

**Department of Regional Planning
Department Statement**

Board of Supervisors Meeting: January 30, 2024

Hearing on Project No. 2023-001628, Advance Planning Project No. RPPL2023002314, to approve the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) Amendment (Amendment), a project that amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to align the Baldwin Hills CSD with the Oil Well Ordinance by prohibiting the location of new oil wells and production facilities in the Baldwin Hills CSD area, making existing oil wells and production facilities nonconforming due to use, and maintaining regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period; and find that the Amendment is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(2), 15061(b)(3), 15301 (Class 1), and 15308 (Class 8). (On October 4, 2023, the Regional Planning Commission recommended approval of this Amendment.)

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

A directive of the motion titled "Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County" instructs the Department of Regional Planning, in collaboration with County Counsel, to "update the Baldwin Hills CSD (which expires in 2028) to be consistent with the final updates to Title 22 Zoning Code for new and existing oil and gas extraction activities."

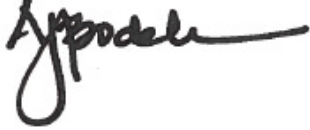
The Amendment aligns the Baldwin Hills CSD with the Oil Well Ordinance, which was adopted by the Board on January 24, 2023. The project amends Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to align the Baldwin Hills CSD with the Oil Well Ordinance by prohibiting the location of new oil wells and production facilities within the Baldwin Hills CSD area, making existing oil wells and production facilities nonconforming due to use, and maintaining regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

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