for the direct containment of animals, such as for stalls, shall be no more than six feet in height. Fencing that may encompass the greater area of an animal containment facility, such as for paddocks and grazing areas, shall be no more than six feet in height and shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 22.44.1940. Fencing for animal containment facilities shall be wildlife-permeable fencing;

D. The following BMPs shall be incorporated into animal containment facilities to minimize direct loading of animal waste, fertilizers, chemicals, and other agricultural products, runoff, and sediments:

1. Clean water shall be diverted, with a berm or other such measure, around holding pens and the storage or disposal area for waste, compost, fertilizer, amended soil products, and any other byproducts of livestock activities or developed areas to the extent possible;

2. Runoff, waste, and waste byproducts from animal containment facilities must be contained on the parcel and disposed of in an approved manner;

3. Animal containment facilities shall not discharge sedimentation or polluted runoff onto any public road, adjoining property, or into any drainage course;

4. Oak trees situated within animal containment facilities shall be protected from rubbing, chewing, or scratching by the contained animals;

5. Stockpiled dirt shall be protected from wind and water erosion by using tarps and jute netting to cover the pile;

6. Manure, waste, oils, chemicals, fertilizers, and other such materials shall be stored in a sealed area, inside a structure, or in a covered container with an impervious bottom surface;

7. Manure, waste, oils, chemicals, fertilizers, and other such materials shall be stored at least 100 feet away from any H1 habitat area. These materials shall be stored at least 50 feet away from any non-H1 designated natural drainage course, and from any underground water source used for human consumption;

8. Filter strips, natural vegetation, gravel, sand, or other similar materials shall be used along the periphery of corrals, pens, animal showers, and waste containment areas to absorb and treat runoff from animal facilities; and

9. Sediment holding ponds may incorporate phytoremediation techniques.

**22.44.1460 Bed-and-breakfast establishments.** “Bed-and-breakfast establishment” means a single-family residence containing guest rooms used for short-term rental accommodations, which provides breakfast for guests of the facility. Property in Zones R-C and R-R may be used for bed-and-breakfast establishments, provided a major Coastal Development

Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit, and with the following conditions:

- A. The lot or parcel of land containing the facility shall have, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one net acre;
- B. The facility must maintain a residential character;
- C. The facility shall be operated and maintained by the owner or lessee of the property, and it shall constitute the primary residence of the owner or lessee;
- D. The facility shall contain no more than five guest rooms available for paying guests, and the rooms shall be located only within the primary residence;
- E. Stays for any paying guest shall not exceed 14 consecutive days and shall not be more than 30 days for such guest in any calendar year;
- F. Kitchens and other cooking facilities shall be prohibited in any guest room within the facility;
- G. There shall be one on-site parking space, which may be uncovered, served by an all-weather driveway, for each guest room available for paying guests;
- H. Serving or consumption of food or beverages, including alcoholic beverages, shall be restricted to residents and guests of the facility. No restaurant or similar activity that is open to the general public shall be permitted; and
- I. One wall-mounted or freestanding sign shall be permitted, provided that such sign does not exceed six square feet in sign area or 12 square feet in total sign area, and when installed does not exceed a height of 42 inches measured vertically from ground level at the base of the sign to the top of the sign.

**22.44.1470 Rural inns.** Property in Zones R-C and R-R may be used for rural inns provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit, and with the following conditions:

- A. The lot or parcel of land containing the facility has, as a condition of use, an area of at least five net acres;
- B. The facility maintains a rural appearance consistent with the outdoor character of the Santa Monica Mountains;
- C. The facility does not exceed one guest room or cabin per acre, with a maximum limit of 40 guest rooms or cabins available for paying guests;
- D. Stays for any paying guest do not exceed 14 consecutive days and do not exceed 30 days for such guest in any calendar year;
- E. Guest rooms or cabins within the facility do not contain kitchens and other cooking facilities;
- F. Each guest room or cabin available for paying guests has one on-site parking space, which may be uncovered, that is served by an all-weather driveway;
- G. Serving or consumption of food or beverages, including alcoholic beverages, is restricted to guests of the facility. No restaurant or similar activity that is open to the general public is permitted;
- H. The building site for the facility is no more than 20 percent of the net area of the lot or parcel of land containing the facility;
- I. The facility does not contain conference facilities;
- J. The facility has only one wall-mounted or freestanding sign, provided that such sign does not exceed six square feet in sign area or 12 square feet in total sign area, and when installed does not exceed a height of 42 inches measured vertically from ground level at the base of the sign; and

K. In addition to the information required in the application by Sections 22.44.840, 22.44.850, and 22.44.860, the applicant shall submit an evacuation/emergency plan for approval of the Fire Department. No Coastal Development Permit for a rural inn shall be issued without an evacuation/emergency plan approved by the Sheriff and Fire Departments.

L. Rural inns shall not be located within a one-mile radius of each other. The mile is measured beginning from the structure which serves to register guests for the rural inn.

**22.44.1480 Animals as pets.**

A. Purpose. Regulations governing animals as pets or for the personal use of the family residing on the premises are established in order to provide for the keeping of domestic and wild animals where accessory to the residential use of property, as opposed to maintenance for commercial purposes. Such regulations presume a reasonable effort on the part of the animal owner to recognize the rights of surrounding neighbors by maintaining and controlling his animals in a safe and healthy manner at a reasonable location, and neither authorize nor legalize the maintenance of any private or public nuisance.

B. Keeping animals permitted when. A person shall not keep or maintain any animal for personal use in any zone except as hereinafter specifically permitted in this Section and subject to all regulations and conditions enumerated in this LIP.

C. Livestock kept as pets.

1. All livestock kept or maintained as pets within the LCP area shall be kept or maintained as pets for the personal use of members of the family residing on the premises subject to the following restrictions, except where expressly allowed by the provisions of Section 22.44.1450 (Livestock management). All such livestock shall meet the requirements of Sections 22.44.1450 and 22.44.1940 (Confined animal facilities).

2. Except as otherwise required elsewhere in this LIP, lots or parcels of land having, as a condition of use, a minimum area of 15,000 square feet per dwelling unit may keep or maintain the animals listed herein in the numbers specified, not to exceed one animal per 5,000 square feet:

a. Horses, donkeys, mules and other equine, and cattle: One over nine months of age for each 5,000 square feet of lot area.

b. Sheep and goats: One over six months of age for each 5,000 square feet of lot area.

c. Alpacas and llamas: One over six months of age for each 5,000 square feet of lot area.

D. Other animals permitted as pets—Permit required. Animals other than those listed in this Section may be kept or maintained for personal use or as pets provided that a variance has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.1150.

E. A person shall not keep or maintain any wild animal of any age within the LCP area, whether such wild animal is kept or maintained for the personal use of the occupant or otherwise, except that for each dwelling unit the occupant may keep for his or her personal use:

1. The following wild animals:
  - Tropical fish excluding caribe.
  - White mice and rats.

2. The following wild animals, but in no event more than three such animals in any combination on a lot or parcel of land having an area of less than 10,000 square feet per dwelling unit:

- Canaries.
- Cats.
- Chinchillas.
- Chipmunks.
- Finches.

- Gopher snakes.
- Guinea pigs.
- Hamsters.
- Hawks.
- King snakes.
- Marmoset monkeys.
- Mynah birds.
- Parrots, parakeets, amazons, cockateels, cockatoos, lories, lorikeets, love birds, macaws, and similar birds of the psittacine family.
- Pigeons.
- Ravens.
- Squirrel monkeys.
- Steppe legal eagles.
- Toucans.
- Turtles.
- White doves.

3. Other similar animals which, in the opinion of the Director, are neither more obnoxious or detrimental to the public welfare than the animals enumerated in this section. Such animals shall be kept or maintained at a place where the keeping of domestic animals is permitted.

F. Dogs. Dogs may be kept or maintained within the LCP area as follows:

1. A person shall not keep or maintain more than three dogs over the age of four months per dwelling unit in any residential zone, whether kept or maintained for the personal use of such person or otherwise.

2. A service dog shall not be counted toward the number of dogs authorized to be kept or maintained pursuant to subsection F.1 of this section. A service dog shall be defined as a guide dog or seeing-eye dog which was trained by a person licensed under Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, a signal dog or other dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

#### **22.44.1490 Home-based occupations.**

A. Regulations. Home-based occupations may be established in order that a resident may carry on a business activity which is clearly incidental and subordinate to a dwelling unit in a residential zone. The establishment of a home-based occupation shall be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and uses, and shall not adversely change the character of the dwelling unit or detract from the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Every home-based occupation shall be subject to the following standards:

1. The home-based occupation shall be demonstrably secondary and incidental to the primary dwelling unit and shall not change the character and appearance of the dwelling unit.

2. The home-based occupation shall not be conducted in any attached or unattached structure intended for the parking of automobiles.

3. The home-based occupation shall not create or cause noise, dust, vibration, odor, gas, fumes, smoke, glare, electrical interferences, hazards or nuisances. There shall be no storage or use of toxic or hazardous materials other than the types and quantities customarily found in connection with a dwelling unit, as permitted by this Title 22. No noise or sound shall be created which exceeds the levels contained in Chapter 12.08 (Noise Control) of the Los Angeles County Code.

4. There shall be only one home-based occupation per dwelling unit.
  5. The use shall be conducted only by persons residing within the dwelling unit, except that no more than one person not residing on the premises may be employed, either for pay or as a volunteer, to work on the premises as part of the home-based occupation carried on in the dwelling unit. One on-site standard sized parking space shall be provided for such employee or volunteer in addition to other required parking set forth in this LIP.
  6. Signage, in any form, that indicates, advertises, or otherwise draws attention to the home-based occupation is prohibited.
  7. No stock in trade, inventory or display of goods or materials shall be kept or maintained on the premises, except for incidental storage kept entirely within the dwelling unit.
  8. No mechanical equipment is permitted in connection with the home-based occupation, other than light business machines, such as computers, facsimile transmitting devices and copying machines.
  9. The home-based occupation shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for delivery of materials and products to or from the premises in excess of that which is customary for a dwelling unit or which has a disruptive effect on the neighborhood. Such delivery services can include, but are not limited to, United States mail, express mail and messenger services. No tractor trailer or similar heavy duty delivery or pickup shall be permitted in connection with the home-based business.
  10. Activities conducted and equipment or material used shall not change the type of construction of the residential occupancy and shall be subject to all required permits.
  11. The home-based occupation shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic in excess of that which is customary for a dwelling unit, or which would have a disruptive effect on the neighborhood.
  12. No more than one client visit or one client vehicle per hour shall be permitted, and only from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in connection with the home-based occupation.
  13. The home-based occupation shall cease when the use becomes detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, or constitutes a nuisance, or when the use is in violation of any statute, ordinance, law or regulation.
- B. The following uses are prohibited:
- Adult entertainment.
  - Ambulance service.
  - Animal training.
  - Automotive repair, painting, body/fender work, upholstery, detailing, washing, including motorcycles, trucks, trailers and boats.
  - Beautician or barber.
  - Body piercing.
  - Dentist, except as a secondary office which is not used for the general practice of dentistry, but may be used for consultation and emergency treatment as an adjunct to a principal office located elsewhere.
  - Funeral chapel or home.
  - Firearms manufacturing or sales.
  - Garment manufacturing.
  - Gunsmith.
  - Massage therapist, unless the therapist has procured a massage technician's business license and a massage parlor business license, as needed.



- Medical physician (nonpsychiatric), except as a secondary office which is not used for the general practice of medicine, but may be used for consultation and emergency treatment as an adjunct to a principal office located elsewhere.
- Photography lab, other than for occupant's own use.
- Recording/motion picture/video production studio, except for editing or pre-recorded material.
- Restaurant.
- Retail sales.
- Tattoo studio.
- Upholstery.
- Tow truck service.
- Veterinary services and other uses which entail the harboring, training, care, breeding, raising or grooming of dogs, cats, birds, or other domestic animals on the premises, except those which are permitted by this article (other than those owned by the resident).
- Welding or machine shop.
- Yoga/spa retreat center.
- Any other use which disrupts and is inconsistent with the residential character of the neighborhood is prohibited.

**22.44.1495 Historic vehicle collection.**

A. In addition to the principles and standards contained in Section 22.44.940 (Administrative Coastal Development Permits), an application for a historic vehicle collection shall also comply with all of the following standards and conditions:

1. That a historic vehicle collection shall only be allowed as an accessory use on a lot or parcel containing an approved principal permitted use.
2. That all such vehicles and parts kept or maintained on the premises constitute an historic vehicle collection as defined in Section 22.44.630; and
3. That all such vehicles and parts are legally owned by the applicant proposing to keep or maintain an historic vehicle collection; and
4. That the area proposed on the lot or parcel of land for the collection of such vehicles occupies or constitutes less than 10 percent of the total area of said lot or parcel of land; and
5. That said collection is kept or maintained so as not to constitute a health or safety hazard; and
6. That said collection is fully screened from ordinary public view by means of a fence, trees, shrubbery or opaque covering determined to be suitable by the Director, or by other appropriate means determined to be suitable by the Director; and
7. That no portion of an historic vehicle collection is located within five feet of any building or structure, or within any required yard area, unless otherwise permitted by the director; and
8. That site plans for the keeping and maintenance of the historic vehicle collection have been submitted to and approved by the director; and
9. That the person proposing to keep or maintain an historic vehicle collection has signed a covenant and agreement indicating that he or she has read and understands the standards and conditions enumerated above and such other conditions that the director may impose, and will faithfully abide by each and every one of said standards and conditions.

B. In those cases where the site plans submitted by the applicant desiring to establish an historic vehicle collection indicate that said plans are not, or cannot be, in full

compliance with subsection A of this section, the director shall deny such application and shall inform the applicant in writing of such action.

## **WINERIES AND TASTING ROOMS**

### **22.44.1500 Wineries—General.**

A. Purpose. The purpose of Section is to provide comprehensive standards for wineries, tasting rooms, and remote tasting rooms, to allow the development of such agriculturally supportive businesses, while at the same time to minimize their potential impacts to surrounding uses.

B. Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Net area. That portion of a lot, or parcel of land which is:
  - a. Not subject to any easement or included as a proposed public or private facility such as an alley, highway or street except as provided in subparagraph 3, or other necessary public site within a proposed development project;
  - b. Subject to an easement where the owner of the underlying fee has the right to use the entire surface except that portion where the owner of the easement may place utility poles or minor utility structures;
  - c. Subject to that portion of a highway easement or private street easement shown on an alternate cross-section.
  - d. That portion of a corner lot or corner parcel of land not to exceed five percent of the net area within a corner cutoff;
  - e. And has a slope of less than 25 percent.
  - f. Except as above provided, portions of a lot or parcel of land subject to a highway easement or any other private or public easement shall not be counted as a part of the net area.
2. Wineries. Facilities used for processing grapes or other agricultural products into wine, including mobile bottling or crushing facilities, operated under a Type 02 license issued by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, where processing involves the fermentation, crushing, bottling, testing, or aging of wine.
3. Winery facilities. Winery facilities shall mean all structures and accessory structures used by a winery, as defined in subsection B.2 above, including the paved parking areas required by this LIP for mobile bottling or crushing facilities, but shall exclude any tasting room area or structure;
4. Wine events. Wine events shall mean events intended to provide instruction regarding the production and consumption of wine, and shall include private group wine tastings, property tours of a winery, and winery presentations regarding proper wine and food combinations and/or the preparation of such food; and
5. Incidental merchandise. Incidental merchandise shall mean small retail products related to the use and consumption of wine, such as wine glasses, corkscrews, or other small products, such as accessory clothing, key chains, and pens, which raise awareness of a winery's brand.

### **22.44.1501 Wineries—Development standards.**

A. Wineries shall comply with the development standards of the zone in which they are located, except as follows:

1. The parking requirement for a winery shall be one parking space for every 500 square feet of enclosed floor area.
2. Within the LCP area:
  - a. Wineries shall be permitted only:
    - i. On a lot or parcel of land containing existing agricultural products under cultivation for the purpose of wine production, or;

ii. On a lot or parcel of land adjoining a lot or parcel as described in subsection 2.a.i., above, that is owned or leased by the same person owning or leasing such adjoining property, provided that the owner or lessee records a covenant in the office of the County Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, as approved by the Director prior to recordation, agreeing to continue to own or lease the adjoining lot or parcel of land for as long as the winery remains in operation, with any violation of said covenant being subject to the enforcement procedures of Section 22.44.690.

b. The lot or parcel of land on which the winery is located shall have a minimum net area of two acres;

c. Wineries shall provide access to the nearest public roadway to the satisfaction of the County Departments of Public Works and Fire, and such access shall be a minimum of 28 feet in width;

d. In addition to any other parking requirement under this Section, a winery shall provide a minimum paved parking area of 12 feet by 35 feet for any mobile bottling or crushing facility used by the winery;

e. The lot coverage of the winery facilities shall be a maximum of 25 percent of the net area of the lot or parcel of land on which the winery is located or 50,000 square feet, whichever is less; and

f. All of the winery facilities, parking areas, and private waste disposal systems shall be located at least 100 feet from any stream bank.

B. Modification of any development standard in this Section shall require a variance pursuant to Section 22.44.1150.

#### **22.44.1502 Wineries—Operating regulations.**

A. In addition to the other activities authorized by this Section, wineries may sell wine to licensed wholesalers and retailers both on- and off-site, and may ship wine directly to the general public if such shipping is the result of a wine sale transaction made at an off-site event or via an order made by United States mail, telephone, or the internet.

B. Wineries may only operate between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. every day.

C. All wineries shall comply with all applicable noise control provisions.

D. Wineries may host wine events, as defined in Section 22.44.1500 B.4, if an Administrative Coastal Development Permit is first obtained pursuant to 22.44.940. Wine events may be hosted by the winery for its own financial gain, or for the financial gain of a private non-profit organization, as that term is defined in section 23356.1 of the California Business and Professions Code.

E. Wineries shall dispose of winery waste and wastewater in accordance with the requirements of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for a winery use and shall keep and maintain the records showing compliance with these requirements on their premises. Such records shall be made available upon request to the County Department of Regional Planning.

F. Modification of any operating regulation in this Section shall require a variance pursuant to Section 22.44.1150.

#### **22.44.1503 Wineries—Permit requirements.**

A. Wineries shall obtain a major Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Sections 22.44.800 et seq.

B. Conditions of approval. In addition to any other condition imposed by the Commission, the development standards and operating regulations set forth in Sections 22.44.1501 and 22.44.1502 of this LIP shall be made conditions of approval for any winery CDP, except where modified by the Commission.

D. Application. An application for a winery CDP shall contain the following information in addition to the information required by Section 22.44.840, 22.44.850, and 22.44.860:

1. A map showing the existing topography of the subject lot or parcel of land, delineating all portions of such lot or parcel of land with a slope of 25 percent or greater;
2. Site plans showing the location and area of the subject lot or parcel of land, or the adjoining lot or parcel of land, as applicable, where the existing agricultural products that are under cultivation for the purpose of wine production are situated. Photographic evidence of such products shall also be submitted; and
3. A site plan showing the location and area of any existing or proposed paved parking areas for on-site mobile bottling and/or crushing facilities.

**22.44.1504 Tasting rooms—Development standards.**

A. Tasting rooms shall comply with the development standards of the zone in which they are located, except as follows:

1. A tasting room shall occupy no more than 20 percent of the total area of the associated winery facilities, as defined in Section 22.44.1500 B.3, or 10,000 square feet of floor area, whichever is less; and
2. The parking requirement for a tasting room or remote tasting room shall be one parking space for every 100 square feet of floor area, including any outdoor floor area.

B. Modification of any development standard in this Section shall require a variance pursuant to Section 22.44.1150.

**22.44.1505 Tasting rooms—Operating regulations.**

A. Tasting rooms are subject to the following operating regulations:

1. A tasting room shall comply with all applicable noise control provisions.
2. Within 90 days following their hiring, all tasting room employees who serve or sell alcoholic beverages in the tasting room shall complete a responsible beverage service training program meeting the requirements of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. Records of such employee training shall be kept and maintained on the tasting room premises and shall be made available upon request by the County Sheriff's Department or County Department of Regional Planning;
3. A tasting room shall serve a wine-tasting customer no more than three ounces of wine per day;
4. Tasting rooms may offer complimentary food items to wine-tasting customers along with the tasting room's wine, including but not limited to, fruit slices, cheese, and crackers, provided that:
  - a. No advertisements for such food items are placed on any signage for the associated winery; and
  - b. The food items are prepared and offered in accordance with any and all regulations and/or requirements of the applicable government agencies regarding the preparation, licensing, and inspection of such food items.
5. Tasting rooms may engage in the retail sale of packaged food for off-site consumption, including but not limited to, jam, jellies, and olive oil, provided that:
  - a. The packaged food is produced from agricultural products grown on lots or parcels of land owned or leased by the holder of a Type 02 license issued by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control;
  - b. The associated winery's logo is permanently and prominently affixed to all such packaged food sold; and
  - c. The packaged food is prepared and offered in accordance with any and all regulations and/or requirements of the applicable

government agencies regarding the preparation, licensing, and inspection of such packaged food.

6. Tasting rooms may engage in the retail sale of incidental merchandise, as defined in subsection 22.44.1500 B.5, provided that the associated winery's logo is permanently and prominently affixed to all such items sold;

7. Tasting rooms may host wine events pursuant to the same operating regulations as set forth in subsection 22.44.1502 D for wineries; and

8. Tasting rooms may operate only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every day.

9. A tasting room shall produce no external amplified sounds. Live music, both inside and outside the tasting room, is prohibited.

B. Modification of any operating regulation in this Section shall require a variance pursuant to Section 22.44.1150

**22.44.1506 Tasting rooms—Permit requirements.**

A. Tasting rooms shall obtain a major Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Sections 22.44.800 et seq.

B. Conditions of approval. In addition to any other condition imposed by the Commission, the development standards and operating regulations set forth in Sections 22.44.1504 and 22.44.1505 shall be made conditions of approval for any tasting room CUP, except where modified by the Commission.

C. Concurrent approvals. If an applicant seeks the concurrent approval of both a winery and an associated tasting room, the applicant may file one application for both uses and pay one fee for the Coastal Development Permit. In all other circumstances, separate approvals shall be required for a winery and an associated tasting room.

D. Application. An application for a tasting room CDP, shall contain the information required by Sections 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits).

**22.44.1507 Remote tasting rooms—Development standards.**

A. Remote tasting rooms shall comply with the development standards of the zone in which they are located except as otherwise required by this section.

B. Remote tasting rooms shall provide parking in accordance with subsection 22.44.1504 A.2.

C. Remote tasting rooms shall comply with the following:

1. The lot or parcel of land on which the remote tasting room is located shall have a minimum net area of two acres.

2. Remote tasting rooms shall be permitted only:

a. On a lot or parcel of land containing existing agricultural products under cultivation for the purpose of wine production, provided that such agricultural products cover at least 50 percent of the net area of such lot or parcel of land; or

b. On a lot or parcel of land adjoining a lot or parcel of land as described in subsection 2.a., above, that is owned or leased by the same person owning or leasing such adjoining property, provided that the owner or lessee records a covenant in the office of the County Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, as approved by the Director prior to recordation, agreeing to continue to own or lease the adjoining lot or parcel of land for as long as the remote tasting room remains in operation, with any violation of said covenant being subject to the enforcement procedures of Section 22.44.690.

3. For purposes of subsections C.1 and C.2 of this Section, net area shall exclude any H1 habitat area in addition to those areas excluded from the definition of net area in subsection 22.44.1500 B.1.

4. Remote tasting rooms shall provide access to the nearest public roadway to the satisfaction of the County Departments of Public Works and Fire, and such access shall have a minimum width of 28 feet.

5. The lot coverage of a remote tasting room shall be a maximum of 15 percent of the net area of the lot or parcel of land on which it is located or 15,000 square feet, whichever is less.

D. Modification of any development standard in this Section shall require a variance pursuant to Section 22.44.1150.

**22.44.1508 Remote tasting rooms—Operating regulations.**

A. Remote tasting rooms shall comply with the operating regulations for tasting rooms set forth in 22.44.1505.

B. In Zones C-1 and C-2, remote tasting rooms shall comply with the operating regulations for tasting rooms set forth in 22.44.1505, except that they may hold a wine event, as defined in Section 22.44.1500.B.4, without an Administrative Coastal Development Permit, provided that:

1. The wine event is limited to a maximum of 25 guests or customers;
2. The remote tasting room holds no more than 20 wine events in any 12-month period; and
3. A record of each wine event is maintained on the premises of the remote tasting room and is made available upon request by the County Sheriff's Department or County Department of Regional Planning.

C. Modification of any operating regulation in this Section shall require a variance pursuant to Section 22.44.1150.

**22.44.1509 Remote tasting rooms—Permit requirements.**

A. Remote tasting rooms shall obtain a major Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Sections 22.44.800 et seq.

B. Conditions of approval. In addition to any other condition imposed by the Commission, the development standards and operating regulations set forth in Sections 22.44.1507 and 22.44.1508 shall be made conditions of approval for any remote tasting room CDP, except where modified by the Commission.

C. Application. An application for a remote tasting room CDP, shall contain the following information, in addition to the information required by Sections 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits):

1. Maps showing the existing topography of the subject lot or parcel of land on which the remote tasting room is located, delineating all portions of such lot or parcel of land with a slope of 25 percent or greater; and
2. Site plans showing the location and area of the subject lot or parcel of land, or the adjoining lot or parcel of land, as applicable, where the existing agricultural products that are under cultivation for the purpose of wine production are situated. Photographic evidence of such products shall also be submitted.

**LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID)**

**22.44.1510 Purpose.** The purposes of these provisions are as follows:

A. Lessen the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from development and urban runoff on natural drainage systems, receiving waters and other water bodies.

B. Minimize pollutant loadings from impervious surfaces by requiring development projects to incorporate properly-designed, technically-appropriate BMPs and other low-impact development (LID) strategies.

C. Minimize erosion and other hydrologic impacts on natural drainage systems by

requiring development projects to incorporate properly-designed, technically-appropriate hydromodification control development principles and technologies.

D. These LID provisions shall be construed to augment any County, State, or federal ordinance, statute, regulation, or other requirement governing the same or related matter, and where a conflict exists between a provision in this LID portion of the LIP and such other ordinance, statute, regulation, or requirement, the stricter provision shall apply to the extent permitted by law, notwithstanding the requirements of Section 22.44.620.

**22.44.1511 Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the LID portion of this LIP, which includes Sections 22.44.1510 through 22.44.1516:

A. "Basin Plan" means the Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region, Basin Plan for Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, adopted by the Regional Water Board on June 13, 1994 and subsequent amendments.

B. "Beneficial Use" means the existing or potential use of receiving waters as designated by the Los Angeles or Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Boards in their respective basin plans for the County.

C. "Best Management Practices ("BMPs")" are practices or physical devices or systems designed to prevent or reduce pollutant loading from stormwater or non-stormwater discharges to receiving waters, or designed to reduce the volume of stormwater or non-stormwater discharged to the receiving water.

D. "Capital Flood" means the runoff produced by a fifty (50)-year frequency design storm falling on a saturated watershed (soil moisture at field capacity). A fifty (50)-year frequency design storm has a probability of 1/50 of being equaled or exceeded in any year.

E. "County" means the County of Los Angeles.

F. "Designated Project" means any development project described in subsection A of Section 22.44.1600.

G. "Development" is defined in Section 22.44.630.

H. "Director" means the Director of Public Works.

I. "Excess Volume" means the additional volume of stormwater caused by development; excess volume is determined by calculating the difference in the volume of runoff under undeveloped and post-developed conditions, using the water quality design storm event.

J. "Hardscape" means any durable, pervious or impervious surface material, including paving for pedestrians and vehicles.

K. "Hydromodification" means the alteration of a natural drainage system through a change in the system's flow characteristics.

L. "Low Impact Development ("LID")" means technologies and practices that are part of a sustainable stormwater management strategy that controls stormwater and urban runoff on site.

M. "Natural Drainage System" means any unlined or unimproved (not engineered) creek, stream, river, or similar waterway.

N. "Non-designated Project" means any development project that is not included in subsection A of Section 22.44.1600.

O. "Pollutants of Concern" means chemical, physical, or biological components of stormwater that impair the beneficial uses of receiving waters, including those defined in the Federal Clean Water Act section 502(6) (33 United States Code section 1362(6)), and incorporated by reference into California Water Code section 13373.

P. "Public Works" means the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Q. "Receiving Water" means a "water of the United States" (as defined in 33 C.F.R. section 328.3(a)(7)) into which waste and/or pollutants are or may be discharged.

R. "Regional Water Board" means the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

S. "Softscape" means the horticultural elements of a landscape, such as soil and plants.

T. "Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)" means a classification pursuant to the current edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual issued by the Executive Office of the President of the United States, Office of Management and Budget, and as the same may be periodically revised.

U. "Stormwater" means runoff that occurs as the result of rainfall.

V. "Stormwater Quality Design Volume ("SQDv")" means the runoff generated by a water quality design storm event.

W. "Urban Runoff" means surface flows, other than stormwater, emanating from development.

X. "Water Quality Design Storm Event" means any of the volumetric or flow rate based design storm events for water quality BMPs identified in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Stormwater Permit for the County of Los Angeles.

#### **22.44.1512 Applicability.**

A. Designated Projects. The following development projects shall comply with the provisions of subsection C of Section 22.44.1513, below:

1. All new development projects involving one (1) acre or greater of disturbed area and adding more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of impervious surface area;

2. New industrial parks with ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more of surface area;

3. New commercial malls with ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more of surface area;

4. New retail gasoline outlets with five thousand (5,000) square feet or more of surface area;

5. New restaurants (SIC 5812) with five thousand (5,000) square feet or more of surface area;

6. New parking lots with five thousand (5,000) square feet or more of impervious surface area, or with twenty-five (25) or more parking spaces;

7. New automotive service facilities (SIC 5013, 5014, 5511, 5541, 7532-7534 and 7536-7539) with five thousand (5,000) square feet or more of surface area;

8. New development located in or directly adjacent to or discharging directly to a H1 or H2 habitat area, as defined in Section 22.44.1810, which will discharge stormwater runoff that is likely to impact a sensitive biological species or habitat and create two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet or more of impervious surface area; and

9. Redevelopment Projects. Development that results in the creation or addition or replacement of either: (i) five thousand (5,000) square feet or more of impervious surface area on a site that has been previously developed as described in subsections 1-8, above; or (ii) ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more of impervious surface area on a site that has been previously developed with a single family home.

a. Where more than fifty percent (50%) of impervious surfaces of a previously developed site is proposed to be altered, and the previous development project was not subject to post-construction stormwater quality control requirements, the entire development site (i.e., both the existing development and the proposed alteration) shall comply with the provisions of subsection C of Section 22.44.1513, below.

b. Where less than fifty percent (50%) of impervious surfaces of a previously developed site are proposed to be altered, and the previous development project was not subject to post-construction stormwater quality control requirements, only the proposed



alteration shall comply with the provisions of subsection C of Section 22.44.1513, and not the entire development site.

c. Redevelopment does not include routine maintenance activities that are conducted to maintain original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, original purpose of facility or emergency redevelopment activity required to protect public health and safety. Impervious surface replacement, such as the reconstruction of parking lots and roadways which does not disturb additional area and maintains the original grade and alignment, is considered a routine maintenance activity. Redevelopment does not include the repaving of existing roads to maintain original line and grade.

B. Non-designated Projects. Any development project that is not included in subsection A, shall comply with the provisions of subsection D of Section 22.44.1513, as follows:

1. Where the development project involves a previously undeveloped site or results in an addition or alteration of at least fifty percent (50%) of the impervious surfaces of an existing developed site, the entire site shall be brought into compliance with the provisions of subsection D of Section 22.44.1513.

2. Where the development project results in an addition or alteration of less than fifty percent (50%) of the impervious surfaces of an existing developed site, only such incremental development shall comply with the provisions of subsection D of Section 22.44.1513.

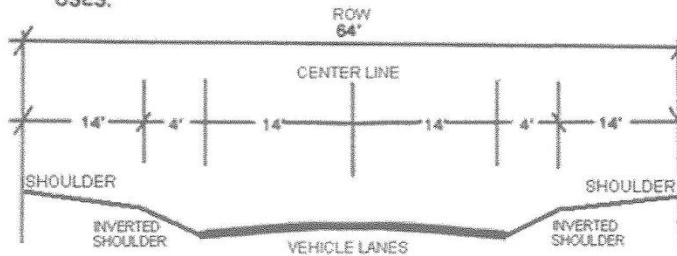
C. Street and Road Construction.

1. In addition to complying with all other applicable provisions of Section 22.44.1513, development projects involving street and road construction of ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more of impervious surface area shall follow US Environmental Protection Agency guidance regarding "Managing Wet Weather with Green Infrastructure: Green Streets 26" (December 2008 EPA-833-F-08-009) to the maximum extent practicable. This subsection applies to standalone streets, roads, highways, and freeway projects, and also applies to streets within larger projects.

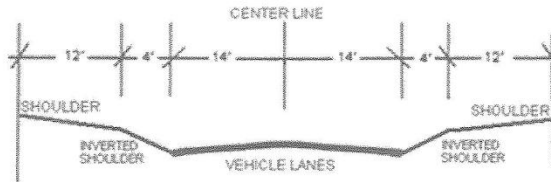
2. Street and Road Cross-Sections.

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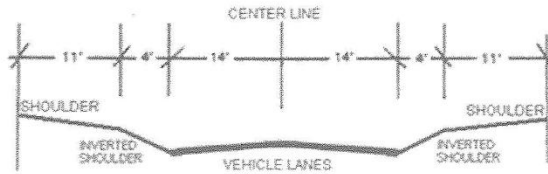
1. RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE STREETS FROM HIGHWAYS, THRU COLLECTOR STREETS, SECTION AND QUARTER-SECTION LINE COLLECTOR STREETS, AND STREETS ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS AND MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL USES.

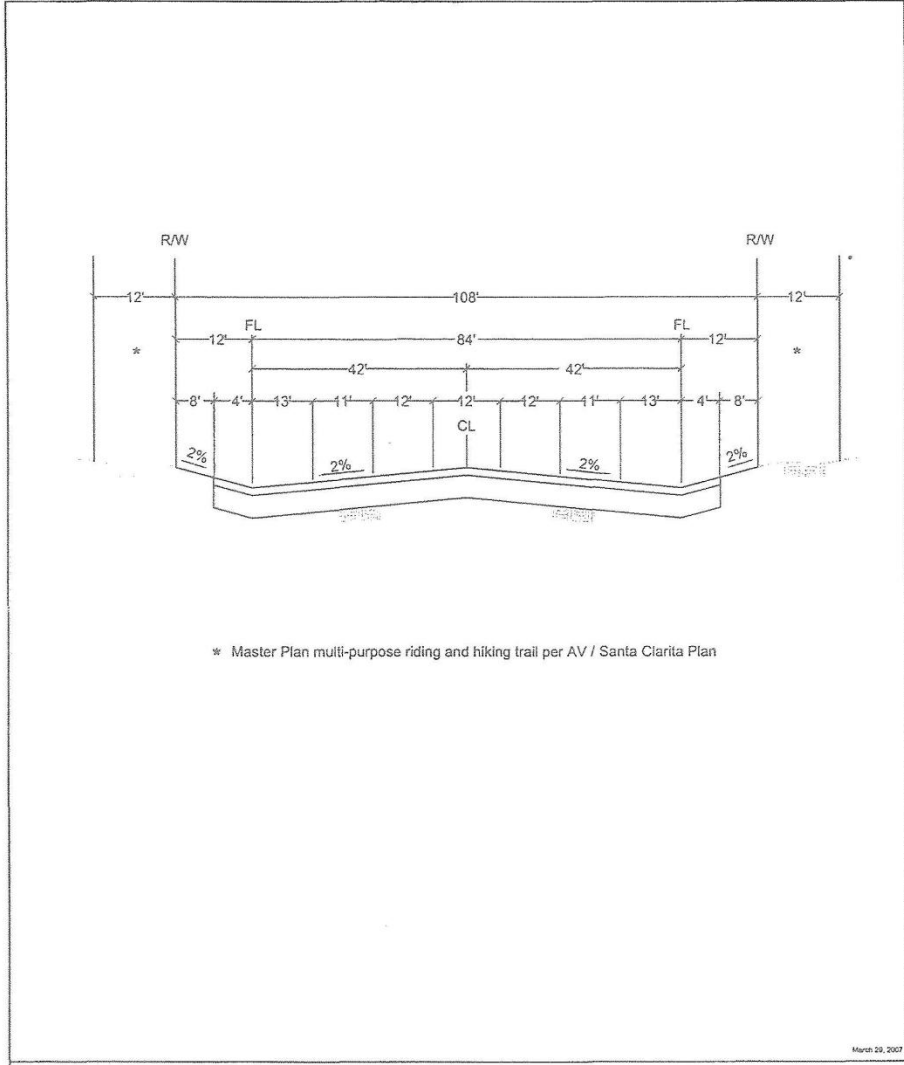


2. INTERIOR COLLECTOR STREETS, CUL-DE-SAC STREETS MORE THAN 700 FEET IN LENGTH, AND LOOP OR OTHER LOCAL STREETS MORE THAN 1,400 FEET IN LENGTH - ONE OR TWO FAMILY RESIDENCES.



3. INTERIOR LOCAL STREETS, CUL-DE-SAC STREETS HAVING A LENGTH OF 700 FEET OR LESS, LOOP OR OTHER LOCAL STREETS HAVING A LENGTH OF 1,400 FEET OR LESS.

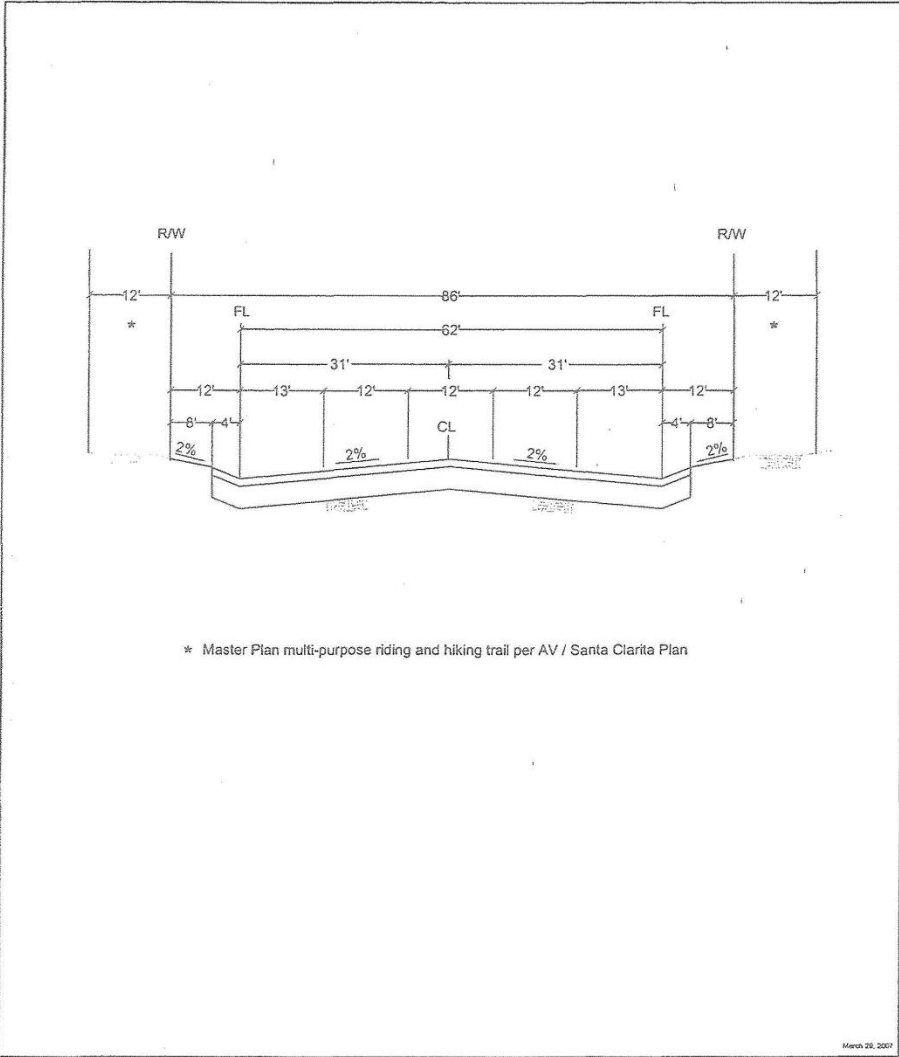




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D. Single-Family Hillside Homes. In addition to complying with all other applicable provisions of Section 22.44.1513, development projects involving the construction of a single-family home in a hillside management area (as defined in Section 22.44.1350) shall implement the following measures:

1. Conserve natural areas;
2. Protect slopes and channels;
3. Provide storm drain system stenciling and signage;
4. Divert roof runoff to vegetated areas before discharge, unless the diversion would result in slope instability; and
5. Direct surface flow to vegetated areas before discharge unless the diversion would result in slope instability.

E. Exemptions. These provisions shall not apply to any of the following development projects:

1. Any Non-designated Project that results in an addition or alteration of less than fifty percent (50%) of the impervious surfaces of an existing developed site consisting of four (4) or fewer residential units; and
2. Any development project for which a complete discretionary or non-discretionary permit application was filed with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, Public Works, or any County-controlled design control board, prior to January 1, 2009.

#### **22.44.1513 Low Impact Development Standards.**

- A. The LID standards contained in Sections 22.44.1510 through 22.44.1516:
1. Mimic undeveloped stormwater runoff rates and volumes in any storm event up to and including the Capital Flood;
  2. Prevent pollutants of concern from leaving the development site in stormwater as the result of storms, up to and including a Water Quality Design Storm Event; and
  3. Minimize hydromodification impacts to natural drainage systems.

B. The Director shall prepare, maintain, and update, as deemed necessary and appropriate, a manual ("LID Standards Manual"), which shall include urban and stormwater runoff quantity and quality control development principles and technologies for achieving compliance with the provisions of this section. The LID Standards Manual shall also include technical feasibility and implementation parameters, as well as other rules, requirements, and procedures as the Director deems necessary, for implementing the provisions of this LID portion of the LIP.

C. Designated Projects. To meet the standards described in subsection A of this section, development projects described in subsection A of Section 22.44.1600 shall comply with the following requirements:

1. The project shall retain one hundred percent (100%) of the Stormwater Quality Design Volume ("SWQDv") on-site, through infiltration, evapotranspiration, rainfall harvest and use, or a combination thereof, unless the Director determines that it would be technically infeasible to do so;

2. If the Director determines that it would be technically infeasible to retain one hundred percent (100%) of the SWQDv on-site, the project shall comply with one of the following alternative compliance measures:

- a. The project shall provide for on-site biofiltration of one and one-half (1.5) times the portion of the SWQDv that is not retained on-site;

- b. The project shall include infiltration or bioretention BMPs to intercept the portion of the SWQDv that is not retained on-site at an offsite location, as approved by the Director. The project shall also provide for treatment of the portion of the SWQDv discharged from the project site, as approved by the Director;

c. The project shall provide for the replenishment of groundwater supplies that have a designated beneficial use in the Basin Plan;

(i) Groundwater replenishment projects shall include infiltration, or bioretention BMPs to intercept the portion of the SWQDv that is not retained on-site at an offsite location, as approved by the Director;

(ii) Groundwater replenishment projects shall also provide for treatment of the portion of the SWQDv discharged from the project site, as approved by the Director;

d. The project shall include infiltration, bioretention, or rainfall harvest and use BMPs to retrofit an existing development, with similar land uses as the project, to intercept the portion of the SWQDv that is not retained on-site; or

e. The County, independently or in conjunction with one (1) or more cities, may apply to the Regional Water Board for approval of a regional or sub-regional stormwater mitigation program to substitute in part or wholly for these provisions for the area covered by the regional or sub-regional stormwater mitigation program. If the Regional Water Board approves the program, the provisions of the program shall apply in lieu of any conflicting provisions of this LIP.

D. Non-designated Projects. To meet the standards described in subsection A of this section, any development project described in subsection B of Section 22.44.1600, above, shall comply with the following requirements:

1. A development project consisting of four (4) or fewer residential units shall implement at least two (2) LID BMP alternatives listed in the LID Standards Manual, which alternatives include, but are not limited to, disconnecting impervious surfaces, using porous pavement, downspout routing, a dry well, and landscaping and irrigation requirements;

2. A development project consisting of five (5) or more residential units, or a nonresidential development project, shall comply with the following requirements:

a. The excess volume from each lot upon which such development is occurring shall be infiltrated at the lot level, or in the alternative, the excess volume from the entire development site, including streets and public right-of-way, shall be infiltrated in sub-regional facilities. The tributary area of a sub-regional facility shall be limited to five (5) acres, but may be exceeded with approval of the Director. When the Director determines that infiltration of all excess volume is not technically feasible, on-site storage, reuse, or other water conservation uses of the excess volume is required and shall be implemented as authorized by the Director in accordance with the requirements and provisions specified in the LID Standards Manual; and

b. The runoff from the water quality design storm event associated with the developed site hydrology must be treated to the satisfaction of the Director before discharge.

#### **22.44.1514 Hydromodification Control.**

A. Exemptions. The Director may grant exemptions from the provisions of this Section 22.44.1512 for the following types of development projects where the Director determines that downstream channel conditions and proposed discharge hydrology indicate that adverse hydromodification effects to beneficial uses of natural drainage systems are unlikely:

1. The replacement, maintenance or repair of existing, publicly-maintained flood control facilities, storm drains, or transportation networks;

2. Redevelopment of a previously-developed site in an urbanized area that does not increase the effective impervious area or decrease the infiltration capacity of pervious areas compared to the pre-project conditions;

3. Projects that have any increased discharge directly or through a storm drain to a sump, lake, area under tidal influence, into a waterway that has an estimated hundred

(100)-year peak flow of twenty-five thousand (25,000) cubic feet per second ("c.f.s.") or more, or other receiving water that is not susceptible to hydromodification impacts;

4. Projects that discharge directly or through a storm drain into concrete or other engineered channels (e.g., channelized or armored with rip rap, shotcrete, etc.), which, in turn, discharge into receiving water that is not susceptible to hydromodification impacts;

5. Non-designated Projects disturbing an area less than one (1) acre or creating less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of new impervious area; or

6. Single-family homes that incorporate LID BMPs in accordance with the LID Standards Manual.

B. The LID Standards Manual shall include hydromodification control development principles and technologies for achieving compliance with the provisions of this Section 22.44.1510 et seq. as well as other rules, requirements and procedures as the Director deems necessary, for implementing the provisions of this LIP.

C. Unless excluded by subsection A, above, or excused pursuant to subsection D, below, development projects must fully mitigate off-site drainage impacts caused by hydromodification and changes in water quality, flow velocity, flow volume, and depth/width of flow, as determined by the Director, in accordance with the requirements and provisions specified in the LID Standards Manual.

1. Sediment transport analysis shall be required when the project is tributary to any natural drainage system with a Capital Flood flow rate greater than five thousand (5,000) c.f.s.

D. If the Director determines that it would be infeasible for a development project to comply with the provisions of subsection C of this section, and the project disturbs an area less than fifty (50) acres, written consent to the unmitigated impacts shall be obtained from the owner of every impacted downstream property. In addition, the development project shall comply with one of the following alternative requirements:

1. The project shall retain on-site, one hundred percent (100%) of the stormwater volume from the runoff of the ninety-fifth (95<sup>th</sup>) percentile, twenty-four (24)-hour rainfall event, through infiltration, evapotranspiration, and/or harvest and use;

2. The runoff flow rate, volume, velocity, and duration for the project's post-development condition shall not exceed the pre-development condition for the two (2)-year, twenty-four (24)-hour rainfall event; or

3. The Erosion Potential ("Ep") in the receiving water channel shall approximate one (1), as demonstrated by a hydromodification analysis study approved by the Director.

E. If the Director determines that it would be infeasible for a development project to comply with the provisions of subsection C of this section, and the project disturbs an area fifty (50) acres or more, written consent to the unmitigated impacts shall be obtained from the owner of every impacted downstream property. In addition, the development project shall comply with one of the following alternative requirements:

1. The project shall infiltrate on-site at least the runoff from a two (2)-year, twenty-four (24)-hour rainfall event;

2. The runoff flow rate, volume, velocity, and duration for the project's post-development condition shall not exceed the pre-development condition for the two (2)-year, twenty-four (24)-hour rainfall events; or

3. The Ep in the receiving water channel shall approximate one (1), as demonstrated by a hydromodification analysis study approved by the Director.

#### **22.44.1515 LID Plan Review.**

A. Compliance with the LID and hydromodification control standards of this LID portion of the LIP shall be shown through a LID plan review described in subsection B, below.

B. The applicant for any development project shall submit a LID plan to the Director for review and approval that provides a comprehensive, technical discussion of how the development project will comply with this LID portion of the LIP and the applicable provisions specified in the LID Standards Manual. A deposit and fee to recover the costs associated with LID plan review shall be required. The time for obtaining LID plan approval shall be as follows:

1. For subdivisions, the LID plan shall be approved prior to the tentative map approval;
2. For any development project requiring a Coastal Development Permit ("CDP"), the LID plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of any such CDP; and
3. For all other development projects, the LID plan shall be approved prior to issuance of a grading permit for such development project, or when no grading permit is required, prior to the issuance of a building permit for such development project, or when no grading or building permit is required, prior to the commencement of any development activity or as otherwise indicated in the non-discretionary land use approval.

#### **22.44.1516 Additional Requirements.**

Compliance with this LID portion of the LIP shall also require a development project to satisfy the following:

A. All grading and/or site drainage plans for the development shall incorporate the features of the approved LID plan described in subsection B of Section 22.44.1513;

B. Ongoing Maintenance.

1. The development project's LID and hydromodification control features shall be maintained and shall remain operable at all times and shall not be removed from the project site unless and until such features have been replaced with other LID or hydromodification control features in accordance with this LID portion of the LIP.

2. Unless excused by the Director in his or her discretion, the owner of the subject development project site shall prepare and obtain the Director's approval of an operation and maintenance plan and monitoring plan for all LID practices and LID and hydromodification control features incorporated into the project.

3. The owner of the subject development project site shall record a covenant or agreement, approved as to form and content by the Director, in the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk indicating that the owner of the subject development project site is aware of and agrees to the requirements in this subsection B. The covenant or agreement shall also include a diagram of the development project site indicating the location and type of each LID and hydromodification control feature incorporated into the development project. The time to record such covenant or agreement shall be as follows:

- a. For any subdivision, prior to final map approval; and
- b. For any other development project, prior to issuance of a grading plan approval for the development project, and when no grading plan approval is required, prior to the issuance of building plan approval for the development project.

### **FARMERS' MARKETS**

**22.44.1520 Purpose.** The purpose of these provisions is to facilitate the establishment and operation of farmers' markets and to ensure their compatibility with surrounding uses by establishing development standards.

#### **22.44.1521 Permitted areas.**

A. Subject to the provisions of subsection B of this section and any applicable requirements of this LIP, farmers' markets shall be allowed in Zones R-1, R-3, R-C, C-1, C-2, R-R, and O-S, provided the applicant obtains:



1. For Zones C-1 and C-2, an administrative Coastal Development Permit shall be required as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits); or

2. For Zones R-1, R-3, R-C, R-R, or O-S, a minor Coastal Development Permit shall be required, as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq.

B. No farmers' market or any portion thereof shall be allowed within H1 habitat area or the 100-foot H1 buffer area., as defined in Section 22.44.1800 et seq. (Biological Resources).

**22.44.1522 General provisions.** The following provisions shall apply to all farmers' markets:

A. Hours of operation. A farmers' market shall operate no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 8:00 p.m. on any day, excluding the time needed for set-up and clean-up. Set-up and clean-up for a farmer's market must occur on the same day as the farmers' market.

B. Noise. No amplified sound or music of any kind shall be allowed at any farmers' market.

C. Trash. All trash shall be removed from the farmers' market site and the site shall be restored to a pre-market and neat condition no later than midnight of the day the farmers' market operates.

D. Prohibited accessory uses. Farmers' markets shall not be allowed to include petting zoos.

E. Inspections. Farmers' markets may be subject to inspection(s) at the Director's discretion to verify compliance with this LIP and any other applicable provisions.

F. Forms of payment. Farmers' markets shall accept CalFresh benefits via electronic benefit transfer ("EBT") card in addition to accepting other forms of payment.

G. Farmers' market manager. All farmers' markets shall have a designated farmers' market manager on-site at all times during the event, which manager shall ensure, among other things, that:

1. Prior to commencement of the farmers' market, the Department of Regional Planning has been provided proof that the farmers' market has been certified by the County Agricultural Commissioner, and has been issued a valid United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service ("FNS") number, demonstrating the farmers' market's ability to accept CalFresh benefits;

2. The farmers' market is conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of this LIP, including the terms of the applicable grant or approval on file with the Department of Regional Planning;

3. A copy of the applicable Department of Regional Planning grant or approval is clearly posted and visible at each farmers' market event; and

4. All applicable inspection fees are paid when due.

**22.44.1523 Parking requirements.**

A. General Requirement. A farmers' market shall have sufficient land area to allow, at a minimum, one vehicle parking space for each vendor, plus one vehicle parking space for each vendor stall.

B. Reduction in Parking Allowed. The parking requirement in subsection A may be reduced by up to 50 percent if the Director determines that the number of parking spaces provided will accommodate the number of vendors and customers expected at the farmers' market without any undue adverse impact to the surrounding community, and also if the farmers' market is located within one-half mile of a transit stop for:

1. A bus that travels along a major or secondary highway or that is part of a bus rapid transit system; or

2. A rail line within a fixed rail system.

C. No Other Permit Required. Any alternative parking arrangement for a farmers' market approved by the Director pursuant to subsection B of this section shall not require a separate parking permit, deviation, or variance.

**22.44.1524 Application for approval.** In addition to any other information required by this LIP to be included in an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit or minor Coastal Development Permit, an application for a farmers' market, shall include:

A. The name and address of the owner and applicant.  
B. The name and address of the farmers' market manager, if different than the owner and/or applicant.

C. Evidence that the applicant is either the owner of the premises involved or has written permission of the owner to make such application.

D. A schedule, with proposed dates and times for operation of the farmers' market at the location proposed in the application during that calendar year, which schedule shall be updated annually during the life of the grant or approval.

E. A site plan depicting the boundaries of the subject property to be used for the farmers' market, the location of all highways, streets, and alleys in relation to the subject property, the boundaries of the farmers' market, the location and dimension of all vendor stalls, and the area for required vehicle parking.

F. When the applicant/owner proposes alternative parking arrangements:

1. A description of the unique characteristics of the farmers' market and/or special programs which are proposed which will reduce the need for the otherwise required number of vehicle parking spaces;

2. When off-site parking is proposed, evidence that the applicant/owner has written permission from the owner or owners of such off-site property; and

3. Such other information as the Director may require.

G. In cases where non-agricultural products will be sold at a site adjacent to, and under the management of, the farmers' market:

1. A site plan depicting the location and dimension of the area intended to be used for these sales; and

2. The respective percentages of the area intended to be used for the sale of non-agricultural products and the area intended to be used for the farmers' market.

**22.44.1525 Covenant and agreement.** Prior to obtaining any approval to conduct a farmers' market pursuant to this LIP, the applicant shall provide to the Director a suitable covenant for recordation in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk that runs with the land for the benefit of the County, signed by the owner of the premises, declaring that:

A. The farmers' market shall be maintained in accordance with the information provided in the application and the development standards as required by Sections 22.44.1522 and 22.44.1523.

B. The applicant shall obtain all necessary federal, State, and local approvals to conduct a farmer's market, including the applicable certification from the County Agricultural Commissioner for a valid FNS number, prior to commencing operation.

C. Any violation of the covenant and agreement required by this section shall be subject to the enforcement procedures of Section 22.44.690.

## TEMPORARY USES

**22.44.1530 Purpose.** The purpose of these provisions is to recognize that certain temporary activities may be appropriate at specific locations but would be inappropriate on a

permanent basis. The intent in establishing the administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use procedure is to provide a mechanism to regulate specified short-term land use activities to avoid or mitigate adverse effects or incompatibility between such short-term land uses activities and the surrounding area where these temporary activities are proposed. In no case shall an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use be required if the proposed temporary use does not meet the definition for development in Section 22.44.630.

**22.44.1531 List of temporary uses.** The following temporary uses may be established with a valid administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use:

-- Carnivals, exhibitions, fairs, short-term farmers' markets not otherwise governed by Section 22.44.1520 et seq., festivals, pageants, and religious observances conducted for no more than six weekends or seven days during any 12-month period except where a longer time period is approved pursuant to Section 22.44.1537 (Procedure for extended time periods). "Weekend" means Saturday and Sunday, but national holidays observed on a Friday or Monday may be included. This provision shall not include outdoor festivals and tent revival meetings.

-- Movie on-location filming for a period of time to be determined by the Director.

-- Outside display or sales of goods, equipment, merchandise or exhibits, in a commercial zone, conducted not more than once during any 30-day period nor more than four times during any 12-month period with each time not exceeding one weekend or three consecutive calendar days, provided that all goods, equipment and merchandise are the same as those sold or held for sale within the business on the lot or parcel of land where the outside display and sales are proposed. This provision shall not permit the outside storage of goods, equipment, merchandise or exhibits except as otherwise may be provided by this LIP.

**22.44.1532 Application—Filing.** Any person desiring an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use as provided for in this LIP may file an application with the director, except that no application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within six months prior thereto by either the director or the hearing officer to deny an application for the same or substantially the same permit.

**22.44.1533 Application—Contents.**

A. An application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use shall include the following information and documents:

1. The name and address of the applicant and the operator of the temporary use, if different, and of any persons designated by the applicant as his agents for service of process;

2. The name and address of all persons owning a possessory interest in any or all of the property to be used for the temporary use;

3. Evidence that the applicant of an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use:

a. Is the owner of the lot or parcel of land involved, or

b. Has written permission of the owner or owners to make such application;

4. The location of the subject property (address of vicinity);

5. The legal description of the property involved;

6. The legal name of the organization that is conducting or sponsoring such temporary use and such other material as may be necessary to determine eligibility to file;

7. The precise nature of the temporary use requested;

8. A site plan of the proposed temporary use drawn to a scale satisfactory to, and in the number of copies prescribed by the director, indicating:
  - a. The area and dimensions of the proposed temporary use site,
  - b. The location, area and hours of operation for each activity associated with the temporary use permit,
  - c. The locations and dimensions of all existing and proposed temporary buildings and structures including roads, streets, highways, parking and loading facilities, and signs, on the site where the temporary use is requested,
  - d. The location of all existing roads intended to provide access to major or secondary highways and parkways,
  - e. The location and method of computation of the total sign area for all temporary signage proposed,
  - f. Where necessary to process an application, the location of alternative parking;
9. The operating practices proposed to be used by the operator to mitigate noise, dust, air, contaminants, garbage, and vibration associated with and as a result of the proposed temporary use;
  10. Evidence that other permits and approvals required in compliance with the provisions of other applicable ordinances have been applied for or secured;
  11. Such other information as the director may require.
- B. An application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use filed pursuant to Section 22.44.1537(Procedure for extended time periods) shall include, in addition to the information required by subsection A above, the following material:
  1. A map showing all property ownership within a 500-foot radius from the boundaries of the parcel of land proposed to be used;
  2. Two sets of mailing labels for all ownerships shown on the map required above and for all occupants, as necessary to comply with subsection 22.44.1537 A.1.b;
  3. A map showing all land uses within a 500-foot radius from the boundaries of the parcel of land proposed to be used.
- C. The director may waive the filing of one or more of the above items where unnecessary to process the application of an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use.

**22.44.1534 Burden of proof.** In addition to the information required in the application by Section 22.44.1533 (Application-Contents), the applicant of an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use shall substantiate to the satisfaction of the Director the following facts:

- A. That the operation of the requested use at the location proposed and within the time period specified will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare; and
- B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate such temporary use without material detriment to the use, enjoyment or valuation of the property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site; and
- C. That the proposed site is adequately served by bicycle facilities and/or streets or highways having sufficient width and improvements to accommodate the kind and quantity of vehicle and bicycle traffic that such temporary use will or could reasonably generate; and
- D. That, with respect to an application for outside display or sales, all goods, equipment and merchandise shall be the same as those sold or held for sale within the business on the lot or parcel of land where the outside display and sales are proposed; and
- E. That the operation of the requested use at the location proposed and within the time period specified will not adversely impact coastal resources or access to them.

**22.44.1535 Fees required.** When an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use application is filed, it shall be accompanied by the filing fee as required in Section 22.44.870.

**22.44.1536 Director's findings and determination.**

A. The director shall not approve an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use unless he finds that the burden of proof set forth in Appendix Section 22.44.1534 has been met by the applicant. In addition, the director shall also find:

1. That adequate temporary parking to accommodate vehicular traffic to be generated by such use will be available either on-site or at alternate locations acceptable to the director in any case where such temporary use is proposed for a period longer than one weekend or three consecutive days;

2. That approval of an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use will not result in the use of a lot or parcel of land for a cumulative time period in excess of the maximum time period such temporary use may be authorized during any 12-month period, except where a longer period is specifically approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 22.44.1537.

3. That, with respect to an application for the outside display or sales of goods, equipment, merchandise or exhibits, not more than 20 percent of the area designated for parking required by this LIP for the established business shall be used in connection with the outside display or sales.

B. The director shall cause public notice to be given online when an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use is approved.

C. The director shall deny an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use where the information submitted by the applicant and/or obtained by investigation of the staff fails to substantiate such findings.

**22.44.1537 Procedure for extended time periods.** Where an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use for an extended time period is filed, these procedures shall be followed:

A. Notification.

1. The director shall cause a notice indicating the applicant's request at the location specified to be forwarded to:

a. The applicant by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested;

b. All persons whose names and addresses appear on the latest available assessment roll of the county of Los Angeles as owning property within a distance of 500 feet from the exterior boundaries of the parcel of land on which the permit is filed, by first class mail, postage prepaid. A notice shall also be sent in a similar manner to "occupant" at the site address in those cases where the mailing address of any owner of property required to be notified under the provisions of this subsection differs from the site address of such property; and

c. Such other persons whose property might, in his judgment, be affected by such application or permit, by first class mail, postage prepaid.

2. Such notice shall also indicate that any individual opposed to the granting of such permit may file a written protest with the director within 15 days after receipt of such notice by the applicant.

B. Action.

1. The director shall, without public hearing, approve an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use for an extended time period when:

a. The applicant has met the burden of proof set forth in Section 22.44.1534 and the director can make the findings required by Section 22.44.1536; and

b. A written protest to the proposed temporary use permit has been received within 15 days after receipt of the notice by the applicant, and the director determines that the concerns raised in such protest are not of general community interest and can be adequately mitigated through the imposition of conditions.

2. The director shall deny the application without public hearing where the information submitted by the applicant fails to substantiate the burden of proof and the required findings.

3. In all cases where a written protest has been received and the director determines that the concerns raised are of general community interest, the applicant shall be notified in writing. Such notification will also inform the applicant that within 30 days after receipt of such notice he may request a public hearing before a Hearing Officer by filing any additional information that the director may require and by paying an additional fee, the amount of which shall be stated in the notice. At the expiration of the 30-day period:

a. The director shall deny an application where the applicant has not requested a public hearing; or

b. A public hearing shall be scheduled before the director. All procedures relative to notification, publication and conducting the public hearing shall be the same as for a conditional use permit. Following a public hearing the director shall approve or deny the proposed application, based on the findings required by Section 22.44.1536.

4. The director shall send a notice of the action to the applicant, any person requesting notification, and anyone who has filed a written protest. Such notice shall:

a. Indicate that an appeal may be filed with the commission pursuant to this section; and

b. Be sent in accordance with the provisions of subsection A1 of this section.

5. The decision of the director shall become final and effective unless an appeal is timely filed consistent with Section 22.44.1040.

C. Appeal. Any person dissatisfied with the action of the director, may file an appeal with the commission within the time period set forth in, and subject to all the other provisions of Section 22.44.1040, except that the decision of the commission shall be final and shall not be subject to further administrative appeal.

D. Date of Grant. Where an appeal is filed on an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use for an extended time period, and the permit is ultimately granted, the date of decision by the commission on such appeal shall be deemed the date of grant in determining said expiration date.

E. Notwithstanding the above provisions, an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use for the outside display or sales of goods, equipment, merchandise or exhibits in commercial zones shall not be authorized for an extended time period.

#### **22.44.1538 Conditions of issuance.**

A. In approving an application for an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use, the director may impose such conditions as he deems necessary to insure that the permit will be in accord with the findings required by Sections 22.44.1534 and 22.44.1536. These conditions may involve any pertinent factors affecting the operation of such temporary event or use including but not limited to:

1. Requirement of temporary parking facilities including vehicular access and egress;
2. Regulation of nuisance factors such as but not limited to prevention of glare or direct illumination of adjacent properties, noise, vibrations, smoke, dust, dirt, odors, gases, garbage and heat;
3. Regulation of temporary buildings, structures and facilities including placement, height and size, limitations on commercial rides or other equipment permitted, the location of open spaces including buffer areas and other yards, and signs;
4. Regulation of operating hours and days including limitation of the duration of such temporary use to a shorter or longer time period than the maximum period authorized;
5. Requirement of a performance bond or other surety device to assure that any temporary facilities or structures used for such proposed temporary use will be removed from the site within one week following such event and the property restored to a neat condition. The director may designate a different time period and/or require clean up of additional surrounding property at his discretion;
6. Requirement of a site plan indicating all details and data as prescribed in this LIP;
7. Requirement that the approval of the requested temporary use permit is contingent upon compliance with applicable provisions of other ordinances;
8. Such other conditions as will make possible the operation of the proposed temporary use in an orderly and efficient manner and in accord with the intent and purpose of this title.

B. In addition to such other conditions as the director may impose, it shall also be deemed a condition of every temporary use permit, whether such condition is set forth in the temporary use permit or not, that such approval shall not authorize the construction, establishment, alteration, moving onto or enlargement of any permanent building, structure or facility.

C. Notwithstanding provisions in this LIP to the contrary, the director in approving an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use for the outside display or sales of goods, equipment, merchandise or exhibits may permit a temporary banner limited in time for the duration granted in the permit at any location on the subject property deemed appropriate, but in no event shall the director authorize a banner that exceeds 40 square feet of total sign area.

#### **22.44.1539 Parking facilities—Conditions.**

A. In the granting of an administrative Coastal Development Permit for a temporary use, the director may authorize temporary use of parking and related facilities established to serve permanent uses as follows; provided, that such temporary usage is specifically recognized in the permit:

1. Joint usage of required automobile parking facilities established to serve a permanent use, provided the owner or occupant of the permanent use or his authorized legal representative submits written consent, and it is determined by the director that such joint utilization will not have a substantially detrimental effect on the surrounding area;
2. Temporary occupation by a temporary use of a portion of parking facilities or structures established to serve a permanent use provided the owner or occupant of such use or his authorized legal representative submits written consent, and it is determined that such joint utilization will not have a substantially detrimental effect on the surrounding area.

B. The temporary reduction in required parking for such permanent use shall not be construed to require a variance with respect to parking requirements of this LIP.

**22.44.1540 Notice service procedure.** For applications other than those processed in accordance with Section 22.44.1537, the director shall serve notice of his action upon the applicant as required by law for the service of summons, or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. Such notification may also be hand-delivered to the applicant, when appropriate, at the director's discretion.

**22.44.1541 Certain uses on County property—Board authority.** Where the following temporary uses are proposed on property owned by or held under the control of the County, the department, district, or agency delegated authority to administer such activity by the Board of Supervisors may assume jurisdiction and approve the temporary use subject to limitations and conditions as are deemed appropriate by said department, district, or agency:

- Carnivals, exhibitions, fairs, festivals, pageants, and religious observances.
- Farmers' markets.
- Movie on-location filming.

#### **ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

##### **22.55.1550 Bluff development standards.**

A. Ensure that new blufftop development is safe from bluff retreat. New structures shall be set back from the bluff edge a sufficient distance to reasonably ensure their stability for the economic life of the development and to eliminate the need for shoreline protective works. Such assurance shall take the form of a quantitative slope stability analysis demonstrating a minimum factor of safety against sliding of 1.5 (static) or 1.2 (pseudostatic,  $k=0.15$  or determined through analysis by the geotechnical engineer). Such stability must be demonstrated for the predicted position of the bluff following bluff recession during the 100-year economic life of the development. The predicted bluff retreat shall be evaluated considering not only historical bluff retreat data, but also acceleration of bluff retreat due to continued and accelerated sea level rise, and other climate impacts according to best available science.

B. Ensure that surface and subsurface drainage associated with development of any kind beyond the required bluff edge setback shall not contribute to the erosion of the bluff face or the stability of the bluff itself.

C. Prohibit additional permanent structures on bluff faces, except for engineered public beach access where no feasible alternative means of public access exists. Such structures shall be designed and constructed to be visually compatible with the surrounding area to the maximum extent feasible and to minimize effects on erosion of the bluff face.

D. Allow shoreline access facilities, including stairways or ramps, only when they will not cause, expand, or accelerate instability of a bluff.

E. Los Angeles County should complete a study to identify threats of bluff retreat taking into account accelerated sea level rise.

##### **22.44.1560 Sea-level rise.**

A. New Development shall be sited and designed to ensure that it is not adversely affected by impacts from climate change, including the potential impacts from continued and accelerated sea level rise over the expected design life of the new development.

F. Los Angeles County should study the potential impacts of continued and accelerated sea level rise and flooding of water ways on the existing or proposed structures within all development zones, including impacts to development zones, traffic flow, public access, natural areas and water quality. The County should delineate low lying areas which may



be inundated by tsunamis, floods or unusually high tides and/or may be damaged by excessive wave action, and changes to inundation and high damage areas due to continued and accelerated sea level rise

G. Los Angeles County Periodically review tsunami preparation and response policies/practices to reflect current and predicted future sea level trends, development conditions, and available tools and information for preparedness and response.

**22.44.1570 Alternative energy.**

A. Windmills shall be prohibited within the Coastal Zone.  
B. Ground-mounted and roof-mounted solar panels are allowed in all zones and shall:

1. Comply with the standards of Sections 22.44.1320 (Construction colors, materials and design) and 22.44.1440 (Visual resource protection).
2. Be sited on approved structures or as ground-mounted panels within the building site as defined in Section 22.44.630

**ZONING AND ZONE-SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

**22.44.1700 Organization.** The discussion of specific zones in this Part is organized as follows:

A. Uses subject to an administrative Coastal Development Permit.  
1. Principal permitted uses. These are the principal permitted uses in each zone.

2. Other permitted uses. These are uses which generally are accessory to the principal permitted use.

B. Accessory uses and structures. These are uses, including buildings and structures, as defined in Section 22.44.630, which are customarily incidental to, related to, and clearly subordinate to the main building, structure, and/or use of land. When an accessory use is sought concurrently with such a use, only one fee and one permit, either a major or minor Coastal Development Permit, shall be required for all proposed uses/structures. If any proposed use triggers a major Coastal Development Permit, all proposed uses shall be covered by that major Coastal Development Permit.

C. Uses subject to a minor Coastal Development Permit. These are uses which may conform to the intent of the zone, but have the potential for minor impacts to the surrounding human and/or natural environment.

D. Uses subject to a major Coastal Development Permit. These are uses which may conform to the intent of the zone, but have the potential for major impacts to the surrounding human and/or natural environment.

E. Development standards. These are provisions which, in addition to other provisions of this Title, apply to development within a particular zone. These provisions relate to such aspects as height limits, landscaping, lot coverage, parking, setbacks, etc. Compliance with these standards will be substantiated through the issuance of a Coastal Development Permit and/or other zoning permits or review.

**RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

**22.44.1710 R-1 Single-family Residence Zone.**

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-1 may be used for the following, provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit has

first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. Principal Permitted Use:
  - Residences, single-family.
2. Other Permitted Uses. Property in Zone R-1 may be used for any of the following uses subject to the provisions of this LIP:
  - Emergency preparedness and response facilities approved by the Fire Department.
  - Resource-dependent uses, including: nature observation, research/education and passive recreation including trails for horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking, but excluding motorized recreational uses (a permit shall not be required if the proposed use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630).
  - Additional dwelling unit, subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.1370.
  - Adult residential facilities, limited to six or fewer persons.
  - Community gardens.
  - Family child care homes, small.
  - Foster family homes.
  - Group homes, children, limited to six or fewer persons.
  - Grading projects meeting the requirements of subsection 22.44.1260 C.1, and consistent with all requirements of Section 22.44.1260 (Grading).
  - Small family homes, children.

B. Accessory uses and structures. Property in Zone R-1 may be used for any accessory use or structure listed below, subject to the provisions of this LIP. No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630. Property in Zone R-1 may be used for the following accessory uses and structures provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained, when required, as provided in Section 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

- Accessory buildings and structures customarily used in conjunction therewith.
- Animals, domestic and wild, maintained or kept as pets or for personal use as provided in Section 22.44.1480.
- Building materials, storage of, use in the construction of a building or building project, during the construction and 30 days thereafter, including the contractor's temporary office, provided that any lot or parcel of land so used shall be a part of the building project, or on property adjoining the construction site.
- Detached living quarters on the same premises as, and not less than 20 feet from a single-family residence for the use of temporary guests or servants of the occupants of such residence provided:
  1. That such quarters have no kitchen or kitchen facilities;
  2. That such quarters are not rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling;
  3. That such quarters are established on a lot or parcel of land that does not contain a second unit;
  4. That such quarters are established on a lot or parcel of land having not less than one and one-half times the required area, except that said quarters may be established on any lot or parcel of land containing 10,000 square feet or more;
  5. That such quarters must have an onsite wastewater treatment system separate from the primary residence; and

6. That such quarters shall contain no more than 750 square feet of floor area.

-- Historic vehicle collection, subject to the standards and conditions contained in Section 22.44.1500.

-- Home-based occupations, subject to the limitations, standards and conditions contained in Section 22.44.1490.

-- Living quarters for domestic staff employed in and by the occupants of a single-family residence, attached to such residence, where the maximum size of such quarters is 750 sq. ft. No additional kitchen or kitchen facilities or equipment or cooking facilities or equipment shall be established or maintained in such attached quarters for domestic staff.

-- If the single-family residence is not used for either a home for children, foster family, or home for the aged, rooms may be rented to not more than four roomers, with or without table board in a single-family residence.

-- Rooms in a residence may be rented to four or fewer residents, with or without table board, unless the residence is also used as an adult residential facility or a group home for children, in which case the capacity can be no more than six persons.

-- Water wells.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-1 may be used for the uses listed below, provided a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits:

-- Access roads, new, that cross one or more vacant parcels, where "new" is defined as any access road not previously existing or any existing access road requiring improvement to meet Fire Department and/or Department of Public Works requirements.

-- Access to property lawfully used for a purpose not permitted in the zone, provided no other practical access to such property is available, and such access will not alter the character of the premises in respect to permitted uses within the zone.

-- Farmers' Markets, subject to the requirements found in Section 22.44.1520 et seq.

-- Grading projects, off-site transport, where not more than 100,000 cubic yards of material is to be transported, subject to the conditions and limitations of subsection 22.44.1260 E.

-- Grading projects meeting the requirements of subsection 22.44.1260 C.2, and consistent with all requirements of Section 22.44.1260 (Grading).

-- Mobilehomes used as a residence of the owner and his family during the construction by such owner of a permanent residence, but only while a building permit for the construction of such residence is in full force and effect and provided:

1. That the site plan submitted shall demonstrate a reasonable, practical and economically feasible means of removing the mobilehome following completion of construction; and

2. That such mobilehome shall contain not more than one dwelling unit not to exceed 12 feet in width and with no structural attachments; and

3. That such mobilehome shall be removed from the site prior to the end of 12 months from the date of approval.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-1 may be used for the uses listed below, provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit.

-- Adult day care facilities.

- Arboretums and horticultural gardens.
  - Child care centers.
  - Churches, temples or other places used exclusively for religious worship, including customary, incidental educational and social activities in conjunction therewith.
  - Communication equipment buildings.
  - Convents and monasteries where on the same lot or parcel as a legally established church or school.
  - Electrical distribution substations, including microwave facilities used in conjunction therewith.
  - Fire stations.
  - Gas metering and control stations, public utility.
  - Grading projects, off-site transport, where more than 100,000 cubic yards of material is to be transported, subject to the conditions and limitations of subsections 22.44.1260 E.
  - Grading projects, on-site, but excluding projects where the hearing officer or the commission or the board of supervisors have previously considered such grading proposal as indicated by approval of an environmental document incorporating consideration of such grading project, pursuant to Section 22.44.1260 (Grading), and meeting the requirements of subsection 22.44.1260 C.3.
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  - Parks, playgrounds and beaches, with all appurtenant facilities customarily found in conjunction therewith.
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  - Publicly owned uses necessary to the maintenance of the public health, convenience or general welfare in addition to those specifically listed in this section.
  - Recreation facilities, neighborhood, not accessory to a principal use, including tennis, polo and swimming, where operated as a nonprofit corporation for the use of the surrounding residents. This provision shall not be interpreted to permit commercial enterprises.
  - Storage, temporary, of materials and construction equipment used in construction or maintenance of streets and highways, sewers, storm drains, underground conduits, flood control works, pipelines and similar uses for a period not to exceed one year.
  - Water reservoirs, dams, treatment plants, gaging stations, pumping stations, wells and tanks, except those wells and tanks related to a shared water well, and any other use normal and appurtenant to the storage and distribution of water.
- E. Development standards.
1. All single-family residences shall be subject to the following development standards:
    - a. Every single-family residence shall have a roof constructed with fire-proof roofing material, except that reflective, glossy, polished, and/or roll-formed type metal roofing is prohibited, consistent with the requirements of Section 22.44.1320 (Construction colors, materials and design).
    - b. Every single-family residence shall have an exterior siding of fire-proof material, except that reflective, glossy, polished, and/or roll-formed type metal siding is prohibited, consistent with the requirements of Section 22.44.1320 (Construction colors, materials and design).
    - c. The proposed project shall not be located on a Significant Ridgeline or otherwise result in significant adverse impacts on scenic resources identified in the certified Land Use Plan;
    - d. The proposed project shall not be located within a geologic or a flood hazard area or, if located within such an area, it has been determined by the Department

of Public Works to be a safe site for the construction of a single-family residence;

e. The proposed project shall be served by an adequate water supply that is lawfully available for use either by means of a well or by means of a connection to a municipal water system with sufficient capacity to serve such lot or lots.

2. Height limits. Premises in Zone R-1 shall comply with the height limits as specified in Section 22.44.1250.

3. Yard requirements. Premises in Zone R-1 shall be subject to the yard requirements provided herein:

a. Front Yards. Each lot or parcel of land shall have a front yard of not less than 20 feet in depth.

b. Corner Side Yards. Each lot or parcel of land situated on a corner shall have corner side yards of not less than:

i. 10 feet on a reversed corner lot; or

ii. Five feet on other corner lots.

c. Interior Side Yards. Each lot or parcel of land shall have interior side yards of not less than five feet.

d. Rear Yards. Each lot or parcel of land shall have a rear yard of not less than 15 feet in depth.

4. The proposed project shall meet all applicable development standards within this LIP, including the Community-Wide Development Standards in Section 22.44.1200 et seq., and any of the applicable Area-Specific Development Standards in Section 22.44.1800 et seq.

5. All residential uses proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall comply with the maximum building site area of 10,000 square feet or 25 percent of the parcel size, whichever is less, for all residential uses, as prescribed in Section 22.44.1910 I. Commercial or institutional uses proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall be subject to the following maximum building site standards, and shall be subject to all other standards within this LIP that may limit the size of the building site area:

a. Commercial uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1730 E.2; and

b. Institutional uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1760 E.4.

6. Parking. Premises in Zone R-1 shall provide two covered parking spaces per dwelling unit, as specified in Section 22.44.1410, unless otherwise required by Section 22.44.2140.

7. Required area. Premises in Zone R-1 shall provide at least 750 sq. ft. of floor area.

8. Low Impact Development Standards (LID). Premises in Zone R-1 shall comply with the LID requirements found in Section 22.44.1510 et. seq.

9. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

### **22.44.1720 R-3 Limited Multiple Residence Zone.**

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-3 may be used for the following, provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit is first obtained as provided in Section 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. Principal Permitted Use:

-- Apartment houses.

2. Other Permitted Uses. Except as otherwise provided, property in Zone R-3 may be used for any use listed as a permitted use in subsection 22.44.1710 A.2 (R-1 Other Permitted Uses). Property in Zone R-3 may also be used for:

- Duplexes.
- Single-family residences, subject to the standards found in Section 22.44.1710 E.
- Temporary uses, as provided in Section 22.44.1530 et seq., and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit.
- Townhouses.

B. Accessory uses and structures. Property in Zone R-3 may be used for any accessory use or structure listed in subsection 22.44.1710 B. No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630. In addition, property in Zone R-3 may be used for the following accessory use and structure:

- Room rentals.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. Except as otherwise provided, property in Zone R-3 may be used for the uses listed in subsection 22.44.1710 C (R-1 Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits), provided a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect. The following uses shall also be allowed in Zone R-3 with a minor Coastal Development Permit:

- Child care centers serving more than 50 children.
- Christmas trees and wreaths, the sale of, between December 1st and December 25th, both dates inclusive, to the extent permitted by other statutory and ordinance provisions. Any structures, facilities and materials used for the sale of trees and wreaths shall be removed from the premises by December 31st of the same calendar year, and the property restored to a neat condition.

-- Churches, temples and other places used exclusively for religious worship, including customary incidental, educational and social activities in conjunction therewith. Such provision shall not be deemed to authorize activities otherwise specifically classified in this zone.

- Convents and monasteries.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits.

1. Except as otherwise provided, property in Zone R-3 may be used for the uses listed in subsection 22.44.1710 D (R-1 Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits), as well as those uses listed below, provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect. The following uses shall also be allowed with a major Coastal Development Permit in the R-3 Zone:

-- Community centers where developed as an integral part of a building project, and operated on a nonprofit basis for the use of surrounding residents. This provision shall not be interpreted to permit commercial enterprises.

- Rooming and boarding houses.
- Telephone repeater stations.

E. Development standards.

1. The required area per dwelling unit for property in Zone R-3 shall not result in a density of more than 20 units per net acre.

2. The development standards required for Zone R-1, found in subsection E of Section 22.44.1710 shall apply for property located in Zone R-3.

3. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

## COMMERCIAL ZONES

### 22.44.1730 C-1 Restricted Business Zone

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permit. Property in Zone C-1 may be used for the following, provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit is first obtained as provided in Section 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. Principal Permitted Use:

-- Local-serving retail and service stores.

2. Other Permitted Uses. Property in Zone C-1 may be used for the uses listed below:

a. The following commercial uses, provided all sales are retail and all goods sold except genuine antiques are new:

i. Sales.

- Antique shops, genuine antiques only.
- Appliance stores, household.
- Art galleries.
- Art supply stores.
- Automobile sales, sale of new motor vehicles, and including incidental repair and washing.
- Automobile supply stores, including incidental installation of parts.
- Bakery shops, including baking only when incidental to retail sales from the premises.
- Bicycle shops.
- Boat and other marine sales.
- Bookstores.
- Ceramic shops, excluding a kiln or manufacture.
- Clothing stores.
- Confectionery or candy stores, including making only when incidental to retail sales from the premises.
- Delicatessens.
- Department stores.
- Dress shops.
- Drugstores.
- Florist shops.
- Furniture stores.
- Furrier shops.
- Gift shops.
- Glass and mirror sales, including automobile glass installation only when conducted within an enclosed building.
- Grocery stores.
- Hardware stores.
- Health food stores.
- Hobby supply stores.
- Ice cream shops.
- Jewelry stores.
- Leather goods stores.
- Mail order houses.
- Meat markets, excluding slaughtering.
- Millinery shops.
- Music stores.

than tropical fish or goldfish.

- Notion or novelty stores.
- Office machines and equipment sales.
- Paint and wallpaper stores.
- Pet supply stores, excluding the sale of pets other
- Photographic equipment and supply stores.
- Radio and television stores.
- Retail stores.
- Shoe stores.
- Silver shops.
- Sporting goods stores.
- Stamp redemption centers.
- Stationery stores.
- Tobacco shops.
- Toy stores.
- Yarn and yardage stores.

ii. Services.

-- Air pollution sampling stations.  
-- Arboretums and horticultural gardens.  
-- Automobile service stations, including incidental  
repair, washing and rental of utility trailers .

-- Banks, savings and loans, credit unions and  
finance companies.

- Barber shops.
- Beauty shops.
- Bicycle rentals.
- Child care centers.
- Churches, temples or other places used exclusively

for religious worship, including customary incidental educational and social activities in  
conjunction therewith.

-- Colleges and universities, including appurtenant  
facilities giving advanced academic instruction approved by the State Board of Education or  
other recognized accrediting agency, but excluding trade schools.

- Comfort stations.
- Communications equipment buildings.
- Dental clinics, including laboratories in conjunction

therewith.

-- Dry cleaning establishments, excluding wholesale  
dry cleaning plants, provided that the building is so constructed and the equipment is so  
installed and maintained and the activity is so conducted that all noise, vibration, dust, odor and  
all other objectionable factors will be confined or reduced to the extent that no annoyance or  
injury will result to persons or property in the vicinity.

-- Electric distribution substations, including  
microwave facilities provided:

(A) That all such installations are completely  
surrounded by a masonry wall to a height of not less than eight feet; and

(B) That the area between the wall and the  
property line is landscaped and maintained while such use exists.

-- Emergency preparedness and response facilities  
approved by the Fire Department.

- Employment agencies.



- Family child care homes, small.
- Fire stations.
- Foster family homes.
- Gas metering and control stations, public utility.
- Interior decorating studios.
- Laundries, hand.
- Laundries, self service.
- Laundry agencies.
- Libraries.
- Locksmith shops.
- Lodge halls.
- Medical clinics, including laboratories in conjunction therewith.
- Microwave stations.
- Museums.
- Observatories.
- Offices, business or professional.
- Parking lots and parking buildings.
- Photography studios.
- Police stations.
- Post offices.
- Public utility service centers.
- Real estate offices.
- Restaurants and other eating establishments including food take-out.
- Schools through grade 12, accredited, including appurtenant facilities, which offer instruction required to be taught in the public schools by the state of California, in which no pupil is physically restrained, but excluding trade schools.
- Schools, business and professional, including art, barber, beauty, dance, drama and music, but not including any school specializing in manual training, shop work, or in the repair and maintenance of machinery or mechanical equipment.
- Shoe repair shops.
- Shoeshine stands.
- Small family homes, children.
- Stations: Bus, railroad and taxi.
- Telephone repeater stations.
- Tourist information centers.
- Union halls.
- Watch repair shops.
- iii. Recreation and Amusement.
  - Athletic fields, excluding stadiums.
  - Parks, playgrounds and beaches, with all appurtenant facilities.
  - Riding and hiking trails, excluding trails for motor vehicles.
  - Swimming pools.
  - Temporary uses, as provided in Sections 22.44.1530 et seq., and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit.

B. Accessory uses and structures. Property in Zone C-1 may be used for any accessory use or structure listed below. No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630.

-- Accessory buildings and structures customarily used in conjunction therewith.

-- Automobile repair and parts installation incidental to the sale of new automobiles, automobile service stations and automobile supply stores, provided:

1. That such automobile repair activities do not include body and fender work, painting, major engine overhaul, or transmission repair; and

2. That all repair and installation activities are conducted within an enclosed building only; and

3. That a masonry wall is established and maintained along an abutting boundary with property in a residential or combining zone; and

4. That landscaping comprises an area of not less than two percent of the gross area developed for the primary use; and

5. That all required parking spaces are clearly marked with paint or other easily distinguishable material; and

6. That all repair or installation activities are confined to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. daily; and

7. That no automobile awaiting repair or installation service shall be parked or stored for a period exceeding 24 hours except within an enclosed building.

-- Automobile washing, waxing and polishing, accessory only to the sale of new automobiles and automobile service stations, provided:

1. That all such services are done by hand only; and

2. That all such services are conducted within an area not greater than 500 square feet.

-- Building materials, storage of, used in the construction of a building or building project, during the construction and 30 days thereafter, including the contractor's temporary office, provided that any lot or parcel of land so used shall be part of the building project, or on property adjoining the construction site.

-- Rental, leasing and repair of articles sold on the premises, incidental to retail sales.

-- Trailer rentals, box and utility only, accessory only to automobile service stations, provided:

1. That such trailer beds are not larger than 10 feet; and

2. That such rental activity is conducted within an area not exceeding 10 percent of the total area of such automobile service station.

-- Used merchandise, retail sale of, taken as trade-in on the sale of new merchandise when such new merchandise is sold from the premises.

-- Signs, as provided in Section 22.44.1280.

-- Water wells.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone C-1 may be used for the uses listed below provided a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

-- Access to property lawfully used for a purpose not permitted in the zone.

-- Christmas trees and wreaths, the sale of.

-- Domestic violence shelters.

-- Farmers' markets, as provided in Section 22.44.1520 et. seq.

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- Grading projects, off-site transport.
- Group homes, children, limited to six or fewer persons
- Homeless shelters.
- Joint live and work units.
- Live entertainment, accessory, in a legally established bar, cocktail lounge or restaurant having an occupant load of less than 200 people.
- Mobilehomes used as a residence during construction.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone C-1 may be used for the following uses, provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

- Adult day care facilities.
- Alcoholic beverages, the sale of, for either on-site or off-site consumption.
- Apartment houses.
- Archery ranges.
- Athletic fields, excluding stadiums.
- Bars and cocktail lounges, but excluding cabarets.
- Beer and wine, the concurrent sale of, with motor vehicle fuel.
- Car washes, coin-operated and hand wash.
- Convents and monasteries.
- Correctional institutions, including jails, farms and camps.
- Disability rehabilitation and training centers, on a lot or parcel having an area of not less than one acre, where sheltered employment or industrial-type training is conducted.
- Electric transmission substations and generating plants, including microwave facilities used in conjunction with any one thereof.
- Fraternity and sorority houses.
- Grading projects, off-site transport, where more than 100,000 cubic yards of material is to be transported, subject to the following conditions and limitations.
- Grading projects, on-site, but excluding projects where the hearing officer or the commission or the board of supervisors have previously considered such grading proposal as indicated by approval of an environmental document incorporating consideration of such grading project.
- Group homes, children.
- Hospitals.
- Ice sales, excluding ice plants.
- Juvenile halls.
- Miniature golf courses.
- Outdoor dining
- Pet grooming, excluding boarding.
- Pet stores, within an enclosed building only.
- Publicly owned uses necessary to the maintenance of the public health, convenience or general welfare in addition to those specifically listed in this section.
- Recording studios.
- Recreation clubs, commercial, including tennis, polo, swimming and similar outdoor recreational activities, together with appurtenant clubhouse.
- Residences, caretaker, for use by a caretaker or supervisor and his immediate family where continuous supervision is required.
- Residences, single-family, subject to the standards of subsection 22.44.1710 E.
- Steam or sauna baths.

-- Storage, temporary, of materials and construction equipment used in construction or maintenance of streets and highways, sewers, storm drains, underground conduits, flood control works, pipelines and similar uses, for a period of not to exceed one year.

-- Tasting rooms, remote, subject to the applicable provisions of Section 22.44.1507 et seq.

-- Tennis, volleyball, badminton, croquet, lawn bowling and similar courts.

-- Theaters and other auditoriums.

-- Theaters, drive-in.

-- Travel trailer parks.

-- Veterinary clinics, small animal.

-- Water reservoirs, dams, treatment plants, gaging stations, pumping stations, tanks, wells, and any use normal or appurtenant to the storage and distribution of water.

-- Youth hostels.

E. Development standards. Property in Zone C-1 shall be subject to the development standards below:

1. That front and/or corner side yards be provided equal to a distance of:

a. 20 feet where property adjoins a parkway, major or secondary highway; and

b. Equal to the front or corner side yard required on any contiguous residential or agricultural zone where property adjoins a street.

2. The maximum floor-area ratio (FAR) for all commercial buildings on a parcel of land shall not exceed 0.5. Parking floor space with necessary interior driveways and ramps thereto, or space within a roof structure penthouse for the housing of operating equipment or machinery shall not be included in determining the FAR.

3. The proposed project shall meet all applicable development standards within this LIP, including the Community-Wide Development Standards in Section 22.44.1200 et seq., and any of the applicable Area-Specific Development Standards in Section 22.44.1800 et seq.

4. All residential uses proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall comply with the maximum building site area of 10,000 square feet or 25 percent of the parcel size, whichever is less, for all residential uses, as prescribed in Section 22.44.1910 I. Commercial or institutional uses proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall be subject to the following maximum building site standards, and shall be subject to all other standards within this LIP that may limit the size of the building site area but shall otherwise be exempt from the 10,000 square foot maximum building site area requirement:

a. Commercial uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1730 E.2; and

b. Institutional uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1760 E.4.

5. Height limits. Premises in Zone C-1 shall comply with the height limits as specified in Section 22.44.1250.

6. Parking. Premises in Zone C-1 shall provide sufficient parking, as specified in Sections 22.44.1410 and 22.44.1415.

7. Low Impact Development Standards (LID). Premises in Zone C-1 shall comply with the LID requirements found in Section 22.44.1510 et. seq.

8. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

## **22.44.1740 C-2 Neighborhood Business Zone**

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permit. Premises in Zone C-2 may be used for the following, provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit is first obtained as provided in Section 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. Principal Permitted Use:

-- Local-serving retail and service stores.

2. Other Permitted Uses. Property in Zone C-2 may be used for the uses listed in subsection 22.33.1730 A.2 (C-1 Other permitted uses).

B. Accessory uses and structures. Property in Zone C-2 may be used for any accessory use or structure listed in subsection 22.33.1730 B (C-1 Accessory uses and structures). No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permit. Property in Zone C-2 may be used for the uses listed in subsection 22.44.1730 C (C-1 Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits), provided a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone C-2 may be used for the following, provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. The uses listed in Section 22.44.1730 D (C-1 Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits).

2. The following uses:

-- Arcades, game or movie.

-- Billiard halls.

-- Bowling alleys.

-- Blacksmith shop.

-- Butane and propane service stations.

-- Concrete batching, provided that the mixer is limited to one cubic yard capacity.

-- Contractor's equipment storage, limited to construction equipment such as dump trucks, bulldozers, and accessory material.

-- Feed store.

-- Games of skill.

-- Lumberyards, except the storage of boxes, crates or pallets.

-- Nightclubs.

-- Pool halls.

-- Plumbing shops and plumbing contractor's shops.

-- Roofing contractor's establishments.

-- Septic tank and cesspool repairing, pumping, cleaning, and draining.

-- Scientific research or experimental development of materials, methods, or products, including engineering and laboratory research, together with all administrative and other related activities and facilities in conjunction therewith. Such products may be initiated, developed, or completed on the premises but no part of the products may be manufactured on the premises.

-- Veterinary hospital.

E. Development standards.

1. Property in Zone C-2 shall be subject to the development standards contained in subsection 22.44.1730 E (C-1 Development standards).

2. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

### **SPECIAL PURPOSE AND COMBINING ZONES**

**22.44.1750 R-C RURAL-COASTAL ZONE.** Establishment – Intent and purpose. Zone R-C is established to allow for residential development that is consistent with the goals of preserving the rural character and scenic quality of the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone, and to minimize the impacts of future development on the region’s coastal and environmental resources.

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-C may be used for the following provided that an Administrative Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.940:

1. Principal Permitted Use:  
-- Residences, single-family, subject to the standards of subsection 22.44.1710 E.

2. Other Permitted Uses.  
-- Adult residential facilities, limited to six or fewer persons.  
-- Emergency preparedness and response facilities approved by the

Fire Department.

-- Family child care homes, small.  
-- Foster family homes.  
-- Group homes, children, limited to six or fewer persons.  
-- Home-based occupations, subject to the limitations, standards and conditions contained in Section 22.44.1490.

-- Mobilehomes used as a residence of the owner and his or her family during the construction by such owner of a permanent residence, but only while a building permit for the construction of such residence is in full force and effect and provided:

a. That the site plan submitted shall demonstrate a reasonable, practical and economically feasible means of removing the mobilehome following completion of construction;

b. That such mobilehome shall contain no more than one dwelling unit, not to exceed 12 feet in width and with no structural attachments; and

c. That such mobilehome shall be removed from the site prior to the end of 12 months from the date of approval unless extended up to 12 additional months with an administrative Coastal Development Permit.

-- Resource-dependent uses, including nature observation, research/ education, and passive recreation including horseback riding and hiking trails, but excluding trails for motor vehicles.

-- Small family homes, children.

3. Additional Permitted Uses.  
-- Arts and crafts uses providing limited commercial and production activities on the premises where the property owner resides, as listed below:

-- Antiques. Restoration and sale of genuine antiques.

-- Architecture and building design.

-- Art needlework.

-- Art studio, including painting and sculpturing.

-- Basket weaving.

-- Block printing.

-- Bookbinding.

-- Cartooning and animation.

-- Ceramics, the making of.

-- Clothing, the design and sewing of.

- Commercial art.
- Costume designing.
- Dance and drama studios, not including recitals or any dance requiring a business license.
- Engraving of metal products.
- Fine arts gallery.
- Furniture, the crafting and assembly of, including custom upholstering.
- Glass, the hand production of, including glass blowing, glass, crystal, and art novelties, and the assembly of stained art glass.
- Graphic design and display studio.
- Interior decorating.
- Jewelry, the creation of.
- Lapidary.
- Leatherwork, using previously tanned leather.
- Music, composing of.
- Music, the teaching of.
- Musical instruments, the creation and assembly of.
- Ornamental metal, provided that there are no forging works or any process used in bending or shaping which produces an annoying or disagreeable noise.
- Photography studio.
- Picture mounting and framing.
- Pottery, the throwing of.
- Printing and publishing.
- Recording studios.
- Shoes, footwear, the fabrication of.
- Signs, as provided in Section 22.44.1280.
- Silk screen processing.
- Taxidermy.
- Textile weaving, hand looms only.
- Toys, the production of.
- Transcription studios.
- Watchmaking.
- Woodcarving.
- Wood products, the crafting of.
- Writing, professional studio.
- Other similar arts and crafts uses which, in the opinion of

the hearing officer are consistent with the intent and purpose of the zone, and are neither more obnoxious nor detrimental to the public welfare than those uses listed in this section.

Furthermore, all such arts and crafts uses shall be subject to the following development standards:

- a. The premises must lie on the portion of the following Old Topanga Rural Village lots that contained C-3 zoning prior to [insert the date on which this part is certified by the Coastal Commission]:
  - i. Lots 46 through 56 of Tract No. 6131, within 180 feet of the centerline of Old Topanga Canyon Road, and;
  - ii. Lots 59 through 71, 77, and 114 of Tract No. 6131, within 200 feet of the centerline of Old Topanga Canyon Road.
- b. The use shall be consistent with the following standards:
  - i. That there be sufficient automobile parking space.

- gross area.
  - ii. That the lot or parcel contain at least 5,000 sq. ft. of
  - iii. A residence shall exist or shall be constructed on the premises prior to the establishment of an arts and crafts use.
  - iv. Materials and products shall be stored within an enclosed building or buildings.
  - v. The total volume of kiln space shall not exceed 16 cubic feet, and no individual kiln shall exceed eight cubic feet.
  - vi. The combined floor area of the premises used for the production and sale shall not be more than 1,000 square feet.
  - vii. Not more than two persons, other than residents occupying the dwelling on such premises, shall be employed on the site.
  - viii. Loading platforms shall be located and screened in such a way so as to not adversely affect surrounding residents.
  - ix. The sale of any item, except antiques, shall be limited to those lawfully produced on the premises.
  - x. Power shall be limited to electrically operated motors of not more than two horsepower each. The total capacity shall not exceed 10 horsepower, excluding portable hand tools.
  - xi. No offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, heat or glare shall be produced which is detectable at any point on adjacent property so as to produce a nuisance or hazard.
  - xii. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any building established or premises maintained in conjunction with an arts and crafts use shall be so conducted that the use of such lot or parcel of land shall be in harmony with the rural character of the area.
- c. The arts and crafts use shall not be conducted in any attached or unattached structure intended for the parking of automobiles.
- d. There shall be only one arts and crafts use per parcel or lot of land.
- e. Signs as provided in Section 22.44.1280.
- f. The arts and crafts use shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for delivery of materials and products to or from the premises in excess of that which is customary for a dwelling unit or which has a disruptive effect on the neighborhood. No tractor-trailer or similar heavy-duty equipment shall be used for delivery or pickup of materials in connection with the commercial or production activities.
- g. Pedestrian or vehicular traffic generated by such use shall cumulatively not exceed 10 trips or visits per day, in addition to trips generated by the residence, and shall not have a disruptive effect on the neighborhood.
- h. The arts and crafts use shall cease when the use becomes detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, or constitutes a nuisance, or when the use is in violation of any statute, ordinance, law or regulation.
- Exploratory testing, subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.1430.
- Family child care homes, large, having no more than 14 persons, subject to the following procedures and standards:
  - a. Drop-off/pick up areas, such as curb spaces and driveway areas, which are of sufficient size and are located to avoid interference with traffic and to insure the safety of children must be identified; and
  - b. The proposed facility shall not be located:



i. Within two lots of an existing large family child care home on the same side of the street; and  
ii. On the lot directly across the street from an existing large family child care home, or on either of the lots adjoining such lot on the same side of the street.

c. In those cases where lot sizes or configurations, such as corner lots, do not conform to those described in subsection A.2. of this section, the proposed facility shall not be located on any lot determined by the director to be of comparable proximity to an existing large family child care home as the lots described in subsection b of this section.

-- Horse boarding, private, which means the maintenance, keeping, and/or training of horses and other equines owned by persons who are not owners or lessees of the lot or parcel of land upon which such actions are undertaken, accessory to a primary residential use, subject to the provisions specified in Sections 22.44.1450, and subject to the following provisions:

a. All buildings or structures used in conjunction therewith shall be located not less than 50 feet from any street or highway or from any building used for human habitation.

b. The number of boarded horses which may be kept on a parcel shall not be in addition to the number of animals allowed to be kept as pets under 22.44.1480. A maximum of eight animals per acre is allowed, and this number may be any combination of pets and boarded horses, but shall not exceed eight animals per acre. The maximum number of boarded horses which may be maintained is 24, even if the parcel is greater than three acres in size.

c. The lot or parcel of land shall have a minimum area of 15,000 square feet per dwelling unit, and is allowed one horse or other equine over nine months of age for each 5,000 square feet of lot area.

-- Light agricultural uses listed below, subject to the provisions of Sections 22.44.1450 and 22.44.1940, and provided that all buildings or structures used in conjunction therewith shall be located not less than 50 feet from any street or highway or from any building used for human habitation:

a. The raising of horses and other equine, cattle, sheep, goats, alpacas, and llamas, including the breeding and training of such animals, on a lot or parcel of land having an area of not less than one acre and provided that not more than eight such animals per acre of the ground area available for use be kept or maintained in conjunction with such use.

b. The grazing of cattle, horses, sheep, goats, alpacas, or llamas on a lot or parcel of land with an area of not less than five acres, including the supplemental feeding of such animals, provided:

i. That such grazing is not a part of nor conducted in conjunction with any dairy, livestock feed yard, livestock sales yard, or commercial riding academy located on the same premises.

ii. That no buildings, structures, pens, or corrals designed or intended to be used for the housing or concentrated feeding of such stock be used on the premises for such grazing other than racks for supplementary feeding, troughs for watering, or incidental fencing.

iii. Greenhouses on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

iv. Raising of poultry, fowl, birds, fish, bees, earthworms, and other similar animals of comparable nature, form, and size, including hatching, fattening, marketing, sale, slaughtering, dressing, processing, and packing, and including eggs,

honey or similar products derived therefrom, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

-- Temporary uses, as provided in Section 22.44.1530 et seq.

B. Accessory uses and structures. Property in Zone R-C may be used for the following uses or structures accessory to the principal use allowed. ). No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630.

-- Accessory buildings and structures customarily used in conjunction therewith.

-- Animals, domestic, maintained or kept as pets or for personal use as provided in Section 22.44.1480.

-- Building materials, storage of, used in the construction of a building or building project, during the construction and 30 days thereafter, including the contractor's temporary office, provided that any lot or parcel of land so used shall be a part of the building project, or on property adjoining the construction site.

-- Home-based occupations, subject to the limitations, standards and conditions contained in Section 22.44.1490.

-- Rooms in a single-family residence may be rented to four or fewer residents, with or without table board, unless the residence is also used as an adult residential facility or a group home for children and either use has a capacity of more than six persons.

-- Water wells, to serve one residence.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-C may be used for the following uses, provided that a Minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit for:

-- Access roads, new, that cross one or more vacant parcels, where "new" is defined as any access road not previously existing or any existing access road requiring improvement to meet Fire Department and/or Department of Public Works requirements.

-- Access to property lawfully used for a purpose not permitted in Zone R-C, provided no other practical access to such property is available, and such access will not alter the character of the premises in respect to permitted uses in Zone R-C.

-- Arts and crafts uses providing limited commercial and production activities on the premises where the property owner resides, which are similar to and are neither more obnoxious nor detrimental to the public welfare than those uses listed in subsection 22.44.1750 A.3 , and subject to the development standards listed in Section 22.44.1750 B.3.

-- Detached living quarters on the same premises as, and not less than 20 feet from a single-family residence for the use of temporary guests or servants of the occupants of such residence provided:

1. That such quarters have no kitchen or kitchen facilities;  
2. That such quarters are not rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling;

3. That such quarters are established on a lot or parcel of land that does not contain a second unit;

4. That such quarters are established on a lot or parcel of land having not less than one and one-half times the required area, except that said quarters may be established on any lot or parcel of land containing 10,000 square feet or more;

5. That such quarters must have an onsite wastewater treatment system separate from the primary residence; and

6. That such quarters shall contain no more than 750 square feet of floor area.

-- Living quarters for domestic staff employed in and by the occupants of a single-family residence, attached to such residence, if no additional kitchen or kitchen facilities

or equipment or cooking facilities or equipment are established or maintained in such attached domestic staff's quarters, and which shall contain no more than 750 square feet of floor area.

-- Motion picture sets, including the temporary use of domestic and wild animals in motion picture and television production, provided that wild animals are kept or maintained pursuant to all regulations of the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Control, and are not retained on the premises for a period exceeding 60 days. The Director may extend such time period for not to exceed 30 additional days.

-- Parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches, with all appurtenant facilities customarily found in conjunction therewith, subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.1400.

-- Wireless telecommunication facilities, subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.1330.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-C may be used for the following uses, provided that a Major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit for:

-- Adult day care facilities, having no more than 14 persons.

-- Bed-and-breakfast establishments, pursuant to the provisions specified in Section 22.44.1460.

-- Child care centers.

-- Churches, temples, or other places used exclusively for religious worship, including customary, incidental educational and social activities in conjunction therewith.

-- Communication equipment buildings.

-- Electrical distribution substations and electric transmission substations, including microwave facilities used in conjunction with either.

-- Fire stations.

-- Gas metering and controlling stations, public utility.

-- Historic vehicle collection, subject to the standards and conditions contained in Section 22.44.1500.

-- Plant nursery, retail.

-- Publicly-owned uses necessary to the maintenance of public health, convenience or general welfare in addition to those specifically listed in this section.

-- Riding academies, and/or the backyard boarding of more than 24 horses, and/or commercial stables, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than five acres.

-- Rural inns, subject to the standards provided in Section 22.44.1470.

-- Schools, through grade 12, accredited, subject to the procedures and standards provided in Section 22.44.1290, including appurtenant facilities, which offer instruction required to be taught in the public schools by the Education Code of the state of California, in which no pupil is physically restrained, but excluding trade or commercial schools.

-- Second units, subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.1370.

-- Storage, temporary, of materials and construction equipment used in construction or maintenance of streets and highways, sewers, storm drains, underground conduits, flood control works, pipelines, and similar uses for a period not to exceed one year.

-- Uses normal and appurtenant to the storage and distribution of water.

-- Water reservoirs, dams, treatment plants, gauging stations, pumping stations, wells, and tanks, except those wells and tanks related to development of one single-family residence, and any other use normal and appurtenant to the storage and distribution of water.

-- Wind energy conversion systems, non-commercial.

-- Wineries, subject to the provisions of Section 22.44.1500 et seq.

E. Development standards.

1. Property in Zone R-C shall be subject to the development standards contained in subsection 22.44.1730 E (R-1 Development standards).

2. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

**22.44.1760 R-R Resort and Recreation Zone.**

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-R may be used for the following, provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit is first obtained as provided in 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. Principal Permitted Use:

-- Campgrounds, including low impact campgrounds, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

2. Other Permitted Uses.

a. Property in Zone R-R may be used for any use listed below:

i. Recreation and Amusement.

-- Archery ranges on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

-- Athletic fields, excluding stadiums, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

-- Boat rentals, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

-- Parks, playgrounds and beaches, publicly owned, with all appurtenant facilities customarily found in conjunction therewith.

-- Riding and hiking trails, excluding trails for motor vehicles.

-- Riding academies and stables, and/or the boarding of horses, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than five acres.

-- Swimming pools.

-- Tennis, volleyball, badminton, croquet, lawn bowling and similar courts, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

ii. Services.

-- Arboretums and horticultural gardens.

-- Comfort stations.

-- Family child care homes, small.

-- Foster family homes.

-- Light agricultural uses listed below, subject to the provisions of Sections 22.44.1450 and 22.44.1940, and provided that all buildings or structures used in conjunction therewith shall be located not less than 50 feet from any street or highway or from any building used for human habitation:

(A) The raising of horses and other equine, cattle, sheep, goats, alpacas, and llamas, including the breeding and training of such animals, on a lot or parcel of land having an area of not less than one acre and provided that not more than eight such animals per acre of the ground area available for use be kept or maintained in conjunction with such use.

(B) The grazing of cattle, horses, sheep, goats, alpacas, or llamas on a lot or parcel of land with an area of not less than five acres, including the supplemental feeding of such animals, provided:

(1) That such grazing is not a part of nor conducted in conjunction with any dairy, livestock feed yard, livestock sales yard, or commercial riding academy located on the same premises.

(2) That no buildings, structures, pens, or corrals designed or intended to be used for the housing or concentrated feeding of such stock be used on the premises for such grazing other than racks for supplementary feeding, troughs for watering, or incidental fencing.

(3) Greenhouses on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

(4) Raising of poultry, fowl, birds, fish, bees, earthworms, and other similar animals of comparable nature, form, and size, including hatching, fattening, marketing, sale, slaughtering, dressing, processing, and packing, and including eggs, honey or similar products derived therefrom, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

-- Modifications (other than minor repair and maintenance) to, or replacement of, golf courses first established prior to the certification of the LCP, including any clubhouse and appurtenant facilities, shall be subject to a major Coastal Development Permit as set forth below.

-- Motion picture sets including the temporary use of domestic and wild animals in motion picture and television production on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre, provided said animals are kept and maintained pursuant to all regulations of the Los Angeles County department of animal control, and are not retained on the premises for a period exceeding 60 days. The director may extend such time period for not to exceed 30 additional days.

-- Museums.

-- Observatories.

-- Riding academies, stables, and horse boarding facilities shall require an animal waste management plan and an emergency preparedness plan.

-- Small family homes, children.

-- Temporary uses, as provided in Section 22.44.1530

et seq.

-- Tourist information centers.

b. In addition to the uses listed in subsection A.2 above, property in Zone R-R may be used for the following:

-- Emergency preparedness and response facilities approved by the Fire Department.

-- Resource-dependent uses, including: nature observation, research/ education and passive recreation including trails for horseback riding, hiking, and mountain biking, but excluding motorized recreational uses.

B. Accessory uses and structures. Property in Zone R-R may be used for any accessory use listed below. ). No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630.

-- Accessory buildings and structures customarily used in conjunction therewith.

-- Building materials, storage of, used in the construction of a building or building project, during the construction and 30 days thereafter, including the contractor's temporary office, provided that any lot or parcel of land so used shall be a part of the building project, or on property adjoining the construction site.

-- Signs, as provided in Section 22.44.1280.

-- Water wells.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-R may be used for the following uses, provided a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

- Access roads, new, that cross one or more vacant parcels.
- Access to property lawfully used for a purpose not permitted in Zone R-R, provided no other practical access to such property is available, and such access will not alter the character of the premises in respect to permitted uses in Zone R-R.

- Christmas trees and wreaths, the sale of, between December 1st and December 25th both dates inclusive, to the extent permitted by other statutory and ordinance provisions. Any structures, facilities and materials used for the sale of trees and wreaths shall be removed from the premises by December 31st of the same calendar year, and the property restored to a neat condition.

- Grading projects, off-site transport, where not more than 100,000 cubic yards of material is to be transported, subject to the conditions and limitations of Sections 22.44.1260.

- Live entertainment, accessory, in a legally established bar, cocktail lounge or restaurant having an occupant load of less than 200 people.

- Mobilehomes used as a residence of the owner and his family during the construction by such owner of a permanent residence, but only while a building permit for the construction of such residence is in full force and effect, and provided:

- i. That the site plan submitted shall demonstrate a reasonable, practical and economically feasible means of removing the mobilehome following completion of construction; and

- ii. That such mobilehome shall contain not more than one dwelling unit not to exceed 12 feet in width, and with no structural attachments; and

- iii. That such mobilehome shall be removed from the site prior to the end of 12 months from the date of approval unless a Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained.

- Refreshment stands, operated in conjunction with and intended to serve the patrons of a use permitted in Zone R-R, but not as a separate enterprise.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone R-R may be used for the following, provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. The following uses require a major Coastal Development Permit:

- Adult day care facilities.
- Cabins.
- Camps, youth.
- Child care centers.
- Churches, temples or other places used exclusively for religious worship, including customary incidental educational and social activities in conjunction therewith.

- Colleges and universities, including appurtenant facilities, giving advanced academic instruction approved by the State Board of Education or other recognized accrediting agency, but excluding trade or commercial schools.

- Communication equipment buildings.

- Convents and monasteries.

- Electric distribution substations and electric transmission substations and generating plants, including microwave facilities used in conjunction with any one thereof.

- Farmers' markets, as provided in Section 22.44.1520 et seq.
- Fire stations.
- Gas metering and control stations, public utility.
- Grading projects, off-site transport, where more than 100,000 cubic yards of material is to be transported, subject to the conditions and limitations of Sections 22.44.1260.
- Grading projects, on-site, but excluding projects where the hearing officer or the commission or the board of supervisors have previously considered such grading proposal as indicated by approval of an environmental document incorporating consideration of such grading project.
- Group homes, children.
- Health retreats, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, a minimum area of not less than two acres.
- Hospitals.
- Libraries.
- Living quarters for persons employed and deriving a major portion of their income on the premises, if occupied by such persons and their immediate families.
- Microwave stations.
- Modifications to, or replacement of, golf courses first established prior to the certification of the LCP, and any new or replacement clubhouse, meeting, seminar, dining, and other appurtenant facilities, provided that new visitor-serving overnight accommodations shall only be permitted if not less than 10 acres of open space area is dedicated to a public agency per each individually keyed guest room or guest bungalow permitted.
- Outdoor festivals.
- Plant nursery, retail.
- Police stations.
- Post offices.
- Public utility service centers.
- Publicly owned uses necessary to the maintenance of the public health, convenience or general welfare in addition to those specifically listed in this section.
- Recreation clubs, private, including tennis, polo and swimming. Such use may include a pro-shop, restaurant and bar as appurtenant uses.
- Recreational trailer parks on a lot or parcel of land having as a condition of use an area of not less than five acres.
- Residences, caretaker, for use by a caretaker or supervisor and his immediate family where continuous supervision is required.
- Residences, single-family, subject to the requirements of Section 22.44.1710 E.
- Road construction maintenance yards.
- Rural inns, subject to the requirements of Section 22.44.1470.
- Schools, through grade 12, accredited, including appurtenant facilities, which offer instruction required to be taught in the public schools by the Education Code of the state of California, in which no pupil is physically restrained, but excluding trade or commercial schools.
- Stations, bus, railroad and taxi.
- Storage, temporary, of materials and construction equipment used in construction or maintenance of streets and highways, sewers, storm drains, underground conduits, flood control works, pipelines and similar uses for a period not to exceed one year.
- Tasting rooms, subject to the applicable provisions of Section 22.44.1504 et seq.

-- Tasting rooms, remote, subject to the applicable provisions of Section 22.44.1507 et seq.

-- Water reservoirs, dams, treatment plants, gaging stations, pumping stations, tanks, wells, and any use normal and appurtenant to the storage and distribution of water.

-- Wineries, subject to the applicable provisions of Section 22.44.1500 et seq.

2. The following uses, provided such uses are on a lot or parcel of land having an area of not less than one acre and are within 600 feet of a recreational use permitted in the zone:

-- Amphitheaters.  
-- Automobile service stations.  
-- Bait and tackle shops.  
-- Barbershops.  
-- Bars and cocktail lounges.  
-- Beauty shops.  
-- Bicycle and motor scooter rentals.  
-- First aid stations.  
-- Grocery stores,  
-- Laundries, self-service.  
-- Menageries, zoos, animal exhibitions or other similar facilities for the keeping or maintaining of wild animals.

-- Miniature golf courses.  
-- Restaurants and other eating establishments, including food take-out.

-- Souvenir shops.  
-- Wild animals, the keeping of, either individually or collectively for private or commercial purposes.

-- Youth hostels.

E. Development standards. Property in Zone R-R shall be subject to the following development standards:

1. Design. The arrangement of buildings, architectural design and types of uses shall be such as to minimize adverse impacts on adjacent properties. These impacts include, but are not limited to: noise, odors, fuel modification, maintenance of community character, and views;

2. Access and Parking. Sufficient parking shall be provided as well as adequate provisions for vehicular access and loading to prevent undue congestion on adjacent streets and highways, particularly on local streets; and

3. Development Features. The development plan shall include yards, walls, walks, landscaping, and such other features as may be needed to make the development attractive, adequately buffered from adjacent more restrictive uses and compatible with the character of the surrounding area. Additional walls or landscaping may be required by staff to mitigate project impacts.

4. The maximum floor-area ratio (FAR) for all buildings on a parcel of land shall not exceed 0.3. Parking floor space with necessary interior driveways and ramps thereto, or space within a roof structure penthouse for the housing of operating equipment or machinery shall not be included in determining the FAR.

5. The proposed project shall meet all applicable development standards within this LIP, including the Community-Wide Development Standards in Section 22.44.1200 et seq., and any of the applicable Area-Specific Development Standards in Section 22.44.1800 et seq.



6. All residential uses proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall comply with the maximum building site area of 10,000 square feet or 25 percent of the parcel size, whichever is less, for all residential uses, as prescribed in Section 22.44.1910 I. Commercial or institutional uses proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall be subject to the following maximum building site standards, and shall be subject to all other standards within this LIP that may limit the size of the building site area but shall otherwise be exempt from the 10,000 square foot maximum building site area requirement:

a. Commercial uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1730 E.2; and

b. Institutional uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1760 E.4.

7. Height limits. Premises in Zone R-R shall comply with the height limits as specified in Section 22.44.1250.

8. Parking. Premises in Zone R-R shall provide sufficient parking, as specified in Sections 22.44.1410 and 22.44.1415.

9. Low Impact Development Standards (LID). Premises in Zone C-1 shall comply with the LID requirements found in Section 22.44.1510 et.seq.

10. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

#### **22.44.1770 O-S Open-Space Zone.**

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone O-S may be used for the following, provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

1. Principal Permitted Use:

a. In the Open Space category:

-- Wildlife, nature, forest, and marine preserves and sanctuaries.

b. In the Open Space-Parks category:

-- Public parks, playgrounds, and beaches, with all appurtenant facilities customarily found in conjunction therewith.

c. In the Open Space-Deed Restricted category:

-- Privately-owned lands which are deed restricted to remain in permanent open space, including natural areas, landscaped areas, trails, and walkways.

2 Other Permitted Uses. No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630. Property in the O-S Zone may be used for the following:

-- Apiaries, limited to hives only.

-- Campgrounds, when not located in H1 habitat areas, as defined in Section 22.44.630.

-- Community gardens.

-- Picnic areas.

-- Riding and hiking trails, excluding trails for motor vehicles.

-- Watershed, water recharge and percolation areas.

-- Emergency preparedness and response facilities approved by the Fire Department.

-- Temporary uses, as provided in Section 22.44.1530 et seq.

B. Accessory uses and structures. Property in Zone O-S may be used for the following accessory use and structure.

-- Water wells.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone O-S may be used for any use listed below, provided a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the provisions of such permit.

-- Access to property lawfully used outside of Zone O-S, provided no other practical access to such property is available.

-- Buildings, accessory, but not including buildings for permanent human occupancy and not to exceed 400 square feet in floor area.

-- Comfort stations.

-- Fences not exceeding eight feet in height except where a higher fence is required by other ordinance or law. Such fence shall be openwork non-view-obscuring except where a solid fence limited to five feet in height is specifically approved by the director in order to protect identified resources.

-- Grading, excavation or fill, not to exceed 5,000 cubic yards of material (total amount of cut and fill) where necessary to prepare a site for a lawful use.

-- Parking lots accessory to a principal use, but excluding commercial parking lots.

-- Scenic turnouts, vista points and interpretive displays.

-- Signs, as provided in Section 22.44.1280.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone O-S may be used for the following, provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

-- Amphitheatres on a lot or parcel of land having an area of not less than one acre and within 600 feet of an approved vehicle parking area or campground, or within the fuel modification zone of an approved building permitted in the zone, and containing fewer than 100 seats.

-- Arboretums and horticultural gardens.

-- Campgrounds, low-impact, as defined in Section 22.44.630, subject to the following conditions:

1. In H1 habitat, the area containing all campsites and appurtenant facilities shall not exceed 10,000 square feet.

2. In H2 habitat, the area containing all campsites and appurtenant facilities shall not exceed three acres. Removal of H2 habitat shall be subject to payment of an in-lieu fee or participation in the Resource Conservation Program, as specified in Section 22.44.1970 (Mitigation).

3. Such campgrounds shall not be located less than two linear miles from another campground or low-impact campground.

4. Such campgrounds shall be located a minimum of 100 feet from the top bank of all streams or from the outer edge of riparian vegetation, whichever is the most protective of biological resources as determined by the staff biologist or the Environmental Review Board.

5. The length of stay at such campgrounds shall not exceed five consecutive nights per visit.

6. Except as otherwise stated in this subsection, such campgrounds shall comply with all other development standards of the basic zone and with the biological, water, and visual resource-protection provisions of this LIP.

-- Camps, youth.

-- Communication equipment buildings.

-- Electric distribution and transmission substations, including microwave facilities used in conjunction therewith.

- Farmers' markets, as provided in Section 22.44.1520 et seq.
- Gas metering and control stations, public utility.
- Grading, excavation or fill exceeding that provided in Section 22.44.1260.
- Menageries, zoos, animal exhibitions or other facilities for the keeping or maintaining of wild animals.
- Microwave stations.
- Mobilehomes for use of a caretaker and his immediate family.
- Motion picture sets; accessory use of domestic and wild animals.
- Museums.
- Observatories.
- Parks, playgrounds and beaches, with all appurtenant facilities customarily found in conjunction therewith.
- Publicly-owned uses necessary to the maintenance of the public health, convenience or general welfare in addition to those specifically listed in this section.
- Recreational equipment rentals where in conjunction with and intended to serve patrons of a recreational use permitted in Zone O-S.
- Recreational trailer parks on a lot or parcel of land having as a condition of use an area of not less than five acres.
- Refreshment stands operated in conjunction with and intended to serve the patrons of a use permitted in Zone O-S, but not as a separate enterprise.
- Residences, caretaker, for use by a caretaker and his immediate family.
- Riding academies and/or commercial stables, and/or the boarding of horses on a lot or parcel of land having as a condition of use an area of not less than five acres.
- Storage, temporary, of materials and construction equipment used in construction or maintenance of streets and highways, sewers, storm drains, underground conduits, flood control works, pipelines and similar uses for a period not to exceed one year.
- Water reservoirs, dams, treatment plants, gaging stations, pumping stations, tanks, wells and any use normal and appurtenant to the storage and distribution of water, including water reclamation facilities.
- Youth hostels.

E. Development standards. Property in Zone O-S shall be subject to the following development standards:

1. Design. The arrangement of buildings, architectural design and types of uses shall be such so as to minimize adverse impacts on adjacent properties. These impacts include, but are not limited to: noise, odors, fuel modification, maintenance of community character, and views.
2. Development Features. The development plan shall include yards, walls, walks, landscaping, and such other features as may be needed to make the development attractive, adequately buffered from adjacent more restrictive uses and compatible with the character of the surrounding area.
3. The proposed project shall meet all applicable development standards within this LIP, including the Community-Wide Development Standards in Section 22.44.1200 et seq., and any of the applicable Area-Specific Development Standards in Section 22.44.1800 et seq.
4. All buildings on a parcel of land shall comply with the floor-area ratio provisions as specified in Section 22.44.1760 E.4.
5. All caretakers residences proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall comply with the maximum building site area of 10,000 square feet, as prescribed in Section 22.44.1910 I. Commercial or institutional uses proposed within the H2 habitat category within this zone shall be subject to the following maximum building site standards, and shall be subject to all other standards within this LIP that may limit the size of the building site

area but shall otherwise be exempt from the 10,000 square foot maximum building site area requirement:

- a. Commercial uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1730 E.2; and
  - b. Institutional uses shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.44.1760 E.4.
6. Height limits. Premises in Zone O-S shall comply with the height limits as specified in Section 22.44.1250.
  7. Parking. Premises in Zone O-S shall provide sufficient parking, as specified in Section 22.44.1410.
  8. Low Impact Development Standards (LID). Premises in Zone C-1 shall comply with the LID requirements found in Section 22.44.1510 et.seq.
  9. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

**22.44.1780 IT Institutional Zone.**

A. Uses subject to administrative Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone IT may be used for the following, provided an administrative Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.940, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with such permit:

1. Principal Permitted Use:
  - Educational institutions either publicly or privately owned.
2. Other Permitted Uses:
  - Emergency preparedness and response facilities approved by the Fire Department.
3. If a site plan thereof is first submitted to and approved by the director, premises in Zone IT may be used for, where such premises are consistent with the policies of the LRDP and while such LRDP is in full force and effect:
  - Access to property lawfully used for a purpose not permitted in Zone IT, provided no other practical access to such property is available and such access will not alter the character of the premises in respect to permitted uses in Zone IT.
  - Signs, as provided in section 22.44.1280.

B. Accessory uses and structures.

1. Property in Zone IT may be used for any accessory use listed below:
  - Accessory buildings and structures customarily used in conjunction therewith.
  - Building materials, storage of, used in the construction of a building or building project, during the construction and 30 days thereafter, including the contractor's temporary office, provided that any lot or parcel of land so used shall be part of the building project, or on property adjoining the construction site.
  - Signs as provided in Section 22.44.1280.
  - Water wells.
2. Accessory uses and structures. No permit shall be required if the use does not meet the definition of development in Section 22.44.630. Property in Zone IT that is subject to a LRDP certified by the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 30605 may be used for any accessory use or structure listed below, where such accessory uses or structures are consistent with the policies of the LRDP and while such LRDP is in full force and effect:
  - Accessory buildings and structures customarily used in conjunction therewith.

-- Building materials, storage of, used in the construction of a building or building project, during the construction and 30 days thereafter, including the contractor's temporary office, provided that any lot or parcel of land so used shall be part of the building project, or on property adjoining the construction site.

-- Signs as provided in section 22.44.1280.

C. Uses subject to minor Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone IT may be used for the following uses, provided a minor Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit.

-- Access to property lawfully used for a purpose not permitted in Zone IT, provided no other practical access to such property is available and such access will not alter the character of the premises in respect to permitted uses in Zone IT.

D. Uses subject to major Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone IT may be used for the following, provided a major Coastal Development Permit has first been obtained as provided in Section 22.44.800 et seq. (Coastal Development Permits), and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit:

-- Educational institutions either publicly or privately owned.

-- Fire stations.

-- Hospitals, publicly and privately owned.

-- Libraries.

-- Parks, playgrounds and beaches.

-- Police stations.

-- Publicly owned uses necessary to the maintenance of the public health, convenience or general welfare in addition to those specifically listed in this section.

E. Development standards. Property in Zone IT shall be subject to the following development standards:

1. Design. The arrangement of buildings, architectural design and types of uses shall be such so as to minimize adverse impacts on adjacent properties. These impacts include, but are not limited to: noise, odors, fuel modification, maintenance of community character, and views;

2. The proposed project shall meet all applicable development standards within this LIP, including the Community-Wide Development Standards in Section 22.44.1200 et seq., and any of the applicable Area-Specific Development Standards in Section 22.44.1800 et seq.

3. All buildings on a parcel of land shall comply with the floor-area ratio provisions as specified in Section 22.44.1760 E4.

4. Height limits. Premises in Zone IT shall comply with the height limits as specified in Section 22.44.1250.

5. Parking. Premises in Zone IT shall provide sufficient parking, as specified in Section 22.44.1410.

6. Low Impact Development Standards (LID). Premises in Zone IT shall comply with the LID requirements found in Section 22.44.1510 et seq.

7. The standards listed in this section may be modified pursuant to the procedures of Section 22.44.1150 (Variances).

F. Uses not subject to Coastal Development Permits. Property in Zone IT that is subject to a long range development plan (LRDP) certified by the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 30605 may be used for the following Principal Permitted Use without obtaining a Coastal Development Permit from the County, provided such use is consistent with the policies of the LRDP and while such LRDP is in full force and effect:

-- Educational institutions either publicly or privately owned.

**22.44.1790. Prohibited Uses.** All uses not specifically allowed in a particular zone shall also be prohibited in that zone.

## **AREA-SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

### **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

#### **22.44.1800 Purpose.**

Throughout the Santa Monica Mountains are invaluable natural resources including mountains, streams, vegetation, and wildlife that require protection. Because of their special characteristics and/or vulnerability, some resources require a greater level of protection. The provisions herein establish habitat categories and land use regulations and procedures that will protect these important resources. All H1 and H2 areas shall be considered "Significant Environmental Resource Areas" (SERA) pursuant to Section 22.44.630 (Definitions).

The LCP protects coastal habitat resources through a system of resource-based categories, with development standards for each category. All development in the Santa Monica Mountains LCP area shall conform to these standards, unless otherwise provided in Section 22.44.1840 C.

#### **22.44.1810 Description of Habitat Categories.**

Map 2 Biological Resources of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan (LUP) depicts the general distribution of habitat categories as of [insert date of LCP certification]. However, the precise boundaries of the various habitat categories discussed below shall be determined on a site specific basis, based upon substantial evidence and a site specific biological inventory and/or assessment required by Sections 22.44.840 and/or 22.44.1870.

A. The habitat categories are as follows:

1. H1 Habitat – This category consists of habitats of highest biological significance, rarity, and sensitivity--alluvial scrub, coastal bluff scrub, native grassland and scrub with a strong component of native grasses or forbs, riparian, native oak, sycamore, walnut and bay woodlands, and rock outcrop habitat types. In the Santa Monica Mountains alluvial scrub is dominated by scalebroom (*Lepidospartum squamatum*) and coastal bluff scrub is characterized by either giant coreopsis (*Coreopsis gigantea*) or bush sunflower (*Encelia californica*). Native grassland and scrub vegetation are those areas characterized by native grasses and native shrubs. Areas where native grasses are associated with trees or large shrubs (e.g. Toyon) are typically not considered native grasslands. An important exception is where native grasses are associated with coast live or valley oak which would be indicative of oak savannah habitat. Native grassland often supports numerous native forbs and some areas of native grassland will include a large percent of non-native annual grasses. Riparian habitat includes all vegetation (canopy and understory species) associated with a creek or stream including, but not limited to, sycamore, coast live oak, black walnut, white alder, Fremont cottonwood, black cottonwood, mulefat, arroyo willow, red willow, blackberry, mugwort, and Mexican elderberry. In the Santa Monica Mountains, where chaparral and/or coastal sage scrub occur within or adjacent to creeks or streams and function as riparian habitat, these areas are considered to be H1 riparian habitat. Wetlands, including creeks, streams, marshes, seeps and springs, are included as H1 habitat. Coast live and valley oak, sycamore, walnut, and bay woodlands are all included in H1 habitat. Rock outcrops comprised of either volcanic or sedimentary/sandstone rocks are frequently associated with a unique community of rare annual plants and lichens and are therefore H1 habitat.

Areas where components of H1 are found in urbanized or otherwise disturbed areas, such as oak trees within or adjacent to developed parcels, will be protected where feasible, as set forth in the LIP.

2. H2 Habitat – This category consists of habitats of high biological significance, rarity, and sensitivity that are important for the ecological vitality and diversity of the Santa Monica Mountains Mediterranean Ecosystem. Connectivity among habitats within an ecosystem and connectivity among ecosystems is very important for the preservation of species and ecosystem integrity. Large contiguous blocks of relatively pristine habitat facilitate natural ecosystem patterns, processes and functions such as water filtration, nutrient cycling, predator/prey relationships, plant and animal dispersal and animal migration, habitat and species diversity and abundance, and population and community dynamics (e.g. birth/death rates, food web structure, succession patterns). H2 Habitat includes large, contiguous areas of coastal sage scrub and chaparral-dominated habitats. Coastal sage scrub is dominated by soft-leaved, generally low-growing aromatic shrubs such as California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), purple sage (*Salvia leucophylla*), and black sage (*Salvia apiana*) and chaparral is dominated by taller, deeper-rooted evergreen shrubs with hard, waxy leaves such as manzanita (*Arctostaphylos sp.*) and ceanothus (*Ceanothus sp.*).

3. H2 “High Scrutiny” Habitat – A subcategory of H2 Habitat is H2 “High Scrutiny” Habitat, which comprises extra sensitive H2 Habitat species/habitats that should be given avoidance priority over other H2 habitat. This habitat contains California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)/California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB)-identified rare species associated with H2 habitat, such as high-elevation and interior chaparral dominated by redshank (*Adenostoma sparsifolium*) and rarer species of Ceanothus, as well as rare and localized scrub types such as ashy buckwheat (*Eriogonum cinereum*) scrub, as treated in the Manual of California Vegetation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (categories G1-3/S1-3). Chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*) chaparral is also included as H2 “High Scrutiny”, which while not considered rare statewide, is associated with several rare and declining species of plants and wildlife in the Santa Monica Mountains. H2 High Scrutiny Habitat also includes areas that support species listed by federal and state government as threatened or endangered, California Native Plant Society (CNPS) “1B” and “2” listed plant species, and California Species of Special Concern. The mapped “H2 High Scrutiny” habitat areas on the Biological Resource Map are intended to notify County staff, the public, and decision-makers of the general areas where there is a high likelihood of these species’ occurrence so that more scrutiny can be paid to them with detailed site-specific inventories conducted to determine actual occurrence and extent. However, if the criteria listed above are satisfied in locations not identified on the Biological Resource Map, any such locations will qualify for this designation as well.

4. H3 Habitat – This category consists of areas that would otherwise be designated as H2 Habitat, but the native vegetation communities have been significantly disturbed or removed as part of lawfully-established development. This category also includes areas of native vegetation that are not significantly disturbed and would otherwise be categorized as H2 habitat, but have been substantially fragmented or isolated by existing, legal development and are no longer connected to large, contiguous areas of coastal sage scrub and/or chaparral-dominated habitats. This category includes lawfully developed areas and lawfully disturbed areas dominated by non-native plants such as disturbed roadside slopes, stands of non-native trees and grasses, and fuel modification areas around existing development (unless established illegally in an H2 or H1 area). This category further includes isolated and/or disturbed stands of native tree species (oak, sycamore, walnut, and bay) that do not form a larger woodland or savannah habitat. These habitat areas provide important biological functions that warrant specific development standards for the siting and design of new development. .

B. Effect of Fire. Fire is a natural and essential part of the life cycle of the plant communities of the Santa Monica Mountains. The plant communities are highly diverse as a result of the shifting mosaic of habitats created by repeated fires. Chaparral habitat impacted by fire is still present in the form of root crowns that will re-sprout and a fire-adapted seed bank (a number of chaparral species drop seeds that require fire for germination) that will generate new growth following the rainy seasons. Therefore, areas burned by wildfire where there is evidence that the areas consisted of a habitat meeting the definition of H1, H2, H2 “High Scrutiny”, or H3 Habitat before the fire shall be afforded the protections of the applicable habitat category.

C. Effect of Natural Disaster or Illegal Development. Any area mapped as H1, H2, H2 “High Scrutiny”, or H3 Habitat shall not be deprived of protection as that habitat category, as required by the policies and provisions of the LCP, on the basis that habitat has been impacted by illegal development or other illegal means, including removal, degradation, or elimination of species that are rare or especially valuable because of their nature or role in an ecosystem.

D. Any area not designated as a habitat category on the Biological Resources Map that meets the criteria of a habitat category shall be accorded all the protection provided for that habitat category in the LCP.

E. The areas occupied by existing, legally established structures, agricultural uses, and confined animal facilities do not meet the criteria of the H1 or H2 Habitat categories. Additionally, the fuel modification areas required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department for existing, lawfully established structures do not meet the criteria of the H1 or H2 habitat categories, with the exception of the areas subject to the minimal fuel modification measures that are required in riparian or woodland habitats (e.g. removal of deadwood). In such areas, the habitat maintains its biological significance, rarity, and sensitivity and shall be accorded all the protection provided for the H1 habitat category in the LCP.

#### **22.44.1820 Biological Review.**

This section provides the process for review of the site-specific Biological Inventory submitted in accordance with Section 22.44.840 and/or the site-specific Biological Assessment submitted in accordance with Section 22.44.1870.

A. Review of Biological Inventory. The Department of Regional Planning’s staff biologist shall analyze the Biological Inventory required as part of a Coastal Development Permit application. The form and content of such information shall be to the satisfaction of the staff biologist and the requirements of Section 22.44.840. For sites that contain existing development or disturbed areas, the staff biologist shall coordinate with planning staff to review and analyze air photos, historic records, and permit records to determine when development or site disturbance (if any) occurred and if it was approved with all permits required at the time of construction. The staff biologist shall prepare a written report to be forwarded to the Director, containing an analysis of the information and any recommendations. If the Biological Inventory identifies biological resources that meet the definition of H1, H2 “High Scrutiny”, or H2 Habitat (or would have if unpermitted development had not occurred), the Director shall require the submittal of a Biological Assessment consistent with the requirements of Section 22.44.1870 and subject to review under this Section.

B. Review of Biological Assessment. The Department of Regional Planning’s staff biologist shall analyze the Biological Assessment required as part of a Coastal Development Permit application. The form and content of such information shall be to the satisfaction of the staff biologist and the requirements of Section 22.44.1870. For sites that contain existing development or disturbed areas, the staff biologist shall coordinate with planning staff to review and analyze air photos, historic records, and permit records to determine when development or site disturbance (if any) occurred and if it was approved with all permits required at the time of construction. The staff biologist shall prepare a written report containing an analysis of the information and any recommendations. The staff biologist’s report will be forwarded to the ERB



for development subject to Section 22.44.1840 B. The staff biologist's report will be forwarded to the Director for development subject to Section 22.44.1840 C, and shall be included in the staff report for the Coastal Development Permit. The staff biologist, for development subject to Section 22.44.1840 C and the ERB, for development subject to Section 22.44.1840 B, shall review biological assessment reports based on the following criteria:

1. Does the biological assessment include all the necessary information to deem it complete (see biological assessment criteria and checklist in section 22.44.1870)
2. Was the biological assessment performed during the right time of year or season?
3. Were additional surveys conducted? Are additional surveys necessary?
4. Is there enough habitat and species information to determine what habitats and species occur on the site?
5. If so, has the consulting biologist properly characterized the habitats on-site according to the habitat categories described in section 22.44.1810?
6. Were sensitive species and/or habitats identified on site? If so, were protocol-level surveys completed?
7. Does the biological assessment include a detailed habitat category map with the habitat category boundaries delineated?
8. Does the biological assessment include a comparison of the on-the-ground conditions to the habitat categories designated on the Biological Resources Map? If so, how does the on-the ground conditions compare to the Biological Resources Map? Are map adjustments (additions or deletions) necessary?
9. Are the biological assessment conclusions in keeping with the report results?
10. Does the biological assessment provide sufficient information for project recommendations to be made, including those for sensitive environmental resource impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation?

C. If the staff biologist or ERB determine that the biological assessment does not meet the requirements of Section 22.44.1870 or that additional information is required in order to determine the project's consistency with the LCP, the Director may require additional information.

#### **22.44.1830 Process for evaluating and designating on-site habitat categories.**

A. The Habitat Categories as depicted on the Biological Resources Map may be adjusted based upon substantial biological evidence and independent review as set forth in this Chapter. Based on substantial evidence, a resource on any site may be classified or reclassified from one category to a higher or lower category. Any area that meets the definition of a habitat category (H1, H2, H2 High Scrutiny, H3) described in Section 22.44.1810 shall be accorded all the protection provided for that habitat category in the LCP. As part of the CDP process, the County shall determine the physical extent of habitats on the project site that meet the definition of any of the habitat categories of Section 22.44.1810, based on a site-specific Biological Inventory and/or Biological Assessment, available independent evidence, and review by the County Biologist and ERB, as required in Section 22.44.1830.

B. Any area mapped as H1, H2, H2 High Scrutiny, or H3 Habitat shall not be deprived of protection as that habitat category, as required by the policies and provisions of the LCP, on the basis that habitat has been: damaged or eliminated by natural disaster except as set forth in Sec. 22.44.1810 C herein; illegally removed; illegally degraded; and/or species that are rare or especially valuable because of their nature or role in an ecosystem have been eliminated by unpermitted development. Where the County finds that the physical extent of habitats on a project site are different than those indicated on the Biological Resources Map, the County shall make findings as part of the CDP regarding the physical extent of the habitat

categories and detailed justification for any classification or reclassification of habitat categories at the project site based on substantial evidence.

C. Where the County finds that the physical extent of habitats on a project site are different than those indicated on the Biological Resources Map, the Biological Resources Maps of the LUP and LIP shall be modified accordingly, as part of a map update indicated below, and such a modification shall be considered an LCP amendment subject to approval by the Coastal Commission. The County may take action on the CDP, applying the appropriate LCP policies and standards for protection of the habitat categories present, even if the Biological Resources Map of the LUP and LIP have not yet been amended.

D. The Biological Resources Map shall be reviewed and updated every five years to reflect current information and the modifications made in CDP decisions pursuant to the above. Areas acquired by the County or resource agencies for habitat protection, or areas subject to habitat restoration projects, shall also be considered for designation as H1 or H2 habitat. Where a map change is proposed which has not been the subject of a CDP process, the ERB shall review the map change. The five-year map update shall be treated as an LCP amendment and shall be subject to the approval of the Coastal Commission.

#### **22.44.1840 Development Consistency Review.**

All new development shall be reviewed for consistency with the biological resources policies and provisions of the LCP. This shall be based on the habitat categories applicable to the project site, which has been determined pursuant to Sections 22.44.1820 and 22.44.1830 (if applicable), the biological assessment report, and all relevant plans, reports, and other evidence necessary to analyze the proposal for conformity with the biological resource protection policies of the LUP and the applicable development standards of the LIP. Where there is any question or conflict about the standards that apply or uses that are permitted, the development standards and permitted uses that are most restrictive and protective of the habitat resource shall regulate development.

A. The staff biologist, for development subject to Section 22.44.1840 C and the ERB, for development subject to Section 22.44.1840 B, shall evaluate new development based on the following criteria.

1. Whether the proposed development is a use permitted within the habitat category(ies) delineated on the site in accordance with Section 22.44.1900.

2. Whether the proposed development is sited and designed to avoid impacts to biological resources, and/or minimize impacts where avoidance is not feasible, consistent with all applicable provisions of the LCP, including but not limited to, the development standards in Section 22.44.1910.

3. Whether all feasible project alternatives and all feasible mitigation measures have been included in the development to minimize or reduce all project impacts that cannot be avoided, including, but not limited to, all required provisions of Section 22.44.1910 and 22.44.1950.

B. The staff biologist's report regarding the consistency of the project with the biological resource protection policies and provisions will be forwarded to the Director and shall be included in the staff report for the Coastal Development Permit staff.

C. The ERB's recommendations shall be provided to the decision-maker in accordance with Section 22.44.1830.

D. The decision-maker shall make findings that address the following:

1. The physical extent of habitats that meet the criteria of the habitat categories based on substantial evidence and detailed justification for any classification or reclassification of habitat categories on the project site;

2. The project's conformance with the biological resource protection policies and provisions of the LCP;

3. The project's conformance with the recommendations of the staff biologist and/or the ERB, or if the project does not conform with the recommendations, findings explaining why the recommendations are not feasible or warranted;

4. Substantiation of the required Burden of Proof facts of Section 22.44.1830 I.3.a.

#### **22.44.1850 Environmental Review Board.**

A. The environmental review board (ERB), [established by Ordinance 92-0037 § 6 (part), 1992] serves to ensure that development projects in biologically sensitive areas are reviewed by an independent body of qualified professionals. New development proposed in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone shall be reviewed carefully for effects on biological resources utilizing the ERB's expertise for those projects involving habitat categories H1 and/or H2.

B. Composition. The ERB shall consist of nine qualified professionals with technical expertise in resource management. The Director shall appoint members who meet the above criteria from among the following list of professions including, but not limited to: aquatic biologist, archaeologist, architect, biogeographer, botanist, certified arborist, civil engineer, coastal geologist, conservation biologist, ecologist, forester, freshwater biologist, geomorphologist, horticulturist, hydrologist, landscape architect, marine biologist, marine microbiologist, planner, soils specialist, trails expert, water quality specialist, and wildlife biologist.

1. No more than three members shall be County employees.

2. No fewer than three ERB members (including no more than one County employee) with technical expertise in terrestrial, marine, or aquatic biology, botany, or ecology shall be present when recommendations are considered and made regarding the adjustment of habitat category boundaries, pursuant to Section 22.44.1830.

C. Duties. The ERB shall evaluate proposals for all development sited within the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone that is subject to Section 22.44.1840 B. The duties of the ERB shall include the following:

1. Review of Biological Assessment reports for adequacy and conformance with the requirements of Section 22.44.1820.

2. Evaluation and designation of on-site resources, including modification of the Biological Resources Map, consistent with Section 22.44.1830.

3. Review of development proposals for conformity with all applicable resource protection policies and provisions of the LCP, including, but not limited to, the development standards required by Section 22.44.1840.

D. Meetings. Meetings of the ERB shall be open and public. Notice of ERB meetings shall be delivered personally or by first class mail, postage prepaid, at least 21 days prior to the meeting to any person who has filed a written request therefore with the Director.

E. Rules and procedure. The Director shall adopt rules and procedures necessary or convenient for the conduct of the ERB's business.

F. Application. Development proposals that require ERB evaluation shall be processed through the Coastal Development Permit procedure or concurrently with any other application as required by this LIP. The ERB recommendation shall be included in the staff report provided to and considered by the decision-making body.

G. Concurrent filings. Development proposals initially requiring a decision by the hearing officer or Regional Planning Commission, including, but not limited to, variances, land divisions, zone changes, or plan amendments, shall be processed as required by the applicable regulations

H. Additional contents of application. In addition to the biological inventory specified in Section 22.44.840 and the biological assessment specified in Section 22.44.1870, an

application for a CDP shall contain such other material as may be required by the Director to determine compliance with the provisions of this LIP. Upon the submission of an application and the appropriate filing materials and fees, the Director shall forward a copy of the material to the ERB for its review and recommendation.

I. ERB recommendation. The ERB shall evaluate the development proposal and submit its recommendation(s) regarding the adequacy of the applicant's Biological Assessment, modifications to the Biological Resources Map, and the project's consistency with the resource protection policies and provisions of the LCP, including any suggested mitigation measures, as applicable, in writing directly to the decision-making body. The ERB shall provide the decision-making body with:

1. Its recommendation on the project's conformance or lack thereof to the resource protection policies and standards of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program;

2. All feasible mitigation measures designed to avoid and minimize adverse impacts on coastal resources; and

3. Those mitigation measures necessary to protect the integrity of identified resources and meet the burden of proof described below:

a. Burden of Proof. The application for Coastal Development Permit in biological resource areas as shown on the Biological Resources map, or as determined to be a habitat category through the process found in Section 22.44.1820 and 1830, shall substantiate to the decision-making body the following facts:

i. That the requested development is sited and designed to avoid H1 Habitat and areas within 100 feet of H1 Habitat except as permitted by this chapter; and

ii. That the requested development is sited and designed to avoid the 100-foot Quiet Zone except as set forth herein; and

iii. That the requested development is sited and designed to avoid H2 "High Scrutiny" and H2 Habitat to the maximum extent feasible. Where avoidance is not feasible and it is necessary to allow the owner a reasonable economic use of the property, the requested development is sited and designed to minimize and mitigate significant adverse impacts in conformance with the policies and provisions of the LCP, and

iv. That the requested development is sited and designed to avoid wildlife movement corridors (migratory paths) to the maximum extent feasible to ensure these areas are left in an undisturbed and natural state. Where avoidance is not feasible and it is necessary to allow the owner a reasonable economic use of the property, the requested development is sited and designed to minimize significant adverse impacts in conformance with the policies and provisions of the LCP, and

v. That roads and utilities serving the proposed development are located and designed so as to avoid H1 Habitat, H1 buffer, and to avoid or minimize significant adverse impacts to H2 "High Scrutiny", and H2 Habitat, and migratory paths.

4. The ERB shall recommend denial of any project or use which cannot substantiate all of the required facts.

#### **22.44.1860 Development Review Required.**

A. Development Subject to ERB Review. Development proposed in the following areas shall be reviewed by the Environmental Review Board (ERB), unless exempted pursuant to Section 22.44.1840 D:

1. In H1 Habitat or within 200 feet of H1 Habitat.

2. In H2 habitat or within 200 feet of H2 Habitat, including H2 "High Scrutiny"

Habitat

3. Rural Villages. Any development within the Las Flores Heights, Malibu Mar Vista, Malibu Vista, and Vera Canyon Rural Villages.

The Director may also waive the ERB review requirement for development proposals included in subsections and A.1 and A.2 of Section 22.44.820 if the staff biologist determines that the impact of the development on coastal resources is less than significant; however, any such waiver shall not be effective until it is reported to the Regional Planning Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the Commission objects to the waiver, no development may be undertaken without review by the ERB.

B. Development Subject to Review by the Staff Biologist. Development proposed in the following areas shall be reviewed by the Staff Biologist, unless exempted pursuant to Section 22.44.1840 D:

1. Proposed actions that would impact only Habitat Category H3, and which would not encroach within 200 feet of designated H1, H2 "High Scrutiny", or H2 Habitat may be reviewed solely by the staff biologist unless the Director determines that review by the ERB is warranted.

2. Developments within the Rural Villages of El Nido, Fernwood, Malibu Bowl, Malibu Lake, Monte Nido, Old Post Office, Old Topanga, Topanga Canyon, Topanga Oaks, Topanga Woods, and Upper Latigo, which shall be evaluated by the staff biologist. The Director may require a development in these Rural Villages to be further reviewed by the ERB if he or she determines there are coastal resources that may be negatively impacted by the development.

3. Demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new structure within the existing building pad area where the building pad is not within 200 feet of H1 Habitat and no additional fuel modification is required.

4. New structures and landscaping proposed within the permitted graded pad or permitted building site area if there is no graded pad, authorized in a previously-approved Coastal Development Permit or lawfully established prior to the effective date of the Coastal Act, where the pad or building site area is not within 200 feet of H1 Habitat and no additional fuel modification is required.

C. Exemptions. The following types of development are exempted from the review for consistency with the biological resources provisions of the LIP:

1. Development exempt under Section 22.44.820, unless the Director determines that review by the staff biologist is necessary to evaluate the presence and location of H1 or H2 Habitat on the project site for the purposes of the Director's determination whether the development is exempt.

2. Development that is not exempt under Section 22.44.820, that is in one of the following categories:

a. Remodeling an existing structure that does not extend the existing structure footprint.

b. Additions to existing legal structures that are within the lawfully-established graded pad area, or the existing developed/landscaped area if there is no graded pad, that are not within 200 feet of H1 Habitat, that do not raise the height of the structure to the point that it would impact vegetation or protected public views, and that do not require additional fuel modification.

#### **22.44.1870 Supplemental application requirements.**

A. The Santa Monica Mountains LCP requires rigorous scientific review for new development in order to provide the biological information necessary for the decision maker to ensure compliance with the biological resource policies and provisions of the LCP. Applications for development that contains property: 1) within mapped H1, H2, or H2 High Scrutiny Habitat; 2) within 200 feet of mapped H1, H2, and/or H2 "High Scrutiny Habitat; or 3) where the initial

biological inventory (required by Section 22.44.840) indicates the presence or potential for sensitive species or habitat, shall include a detailed biological assessment, prepared by a qualified biologist, or resource specialist.

B. Biological Assessment Requirements. The biological assessment shall contain the following parts.

1. A site-specific investigation carried out by a qualified biologist or resource specialist is required in order to identify, characterize, and delineate the habitat types present as well as any special status plant or animal species. This shall be based on at least one field visit for all parcels that are part of the proposed development. This visit shall be completed in spring, unless a different and/or additional time of year is recommended by the staff biologist based on the likelihood of finding particular sensitive habitats or species. The staff biologist may visit the subject site in order to better determine whether a survey during a particular time of year is required. The staff biologist shall determine whether a survey during a particular time of year is necessary by examining the circumstances in each case presented and applying the following criteria.

a. Results of a California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) query indicating the potential presence of sensitive plants, animals, or habitat on site.

b. Potential for the site to support a plant/bryophyte community, such as rare native annuals, that would likely only be visible during a particular time of year (typically spring) or only during a year following normal/high winter rainfall.

c. Presence of a seep or spring that would likely only be running in late winter, and might support a unique flora/fauna.

d. Presence of year-round water (i.e., surface water in late summer/fall) capable of providing habitat for the Coast Range newt or southwestern pond turtle.

e. Potential for the site to support special-status nesting birds that would be possible to evaluate only during spring/early summer (e.g., yellow warbler).

f. Potential for the site to support wintering raptors to use the site as a foraging area, such as northern harrier

g. Potential for the site to support a rare invertebrate community, such as certain butterflies, that depend on either spring- or fall-blooming flowers.

2. Biological Assessment Report. At a minimum, the biological assessment report must include the following elements. Site-specific conditions may dictate that additional study is required, such as protocol level surveys for listed species.

a. Introduction. The introduction shall describe the proposed project, include historical and current aerial photographs and maps that provide both a regional context and local detail, and provide photographic documentation of the existing condition of the proposed development site. The introduction must also contain a discussion of the physical characteristics of the site, including, topography (e.g. slope orientation, etc.), soil types, habitat and/or wildlife migration corridors, and microclimate.

b. List of Potential Sensitive Species/Habitats. A list of sensitive species and habitats that could occur on the site must be included as an appendix to the report. This list can be generated from the California Natural Diversity Database, California Native Plant Society, Santa Monica Mountains NPS Vegetation Map<sup>1</sup>, discussion with SMMNRA natural resource experts, and other reliable source (s). Sensitive species include rare, threatened, or

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<sup>1</sup> AIS (Aerial Information Systems, Inc.) and ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute. 2007. USGS-NPS Vegetation Mapping Program. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Photo Interpretation Report. Submitted to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, May 23, 2007.

endangered species that are designated or are candidates for listing under State or Federal Law, California Native Plant Society “1B” or “2” listed species, those species identified as state “fully protected species” or “species of special concern”, and any other species for which there is compelling evidence of rarity. The consulting biologist must then examine the site and determine whether the various species are present at the time of the survey or whether they are likely to be present at other times based on a habitat analysis and professional opinion. Those species that are present or likely to be present shall be discussed in the body of the report. Constraints on the accuracy of the report (e.g., wrong season, time-of-day) shall be explicitly discussed.

c. Results of Field Surveys.

i. Biological surveys must consist of field survey methods appropriate to the species or habitat being surveyed. Protocol-level surveys (Consult Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), etc.) are required for those sensitive species likely to occur on the proposed development site.

ii. The report must contain a discussion of all field methods actually employed, including the methods for formal protocol surveys. The detailed survey protocols for particular sensitive habitats or species may be placed in an appendix, but simply referencing another document is not acceptable.

iii. The consulting biologist must identify and map within polygons all the vegetation community types present on the property and generally indicate the location of the vegetation communities on adjacent properties. The location of observed sensitive plant or animal species shall also be shown on the map. The consulting biologist must then prepare a Habitat Category map using the Habitat Category definitions in Section 22.44.1810 (e.g. H1, H2 high scrutiny, H2); that is the consulting biologist must prepare a Habitat Category delineation map for the proposed development site. The Habitat Category boundaries shall be digitized using GPS for uploading to a GIS system. The consulting biologist must then compare the Habitat Category delineation map to the biological resource map and determine whether the maps are within a 5 percent (+/-) margin of error. If the Habitat Category delineation map does not conform to the Biological Resource map based on the +/- 5 percent criteria, the consulting biologist must report the respective habitat category (s) where differences between the maps occur, the difference in area (increases or decreases) measured in square feet, and the exact location (s) of the increase or decrease in the respective habitat category (s). With this information the consulting biologist must make a Biological Resource map adjustment recommendation.

iv. Where trees suitable for nesting or roosting or significant foraging habitat are present, the consulting biologist shall search for evidence of sensitive bird species and raptor use. If there is independent evidence of significant sensitive bird species or raptor use on or near the property, formal protocol survey (s) must be conducted.

v. Potential wetland areas, as defined by Section 22.44.1880, must be identified and mapped as part of the biological assessment. These areas must be subjected to a formal, technical wetland delineation following the methods in the 1987 Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and the 2008 Arid West Supplement.

d. If oak trees are present on the property and are within 25 feet of the proposed development, an oak tree report and associated survey map, prepared by a qualified arborist or resource specialist that identifies and describes all existing oak trees on the subject property. The report must identify the existing health of each oak tree, potential impacts of development on each oak tree, including whether each oak tree is proposed to be removed, to have a substantial encroachment into its protected zone, or a minor encroachment. The report shall contain recommendations for avoiding, minimizing, and/or mitigating oak tree impacts, consistent with the requirements of Section 22.44.1920 K. (Native Trees). Oak tree

canopy delineations must be conducted by a licensed surveyor, a qualified arborist, or other resource specialist with the expertise to accurately depict the dripline and the protected zone (five feet from the dripline or 15 feet from the trunk(s), whichever is larger) for each oak tree on the survey map. The oak tree canopy delineations must be current (conducted within 1 year prior to the submittal of the permit application), though project impacts will be addressed based on on-the-ground conditions at the time the application is considered. Include a site plan that shows the development in relation to all oak tree driplines/protected zones that are within 25 feet of any structure or other development and show setback(s) from the proposed development to the protected zones.

e. In addition to an oak tree report, if sycamore, walnut, bay, or any other species of native trees are present on the project site, a native tree report and associated survey map, prepared by a qualified arborist or resource specialist that identifies and describes all existing native trees on the subject property, must be prepared. The report must identify the existing health of each native tree, potential impacts of development on each native tree, and whether each native tree is proposed to be removed, to have substantial encroachment into its protected zone, or minor encroachment. The report shall contain recommendations for avoiding, minimizing, and/or mitigating native tree impacts, consistent with the requirements of Section 22.44.1920 K. (Native Trees).

f. The biological assessment must include a description of the general biological context of the project site and a description of the actual wildlife use at the time of the assessment and an estimate of probable additional wildlife use. This description will result from the consulting biologist's visual and auditory search for birds and mammals or their sign and a search of leaf litter and under rocks for amphibians or reptiles.

C. Discussion.

1. The Biological Assessment must contain a map that shows the biological features of the site with an overlay of the proposed project. The consulting biologist must identify and analyze the potential biological impacts of the proposed development and distinguish between permanent and temporary impacts. The duration of temporary impacts must be specified. Possible cumulative biological impacts must also be discussed.

2. The report must identify any apparent unauthorized development, including grading or vegetation removal, that may have contributed to degradation or elimination of habitat area or species that would otherwise be present on the proposed development site were it in healthy condition.

3. The report shall include an analysis of the frequency of wildfires affecting the proposed development site, the length of time since the last burn, and the impact of fire on the natural habitat on site.

4. Finally, the report must discuss the steps that will be taken to avoid and minimize impacts to sensitive resources, and present a plan to mitigate permissible unavoidable impacts.

5. Biological Assessment Checklist. The following checklist shall be completed by the consulting biologist and submitted with the Biological Assessment Report:

<b>Santa Monica Mountains Biological Assessment Checklist</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Initials</b>
<b>Title Page</b>		
A. Project name.		
B. County identification numbers (Project number, CUP number, APNs).		
C. Applicant name and contact information.		
E. Name and affiliation of preparer.		
F. Date.		
<b>I. Project and Survey Description</b>		
A. Project description.		



1. Project name, type of report, address of project.		
2. County application identification numbers including APNs.		
3. Applicant name and contact information.		
4. Parcel and acreage information.		
5. Location.		
a. Map of regional features showing project location, including watershed boundaries, proximity to public lands, streams, drainages, and roads in region.		
b. Color aerial photograph(s) showing regional context of project, project parcel(s), existing development, open space, etc.		
6. Detailed description of proposed project, including area of vegetation removal, modification, or disturbance, grading volumes, etc.		
B. Description of major natural features.		
1. Landforms and geomorphology.		
2. Drainage and wetland features.		
3. Soils (soil/geological map optional).		
C. Methodology of biological survey.		
1. Date(s) of survey(s).		
2. Detailed description of survey methods.		
<b>II. Biological Characteristics of the site</b>		
A. Flora.		
1. Map of vegetation communities, specifying system used (The use of Sawyer et al. 2009 is recommended).		
2. Map of project site showing the habitat areas (H1, H2, H2 "High Scrutiny", H3 Habitat) from the LIP Biological Resources Map.		
3. Vegetation cover table, with acreages of each vegetation type (can be a legend in map).		
4. Location, trunk diameter, and canopy extent mapped for each protected tree (oak, sycamore, walnut, bay) that is within 25 feet of any portion of the proposed development (onsite or offsite). Note: For jurisdictional oaks (>5" DBH) on or within 200' of property, an oak tree report is required. Include oak tree reports in an appendix.		
B. Fauna.		
1. Discussion of species observed; description of wildlife community.		
C. Sensitive species.		
1. Table of possible sensitive species and possible sensitive vegetation, including brief discussion of potential impacts to any sensitive species.		
2. Maps of occurrence for sensitive species observed		
D. List of flora and fauna observed or known from site		
E. Survey Checklist (see Part B, Survey Checklist, above)		
<b>III. Bibliography</b>		
A. Bibliography of references cited in text		
<b>IV. Appendices</b>		
A. Site photographs (color)		
B. Qualifications of biologists and other contributors		
C. Oak tree report for sites with jurisdictional native oak trees (if applicable)		
<i>Digital copies of biological assessment must be provided to DRP as .pdf</i>		

<i>for final version, including georeferenced files of vegetative data and sensitive species occurrences.</i>		
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**22.44.1880 Wetlands.**

A. Where the biological assessment required by section 22.44.1870 or the initial biological inventory required by subsection N of Section 22.44.840 indicates the presence or potential for wetland species or indicators, the applicant shall additionally submit a delineation of all wetland areas on the project site. Wetland delineations shall be based on the definitions contained in Section 13577(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

B. Wetland delineations will be conducted according to the definitions of wetland boundaries contained in Section 13577(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. A preponderance of hydric soils or a preponderance of wetland plant indicator species will be considered presumptive evidence of wetland conditions. The delineation report will include at a minimum: (1) a map at a scale of 1":200' or larger with polygons delineating all wetland areas, polygons delineating all areas of vegetation with a preponderance of wetland indicator species, and the location of sampling points; and, (2) a description of the surface indicators used for delineating the wetland polygons. Paired sample points will be placed inside and outside of vegetation polygons and wetland polygons identified by the consultant doing the delineation.

**22.44.1890 Permitted uses.**

Development is prohibited in the following habitats, with the exception of the permitted uses listed below. Within the following habitat areas, these provisions shall supersede the allowable uses detailed in Sections 22.44.1700 through 22.44.1780.

A. Wetlands. Where it has been demonstrated that there is no feasible less-environmentally-damaging alternative, and where feasible mitigation measures have been provided to minimize adverse environmental effects:

1. Wetlands-related scientific research and wetlands-related educational uses.
2. Incidental public service purposes, including but not limited to, burying cables and pipes or inspection of piers and maintenance of existing intake and outfall lines.
3. Wetland restoration projects where the primary purpose is restoration of the habitat.
4. Access to recreation areas or legal parcels where there is no other feasible alternative, and where all efforts have been undertaken to share multiple access needs in one access facility.

B. Streams.

1. Necessary water supply projects.
2. Flood protection where no other method for protecting existing structures in the floodplain is feasible and where such protection is necessary for public safety or to protect existing development. Flood control measures shall not diminish or change any of the following: stream channel morphology, flow or infiltration capacity, or habitat values, including but not limited to fish passage. Channel redirection or hardening may be permitted only if all less-intrusive flood control efforts have been considered and have been found to be infeasible, in accordance with Section 22.44.1920 G. Such less-intrusive measures shall include, but not be limited to, biostructures, vegetation, and soil bioengineering.

3. Developments and restoration projects which have as the primary function the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat.

4. Access road, consistent with Section 22.44.1920 C, to a lawfully-permitted use, only where all of the following apply:

- i. There is no other feasible alternative to provide access to public recreation areas or approved development on a legal parcel;

- ii. The stream crossing is accomplished by bridging;
- iii. The bridge columns are located as far outside streambeds and banks as feasible;
- iv. Shared bridges are used for providing access to multiple development sites;
- v. Removal or other impacts to riparian vegetation are minimized to the greatest extent feasible;
- vi. All feasible mitigation measures have been provided to minimize adverse environmental effects to the stream, riparian habitat, and water quality.
- vii. Culverts may be utilized for the crossing of minor drainages lacking all of the following: streambed; streambanks; and riparian vegetation.

C. H1 Habitat Area.

- 1. Public accessways and trails, including directional signs.
- 2. Interpretive signage designed to provide information about the value and protection of the resources.
- 3. Restoration projects where the primary purpose is restoration of the habitat.
- 4. Invasive species eradication projects if they are designed to protect and enhance habitat values.
- 5. Low impact campgrounds, where no significant impacts to H1 Habitat resources will occur.
- 6. Public works projects to protect existing public roads, consistent with Section 22.44.1920 F.
- 7. Access road consistent with Section 22.44.1920 C to a lawfully-permitted use only where all of the following apply:
  - a. There is no other feasible alternative to provide access to public recreation areas or development on a legal parcel;
  - b. Removal of H1 habitat area is avoided to the maximum extent feasible;
  - c. Any stream crossing within H1 is accomplished by bridging with the bridge columns located as far outside streambeds and banks as feasible, shared bridges are used for providing access to multiple development sites, and removal or other impacts to riparian vegetation is minimized to the greatest extent feasible;
  - d. Removal or encroachment into the protected zones or driplines of oak, sycamore, walnut, bay, or other native trees are avoided: if encroachment into the protected zones or driplines of such trees is unavoidable, root bridges shall be incorporated into the road design to avoid impacts to tree roots;
  - e. All feasible mitigation measures have been provided to avoid significant disruption of H1 habitat values.

D. H1 Habitat Buffer (all land within 100 feet of H1).

- 1. Public accessways and trails, including directional signs
- 2. Interpretive signage designed to provide information about the value and protection of the resources
- 3. Restoration projects where the primary purpose is restoration of the habitat.
- 4. Invasive species eradication projects if they are designed to protect and enhance habitat values.
- 5. Low impact campsites.
- 6. Public works projects to protect existing public roads, consistent with Section 22.44.1920.F.

7. Access road, consistent with Section 22.44.1920 C, to a lawfully-permitted use only where all of the following apply:

- a. There is no other feasible alternative to provide access to public recreation areas or development on a legal parcel;
- b. The road is sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade H1 Habitat,
- c. The road is compatible with the continuance of H1 Habitat;
- d. All feasible mitigation measures have been provided to minimize adverse environmental effects.

8. A development not permitted in H1 Habitat Buffer may be approved only where all of the following apply:

- a. The project site is a lawfully created parcel;
- b. The development is the minimum necessary to provide the landowner a reasonable economic use of the property, and in no case shall it exceed the maximum standards provided in Sections 22.44.1910-1920;
- c. There is no other feasible alternative building site location that can avoid the H1 Habitat Buffer;
- d. The maximum feasible buffer width is provided between the development and the H1 Habitat area;
- e. The development is sited and designed to prevent impacts that would significantly degrade H1 Habitat;
- f. All feasible mitigation measures have been provided to minimize adverse environmental effects.

E. H1 Quiet Zone (all land within 100 feet of H1 Habitat Buffer)

1. Non-irrigated fuel modification required by the Fire Department for lawfully-established structures.

2. Public accessways and trails, including directional signs.

3. Interpretive signage designed to provide information about the value and protection of the resources.

4. Restoration projects where the primary purpose is restoration of the habitat.

5. Invasive species eradication projects if they are designed to protect and enhance habitat values.

6. Campgrounds, low-impact.

7. Public works projects to protect existing public roads, consistent with Section 22.44.1920.F.

8. Access road, consistent with Section 22.44.1920 C, to a lawfully-permitted use only where all of the following apply: there is no other feasible alternative to provide access to public recreation areas or development on a legal parcel; no fuel modification required by the Fire Department would extend into the H1 Habitat Buffer; the road is sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade H1; and all feasible mitigation measures have been provided to minimize adverse environmental effects.

9. Equestrian pasture outside of the fuel modification area for the principal permitted use, consistent with Section 22.44.1950 E, only where all of the following apply: the development is sited and designed to ensure that no Fire Department required fuel modification extends into H1 Habitat or H1 Habitat Buffer, it will not significantly degrade H1 habitat, and will not adversely affect wildlife usage, including movement patterns, of the local area or region. If the Quiet Zone is within the fuel modification zone, confined animal facilities may be established on slopes of 3:1 or less and subject to the recommendation of the ERB.

10. A development not permitted in H1 Habitat Quiet Zone may be approved only where all of the following apply:

- a. The project site is a lawfully created parcel;
- b. The development is the minimum necessary to provide the landowner a reasonable economic use of the property, and in no case shall it exceed the maximum standards provided in Sections 22.44.1910-1920;
- c. There is no other feasible alternative building site location that can avoid the H1 Quiet Zone;
- d. The maximum feasible quiet zone width is provided between the development and the H1 Habitat Buffer;
- e. The development is sited and designed to prevent impacts that would significantly degrade H1 Habitat;
- f. All feasible mitigation measures have been provided to minimize adverse environmental effects.

11. If an area designated as the Quiet Zone contains areas of other mapped Habitat Categories (e.g., H2, H3), the development standards, including the permitted uses, that are most restrictive shall regulate development of the area.

**22.44.1900 Buffers.**

New development adjacent to H1 habitat shall provide native vegetation buffer areas to serve as transitional habitat and provide distance and physical barriers to human intrusion. Buffers shall be of a sufficient size to ensure the biological integrity and preservation of the habitat they are designed to protect. Vegetation removal, vegetation thinning, or planting of non-native or invasive vegetation shall not be permitted within buffers.

**A. H1 Habitat.**

1. New non- resource dependent development shall provide a buffer of no less than 100 feet from H1 Habitat, unless otherwise provided in Section 22.44.1900 (Permitted Uses). For streams and riparian habitat, the buffer shall be measured from the outer edge of the canopy of riparian vegetation. Where riparian vegetation is not present, the buffer shall be measured from the outer edge of the bank of the subject stream. For woodland habitat, the buffer shall be measured from the outer edge of the woodland tree canopy. For coastal bluff habitat, the buffer shall be measured from the bluff edge. For wetlands, the buffer shall be measured from the upland limit of the wetland. For all other H1 habitat, the buffer shall be measured from the outer extent of the vegetation that makes up the habitat.

2. New development shall also provide an additional 100-foot “Quiet Zone” from H1 Habitat where feasible (measured from the outer edge of the 100 ft. H1 Habitat buffer required above), unless otherwise provided in Section 22.44.1900(E) (Permitted Uses-H1 Quiet Zone).

**22.44.1910 Land Planning and Development Standards.**

**A.** New non-resource dependent development shall be prohibited in areas designated H1 Habitat in order to protect these most sensitive environmental resource areas from disruption of habitat values, unless otherwise provided in Section 22.44.1900 (Permitted Uses) and subject to the standards of this section and Section 22.44.1970 (Mitigation).

**B.** New development shall avoid H2 Habitat (including H2 High Scrutiny Habitat), where feasible, in order to protect these sensitive environmental resource areas from disruption of habitat values, unless otherwise provided in Section 22.44.1900 (Permitted Uses) and subject to the standards of this section and Section 22.44.1970 (Mitigation). H2 High Scrutiny Habitat is considered a rare and extra sensitive H2 Habitat subcategory that shall be given protection priority over other H2 habitat and shall be avoided to the maximum extent feasible.

**C.** New development shall be sited in a manner that avoids the most biologically-sensitive habitat on site where feasible, in the following order of priority (H1, H2 High Scrutiny, H2, H3), while not conflicting with other LCP policies. Priority shall be given to siting development in H3 Habitat, but outside of areas that contain undisturbed native vegetation that

is not part of a larger contiguous habitat area. If infeasible, priority shall be given to siting new development in such H3 Habitat. If it is infeasible to site development in H3 habitat areas, development may be sited in H2 Habitat. New development shall only be allowed in H2 Habitat if it is demonstrated to be infeasible to avoid H2 Habitat in order to provide a reasonable economic use of the property, and if it is consistent with the development standards of this section and all other provisions of the LCP. New non-resource dependent development is prohibited in H1 habitat unless otherwise provided in Section 22.44.1900, and subject to the requirement that no significant unmitigated adverse impacts to H1 Habitat will occur.

D. Protection of H1 and H2 habitat and public access shall take priority over other development standards, and where there is any conflict between the biological resource and/or public access protection standards and other development standards, the standards that are most protective of H1 and H2 habitat and public access shall have precedence.

E. New development shall be sited and designed to minimize impacts to H2 Habitat. If there is no feasible alternative that can eliminate all impacts to H2 habitat, then the alternative that would result in the fewest or least significant impacts to H2 habitat shall be selected. Impacts to H2 habitat that cannot be avoided through the implementation of siting and design alternatives shall be fully mitigated in accordance with Section 22.44.1950.

F. New development shall be clustered on site to the maximum extent feasible to minimize impacts to H2 habitat areas.

G. New development shall be located as close as possible to existing roadways, services and other developments to minimize impacts to H2 habitat areas.

H. New development shall minimize impacts to H3 habitat by clustering structures and limiting the building site area to that provided in subsection I below.

I. In H2 or H3 habitat areas, the maximum allowable building site area (as defined in Section 22.44.630) shall be 10,000 square feet, or 25 percent of the parcel size, whichever is less. The restriction of the building site area to less than the maximum may be required if the Director determines that a smaller building site area would serve to avoid impacts to priority habitat areas, substantially minimize grading associated with the project, reduce the need for manufactured slopes, or reduce the need for retaining features visible from scenic areas, public trails, and public lands. Other provisions of this LIP, including but not limited to the native tree protection requirements of Section 22.44.1920.K may also require a smaller building site area.

The allowable building site area may be increased for projects that qualify for participation in the incentive program set forth in Section 22.44.1430. The allowable building site area may also be increased for projects that comprise two adjoining legal lots, if the existing lots are merged into one lot and one consolidated building site is provided with one access road or driveway. The allowable building site area shall not exceed the total of the building site areas allowed for each individual parcel.

J. In Rural Villages, new development shall be sited and designed to avoid adverse impacts to either undisturbed or disturbed oak woodland habitat. Where there is no feasible alternative to avoid oak woodland habitat in order to provide a reasonable economic use of the property, ensure public health and safety, or fulfill ADA requirements for reasonable accommodation, removal of oak woodland habitat within Rural Villages may be allowed if limited to the minimum area necessary to achieve the purpose allowed and in compliance with the maximum structure size allowed by Section 22.44.2140. In no case shall the removal of oak woodland habitat exceed 10 percent of the total oak woodland area on the subject property. Where removal of oak woodland is allowed, oak tree mitigation shall be required pursuant to Section 22.44.1920.K below.

K. New development proposed in H2 habitat on a parcel with existing, legally-established development shall be limited to the existing developed footprint of the parcel including fuel modification areas as set forth herein, and shall not increase fuel modification

areas required by the Fire Department for the existing legal development, unless otherwise provided below.

L. Confined animal facilities may be established in H2 habitat subject to an administrative Coastal Development Permit within any fuel modification zone on slopes of 3:1 or less, subject to the limitations and requirements of Section 22.44.1950 below.

M. Grazing of horses or other livestock may be allowed in H2 Habitat outside the fuel modification zone for the principal permitted use, on slopes of 4:1 or less, subject to a major CDP and the limitations and requirements of Section 22.44.1950 below.

N. Land divisions and lot line adjustments may only be approved in accordance with Sections 22.44.640 and 22.44.680, respectively, and where substantial evidence demonstrates that each parcel resulting from the land division or lot line adjustment contains an identified, feasible building site that is located outside of H1 habitat, H2 "High Scrutiny" Habitat, H2 habitat, and H1 habitat buffer and would not require vegetation removal or thinning for fuel modification in H1, H2 "High Scrutiny", or H2 habitats, and/or the H1 habitat buffer.

#### **22.44.1920 Development Standards.**

A. Grading and vegetation removal.

1. New development in H2 and H3 habitat areas shall be sited and designed to minimize removal of native vegetation and required fuel modification and brushing to the maximum extent feasible in order to minimize habitat disturbance or destruction, removal or modification of natural vegetation, and irrigation of natural areas, while providing for fire safety, consistent with Section 22.44.1240. Where clearance to mineral soil is not required by the Fire Department, fuel load shall be reduced through thinning or mowing, rather than complete removal of vegetation. All vegetation removal, thinning and mowing required for new development must avoid disturbance of wildlife and special-status species, including nesting birds. Where vegetation removal and/or construction is proposed in potential suitable habitat areas for nesting birds during bird nesting season (typically late February through August), nesting bird surveys shall be conducted 30 days prior to construction to detect any active bird nests in the vegetation to be removed and any other such habitat within 500 feet of the construction area to avoid take of a nesting bird, as required under State and federal law. The last survey shall be conducted 3 days prior to the initiation of clearance/construction. If an active songbird nest is located, clearing/construction within 300 feet shall be postponed until the nest(s) is vacated and juveniles have fledged and there is no evidence of a second attempt at nesting. If an active raptor, rare, threatened, endangered, or species of concern nest is found, clearing/construction within 500 feet shall be postponed until the nest(s) is vacated and juveniles have fledged and there is no evidence of a second attempt at nesting. Limits of construction to avoid a nest shall be established in the field with flagging and stakes or construction fencing. Construction personnel shall be instructed on the sensitivity of the area. The project biologist shall record the results of the protective measures described above to document compliance with applicable State and Federal laws pertaining to protection of nesting birds.

2. Alternative fuel modification measures, such as firewalls and landscaping techniques, to mitigate for fuel modification requirements in habitat areas, buffers, designated open space, or public parkland areas shall be prohibited.

3. New development shall be sited and designed to minimize the amount of grading, consistent with the standards of Section 22.44.1260 of the LIP. Cut and fill slopes shall be minimized by the use of retaining walls, where consistent with all other provisions of the LCP.

B. Fencing.

1. Fencing within H1 habitat, or within 100 feet of H1 habitat, is prohibited, except where necessary for public safety or habitat protection or restoration. Permitted fencing

shall be wildlife-permeable, except where temporary fencing is required to keep wildlife from habitat restoration areas. Barbed-wire and chainlink fencing are prohibited.

2. Development permitted within H2 or H3 habitat may include fencing, if necessary for safety, that is limited to the immediate building site area and shall extend no further than the outer extent of Fuel Modification Zone B (100 feet from structures that require fuel modification). Fencing shall be no more than 6 feet in height and shall be wildlife-permeable. Perimeter fencing of a parcel, and barbed-wire and chainlink fencing, are prohibited.

3. Where confined animal facilities are allowed pursuant to this chapter, fencing may be allowed for pasture, corrals, stables, and riding rings if such fencing is no more than 6 feet in height and wildlife permeable.

C. Access roads and trails.

1. These provisions apply to access roads that are wholly new, incorporate any portion of an existing access road, or require the widening, improvement or modification of an existing, lawfully constructed road in order to comply with County Fire Department access development standards.

a. No more than one access road or driveway with one hammerhead-type turnaround area providing access to the one approved development area may be permitted as part of a development permitted in H2 Habitat or H2 "High Scrutiny" Habitat unless the Fire Department determines that a different access arrangement is necessary in the interests of public safety..

b. An access road or driveway shall only be permitted concurrently with the use it is intended to serve, except for the approval of geologic testing roads pursuant to Section 22.44.1430.

c. Grading, landform alteration, and vegetation removal for access roads and driveways shall be minimized to the greatest extent feasible. The length of the one access road or driveway shall be the minimum necessary to provide access to the one approved building site area on a legal parcel. The alignment and design of the access road or driveway shall avoid impacts to H1 and H2 habitat, or if avoidance is not feasible, shall minimize such impacts. In no case shall new on-site or off-site access roads or driveways exceed a maximum of 300 feet or one-third the parcel depth, whichever is less, unless the County finds, based on substantial evidence, that a variance of this standard is warranted, in accordance with the requirements of Section 22.44.1150. d. In addition to the required findings set forth in subsection H of Section 22.44.1150, findings shall be made that alternative building sites within the property or project have been considered and eliminated from consideration based on physical infeasibility or the potential for substantial habitat destruction if any such alternative site is used.

d. The width and grade of an access road or driveway and the size of the hammerhead turnaround approved shall be the minimum required by the Fire Department for that development project.

e. For all Habitat Categories, or any area of high potential erosion hazard as identified by ERB, a minor Coastal Development Permit is required if the access road for a development goes through at least one vacant parcel.

2. Public Accessways, Trails and Campsites. Public accessways, trails, and low-impact campsites shall be an allowed use in H1 and H2 habitat areas. Accessways to and along the shoreline shall be sited, designed, and managed to avoid and/or protect marine mammal hauling grounds, seabird nesting and roosting sites, sensitive rocky points and intertidal areas, and coastal dunes. Inland public trails and low-impact campsites shall be located, designed, and maintained to avoid or minimize impacts to H1 or H2 Habitat areas and other coastal resources by utilizing established trail corridors, following natural contours to minimize grading, and avoiding naturally vegetated areas with significant native plant species to



the maximum extent feasible. Trails shall be constructed in a manner that minimizes grading and runoff.

D. Leachfields shall be located at least 100 feet and seepage pits shall be located at least 150 feet from any stream, as measured from the outer edge of riparian canopy, or from the stream bank where no riparian vegetation is present, and at least 50 feet outside the dripline of existing oak, sycamore, walnut, bay, and other native trees.

E. Lighting. The lighting requirements of this section shall supersede the standards of Section 22.44.1270. Exterior lighting (except traffic lights, navigational lights, and other similar safety lighting) shall be minimized, restricted to low-intensity features, shielded, and cause no light to trespass into native habitat to minimize impacts on wildlife. Night lighting for development allowed in H2 or H3 Habitat may be permitted when subject to the following standards.

1. The minimum lighting necessary shall be used to light walkways used for entry and exit to the structures, including parking areas, on the site. This lighting shall be limited to fixtures that do not exceed two feet in height, that are directed downward, and use bulbs that do not exceed 60 watts, or the equivalent. Lighting of driveways or access roads is prohibited.

2. Security lighting attached to the residence or permitted accessory structures that is controlled by motion detectors and is limited to 60 watts, or the equivalent.

3. Night lighting for confined animal facilities, shall be permitted if it can be demonstrated on the basis of substantial evidence that the lighting is confined to the immediate area of illumination, without upward glow or spillage. Arena or round pen lighting shall be by bollards or lights affixed to the arena fence not to exceed 4 feet in height in either case. All lighting must be shielded to prevent vagrant light, spillage and loom. Necessary security lighting attached to a barn or storage structure that is controlled by motion detectors and limited to 60 watts or equivalent pursuant to Section 22.44.1910.

4. Lighting is prohibited around the perimeter of the parcel or for aesthetic purposes.

5. Prior to issuance of a Coastal Development Permit, the applicant shall be required to execute and record a deed restriction reflecting the above restrictions. Public agencies shall not be required to record a deed restriction, but may be required to submit a written statement agreeing to any applicable restrictions contained in this subsection.

F. Public works projects. For public works projects that involve necessary repair and/or maintenance of drainage devices and road-side slopes within and adjacent to streams, riparian habitat, or any H1 or H2 habitat in order to protect existing public roads, a minor Coastal Development Permit is required. Such repair and maintenance projects that are located outside the road right-of-way or the "roadway prism", or are located within a H1 or H2 habitat, are not exempt development under Section 22.44.820 A 3 and require a permit. In addition to all other provisions of the LCP, the following requirements shall apply to these projects:

1. The development shall be the minimum design necessary to protect existing development in order to minimize adverse impacts to coastal resources.

2. The development shall avoid encroachment into H1 Habitat, H1 Habitat buffers, and H2 Habitat to the maximum extent feasible. Where it is determined to be infeasible to avoid habitat areas, removal of habitat shall be minimized to the extent feasible and all feasible mitigation measures shall be provided, including the habitat impact mitigation requirements of Section 22.44.1970.

3. Habitat areas temporarily disturbed by grading and construction activities shall be revegetated with native plant species appropriate for the type of habitat impacted, pursuant to a Restoration Plan that is required as a condition of approval and meets the requirements of Section 22.44.1920.L.

4. The adverse impacts to biological resources resulting from habitat areas that are permanently removed or impacted shall be mitigated through either on-site or off-site

restoration as a condition of approval , consistent with the habitat restoration mitigation requirements and ratios of Section 22.44.1970.

5. As a condition of approval of the subject permit, bird surveys shall be conducted 30 days prior to construction to detect any active bird nests in the vegetation to be removed and any other such habitat within 500 feet of the construction area. The last survey shall be conducted 3 days prior to the initiation of clearance/construction. If an active songbird nest is located, clearing/construction within 300 feet shall be postponed until the nest(s) is vacated and juveniles have fledged and there is no evidence of a second attempt at nesting. If an active raptor, rare, threatened, endangered, or species of concern nest is found, clearing/construction within 500 feet shall be postponed until the nest(s) is vacated and juveniles have fledged and there is no evidence of a second attempt at nesting. Limits of construction to avoid a nest shall be established in the field with flagging and stakes or construction fencing. Construction personnel shall be instructed on the sensitivity of the area. The project biologist shall record the results of the protective measures described above to document compliance with applicable State and Federal laws pertaining to protection of nesting birds.

G. Flood Control. Alterations to streams may be allowed only when required for flood control projects where no other less damaging alternative is feasible, when necessary to protect public safety or existing development, and if the best mitigation measures feasible are incorporated. Bioengineering methods or "soft solutions" shall be utilized as an alternative to constructing rock rip-rap revetments, vertical retaining walls or other "hard structures". If bioengineering methods are demonstrated to be infeasible, then other alternatives may be considered. Where rock rip-rap revetments are determined necessary within streams or on stream banks, the rock shall be laid back to the maximum extent feasible and vegetated where feasible by incorporating geotextile filter fabric, live willow stakes and planting with other riparian plant species in the construction design. The use of rock rip rap in energy dissipating devices or revetments within or adjacent to streams shall be ungrouted. The portion of the stream and associated riparian habitat that is displaced as a result of the stream alteration development shall require restoration as a condition of approval of the subject permit, consistent with the restoration mitigation requirements and ratios of Section 22.44.1970.

H. Chemicals and Mosquito Abatement.

1. The use of insecticides, herbicides, anti-coagulant rodenticides, and any other toxic chemical substance which has the potential to significantly degrade biological resources in the Santa Monica Mountains, shall be prohibited, except where necessary to protect or enhance the habitat itself, such as for eradication of invasive plant species or habitat restoration, and where there were no feasible alternatives that would result in fewer adverse effects to the habitat value of the site. Application of such chemical substances shall not take place during the winter season or when rain is predicted within a week of application. Herbicide application necessary to prevent regrowth of highly invasive exotic vegetation such as giant reed/cane (*Arundo donax*) shall be restricted to the best available and least toxic product and method in order to minimize adverse impacts to wildlife and the potential for introduction of herbicide into the aquatic environment or onto adjacent non-targeted vegetation. In no instance shall herbicide application occur if wind speeds on site are greater than 5 mph or 48 hours prior to predicted rain. In the event that rain does occur, herbicide application shall not resume again until 72 hours after rain.

2. Mosquito abatement within or adjoining H1 habitat shall be limited to the implementation of the minimum measures necessary to protect human health, and shall be accomplished by the use of larvicides that are specific to mosquito larvae and will not have any adverse impacts to non-target species, including fish, frogs, turtles, birds, or other insects and invertebrates.

I. Future Improvements. Any Coastal Development Permit that includes the approval of structures within 200 feet of H1, H2 “High Scrutiny”, or H2 Habitat shall be conditioned to require that any future improvements to the approved development will require an amendment or new Coastal Development Permit. The Coastal Development Permit shall specify that the exemptions otherwise provided in Section 22.44.820 A 1 and/or Section 22.44.820 A 2 shall not apply to the development approved therein. The condition shall require the applicant to provide evidence of the recordation of a deed restriction against the property, free of prior encumbrances except tax liens, the text of which has been approved by the Director, reflecting the future improvements restriction. The deed restriction shall apply to the entirety of the project site, and shall insure that any future structures, future improvements, or change of use to the permitted structures authorized by the Coastal Development Permit, including but not limited to, any grading, clearing or other disturbance of vegetation shall require the approval of an amendment to the Coastal Development Permit or the approval of an additional Coastal Development Permit, and that the exemptions otherwise provided in Section 22.44.820 A 1 and/or Section 22.44.820 A 2 shall not apply.

J. Open Space Requirement. All Coastal Development Permits that include the approval of structures within H2 “High Scrutiny” Habitat or H2 Habitat, shall be conditioned to require the preservation in perpetuity of the remaining habitat onsite. All portions of the project site outside of the Fire Department required irrigated fuel modification area (Zones A and B) shall be designated as an Open Space Conservation Easement Area to be held by the County on behalf of the People of the State of California unless facilities permitted by the LIP are allowed.. The permit condition and the easement shall indicate that no development, as defined in Section 22.44.630, grazing, or agricultural activities shall occur within the Open Space Conservation Easement Area, with the exception of the following:

1. Fuel modification required by the Fire Department undertaken in accordance with the final approved fuel modification plan for the permitted development and/or required brush clearance required by the County for existing development on adjacent properties;

2. Drainage and polluted runoff control activities required and approved by the County for the permitted development;

3. If approved by the County as an amendment to the Coastal Development Permit or a new Coastal Development Permit:

a. Planting of native vegetation and other restoration activities;

b. Construction and maintenance of public hiking trails;

c. Construction and maintenance of roads, trails, and utilities consistent with easements in existence prior to approval of the permit;

d. Confined animal facilities only where consistent with Section 22.44.1950.

e. The applicant shall provide evidence of the recordation of a valid dedication to the County of Los Angeles (and acceptance by the County) of a permanent, irrevocable open space easement in favor of the People of the State of California over the Open Space Conservation Easement Area for the purpose of habitat protection, the text of which has been approved by the Director. The recorded easement document shall include a formal legal description of the entire property and a metes and bounds legal description and graphic depiction, prepared by a licensed surveyor, of the open space conservation easement area; and it shall be recorded free of prior encumbrances except tax liens. The recorded document shall reflect that no development shall occur within the open space conservation easement area except as otherwise set forth in the Coastal Development Permit condition, consistent with the exceptions detailed in this Section. Recordation of said easement on the project site shall be permanent.

K. Native Tree Protection. New development shall be sited and designed to preserve native oak, walnut, sycamore, bay, or other native trees, that have at least one trunk measuring six inches or more in diameter, or a combination of any two trunks measuring a total of eight inches or more in diameter, measured at four and one-half feet above natural grade, to the maximum extent feasible. Removal of native trees shall be prohibited except where no other feasible alternative exists. Development shall be sited to prevent any encroachment into the protected zone of individual native trees. Protected Zone means that area within the dripline of the tree and extending at least five feet beyond the dripline, or 15 feet from the trunk of the tree, whichever is greater. If there is no feasible alternative that can prevent tree removal or encroachment, then the alternative that would result in the fewest or least significant impacts shall be selected. Adverse impacts to native trees shall be fully mitigated, with priority given to on-site mitigation. Mitigation shall not substitute for implementation of the project alternative that would avoid impacts to sensitive resources. The permit shall include the mitigation requirements as conditions of approval.

1. Mitigation. When unavoidable adverse impacts to native trees may result from permitted development, the impacts must be mitigated in accordance with the following standards:

Impact	Mitigation Ratio (no. of replacement trees required for every 1 tree impacted/removed)
Removal	10:1
> 30% encroachment into protected zone	10:1
Encroachment that extends within 3 ft. of tree trunk	10:1
Trimming branch with over 11 in. diameter	5:1
10-30% encroachment into protected zone	5:1
< 10% encroachment into protected zone	None. Monitoring required.

Where development encroaches into less than 30% of the protected zone of native trees, each affected tree shall be monitored annually for a period of not less than 10 years. An annual monitoring report shall be submitted for review by the County for each of the 10 years. Should any of these trees be lost or suffer worsened health or vigor as a result of the proposed development, the applicant shall mitigate the impacts at a 10:1 ratio with seedling-sized trees.

Any Coastal Development Permit that includes native tree removal or encroachment requiring mitigation above, shall include as a condition the requirement that the applicant shall submit a native tree replacement planting program, prepared by a qualified biologist, arborist, or other resource specialist, which specifies replacement tree locations, tree or seedling size, planting specifications, and a monitoring program to ensure that the replacement planting program is successful, including performance standards for determining whether replacement trees are healthy and growing normally, and procedures for periodic monitoring and implementation of corrective measures in the event that the health of replacement trees declines. The applicant shall plant seedlings, less than one year old on an area of the project site where there is suitable habitat. In the case of oak trees, the seedlings shall be grown from acorns collected in the area. Where on-site mitigation through planting replacement trees is not feasible, off-site mitigation shall be provided at a suitable site that is restricted from development or is public parkland. The applicant shall plant seedlings, less than

one year old in an area where there is suitable habitat. In the case of oak trees, the seedlings shall be grown from acorns collected in the area.

2. Tree Protection Measures

a. Protective fencing shall be used around the outermost limits of the protected zones of the native trees within or adjacent to the construction area that may be disturbed during construction or grading activities. Before the commencement of any clearing, grading, or other construction activities, protective fencing shall be placed around each applicable tree. Fencing shall be maintained in place for the duration of all construction. No construction, grading, staging, or materials storage shall be allowed within the fenced exclusion areas, or within the protected zones of any on site native trees.

b. Any approved development, including grading or excavation, that encroaches into the protected zone of a native tree shall be constructed using only hand-held tools.

c. The applicants shall retain the services of a qualified independent biological consultant or arborist, approved by the Director to monitor native trees that are within or adjacent to the construction area. Public agencies may utilize their own staff who have the appropriate classification. If any breach in the protective fencing occurs, all work shall be suspended until the fence is repaired or replaced.

d. The permit shall include these requirements as conditions of approval.

L. Restoration. Any Coastal Development Permit for development that includes impacts to H1, H2 “High Scrutiny” or H2 Habitat that are required to be reduced through habitat restoration and/or enhancement shall include a condition requiring the preparation and implementation of a detailed habitat restoration/enhancement plan that, at a minimum, includes all of the following:

1. A detailed restoration or enhancement plan. The habitat restoration area shall be delineated on a detailed site plan, to scale, that illustrates the parcel boundaries, topography, existing habitat types, species, size, and location of all native plant materials to be planted. The habitat restoration plan shall be prepared by a qualified resource specialist or biologist familiar with the ecology of the Santa Monica Mountains and shall be designed to restore the area in question for habitat function, species diversity and vegetation cover appropriate for the type of habitat in question. The restoration plan shall include an evaluation of existing habitat quality, statement of goals and performance standards, revegetation and restoration methodology, and maintenance and monitoring provisions.

2. The habitat restoration/enhancement plan shall specify that habitat restoration and/or enhancement shall be monitored for a period of no less than five years following completion. Specific restoration objectives and performance standards shall be designed to measure the success of the restoration and/or enhancement. Mid-course corrections shall be implemented if necessary. Monitoring reports shall be provided to the County annually and at the conclusion of the five-year monitoring period that document the success or failure of the restoration. If performance standards are not met by the end of five years, the monitoring period shall be extended until the standards are met. The restoration will be considered successful after the success criteria have been met for a period of at least 2 years without any maintenance or remedial activities other than exotic species control. At the County’s discretion, final performance monitoring will be conducted by an independent monitor or County staff with the appropriate classification, supervised by the city biologist and paid for by the applicant. If success criteria are not met within 10 years, the applicant shall submit an amendment proposing alternative restoration.

M. Variances. Modifications to development standards that are not directly related to H1 protection (e.g., required yards, height limits, etc.) shall be permitted where necessary to

avoid or minimize impacts to H1. All such variance requests shall include the required findings of approval or denial found in Section 22.44.1150 (Variances)

**22.44.1930 Crop Uses.**

New or expanded crop development shall be prohibited in all habitat categories, except for residential vegetable gardens for the exclusively noncommercial use of the resident(s). Such vegetable gardens shall only be allowed within the building site or within Fuel Modification Zone A, and shall only be allowed if they meet the conditions for an exemption from the Coastal Development Permit requirements. Continued growing of existing, lawfully established, crops is allowed where such crops meet all of the limitations and conditions found in Section 22.44.1300 (Crops).

**22.44.1940 Confined Animal Facilities.**

A. Development permitted within the fuel modification for the principal permitted use in H2 or H3 Habitat may include accessory confined animal facilities limited to stables, barns, shelters, tack rooms, corrals, turnout pens, hay storage structures, loafing sheds, non-irrigated arenas and pens, manure management facilities, water troughs, horse trailer storage, covered equipment storage, non-irrigated pastures, wash rack, mounting blocks, tie racks, and wildlife permeable fencing associated with any of the above, in accordance with this section and Section 22.44.1450. Night lighting for these facilities is prohibited, except as set forth in subsection 22.44.1920 E.3.

B. Within H3 Habitat areas, accessory equestrian facilities allowed by Part A above may be located within or outside of the fuel modification area required by the Fire Department for the principal permitted use, subject to all provisions of this LIP, including Sections 22.44.1910, 22.44.1450, and all required water quality BMPs consistent with Section 22.44.XX.

C. In areas of H2 habitat, accessory confined animal facilities allowed by Part A above may be allowed within the fuel modification area that is required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Zones A, B, and/or C if required) for the principal permitted use structure(s), in addition to the building site. Such uses may be located only on natural slopes of 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) or less steep, and may include the minimum grading necessary to establish such facilities. All such facilities must be constructed of non-flammable materials. These facilities may be established subject to the approval of an administrative Coastal Development Permit unless another form of Coastal Development Permit is required due to other provisions of this LIP. Facilities shall be clustered to the maximum extent feasible to minimize the area disturbed and to avoid or minimize expansion of the required fuel modification area for the principal permitted use.

D. Expansion to the required fuel modification area beyond what is required for the principal permitted use as a result of accessory confined animal facilities constructed within that area shall be avoided where feasible in the H2 Habitat area, but may be permitted subject to a major Coastal Development Permit. However, the additional fuel modification area required shall not exceed a maximum of 5 percent of the total parcel size, or two acres, whichever is less. The CDP approving development subject to this section shall include a condition requiring habitat impact mitigation for the additional fuel modification area, in accordance with Section 22.44.1970.

E. In areas of H2 Habitat or H1 Quiet Zone outside of the fuel modification zone for the principal permitted use, equestrian pasture comprised of only fenced areas for turnout (all fencing shall be wildlife-permeable), water troughs, and other minor improvements for which the Fire Department does not require fuel modification may be permitted outside of the fuel modification area required for the principal permitted use, subject to a major CDP, only when located on slopes no steeper than 4:1. Such pasture facilities shall not exceed an area more than 5 percent of the total parcel size, or two acres, whichever is less. Lighting and irrigation are

not allowed in these areas. No locally-indigenous vegetation may be removed except as incidental and necessary to the setting of posts for fencing, fencing and gates. The CDP approving development subject to this section shall include a condition requiring habitat impact mitigation, in accordance with Section 22.44.1970. If the Quiet Zone is located within the fuel modification area for the principal permitted use, those uses set forth in this LIP are permitted subject to the necessary approvals.

F. The maximum area of impacts to H2 Habitat outside of the fuel modification area required by the Fire Department for the approved structures comprising the principal permitted use for confined animal facilities shall be 5 percent of the total parcel size, or two acres, whichever is less, and this maximum shall be cumulative for facilities allowed by subsections D and E above.

G. Where confined animal facilities are approved as the only use of a parcel in H2 Habitat, instead of a principal permitted use, said use and its required fuel modification, if any, shall not exceed three (3) contiguous acres, including graded areas, if any, and shall be restricted to slopes of 3:1 or less.

#### **22.44.1950 Mitigation.**

New development shall be sited and designed to avoid any impacts to H1 Habitat, with the exception of uses permitted within H1 and H1 buffer, consistent with Sections 22.44.1900 C.6, 22.44.1900 D.6, and 22.44.1900 D.7. New development shall be sited and designed to avoid any impacts to H2 “High Scrutiny” Habitat and H2 Habitat, if feasible. If there is no feasible alternative that can avoid all impacts to H2 “High Scrutiny” Habitat and H2 Habitat, or if development is permitted within H1 or H1 buffer, then the alternative that would result in the fewest or least significant impacts shall be selected, consistent with Sections 22.44.1910 and 22.44.1920. The Coastal Development Permit shall include conditions that require implementation of all feasible mitigation measures that would significantly reduce adverse impacts of the development. Mitigation shall not substitute for the implementation of the project alternative that would avoid impacts. In addition to other mitigation measures required by the LCP, the following mitigation is required for unavoidable impacts to H1 and H2 Habitat.

A. Habitat Impact Mitigation. Unavoidable impacts to H1 habitat from the provision of less than a 100-foot H1 habitat buffer, and to H2 Habitat from direct removal or modification, shall be mitigated by the following, at a minimum. At its sole election, the County may require restoration as mitigation instead of reliance on the Resource Conservation program.

1. The County will administer a Resource Conservation Program (“RCP”), which shall consist of the expenditure of funds to be used for the acquisition of land containing substantial areas of habitat identified on the Biological Resource Map as H1 or H2 habitat or other properties in the coastal zone of the Santa Monica Mountains that contain critical habitat and/or wildlife linkages or other significant habitat values for the Santa Monica Mountains as determined by the County. The County commits to expend no less than \$2,000,000 over a ten-year period. An annual report shall be prepared that tracks the operation of the RCP and details:

a. An overview of each prospective year’s acquisition priorities and approach;

b. A statement of the prior year’s efforts in coordination with other agencies to enhance acquisition, preservation, protection, and connectivity of habitat and open space;

c. A summary of the acquisitions made for that year;

d. An annual monitoring report showing:

i. The number of CDPs issued: a) in the previous year, and b) cumulatively since the starting date of the Resource Conservation Program.

ii. The number of acres of each sensitive habitat classification allowed to be developed or otherwise impacted from issued CDPs: a) in the previous year, and b) cumulatively since the starting date of the Resource Conservation Program.

iii. The amount of the Habitat Impact Mitigation fee as determined in section b below;

iv. A table or tables depicting the cumulative acreage of impact from issued CDPs in relation to the acreage acquired pursuant to the RCP, the amount of the Habitat Impact Mitigation Fee calculated pursuant to section b below, and monies spent and monies remaining under the Resource Conservation Program. All acres of habitat shall be categorized by the number of acres of each sensitive habitat classification impacted/acquired;

e. A summary of other restoration or enhancement efforts in the Santa Monica Mountains, such as TDCs, donation of other property, and grants for further funding of the Resource Conservation Program.

B. For purposes of the annual monitoring report, the amount of the Habitat Impact Mitigation fee shall be calculated as follows:

1. Current In-Lieu Fee: Using the current practice of the Commission as a reasonable approximation of the value of habitat impacted, during the first five years following certification of this LCP, the amount of the Habitat Impact Mitigation fee shall be determined by multiplying the number of acres of sensitive habitat allowed to be impacted by issued CDPs by the current in-lieu fee set by the Commission, namely: \$12,000 per acre for the development area of the principal permitted use and \$3,000 per acre for the fuel modification areas.

2. Updated In-Lieu Fee: For all annual monitoring reports submitted after this initial five year period, the amount of the Habitat Impact Mitigation fee shall be determined by multiplying the number of acres of sensitive habitat allowed to be impacted by issued CDPs by the in-lieu fee approved pursuant to the LCP amendment set forth in section d below.

At the close of the five-year period commencing upon certification of this LCP, and at the conclusion of the ten-year period, the County will review progress achieved in relation to the impacts of projects approved by the County. At the close of the five-year period, the County and the Coastal Commission shall meet to cooperatively consider the information contained in the annual monitoring reports. The results of these discussions shall be reported to the Commission with a recommendation from Coastal Commission staff as to whether the RCP has provided over the first five years of its operation at least an equivalent means of protecting sensitive habitat than the Habitat Impact Mitigation fee acting alone would have provided. If these discussions and recommendations provided by the Commission, if any, demonstrate that changes to the RCP are needed to ensure that the RCP provides at least an equivalent means of protecting sensitive habitat than would the Habitat Impact Mitigation fee alone, the County shall prepare an LCP amendment to so modify the RCP. If the County implements an extension of the Resource Conservation Program, or a similar program, the terms of such program shall be incorporated into this section through an LCP amendment certified by the Coastal Commission. Any expenditures exceeding \$2 million over the prior ten years shall be credited proportionately to the new term.

C. When the earliest of the following events occurs: 1) the ten year period ends; 2) the LCP amendment provided above terminates the program; or 3) the County elects to discontinue the Resource Conservation Program, each CDP that includes development resulting in unavoidable impacts to H1 habitat from the provision of less than a 100-foot H1 habitat buffer, and/or to H2 Habitat from direct removal or modification shall be conditioned to include the provision of the required in-lieu habitat impact mitigation fee, as detailed in this Section 22.44.1950, unless the County, at the end of ten years, elects to continue the RCP.

D. The amount of the habitat impact mitigation fee for H2 Habitat, on a per-acre basis, will be determined by an in-lieu fee study conducted by the County following certification of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program and before the issuance of the first



Coastal Development Permit by the County requiring a fee to be paid by the applicant. Such fee shall be approved pursuant to an amendment to this LCP. If at the time of issuance no amendment has been approved by the California Coastal Commission with full certification and jurisdiction returned, then the County shall collect the fee established in the in lieu fee study approved by the Board of Supervisors.

E. If the Resource Conservation Program is not in existence: The fee shall be applied to each acre of H1 Habitat impacted by the provision of less than a 100-foot H1 Habitat Buffer. The fee shall also be applied to each acre of H2 Habitat impacted by development through direct removal, or modification (including removal, thinning, and/or irrigation). A determination of the total number of acres of H1 and/or H2 Habitat and the total fee amount required (based on the fee per acre multiplied by the total number of acres of habitat impacted) shall be included in the findings of every Coastal Development Permit approved for development.

F. If the Resource Conservation Program is not in existence, a condition of approval on each Coastal Development Permit subject to the provisions of this section shall require the payment of the in-lieu fee into the "Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund" administered by the County.

G. The proceeds of the "Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund" will be used by the County to purchase properties that contain substantial areas of habitat identified on the Biological Resource Map as H1 Habitat or other properties that contain critical habitat and/or wildlife linkages or other significant habitat values for the Santa Monica Mountains as determined by the County.

H. Mitigation for unavoidable permanent impacts to H1 Habitat for one of the non-resource dependent uses allowed by this LCP shall be provided, at a minimum, through the restoration and/or enhancement of like habitat type, at the ratio of 4:1 (acres of restored habitat to each acre of impacted H1 Habitat) for wetland habitat, or the ratio of 3:1 (acres of restored habitat to each acre of impacted H1 Habitat) for all other H1 Habitat types. Priority shall be given to onsite restoration or enhancement, unless there is not sufficient area of disturbed habitat on the project site, in which case off-site mitigation may be allowed. The County shall coordinate with other public agencies and/or qualified non-profit land preservation organizations to establish priorities for offsite restoration and enhancement efforts, where appropriate, for proposed development projects lacking adequate onsite mitigation opportunities.

I. If the restoration site is offsite, written evidence that the property owner has irrevocably agreed to allow the restoration work, maintenance and monitoring required by this condition and not to disturb any native vegetation in the restoration area. The area of habitat to be restored shall be permanently preserved through the recordation of an open space deed restriction that applies to the entire restored area. The open space deed restriction shall be recorded free of prior encumbrances other than tax liens, prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit.

J. The habitat restoration or enhancement shall be carried out prior to or concurrently with construction of the development project. In any case, the restoration project shall be complete prior to the issuance of certificate(s) of occupancy for any structure(s) approved in the Coastal Development Permit.

## **SCENIC RESOURCE AREAS**

**22.44.1990 Establishment and Purpose.** The Santa Monica Mountains are a highly scenic area of regional and national importance. Scenic Resource Areas are established to protect and enhance the most significant scenic and visual qualities of the Santa Monica Mountains. Scenic Resource Areas include the scenic features identified on Map 3 and consist of Scenic Elements, Significant Ridgelines, and Scenic Routes. However, the entire Santa Monica Mountains area is visually sensitive, and therefore regulated herein.

**22.44.2000 Identification of Scenic Resource Areas.** The Scenic Resource Areas provisions shall apply to the following:

A. Any of the following features designated on the Scenic Resources map of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan as:

- Scenic Elements;
- Significant Ridgelines;
- Scenic Routes, and all property within 200 feet of the edge of the right-of-way for Scenic Routes.

B. All places visible from Scenic Routes, public parklands, trails, beaches, or state waters that offer scenic vistas of the mountains, canyons, coastline, beaches, or other unique natural features.

**22.44.2010 Review of development.**

A. All Coastal Development Permit applications shall be governed by these Scenic Resource provisions in addition to any other provisions of the certified LCP which may apply. Where applicable, Coastal Development Permits shall be conditioned to require compliance with any provision contained herein.

B. Filing requirements. In addition to the information required in Sections 22.44.840 and 22.44.1440, where property is located in one of the areas listed in Section 22.44.2000, an application for a Coastal Development Permit shall contain the following information:

1. Maps showing the existing topography of the subject property and project area, including all offsite improvement areas associated with the project, consistent with the requirements of Section 22.44.840.G. The following copies shall be submitted:

a. One copy of such map shall identify the locations of all drainage patterns, drainage courses and any other physical features which are customarily found on topographical maps prepared by the United States Geological Survey, and

b. A separate copy shall delineate all property having a natural slope of 0 to 14.99 percent, 15 to 24.99 percent, 25 to 32.99 percent, 33 to 49.99 percent, and a natural slope of 50 percent or more.

2. A grading plan to a scale satisfactory to the Director indicating all proposed grading, including the natural and finished elevations of all slopes to be graded, consistent with Section 22.44.840.R.

3. Such other information as the Planning Director determines to be necessary for adequate evaluation. The Planning Director may waive the filing of one or more of the above items if any item is deemed unnecessary for processing the application, as required by Section 22.44.840.CC.

**22.44.2020 Exemptions.** In addition to development exempted by Section 22.44.820, the following are exempted from the Scenic Resource Areas provisions:

A. Alterations or additions to any structure that do not cumulatively exceed 10 percent of the structure's floor area constructed pursuant to all required permits, including Coastal Development Permits, and existing on the effective date of the ordinance adding these provisions.

**22.44.2030 Uses.** Property in Scenic Resource Areas may be used for any permitted use subject to the same limitations and conditions of the underlying zone, if consistent with these Scenic Resource Area provisions, as well as all other applicable provisions of the LCP.

**22.44.2040 Development standards.** Property in Scenic Resource Areas shall be subject to the following development standards:

A. All Scenic Resource Areas:

1. View protection. New development shall be sited and designed to protect public views from Scenic Routes, public parklands, public trails, beaches, and state waters, and to protect public views of Significant Ridgelines and Scenic Elements through the provisions contained in this section.

a. Public works projects, including but not limited to retaining walls, abutments, bridges, and culverts, shall be constructed of materials, textures, veneers, and colors compatible with the surrounding natural landscape and in keeping with a rural character.

b. Utilities shall be constructed underground where feasible.

c. All new access roads shall be paved with colored concrete to blend with the natural soil.

d. Only wood, wire, or wrought iron style or similar open-type fences shall be permitted.

2. Grading. Alteration of natural landforms shall be minimized by conforming to natural topography and using contour grading, and shall comply with the following standards:

a. The height and length of manufactured cut and fill slopes shall be minimized. A graded slope shall not exceed a height of 15 feet.

b. Graded pads on hillsides having a natural slope of 15 percent or more shall be split-level or stepped pad designs.

c. The height and length of retaining walls shall be minimized. Retaining walls shall not exceed six feet in height and shall be constructed of materials, textures, veneers, and colors that are compatible with the surrounding landscape. Where more than one retaining wall is necessary, they shall be separated by a minimum three-foot horizontal distance; the area in front of and separating retaining walls shall be landscaped to screen them, unless otherwise screened by buildings.

d. Development located on the inland side of Pacific Coast Highway shall be designed so as to minimize cutting into the base of the bluff to avoid grading and the use of retaining walls.

B. Significant Ridgelines and other ridgelines.

1. Ridgelines are defined as the line formed by the meeting of the tops of sloping surfaces of land. Significant Ridgelines are designated by the Director as those which in general are highly visible and dominate the landscape. The locations of Significant Ridgelines are depicted on Map 3 Scenic Resources, of the Land Use Plan.

2. Significant Ridgelines that are visible from a Scenic Route, public parkland, trails, or a beach shall be protected by siting new development below the ridgeline to avoid intrusions into the skyline where feasible. Where there are no feasible alternative building sites below the ridgeline or where the only alternative building site would result in unavoidable adverse impacts to habitat, structures shall be limited to 18 feet in height to minimize visual impacts and preserve the quality of the scenic area.

3. The highest point of a structure shall be located at least 50 vertical feet and 50 horizontal feet from a Significant Ridgeline.

4. Where structures on a lot or parcel of land cannot meet the standards prescribed by subsection B.3. above, a variance is required as provided in Section 22.44.1150 of this LIP. In addition to the variance requirements of Section 22.44.1150, findings shall be made that (1) alternative sites within the property or project have been considered and eliminated from consideration based on physical infeasibility or the potential for substantial habitat damage and destruction, and (2) the proposed development maintains the maximum view of the related Significant Ridgeline through the use of design features that include, but are not limited to, reduced structural height (18 feet maximum), reduced building footprint area, clustered structures, shape, materials, and color which allow the structure to blend in with the natural setting, minimized grading, and locally-indigenous vegetation to soften the view of

development from the identified public viewing areas. The Director shall maintain a list of appropriate landscaping materials required to satisfy this provision. Avoidance of impacts to scenic resources through site selection and design alternatives is the preferred method over landscape or building material screening. Landscape or building material screening shall not substitute for project alternatives including re-siting or reducing the height or bulk of structures.

5. No part of a proposed structure shall block the view of a Significant Ridgeline from a Scenic Route.

C. Scenic Routes.

1. Structures shall not occupy more than 50 percent of the linear frontage of a parcel fronting on a Scenic Route.

2. Roof-mounted equipment shall not be visible from a Scenic Route, excluding solar energy devices. If there is no alternative location possible for the location of such equipment, such equipment shall be screened with materials that blend with the roof or background landscape.

3. Landscape screening shall be required for structures that will be unavoidably visible from a Scenic Route, to help diffuse the visual impact of the structure. However, landscape screening shall not substitute for project alternatives including re-siting or reducing the height or bulk of structures on properties visible from a Scenic Route.

4. Trees, shrubs, flowers, and other landscaping that form a hedge or similar barrier serving the purpose of a wall shall not be placed so that they obscure views from Scenic Routes and shall comply with the height restrictions applying to fences and walls in Section 22.44.1310 (Fences, gates, and walls).

5. Structures on the downslopes along Scenic Routes shall be set below road grade whenever feasible.

6. Structures located on the ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway shall occupy no more than 80 percent of the linear frontage of the parcel. The remaining 20 percent of the linear frontage of the parcel shall be maintained as one contiguous view corridor. Projects which include more than one adjoining parcel, structures may occupy 100 percent of the linear frontage of any one parcel, even if the project crosses a parcel line, provided that the development does not occupy more than 80 percent of the total lineal frontage of the overall project site and that the remaining 20 percent is maintained as one contiguous view corridor to allow unobstructed views of the ocean. Any structure built on bluffs on the ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway shall not impair views of the bluff from the beach.

7. Signs. The provisions of 22.44.1280 shall be modified as follows for signs along Scenic Routes: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no pole sign may be replaced if it is removed, damaged, or destroyed for any reason.

8. Fences and walls.

a. Solid fences and walls, except for retaining walls, shall be prohibited.

b. A minimum 70 percent of the entire fence area shall be non-view-obscuring; no slats or other view-obscuring materials may be inserted into or affixed to such fences. Any solid, linear sections must be primarily for structural purposes or to provide minor architectural design features.

## HAZARDS AREA

**22.44.2050 Establishment and purpose.** The Hazards Area is established to protect public health and safety by reducing and mitigating hazards associated with fire, geologic and soil conditions, earthquakes, and flooding that could affect development proposals in the Santa Monica Mountains. These provisions are intended to supplement related requirements contained in State law including the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act and the Alquist-Priolo

Earthquake Fault Zoning Act.

**22.44.2060 Identification of Hazards Area.**

A. The provisions of the Hazards Area shall apply to any of the following types of hazards designated on the Hazards Maps of the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan:

- Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone;
- Liquefaction Areas;
- Earthquake-Induced Landslides;
- Fault Zones; and
- Floodprone Areas.

B. The Hazards Maps may not identify all places that have potential for the hazards listed above. Property that lies outside of a mapped hazard area is not necessarily free from hazards. Property outside of any mapped hazard area may be affected by hazards on adjacent or nearby sites, or by unidentified hazards. The information in the Hazards Maps serves as a guide, and does not substitute for any necessary detailed site investigations that may be required prior to construction.

C. Any development proposed in areas similar to the hazards mentioned in subsection A above and which are identified on a site during the development process shall comply with the provisions of the Hazards Area.

D. All Coastal Development Permit applications shall be governed by these provisions in addition to any other provisions of the certified LCP which may apply.

**22.44.2070 Review of development.** Prior to the issuance of any Coastal Development Permit; approval of a lot line adjustment, certificate of compliance, or land division; or the commencement of any development, as defined in Section 22.44.630, within an area described in subsection A of Section 22.44.2060, the development proposal shall comply with the provisions of the Hazards Area, unless specifically exempted below.

**22.44.2080 Exemptions.** The following are exempted from the Hazards Area provisions:

A. Alterations or additions to any structure that do not cumulatively exceed 10 percent of the structure's floor area constructed pursuant to all required permits, including Coastal Development Permits, and existing on the effective date of the ordinance adding these provisions.

**22.44.2090 Uses.** Property in the Hazards Area may be used for any permitted use subject to the same limitations and conditions of the underlying zone, if consistent with these provisions, as well as all other applicable provisions of the LCP.

**22.44.2100 Hazards evaluation.** The reports, site plans, and public agency consultations required in this Section shall be completed prior to the filing of a Coastal Development Permit application.

A. The applicant shall submit a site-specific report that evaluates the nature of all hazards affecting the proposed development and shall identify the portions of the project site containing the hazards. If the hazard area(s) on the project site are part of a larger hazard area extending offsite, analysis shall be included regarding the extent of the hazard and how it affects the project site. The applicant shall address, but shall not limit any evaluation to, the hazard areas described in Section 22.44.2060.

1. The report shall indicate how the proposed development avoids the hazard(s), protects the proposed development from the hazard(s) or reduces the hazard(s) to an acceptable level.

2. The report shall include a description of all mitigation measures recommended and required by the public agencies that were consulted, and all on- or off-site mitigation measures proposed as part of the project.

3. The report shall identify any known off-site hazards that could adversely affect the site and any effect that the proposed development may have on off-site property.

4. The requirement to prepare a site-specific report or address a particular hazard may be waived by the Director if the applicable public agency identified in subsection B below finds that a report is not necessary and informs the Director in writing.

B. The applicant shall consult with the following public agencies for the hazard types listed below to preliminarily determine if proposed mitigation measures are consistent with the agency's requirements and/or standards.

1. The Department of Public Works:

a. For all property shown in the following areas, the consultation shall evaluate, but not be limited to, loose debris, slopewash, mud flows, landslide, settlement, and slippage:

- Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone;
- Liquefaction Areas;
- Earthquake-Induced Landslides;
- Fault Zones;
- Floodprone Areas; and
- Any other areas where the Building Official determines

such consultation is essential.

b. For all property shown in the following areas, the consultation shall address, but not be limited to, an evaluation of inundation, overflow, erosion, deposition of debris, evaluation of peak flows utilizing the natural vegetated conditions, and impact on development downstream; 100-year floodplain level, contributory drainage, pre-development, and post-project flows; impermeable surfaces, erosion, and sedimentation:

- Liquefaction Areas;
- Floodprone Areas; and
- Any other areas where the Building Official determines

such consultation is essential.

2. The Fire Department for all property within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The consultation shall address, but not be limited to, an evaluation of slope, aspect, fire topography, fire history/potential, habitat, adjacent properties (existing structures, fuel modification, habitat, parkland status), existing vegetation, fuel modification, type of plants to be planted on site, fire hydrant locations and fire flows, and access standards (e.g., width, grade, slope, paving, overhead clearance).

C. Development Standards.

1. The applicant shall site and design new development to avoid hazards to the maximum extent feasible.

2. The applicant shall site and design of development in consideration of topography and wind patterns to minimize fire hazards should also be added to this section

D. After consulting with the Department of Public Works and/or Fire Department, the applicant shall prepare all necessary plans, including but not limited to a site plan for the proposed project that includes all mitigation measures necessary to comply with the recommendations and requirements of the consulted public agencies. The site plan shall show all aspects of development including, but not limited to, grading, construction of retaining walls or flood control devices, fuel modification areas, accessways, water lines, and irrigation systems necessary to mitigate any hazards on the property.

## RURAL VILLAGES

**22.44.2110 Establishment and purpose.** This section is established to implement certain policies related to Rural Villages contained in the Land Use Plan of the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program. This section establishes development standards in Rural Villages to address issues associated with inadequate infrastructure, limited access, antiquated subdivision patterns, and the potential hazards of fire, flood, and geologic instability.

**22.44.2120 Identification of Rural Villages.** The following communities, the location and boundaries of which are as shown on Map 6 of the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone Plan, are designated as Rural Villages: El Nido, Fernwood, Las Flores Heights, Malibu Bowl, Malibu Highlands, Malibu Lake, Malibu Mar Vista, Malibu Vista, Monte Nido, Old Post Office, Old Topanga, Topanga Oaks, Topanga Woods, and Vera Canyon.

**22.44.2130 Review of development.** Prior to the issuance of any Coastal Development Permit; approval of a lot line adjustment, certificate of compliance; or the commencement of any development, as defined in Section 22.44.630, within an area identified in Section 22.44.2120 the development proposal shall comply with the provisions of the Rural Villages Area, unless specifically exempted below.

**22.44.2140 Development standards.** The following provisions apply to all land within Rural Villages as identified in Section 22.44.2120.

A. Slope Intensity Formula.

1. Establishment and purpose. The slope intensity formula is established to implement certain policies related to residential developments in antiquated subdivisions and on small parcels subject to the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan. The formula establishes development standards in hillside and other areas to limit the impact of development in these areas. Preservation of important coastal resources and scenic features will also be accomplished through the use of this formula.

2. Applicability. Construction of residential units or accessory uses on a lot or parcel of land of less than 10,000 square feet net area shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

3. Calculation of gross structural area.

a. The maximum allowable gross structural area of a residential unit to be constructed on a lot shall be determined by the following formula:

$$GSA = (A/5) \times [(50-S)/35] + 500$$

Where: GSA = the allowable gross structural area of the permitted development in square feet. The GSA shall be interpreted to include the total floor area of all enclosed residential and storage areas, but not to include vent shafts or the first 400 square feet of garages or carports designed for the storage of autos.

A = the area of the building site in square feet. The building site is delineated by the applicant and may consist of all or a designated portion of the one or more lots comprising the project location. All permitted development, including but not limited to, all structures, roads, driveways, septic systems, water wells, water tanks, patios, decks, must be located within the designated building site.

S = the average slope of the building site in percent as calculated by the formula:

$$S = I \times L/A \times 100$$

Where: S = average natural slope in percent.

I = contour interval in feet, at not greater than 25-foot intervals, resulting in at least five contour lines.

L = total accumulated length of all contours lines of interval "I" in feet.

A = the area of the building site in square feet.

b. All slope calculations shall be based on natural, not graded conditions. Maps of a scale generally not less than one inch equals 10 feet (1"=10'), showing the building site and existing slopes, prepared by a licensed surveyor or registered professional civil engineer, shall be submitted with the application. If slope is greater than 50 percent, enter 50 for S in the GSA formula.

c. If the approved GSA is based on a building site that includes portions of more than one existing parcel, the applicant shall merge the parcels into one lot. The Coastal Development Permit shall include a condition requiring that all parcels shall be recombined and unified, and shall henceforth be considered and treated as a single parcel of land for all purposes with respect to the lands included therein, including but not limited to sale, conveyance, lease, development, taxation or encumbrance. The combination shall be accomplished by reversion to acreage or merger through the certificate of compliance procedures. The permittee shall provide evidence that the combined parcels appear on a preliminary report (regarding title) as a single parcel (which may require the property owner re-conveying the combined property to him/her/itself, presumably via a quitclaim deed).

d. The maximum allowable GSA as calculated above may be increased as follows:

i. Add 500 square feet or 12.5 percent of the total lot area, whichever is less, for each vacant lot which is contiguous to the designated building site, provided that such lot(s) is (are) combined with the building site, and all potential for residential development on such lot(s) is permanently extinguished, as required in subsection d.iv.

ii. Add 300 square feet or 7.5 percent of the total lot area, whichever is less, for each vacant lot in the vicinity of (e.g., in the same rural village) but not contiguous with the designated building site, provided that such lot(s) is (are) combined with other developed or developable building sites and all potential for residential development on such lot(s) is permanently extinguished, as required in subsection d.iv.

iii. Lots may be considered contiguous as long as at least one lot touches the lot containing the designated building site and all lots touch at least one other lot that is being retired. For example, three lots in a row may be considered contiguous to the designated building site as long as one lot touches the designated building site and all three are having their potential residential development permanently extinguished.

iv. Any Coastal Development Permit that includes an increase to the maximum allowable GSA pursuant to subsections d.i or d.ii shall include a condition requiring the applicant to submit sufficient evidence that all of the following steps have been completed for either one of the following two methods:

(A) Open Space Easement Dedication and the Merging of the Retired Lot(s) with One or More Adjacent Developed or Buildable Parcel(s).

(1) The applicant shall provide evidence of the purchase of fee title or of development rights on one or more sites that have not been previously retired and recordation of a valid dedication to a public entity of a permanent, irrevocable open space easement in favor of the People of the State of California over the entirety of the retired lot(s) that conveys an interest in the lot(s) that insures that future development on the lot(s) is prohibited and that restrictions can be enforced, the text of which has been approved consistent with the procedures in Section 22.44.1230 (Transfer of Development Credit). Recordation of said easement on the site(s) shall be permanent; and

(2) The combination of the lot(s) used to increase the GSA either with the project site (if it is a contiguous parcel) or with an adjacent,



already-developed, unrestricted lot or with multiple contiguous parcels, at least one of which has no recorded restrictions on its development rights and all of which are in the same tax rate area and in common ownership. The retired lot and adjacent parcel(s) shall be recombined and unified, and shall henceforth be considered and treated as a single parcel of land for all purposes with respect to the lands included therein, including but not limited to sale, conveyance, lease, development, taxation or encumbrance. The combination shall be accomplished by reversion to acreage or merger through the certificate of compliance procedures. The permittee shall provide evidence that the combined parcels appear on a preliminary report (regarding title) as a single parcel (which may require the property owner re-conveying the combined property to him/her/itself, presumably via a quitclaim deed).

(B) Open Space Deed Restriction and Transfer in Fee

Title to a Public Entity.

(1) The applicant shall provide evidence of the purchase of fee title or development rights on one or more sites that have not been previously retired or otherwise restricted, and the recordation of an open space deed restriction, free of prior encumbrances except tax liens, that applies to the entirety of the donor site(s), that insures that the future development on the lot(s) is prohibited and that restrictions can be enforced; and

(2) Evidence that fee title to the site(s) used to increase the GSA has been successfully transferred to a public entity after the recordation of the deed restriction listed in (B)(1) above and that the document effectuating the conveyance has been recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

e. All of the above procedures must be approved by County Counsel for form and legal sufficiency in order to assure that the purposes intended are accomplished.

f. Only those floor-area requirements for single-family residences contained in this LIP shall apply.

g. Any Coastal Development Permit approved for the construction of a structure(s) in a Rural Village shall include a condition requiring the applicant to record a deed restriction free of prior encumbrances except tax liens, that applies to the entirety of the project site(s), that states that any future structures, future improvements, or change of use to the permitted structures shall be subject to a minor Coastal Development Permit.

h. The GSA cannot be modified other than through subsection c above.

4. Lots used in a development to increase the maximum allowable GSA shall not also be used for the transfer of development credit program found in Section 22.44.1230.

B. Off-Street Parking.

1. Each dwelling unit shall have automobile parking spaces as follows:

a. At least two covered, standard-size automobile parking spaces, the maximum size of the structure which shall be 400 square feet; and,

b. At least two uncovered, standard-size automobile parking spaces, where feasible. Where the provision of uncovered parking space would increase required grading by more than 200 cubic yards, the Director may waive this requirement. These spaces may be located in required front, side, and rear yards only if they constitute a driveway to the covered parking.

2. All required parking spaces shall be conveniently accessible to the street and to the dwelling unit served.

C. Street Access. All access easements through or abutting the property shall be certified all-weather access a minimum of 10 feet from the centerline or, if no centerline exists,

from the frontage of the property, constructed to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

D. Land Divisions. Subdivisions in Rural Villages shall be prohibited. Mergers and lot line adjustments are permitted.

E. Fences and walls. The construction and/or replacement of fences and walls exceeding three and one-half (3½) feet in height which are located either within required front yards, or within required corner side or required rear yards where closer than five (5) feet to any highway line is authorized subject to obtaining an administrative Coastal Development Permit without a public hearing pursuant to Section 22.44.940 and subject to the following standards.

1. Height. No fence or wall shall exceed six (6) feet in height, inclusive of any architectural feature, fixture, and/or support element attached to, or part of, the fence or wall.

2. Transparency. At least seventy (70) percent of the fence or wall area above three and one-half (3½) feet in height shall be open and non-view obscuring. The open and non-view-obscuring area above said three and one-half (3½) feet must be evenly distributed horizontally along the entire length of the fence or wall and comply with all of the following provisions:

a. No slats or other view-obscuring materials may be inserted into, placed in front of or behind, or affixed to such fences and walls;

b. Vertical support elements shall be a minimum of five (5) feet apart;  
and

c. Non-support vertical or horizontal fence elements shall have a maximum diameter of two (2) inches.

3. Materials. All portions of new or replacement yard fences and walls shall be constructed of stone, brick, rock, block, concrete, wood, stucco, tubular steel, wrought iron, or a combination of these materials. Either recycled or composite materials, each with the appearance and texture of wood, may also be used. Chain link, wire, and highly reflective materials are prohibited. Fence and wall materials shall have at least one of the following features:

a. Non-combustible construction;

b. Ignition-resistant construction meeting the requirements of State Fire Marshall section 12-7A-4 parts A and B;

c. Heavy timber construction; or

d. Exterior fire-retardant treated wood construction.

4. Colors. Only earth-tone or neutral colors that are similar to the surrounding natural landscape shall be used.

G. Landscaping. Trees, shrubs, vines, flowers, and other landscaping forming a barrier or obstructing views in the same manner as a fence or wall shall not exceed three and one-half (3½) feet in height if located within ten (10) feet of any highway line.

H. Fences and walls located between five (5) feet from the highway line and the interior boundary of the required corner side yard or required rear yard, and retaining walls wherever located are subject to the following provisions of 22.44.1310 (Fences, gates, and walls).

## **MALIBOU LAKE AREA**

### **22.44.2150 Malibou Lake Area.**

A. Intent and Purpose. The Malibou Lake area-specific development standards are established as a means to mitigate the problems of cumulative residential development on existing historical lots with limited street access in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

B. Area Boundary. The boundaries of the area are as shown on the map following this Section.

C. Development standards. If an administrative Coastal Development Permit is first applied for and approved, premises may be used for single-unit dwellings and accessory uses, subject to the following development standards and in addition to the standards contained elsewhere in this community standards district:

1. Lot Coverage. Buildings and structures shall cover no more than 25 percent of the area of a lot, provided that regardless of lot size a single-family residence of at least 800 square feet of floor area is allowed.

2. Street Access. A minimum 20 feet of paved roadway width to Craggs Drive shall be provided to the premises, constructed to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works, or to a lesser width as determined by the Forester and Fire Warden.

3. Yards and Setbacks. New construction shall provide a minimum yard setback of five feet from all sides, unless the applicant demonstrates and the Director finds that site constraints prevent the use of the property commensurate with the neighboring properties. In such a case the Director may reduce the required minimum yard setback to less than five feet, where such a reduction is satisfactory to the Department of Public Works and the Fire Department.

4. Application. The development standards contained in Section 22.44.2140 B concerning off-street parking, and subsection 1 and 2 above concerning lot coverage and street access, shall apply to any new construction of dwelling units, as well as to additions made to existing dwelling units where the cumulative area of all additions made to the units after February 28, 1993, adds at least 200 square feet to the GSA as defined in Section 22.44.2140 A.3. "GSA" means the floor area of the permitted development expressed in square feet, and existing on February 28, 1993.

5. The Forester and Fire Warden shall investigate each application for a Coastal Development Permit and submit written comments and recommendations thereon to the Director.

D. Modifications.

1. Any modification of the development standards contained in Sections 22.44.2120 B concerning off-street parking and subsection C above concerning lot coverage and street access, shall be considered through the major Coastal Development Permit procedure described in Section 22.44.860, and shall be further subject to the following provisions:

a. The Forester and Fire Warden shall investigate each application for a Coastal Development Permit and submit written comments and recommendations thereon to the hearing officer.

b. In making a determination upon an application for a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to this subsection, the hearing officer or Regional Planning Commission shall find that:

i. The grant is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right possessed by owners of other property in the same community;

ii. The modification of the development standards will not create an adverse safety impact in the surrounding community;

iii. The structure will not be materially detrimental or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity of the premises; and

iv. The modification of the development standards will not adversely affect or be in conflict with the general plan, including the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan.

2. The hearing officer may grant a modification to yard or setback requirements required by this Section. The Forester and Fire Warden shall investigate each

application for a yard modification and submit written comments and recommendations thereon to the Director.

a. Application – Filing. Any person desiring a modification to yard or setback regulations may file an application for a minor Coastal Development Permit, except that no application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within one year prior thereto by the Director, hearing officer, Regional Planning Commission, or Board of Supervisors on an application requesting the same, or substantially the same modification.

b. Application – Information Required. An application for a yard modification shall submit the information required in Section 22.44.840.

c. Application – Burden of Proof. In addition to the information required in the application, the applicant shall substantiate to the satisfaction of the hearing officer that the findings specified in subsection 1.b above can be made.

d. Application – Fee. When an application is filed it shall be accompanied by the filing fee as required in Section 22.44.870.

e. Application – Notice Requirements. In all cases where an application for a modification is filed, the Director shall cause a notice indicating the applicant's request and the location specified to be forwarded by first class mail, postage prepaid to:

i. All persons whose names and addresses appear on the latest available assessment roll of the County of Los Angeles as owning property adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the property in question;

ii. "Occupant" or "occupants" in all cases where the mailing address of any owner of property required to be notified under the provisions of subsection i. above is different than the address of such adjacent property;

iii. Such other persons whose property might in the Director's judgment be affected by such modification; and

iv. Such notice shall also indicate that any individual opposed to the granting of such permit may express such opposition by written protest to the Director within 15 days after receipt of such notice.

f. Application – Approval or Denial – Conditions. The hearing officer shall approve a modification where no protest to the granting of such permit is received within the specified protest period and the applicant has met the burden of proof set forth in subsection 1.b above. The hearing officer shall deny an application in all cases where the information received from the applicant or the Forester and Fire Warden fails to substantiate the burden of proof set forth in subsection 1.b above to the satisfaction of the Director.

g. In all cases where a written protest has been received, a public hearing shall be scheduled relative to such matter before the hearing officer. In such case, all procedures relative to notification, public hearing, and appeal shall be the same as for a minor Coastal Development Permit. Following a public hearing, the hearing officer shall approve or deny the proposed modification based on the findings required by subsection 1.b above for approval by the Director exclusive of written protest.

h. Imposition of additional conditions authorized. The Hearing Officer or Regional Planning Commission in approving an application for a modification may impose such conditions as are deemed necessary to ensure that the modification will be in accord with the findings required for approval.

i. Appeal Procedures. Any person dissatisfied with the action of the Hearing Officer may file an appeal of such action with the Regional Planning Commission. Upon receiving a notice of appeal, the Regional Planning Commission shall take one of the following actions:

i. Affirm the action of the Hearing Officer; or  
ii. Refer the matter back to the Hearing Officer for further review with or without instructions; or

iii. Set the matter for public hearing before itself. In such case, the Regional Planning Commission's decisions may cover all phases of the matter, including the addition or deletion of any condition. In rendering its decision, the Regional Planning Commission shall not hear or consider any argument or evidence of any kind other than the record of the matter received from the Director unless it is itself conducting a public hearing on the matter.

3. Effective Date of Modification. The decision of:

a. The Hearing Officer shall become final and effective 15 days after receipt of notice of action by the applicant, provided no appeal of the action taken has been filed with the Regional Planning Commission within such 15 days following notification; or

b. The Regional Planning Commission shall become final and effective 15 days after receipt of notice of action by the applicant, provided no appeal of the action taken has been filed with the executive officer-clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

4. Expiration Date of Unused Yard Modifications. A yard modification which is not used within the time specified in such yard modification, or, if no time is specified, within one year after the granting of the yard modification, becomes null and void and of no effect except that the Director may extend such time for a period not to exceed one year, provided an application requesting such extension is filed prior to such expiration date.

E. Accessory uses. The following new accessory uses are prohibited:

1. Detached living quarters on the same premises as the primary dwelling unit, for the use of guests and domestic staff;

2. Attached living quarters for the use of domestic staff;

3. Rooms for rent in dwelling units.