



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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| | | | The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: | |
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| Agenda # | Relate To | Position | Name | Comments |
| Public Comment | | Favor | James Cluxton | |
| | | Other | Corina J Roberts | Wish to request that Los Angeles County firearms restrictions regulations and corresponding map be made public information in an easily accessible format on an official County website. We have gathered the information on our own website and you may find the link to that web page in the attached letter and here: redbirdsvisions.org/being-here-in-the-angeles-national-forest-now.html |
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Dear Honorable Members of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and Regional Planning Commission:

We are pleased to share with you our revised web page, now complete with the County of Los Angeles Fish and Game Commission map, regulations and ordinances regarding acceptable hunting zones and restricted firearms areas.

To the best of our knowledge this link is the only place where County information can be found. This collection of information is not available on any other Federal, State, County, local, public entity or private foundation website of which we are presently aware.

The information is specific to the D-11 hunting zone and the Angeles National Forest, but also includes links to the complete body of Los Angeles County regulations for all game species and all regions within the County.

This information has been gathered with the help of CalTrans District 7 and the California Fish and Wildlife Commission, as well as input from the Los Angeles Fish and Wildlife Commission.

<https://www.redbirdsvisions.org/being-here-in-the-angeles-national-forest-now.html>

While it is popularly thought that this information appears on County or State internet resources, it does not. We are very pleased to establish a location where these resources can be located, easily, and together.

On the ground in the forest, the lack of available information is cause for a great bit of disagreement, distress and dissent. The USFS, which is completely removed from wildlife management and will not post the regulations of other agencies, believes the County regulations have been abandoned. California Department of Fish and Wildlife does not enforce local regulations, only state regulations, and they have somewhere in the neighborhood of three to five officers for the entire Southern California region. This leaves local residents pointing to old maps that are no longer in print and cannot be located on the internet.

A year ago on October 12, the need for clarity in County regulations regarding the areas where the use of firearms during hunting season is and is not permitted became very clear. A camper and hunter with a bear tag shot and killed a bear in his campsite in Chilao, in the heart of the Angeles National Forest. What made the situation unusual was that the hunter's friends abandoned him with the bear, which died in a dry creek just below the campsite, and the hunter asked USFS firefighters for help retrieving the bear. After that, it

got complicated. Ultimately, the bear was taken from the hunter and disposed of in the forest.

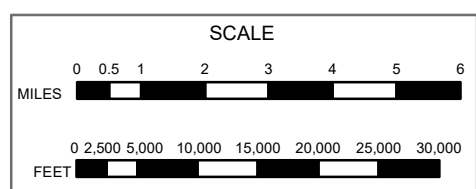
Most hunters who take game in the campground area are able to retrieve their game. The underlying issue is that the County of Los Angeles has regulations, both written and visual, which delineate certain areas of the forest as no hunting zones. The Chilao Recreation Complex is one of those no hunting zones. But these regulations and maps are no longer available to the public.

We hope our efforts will instigate discussion and action about how this information might be better presented to the public, and how an education campaign might be appropriate.

We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding how we might make this web resource better and more available to the public moving forward. We will be leaving a brief comment with regard to such action for your upcoming Board meeting.

With warmest regards,

Corina Roberts



LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREARMS CLOSURE AREAS

ISSUED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

OCTOBER 2007

COMPILED BY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EXECUTIVE OFFICE-BRAND
OF SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

LEGEND

- AREAS OPEN TO DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUMMARY OF FIREARMS CLOSURE REGULATIONS.
- AREAS DESIGNATED BY UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE FOR TARGET SHOOTING WITHIN ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST. (SEE LIST BELOW) PURSUIT OF BIRDS AND MAMMALS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS IS PERMITTED.
- AREAS IN WHICH THE DISCHARGE OF ANY FIREARM WITH A RANGE OF 1/2 MILE OR MORE IS PROHIBITED. SHOTGUN/SARCHERY ONLY IN THESE AREAS.
- AREAS IN WHICH THE DISCHARGE OF ANY FIREARM IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WHEN USED IN THE PURSUIT OF BIRDS AND MAMMALS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS.
- AREAS WHICH HAVE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.
- AREAS IN WHICH THE DISCHARGE OF ANY FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED.
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY
- DESIGNATED ROADWAY CLOSED TO DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND NO SHOOTING IS PERMITTED WITHIN DISTANCES SHOWN ON MAP ON EITHER SIDE OF DESIGNATED ROADWAYS.
- CITY BOUNDARY (AS OF JUNE, 2014)

GENERAL NOTES

- CONSULT WITH UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AS PARTS OF THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST ARE CLOSED TO ENTRY DURING THE FIRE SEASON
- ALL AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY NOT SHOWN ON THIS MAP, EXCLUDING SANTA CATALINA AND SAN CLEMENTE ISLANDS, ARE CLOSED TO THE DISCHARGE OF ANY FIREARMS. (SEE NOTE 3 AND 4)
- THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS ON SANTA CATALINA ISLAND IS PERMITTED SUBJECT TO THE ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF AVALON, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND COMPANY, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVACY AND CALIFORNIA STATE FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS.
- SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
- SEE SUMMARY OF FIREARMS CLOSURE REGULATIONS AND LIST OF SHOOTING RANGES ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS MAP.

ALL AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY NOT SHOWN ON THIS MAP, EXCLUDING SANTA CATALINA AND SAN CLEMENTE ISLANDS, ARE CLOSED TO THE DISCHARGE OF ANY FIREARM.

1 A PLACE TO SHOOT:
33951 SAN FRANCISQUITO ROAD, SAUGUS, CA 91360
LOCATED 8 MILES NORTH OF SAUGUS, TAKE SECO CANYON ROAD NORTH TO SAN FRANCISQUITO ROAD.

2 BURRO:
LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE EAST OF
THE JUNCTION OF STATE ROUTE 38 AND THE
EAST FORK ROAD.



Public Comment Submission for Board of Supervisors Meeting

October 9, 2025

Submitted to: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Public Comment Submission Portal

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

Subject: Urgent Feedback on LSGR Watershed Coordinator Selection Process to Restore Fairness and Transparency

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As President of OhanaVets, Inc., a certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) and current Lower San Gabriel Watershed Coordinator in good standing, I thank the Board for its continued leadership on the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) and its commitment to inclusion through DVBE contracting preferences under RFSQ BRC0000529. DVBEs like OhanaVets bring veteran discipline, transparency, and community accountability to environmental initiatives that directly benefit Los Angeles County residents.

Transparency and procedural equity are foundational to public trust, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950 et seq.) and the SCWP RFSQ. Unfortunately, the July 8, 2025 Lower San Gabriel River (LSGR) Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) selection meeting reflected serious procedural and ethical irregularities, including an unresolved conflict of interest (Dudek–Craftwater partnership, acknowledged at 1:34:43 but unreviewed before voting in violation of Gov. Code § 1090 and PW-18), that require immediate corrective action to preserve program integrity and the County's DVBE commitments.

Our efforts to seek resolution through administrative channels have been exhausted without substantive remedy:

- PRA Nos. 6507 and 6523 were submitted to the Los Angeles County Public Records Division and found to be incomplete, omitting conflict disclosures, evaluation sheets, DVBE scoring records, and any policy on proposer exclusion.
- A Proposed Contractor Selection Review (PCSR) was submitted to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) under RFSQ § 5.G (allowing pre-award review where no deadline exists), but the October 6 DPW response dismissed it as “non-protestable”.
- A formal Cure and Correct Demand under Gov. Code § 54960.1 has since been filed with the LSGR WASC to remedy these violations and ensure future compliance.

Timestamp Reference and Source of Record

All timestamps and quotations cited below are drawn from the official July 8, 2025 LSGR WASC Webex meeting recording produced by Los Angeles County Public Works in response to PRA 6523 on September 11, 2025. Minor variations may occur due to playback offsets, but references are accurate to within seconds of the recorded events.

Procedural and Ethical Irregularities Observed

Improper Exclusion of Proposers (Gov. Code § 54953(a))

At 19:56, County staff—not the WASC—directed all proposers to leave prior to deliberations and throughout the second public comment period (≈ 2:17:00–2:20:00). This exclusion violated the Brown Act’s open-meeting mandate and denied proposers the right to observe or clarify statements made about them. PRA 6507 confirmed no County policy authorizes this practice, revealing a major procedural failure.

Unequal Timing and Questioning (RFSQ Phase Two Criteria)

OhanaVets’ Q&A was shortened by two minutes due to a prompted introduction (44:10–46:00), while other proposers were permitted introductions before their timers started (≈ 50:15 and 1:15:18–1:17:14). After Dudek’s timer expired (1:42:22), the Chair acknowledged time was up but proceeded to ask an additional question, granting Dudek roughly two extra minutes of unsanctioned response time. These inconsistencies violated equal-treatment requirements and introduced measurable bias.

Unresolved Conflict of Interest (Gov. Code § 1090 / PW-18)

Dudek publicly confirmed an active partnership with Craftwater (1:26:50)—a firm providing SCWP technical support—creating a clear appearance of conflict. DPW staff acknowledged the issue was “flagged” and would be reviewed by County Counsel if selected (1:34:43), yet no pre-vote review occurred. This failure to defer the vote pending legal clearance (based on Rio Hondo precedent) breached County policy and eroded process integrity.

Disparaging and Unverified Statements (Gov. Code § 54953)

At 2:08:09 and 2:10:58, WASC members made inaccurate and unsubstantiated remarks about OhanaVets’ participation and performance—without factual basis or correction from the Chair. These comments introduced prejudice into a quasi-procurement setting where fairness and objectivity are legally required.

Imbalanced Public Comment (Gov. Code § 54954.3)

At 2:19:20, during a DPW-managed second public comment period—while proposers had been excluded—an administrator from the Pasadena Stormwater Division and leadership member of

the ULAR and Rio Hondo WASCs offered a direct endorsement of Dudek, referencing prior collaboration. This created a perception of insider advocacy and unequal access to influence.

Transcript and Recordkeeping Errors (Gov. Code § 54957.5)

Speaker misattributions and omissions materially alter the record (e.g., a speaker listed for nearly one hour who spoke for only two minutes). Such errors compromise the accuracy and public trustworthiness of the official minutes.

Conclusion

Taken together, these procedural, ethical, and transparency failures materially impacted the fairness and outcome of the selection process, disadvantaging Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBEs) and undermining public confidence in the Safe Clean Water Program's contracting integrity.

Despite repeated efforts through PRA requests, a PCSR submission, and a Cure and Correct Demand filed with the LSGR WASC, no substantive remedy has been provided. These issues extend beyond a single award; they speak to the County's broader obligation to ensure transparent, inclusive, and legally compliant public processes.

We respectfully request that the Board ensure these matters receive prompt review and corrective oversight and that this correspondence be entered into the official record for the October 14, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to fairness, equity, and transparency in public contracting.

Respectfully,



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