



## Board of Supervisors

# Community Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

**DATE:** January 08, 2025

**TIME:** 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**MEETING CHAIR:** Anish Saraiya, 5th Supervisorial District

**CEO MEETING FACILITATOR:** Christine Frias

**THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055**

This meeting is **HYBRID**.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:  
Kenneth Hahn Hall Of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
Room 140

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Members of the Public may address the Community Services Cluster on any agenda item during General Public Comment.

The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

**THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL \*6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Wednesday, January 08, 2025

## 2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):

- A. Board Letter (Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures) for January 14, 2025 Board Agenda: (also on the 11/12/2024 Public Safety Cluster)  
RESOLUTION DECLARING HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, NOXIOUS OR DANGEROUS WEEDS, RUBBISH, AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION, TO INCLUDE NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON DESIGNATED PROPERTIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE
- B. Board Letter (Beaches and Harbors – Capital Programs) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
POINT DUME WHALE WATCH EASEMENT RECORDATION AND TRAIL REHABILITATION PROJECT  
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET,  
APPROVE USE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87886
- C. Board Letter (LA County Library) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
AWARD FIVE (5) CONTRACTS FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES FOR LA COUNTY LIBRARY AREA 100, 300, 500, 600, AND 800.
- D. Board Letter (Parks and Recreation) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE 92ND STREET LINEAR PARK PROJECT
- E. Board Letter (Parks and Recreation) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
STRENGTHENING EQUESTRIAN CENTERS AND  
COMMUNITY EQUESTRIAN PROGRAMMING
- F. Board Letter (Public Works) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001272  
SANTA ANITA DEBRIS DAM SEISMIC STRENGTHENING PROJECT  
IN THE CITIES OF ARCADIA AND MONROVIA
- G. Board Letter (Public Works) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
SERVICE CONTRACT  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA  
APPROVAL TO EXECUTE WORK ORDER FOR  
GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES DISTRICT 4

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- H. Board Letter (Public Works) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES  
WITHIN NORTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
  
- I. Board Letter (Public Works) for January 21, 2025 Board Agenda:  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL BUDGET
  
- J. Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for January 21, 2025 Board  
Agenda:  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
DEL VALLE GRADING PROJECT  
APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 89159  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
  
- K. Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for January 21, 2025 Board  
Agenda: (also on the 01/08/2025 Health and Mental Health Services Cluster)  
CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET AND  
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 67965  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
  
- L. Board Letter (Public Works) for January 28, 2025 Board Agenda:  
PUBLIC HEARING  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE  
MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM AUTOMATIC ANNUAL PASS-THROUGH  
5-YEAR WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT
  
- M. Board Letter (Regional Planning) for January 28, 2025 Board Agenda:  
HEARING ON THE GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT AMENDMENT  
PROJECT NO. PRJ2021-002039-(1-5)  
PLAN AMENDMENT NO. RPPL2024003096  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2024004068

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N. Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for February 04, 2025 Board Agenda (also on the 01/08/2025 Health and Mental Health Services Cluster):  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
H. CLAUDE HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER  
URGENT CARE REMODELING PROJECT  
ESTABLISH AND APPROVE PROJECT  
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT  
AUTHORIZE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING  
SPECS. 7885; CAPITAL PROJECT NOS. 8A087 AND 8A098  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

O. Board Letter (Public Works – Capital Programs) for February 04, 2025 Board Agenda (also on the 01/08/2025 Health and Mental Health Services Cluster):  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
GENERATOR BUILDING RETROFIT PROJECT COMPONENT  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
ACQUIRE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT  
SPECS 7944; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 67965  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

**3. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

- A. Board Briefing (Beaches and Harbors)  
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBOR PROGRAMMING  
Speaker: CATRINA LOVE
- B. Board Briefing (Regional Planning)  
OVERVIEW OF HOUSING LEGISLATION  
Speaker: CONNIE CHUNG

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (2 minutes each speaker)

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE COMMUNITY SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

**COMMUNITY\_SERVICES@CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV**

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO  
CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

Board Letter

Board Memo

Other

<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/8/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	1/14/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) and Fire Department (LACOFD)	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<p>Annual abatement of hazardous vegetation is a critical component of the overall fire prevention infrastructure throughout most of Los Angeles County. This resolution and the associated Board Hearing are part of the legal process that is required to carry out this critical public safety function, which is a joint effort of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District).</p>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Weed Abatement (Weed Hazard/Pest Management Bureau)	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>		
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$ No NCC	Funding source:
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation:  ACWM will recover its expenses for abatement costs, including clerical functions such as mailings, boundary determination, data entry, etc., through direct assessments on the property taxes of individual properties.	

<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	<p>We are requesting that the Board of Supervisors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Adopt the attached resolution and establish the following dates, times, and locations for Hearings of Protest before the Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Referees:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the District’s Fire Station 58 – Apparatus Bay, 5757 S. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles (SD 2);</li><li>• Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Agoura Hills City Hall – Council Chambers, 30001 Ladyface Ct., Agoura Hills (SD 3);</li><li>• Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the ACWM’s Conference Room, 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia (SD 5);</li><li>• Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Hacienda Heights Community Center, 1234 Valencia Ave., Hacienda Heights (SD1);</li><li>• Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Antelope Valley, 335 East Avenue K-10, Lancaster (SD 5);</li><li>• Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Santa Clarita City Hall – Council Chambers, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita (SD 5); and</li><li>• Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes (SD 4).</li></ul></li><li>2. Set Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time for a Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Program (Program) Public Hearing at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles.</li></ol> <p><b>AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 11, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Allow or overrule any or all objections whereupon the Board shall acquire jurisdiction to proceed and perform the work of hazardous vegetation abatement; and</li><li>2. Instruct ACWM and the District, as appropriate, to respond directly to property owner issues, if any, raised at that hearing and report back to the Board in 14 days with a disposition for each.</li></ol>
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<p><b>BACKGROUND</b> (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</p>	<p>Weed, brush and rubbish abatement will be conducted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code (Code) Sections 13879 and 14875-14922. The initial step of the process is a resolution by the Board declaring weeds, brush and rubbish on designated properties to be a public nuisance.</p> <p>Following the resolution, a legal notice will be mailed to each property owner in the form prescribed by Section 14892 of the Code. An affidavit of mailing will be returned to the Board when the mailing of notices, as required by Section 14896 of the Code, has been completed.</p> <p>After the notices have been mailed, public hearings will be held before the Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Referees in Los Angeles, Agoura Hills, Arcadia, Hacienda Heights, Lancaster, Santa Clarita, and Rancho Palos Verdes. At these hearings, property owners will be given individual consultation regarding Program-related issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why their properties have been included in the Program</li> <li>• When their properties need to be cleared</li> <li>• What needs to be done on the property to remove the hazard or public nuisance</li>   <li>• The inspection fee</li> <li>• Clearance costs if the County performs the work</li> </ul> <p>Property owners who have objections to having their properties included in the Program may appear before the Board for a hearing, as required by Section 14898 of the Code, on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, after which the Board may allow or overrule any or all objections and order ACWM and the District to continue with abatement proceedings.</p>
<p><b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b></p>	<p>Name, Title, Phone # &amp; Email:</p> <p>KURT E. FLOREN Agricultural Commissioner/ Director of Weights and Measures (626) 575-5451 <a href="mailto:KFloren@acwm.lacounty.gov">KFloren@acwm.lacounty.gov</a></p>



**Kurt E. Floren**  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Director of Weights and Measures

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

### Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures

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Arcadia, CA 91006-5872  
<https://acwm.lacounty.gov>



**Maximiliano E. Regis**  
Chief Deputy

January 14, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, NOXIOUS OR DANGEROUS WEEDS, RUBBISH, AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION, TO INCLUDE NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON DESIGNATED PROPERTIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Annual abatement of hazardous vegetation is a critical component of the overall fire prevention infrastructure throughout most of Los Angeles County. This resolution and the associated Board Hearing are part of the legal process that is required to carry out this critical public safety function, which is a joint effort of the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) and the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Adopt the attached resolution and establish the following dates, times, and locations for Hearings of Protest before the Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Referees:
  - Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the District's Fire Station 58 – Apparatus Bay, 5757 S. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles (SD 2);



- Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Agoura Hills City Hall – Council Chambers, 30001 Ladyface Ct., Agoura Hills (SD 3);
  - Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the ACWM's Conference Room, 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia (SD 5);
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  - Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes (SD 4).
2. Set Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time for a Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Program (Program) Public Hearing at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 11, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Allow or overrule any or all objections whereupon the Board shall acquire jurisdiction to proceed and perform the work of hazardous vegetation abatement; and
2. Instruct ACWM and the District, as appropriate, to respond directly to property owner issues, if any, raised at that hearing and report back to the Board in 14 days with a disposition for each.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Attached is a resolution declaring dangerous or noxious weeds, brush, combustible growth, rubbish, etc., on designated properties in the County, a seasonal and recurrent public nuisance. The properties were included in the resolution due to the following:

- They were identified by fire hazard severity zone criteria or found by inspection to contain vegetation or potentially combustible growth which, when dry, would become a fire hazard to adjacent homes if not abated.

- The size, location and topography of the property create the potential for the growth of weeds and brush which, when dry, would become a fire hazard to adjacent homes if not abated.
- The vegetation or potentially combustible growth is in close enough proximity to a structure to prevent firefighters from defending the structure in the event of a fire or endangers their efforts to protect neighboring structures. In addition, a fire originating at the structure could readily spread beyond the structure and onto adjacent land, placing public land, infrastructure, and other homes at risk.
- The vegetation or potentially combustible growth is in close enough proximity to a road that jeopardizes safe evacuation from the area by residents as well as impede safe ingress/egress by firefighters attempting to respond to a fire or other emergency.

Tumbleweeds, in sufficient amounts, have the potential to blow off of a property and on to a road or highway which could cause traffic accidents, damage agricultural crops, and clog swimming pools or build up along fences and homes, may also be deemed to be a public nuisance.

Accumulated piles of rubbish, refuse, trash, litter, or other flammable material, in many cases, the result of illegal dumping, may also be deemed to be a public nuisance.

Adoption of the resolution will allow ACWM and the District to take the necessary actions that cause the public nuisances, hereinbefore described, to be abated if not done so by the owners of the properties upon which the unsafe or nuisance conditions exist. After the resolution is adopted, ACWM will focus primarily on the unimproved (vacant) properties included in the attached list and the District will work towards achieving fire safety on the improved properties.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action supports the County's Strategic Plan goals through the following strategies:

- North Star 2: Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities. Focus Area Goal C.: Public Safety - Strategy i.: Prevention, Protection and Security - Removal of overgrown weeds, neglected vegetation and illegal dumping contributes to the health and safety of residents within many of the County's diverse communities.
- North Star 3: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today. Focus Area Goal G.: Internal Controls and Processes – Strategy i.: Maximize Revenue - Conducting nuisance abatement pursuant to the statutory authority of the California Health and Safety Code allows ACWM and the District to respond to hazards posed by weeds, brush, and rubbish more quickly and effectively than when using other nuisance abatement procedures. It also allows complete cost recovery for ACWM's and the District's role in this critical public safety function.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no net County cost.

ACWM will recover its expenses for abatement costs, including clerical functions such as mailings, boundary determination, data entry, etc., through direct assessments on the property taxes of individual properties. ACWM has adopted as policy relating to the clearance of weeds and brush that reasonable estimates of charges will be provided to affected property owners if the projected charges are in excess of \$750 for work other than routine discing.

The District will assess fines directly to private property owners of declared improved properties if they fail to comply with two official notices to abate hazards that constitute a public nuisance. Reimbursement of initial inspection and abatement costs, including clerical functions such as mailings, boundary determination, data entry, etc., and enforcement services beyond annual inspections will be recovered through direct assessments to the tax roll of individual properties. The Board of Supervisors previously approved an initial inspection fee of \$151.00 per parcel beginning January 1, 2024, for all declared improved parcels. The County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller has approved abatement enforcement costs of \$1,199.00 for improved parcels that require enforcement actions beyond a second inspection. As described in Fire Code Section 327.5, the administrative fine for a first violation is \$0 and \$500.00 for a second violation.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Weed, brush and rubbish abatement will be conducted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code (Code) Sections 13879 and 14875-14922. The initial step of the process is a resolution by the Board declaring weeds, brush and rubbish on designated properties to be a public nuisance.

Following the resolution, a legal notice will be mailed to each property owner in the form prescribed by Section 14892 of the Code. An affidavit of mailing will be returned to the Board when the mailing of notices, as required by Section 14896 of the Code, has been completed.

After the notices have been mailed, public hearings will be held before the Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Referees in Los Angeles, Agoura Hills, Arcadia, Hacienda Heights, Lancaster, Santa Clarita, and Rancho Palos Verdes. At these hearings, property owners will be given individual consultation regarding Program-related issues such as:

- Why their properties have been included in the Program
- When their properties need to be cleared
- What needs to be done on the property to remove the hazard or public nuisance

- The inspection fee
- Clearance costs if the County performs the work

Property owners who have objections to having their properties included in the Program may appear before the Board for a hearing, as required by Section 14898 of the Code, on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, after which the Board may allow or overrule any or all objections and order ACWM and the District to continue with abatement proceedings.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no impact on current services.

Respectfully submitted,

KURT E. FLOREN  
Agricultural Commissioner  
Director of Weights and Measures

ANTHONY C. MARRONE  
FIRE CHIEF

KEF/ACM:az:jr

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Officer; Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DECLARING PUBLIC NUISANCE

WHEREAS, hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth, flammable vegetation and unpruned or otherwise neglected vegetation including native and ornamental plants, hereafter referred to collectively as hazardous or nuisance vegetation, where growing upon real property often attain such a growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace to improved real property or adjacent improved real property, or which are otherwise noxious or dangerous; and

WHEREAS, accumulated piles of trash, refuse, litter and other flammable material, largely the result of illegal dumping, hereafter referred to collectively as rubbish, can pose a health hazard to the community, degrade property values and serve as an attractant to further illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, the presence of hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish upon real property are conditions which endanger the public safety and constitute a public nuisance which should be abated; and

WHEREAS, such hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish are a seasonal and recurrent nuisance on such real property located within the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the public safety and to take actions necessary to abate a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, Division 12, Part 2.7 (Section 13879) and Part 5 (Sections 14875 through 14922, inclusive) of the California Health and Safety Code (Code), authorizes the Board of Supervisors, by resolution, to declare such hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish a public nuisance and to authorize the abatement thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Board Finds. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby finds that the hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish upon real property as described in Exhibit 1 constitute and are hereby declared to be a seasonal recurrent public nuisance which should be abated.

SECTION 2. Notice. (a) The County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures (Commissioner) and the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (Chief) are hereby designated, authorized and directed to give notice to destroy and/or remove (abate) said hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish from the described properties.

(b) Not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearings described in SECTION 3 below, the Commissioner and/or Chief shall cause notice to be given to each property owner by mail as their names and addresses appear from the last equalized assessment roll or as they are known to the clerk.

SECTION 3. Hearings. (a) Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the District's Fire Station 58 – Apparatus Bay, 5757 S. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles (SD 2); Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Agoura Hills City Hall – Council Chambers, 30001 Ladyface Ct., Agoura Hills (SD 3); Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the ACWM's Conference Room, 12300 Lower Azusa Rd., Arcadia (SD 5); Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Hacienda Heights Community Center, 1234 Valencia Ave., Hacienda Heights (SD 1); Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Antelope Valley, 335 East Avenue K-10, Lancaster (SD 5); and Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Santa Clarita City Hall –

Council Chambers, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita (SD 5); and Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes (SD 4), are fixed by this Board as the times and places when and where any and all property owners having any objections to the aforementioned proposed removal of hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish may appear before the Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Referees and show cause why said hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish should not be removed in accordance with this resolution, and said objections will then and there be heard and given due consideration.

(b) Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. is fixed by this Board as the time and place the Board of Supervisors shall hear and consider all remaining objections or protests, if any, to the proposed actions by it or its agents designed to carry out the purpose of this resolution. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall allow or overrule any or all objections, whereupon the Board shall acquire jurisdiction to proceed and perform the work of removal of the hazardous or nuisance vegetation or rubbish. After final action is taken by the Board on the disposition of any protests or objections or in case no protests or objections are received, the Board shall order the Commissioner and Chief to abate the public nuisance, or to cause it to be abated by having the hazardous or nuisance vegetation and rubbish removed.

SECTION 4. Recovery of Inspection and Abatement Enforcement Costs. (a) The Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to recover its cost of inspection of properties hereinabove described in a manner consistent with prior action of the Board adopting a fee schedule for such inspections. The Chief is hereby authorized and directed to recover its cost of inspection of properties hereinabove described and identified during physical inspection conducted by the Consolidated Fire Protection

District of Los Angeles County of \$151.00 per parcel and abatement enforcement costs of \$1,199.00 for each improved parcel when the owner fails to comply with the second official notice to abate hazards on the improved real property described in Exhibit 1. The recovery of these costs is vital to the ongoing operation governing the identification and abatement of those properties that constitute a public nuisance and endanger the public safety.

(b) The owners of the property upon which, or in front of which, the nuisance exists shall be presented, both in writing and at the above-referenced hearings, with information regarding the cost of inspection and abatement enforcement.


The foregoing resolution was, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

EDWARD YEN,  
Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM

DAWYN R. HARRISON  
County Counsel

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
GEORGINA GLAVIANO  
Deputy County Counsel



## EXHIBIT 1

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES

In accordance with Division 12, Part 5, Chapter 2 of the California Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 14880), the properties upon which, or in front of which, the nuisance exists, are hereby described in the attached Declaration List of properties which is on file with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors and is also available for review on the Internet at <http://bos.co.la.ca.us/Categories/Agenda/AgendaHome.asp>

# Los Angeles County

## Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

### Weed Abatement Declaration Parcel List for 2024

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**Los Angeles County  
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures  
Weed Abatement Declaration Parcel List for 2024**

**Total Parcels: 29,631**

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Improved Property Declaration List for 2024

Total Parcel Number: 132,258

2006-001-004	2006-005-037	2006-008-006	2006-009-048	2006-016-035	2006-020-026
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Total Parcel Number: 132,258

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<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/8/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	1/21/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Beaches and Harbors	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Pt. Dume Whale Watch Recordation and Trail Rehabilitation Project	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	N/A	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	If Yes, please explain why: N/A	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	N/A	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$450,000	Funding source: Net County Cost funds approved in FY 2022-23 Supplemental Budget
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: N/A	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approve of the proposed capital project and authorize the Director of Beaches and Harbors or his designee to deliver the proposed project using the DPR Board approved California Conservation Corps. Contract.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	<p>The Project is located at 6800 Westward Beach Rd, in the City of Malibu. In 1975, the property owner Zuma Bay Villas was required by the California Coastal Commission to convey an easement for a whale-watching facility to the County for the use and benefit of the public as a condition of the property owner's Coastal Development Permit.</p> <p>However, a portion of the alignment of the easement was not officially recorded at the time. Therefore, the easement documentation including the alignment, the legal description and record of survey will need to be amended and re-recorded with this Project.</p> <p>In November of 2018, the Woolsey Fire spread through Malibu, destroying Point Dume's whale watch and trail. Due to the lack of funding, the facility stayed in a state of disrepair, though it remained open to the public with minor regular maintenance.</p> <p>The Project aims to restore and enhance public access to a coastal bluff, ensuring safe and reliable pathways for visitors to enjoy the scenic shoreline. The Project includes repair of stairs, fencing, handrails, and eroded trail; refurbishment of the trail entrance, replacement of benches, removal of vegetation overgrowth, and installation of signage.</p>	

	Work is to be completed by California Conservation Corps through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with LA County Dept. of Parks and Recreation.
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Approval of the recommended actions will promote and further Board-directed priorities and their relation to the County Strategic Plan by advancing North Star 2: Foster vibrant and resilient communities, Focus Area Goal D Sustainability: Project will focus on environmental justice by improving and expanding access to recreational opportunities and addressing strategies i. Climate Health by building climate resilient communities, iii. Support thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity and iv. Environmental Justice facilitating healthy communities and access to clean air, soil, and water. In addition, approval of the recommended actions will further Focus Area Goal E Economic Health: by contracting with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to deliver the project, this will address strategy i. to strengthen the capacity and partnerships with community-based institutions and organizations to help serve our communities and strengthen the social fabric within them.
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Warren Ontiveros, Chief Planning Division, (424) 526-7745, wontiveros@bh.lacounty.gov



Caring for Our Coast



**Gary Jones**  
Director

**Amy M. Caves**  
Chief Deputy Director

**Carol Baker**  
Deputy Director

**LaTayvius R. Alberty**  
Deputy Director

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**POINT DUME WHALE WATCH EASEMENT RECORDATION  
AND TRAIL REHABILITATION PROJECT  
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET,  
APPROVE USE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87886  
(THIRD DISTRICT) (FY 2024-25, 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT:**

The Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) is seeking Board approval of the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement Recordation and Trail Rehabilitation Project with a total project budget of \$450,000, and authorization to deliver the proposed project using a Board-approved as-need consultant, and memorandum of understanding between the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and DBH for use of DPR's Board approved California Conservation Corps Contract.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed Point Dume Whale Watch Easement Recordation and Trail Rehabilitation Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and reflected in the record of the project.
2. Approve the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement Recordation and Trail Rehabilitation Project, Capital Project No. 87886, with a total project budget of \$450,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Beaches and Harbors or his designee to deliver the proposed project using the DPR Board approved California Conservation Corps. Contract.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**



Approval of the recommended actions will:

- Find that the Point Dume Whale Watch Easement Recordation and Trail Rehabilitation Project (Project) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- Approve Capital Project No. 87886, including a total project budget of \$450,000.
- Authorize DBH to deliver the proposed project using the Board approved California Conservation Corp through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

### **Project Description and Background**

The Project is located at 6800 Westward Beach Rd, in the City of Malibu. Prior to development of the Zuma Bay Villas in 1975, the property owner was required by the California Coastal Commission to convey an easement for a whale-watching facility to the County for the use and benefit of the public as a condition of the property owner's Coastal Development Permit. However, a portion of the alignment of the easement was not officially recorded at the time. Therefore, the easement documentation including the alignment, the legal description and record of survey will need to be amended and re-recorded with this Project.

In November of 2018, the Woolsey Fire spread through Malibu, destroying Point Dume's whale watch and trail. Due to the lack of funding, the facility stayed in a state of disrepair, though it remained open to the public with minor regular maintenance.

The Project aims to restore and enhance public access to a coastal bluff, ensuring safe and reliable pathways for visitors to enjoy the scenic shoreline. The Project includes repair of stairs, fencing, handrails, and eroded trail; refurbishment of the trail entrance, replacement of benches, removal of vegetation overgrowth, and installation of signage. This will include the use of durable, weather-resistant materials to withstand the coastal environment, while also prioritizing environmental sensitivity to protect the surrounding ecosystems. Upon completion, the improved trail and stairway will provide a sustainable and accessible route for the community, promoting outdoor recreation and coastal appreciation.

DBH utilized a Board-approved as needed consultant to prepare the needed documentation including surveys, easement documentation and design documents. DBH is seeking approval from the Board to carry out the work using the Board approved California Conservation Corps Contract through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with DPR.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions will promote and further Board-directed priorities and their relation to the County Strategic Plan by advancing North Star 2: Foster vibrant and resilient communities, Focus Area Goal D Sustainability: Project will focus on environmental justice by improving and expanding access to recreational opportunities and addressing strategies i. Climate Health by building climate resilient communities, iii. Support thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity and iv. Environmental Justice facilitating healthy communities and access to clean air, soil, and water. In addition, approval of the recommended actions will further Focus Area Goal E Economic Health: by contracting with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to deliver the project, this will address strategy i. to strengthen the capacity and partnerships with

community-based institutions and organizations to help serve our communities and strengthen the social fabric within them.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total project cost including Topo and Easement Boundary Survey, Geotechnical Reconnaissance, Repair Recommendations and Cost Estimate, Topo Mapping/Easement Recordation, and Trail Rehabilitation is currently estimated at \$450,000 (See Enclosure A). There is currently \$1,000,000 of appropriation in Capital Project No. 87886, which is funded with Net County Cost funds approved in FY 2022-23 Supplemental Budget.

Preliminary design costs of \$51,000 were funded from DBH's operating budget.

### **Operating Budget Impact**

Following completion of the proposed project, DBH does not anticipate any additional one-time, start-up, or ongoing costs as a result of the recommended actions. The maintenance and operational requirements for the proposed project will be met using existing resources from DBH's Operating Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004 and last amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed project is exempt from the Civic Art Allocation as the Eligible Project Costs are less than \$500,000. This is because the project's design and construction costs are estimated at \$450,000.

At its meeting held on October 23, 2024, the Beach Commission endorsed the Director's recommendation that your Board approve the Capital Project and authorize delivery of the project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Project is exempt from CEQA. The project, which includes repair of stairs, fencing, handrails, and eroded trail; refurbishment of trail entrance, replacement of benches, removal of vegetation overgrowth, and installation of signage, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in 15301(d), 15301(h), of the State CEQA Guidelines ("Guidelines") and Classes 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project provides for repair and renovation of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use and where replacement features will have the same purpose and capacity.

Additionally, the proposed project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable based on the record of the projects.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, DBH will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

DBH will use the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors for the use of the Conservation Corps Agreements previously approved by the Board on November 26, 2024.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Activities under the proposed project will be completed in close coordination with DBH staff to minimize impacts to the existing beach maintenance operations.

**CONCLUSION**

Please have the Executive Officer of the Board send a copy of the Board letter to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Planning Division, Coastal Resiliency Section, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Should you have any questions, please contact Warren Ontiveros, Planning Division Chief, at (424) 526-7745 or [WOntiveros@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:WOntiveros@bh.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Jones  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**ENCLOSURE A**  
January 21, 2025

**PT. DUME WHALE WATCH EASEMENT RECORDATION AND TRAIL  
REHABILITATION PROJECT  
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT AND BUDGET,  
APPROVE USE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87886  
(THIRD DISTRICT) (FY 2024-25, 3 VOTES)**

**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Easement Amendment and Recordation	02/26/2025
Trail Rehabilitation	05/31/2025

**II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
Topo and Easement Boundary Survey	\$ 14,052
Geotechnical Reconnaissance	\$ 20,716
Repair Recommendations and Cost Estimate	\$ 16,058
Topo Mapping/Easement Recordation	\$ 60,011
Trail Rehabilitation	\$339,163
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

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<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/8/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	1/21/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	LA County Library	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Award Five (5) Contracts for Armed Security Guard Services for LA County Library Area 100, 300, 500, 600, and 800	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Security Guard Services	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>		
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost:	Funding source:
	\$65,795,597.19	Library's Operating Budget
	<b>TERMS (if applicable):</b> Four (4) base years plus one (1) option year and a maximum of six (6) month-to-month extensions for a total of five (5) years and six (6) months.	
	Explanation:	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approve a contract with Inter-Con Security Services Systems, Inc., to provide as-needed armed security guard services at Library facilities. Library is also requesting delegated authority to approve unanticipated work within the scope of the contract and to execute amendments to exercise renewal options, increase or decrease the number of facilities or the days of service, amend terms and conditions in the contract, and adjust the Contract Sum, accordingly.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	Historically, Library contracted its security services through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Currently, security services are provided at 25 of the 86 libraries. The Library has elected to transition to in-house contracts for security services for an annual cost savings of \$730,000. In-house contracting will ensure the continuation of essential security coverage and give the Library flexibility to increase security staff to additional high-risk libraries as-needed.	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:	
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability: Approval of the recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by supporting and investing in safety practices, crime prevention and infrastructure to provide protection and security.	

**DEPARTMENTAL  
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Clifford Cotillier (Library), Assistant Director, Capital Projects and Facilities Services  
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**LA COUNTY LIBRARY**

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**SKYE PATRICK**  
*County Librarian  
& Chief Executive Officer*

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*Chair, 5th District*

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD FIVE (5) CONTRACTS FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES  
FOR LA COUNTY LIBRARY AREA 100, 300, 500, 600, AND 800.  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

LA County Library (Library) is seeking Board approval to award five (5) contracts to Inter-Con Security Services Systems, Inc. (Inter-Con, Inc.), to provide as-needed armed security guard services at Library facilities.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378.
2. Find that armed security guard services for Library facilities can be performed more economically by an independent contractor.
3. Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached five (5) contracts (Attachment A) with Inter-Con Security Services Systems, Inc. (Inter-Con, Inc.), to provide the Library as-needed armed security guard services for a maximum period of five (5) years and six (6) months and a potential aggregate total of \$65,795,597.19. The contracts will become effective on February 15, 2025, or three weeks following your Board’s approval, whichever is later.
4. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian, or designee, to approve unanticipated work within the scope of the contract.
5. Authorize and delegate authority to the County Librarian, or designee, to execute amendments to exercise renewal options; to increase or decrease the number of facilities or the

days of service; amend terms and conditions in the contract, as may be required by the Board or Chief Executive Office and to adjust the Contract Sum, accordingly.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Library obtains security services through Proposition A Contracts with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) acting as a central service department. In this role, the Sheriff provides security services to other County Departments. In 2016, the Sheriff examined the historical frequency of security incidents at library locations to determine the placement of security services. Over time, the Library added additional locations due to increased incidents. Currently, 25 libraries have security services.

To maximize the Library's current funding sources, the Library has elected to transition from utilizing the Sheriff's contracts to directly contracting for security services with private vendors, which will result in annual cost savings of \$730,000. The proposed contracts ensures the continuation of essential security coverage and gives the Library flexibility to increase security staff to additional high-risk libraries. Once these contracts are executed, security services currently provided by the Sheriff will be phased out, with the transition planned for completion by June 30, 2025.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Library to provide security services for Library facilities, as needed, through Library contracts.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provisions of North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal C, Public Safety. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by supporting and investing in safety practices, crime prevention and infrastructure to provide protection and security.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Under the terms of the recommended five (5) contracts, the contractors will provide as-needed armed security guard services over a term of four (4) years plus one (1) option year and a maximum of six (6) month-to-month extensions for a total of five (5) years and six (6) months for a potential aggregate total of \$65,795,598 or \$11,962,836 annually for all 86 library locations. However, current security services are only provided at approximately 25 of the 86 libraries and use of the contracted services will remain as-needed, based on specific requirements at each location. As a result, the actual annual cost of security services is approximately \$4,000,000, reflecting the current limited deployment of service.

Using methodology approved by the Department of Auditor-Controller (Auditor-Controller), a Proposition A cost analysis for each contract indicates that the recommended contracted services can be performed more economically by the private sector. This analysis was reviewed and validated by Auditor-Controller. Pursuant to Board Policy 5.030 (Low-Cost Labor Resource



Program), Library took into consideration other low-cost resource options and found that the low-cost labor resource providers/programs do not provide armed security services.

Attachment B provides annual contract sum, aggregate contract sum and cost effectiveness percentage for each of the recommended contracts.

The proposed contracts are also subject to an annual living wage rate increase.

Funding for these contracts is available within the Library's annual operating budget, beginning with FY 2024/25, and will be encumbered annually.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Proposals for security services were solicited in accordance with the provisions of Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.121 – Contracting with Private Business.

The recommended contracts were reviewed and approved, as to form, by County Counsel and contain all required Board policy provisions, including Campaign Contribution Prohibition, Child Support Compliance, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction, Jury Service, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and consideration of qualified START/GROW participants for employment openings.

Representatives of SEIU Local 721 were notified of the proposed contracts.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On August 21, 2023, the Library released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for armed security services. The RFP was posted on the County's "Doing Business with Us" web site, the Library's social media accounts, and sent to vendors listed in the County Office of Affirmative Action Compliance's Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Database. Advertisements were also placed in the Los Angeles Times, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Los Angeles Daily News, and San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

On September 21, 2023, Library received proposals from seven (7) proposers for various combinations of areas; five (5) proposals for Area 100, five (5) proposals for Area 300, six (6) proposals for Area 500, six (6) proposals for Area 600, and six (6) proposals for Area 800. The proposals from one proposer were disqualified for failure to meet the minimum requirements of the RFP. The proposals of the remaining six (6) proposers were evaluated by an evaluation committee consisting of Library staff. Proposals were evaluated utilizing the informed averaging scoring method and rated on the following criteria: proposer's background and experience; proposer's approach to providing required services; proposer's quality control plan; Living Wage compliance and cost. All related evaluation materials and scoring documents were retained.

In January 2024, the Library provided debriefing sessions to the five (5) non-selected proposers. Two (2) non-selected proposers submitted a timely Notice of Intent to Request a Proposed

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

January 7, 2025

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Contractor Selection Review (PCSR). On January 30, 2024, the County entered negotiations with Inter-Con Security Services Systems, Inc. (Inter-Con, Inc.) and received a Letter of Intent on April 30, 2024. On May 1, 2024, Library provided each of the non-selected proposers who submitted the Notices of Intent to Request a PCSR, a copy of the evaluation documents of the selected proposer and a copy of their individual evaluation documents. Subsequently, both non-selected proposers submitted a request for a PCSR, and a Departmental Reviewer conducted the review, in consultation with County Counsel, and determined that the assertions had no merit. One of the two proposers then requested a County Independent Review for the same assertions and the County Independent Reviewer affirmed the findings of the Department.

The Library reviewed available resources to assess the recommended contractor's past performance and the Contractor's Alert Reporting Database (CARD). On final analysis and consideration of the awards, the recommended contractor was selected without regard to gender, race, color, creed, or national origin.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Award of these contracts will allow the Library to provide armed security guard services for LA County libraries, as needed. The services will continue to libraries with existing service.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please return to the Library, an adopted Board Letter and fully conformed contracts.

If there are any questions or a need for additional information, please contact Yolanda Pina at (562) 940-8412.

Respectfully submitted,

SKYE PATRICK  
County Librarian

SP:YP:GR

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors



**ATTACHMENT**

January 08, 2025

**AWARD FIVE (5) CONTRACTS FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARD SERVICES  
FOR LA COUNTY LIBRARY AREA 100, 300, 500, 600, AND 800.  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

This Board letter has a large attachment.

Click on link to access:

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## BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/8/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	1/21/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD)	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,665,566 in Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the 92nd Street Linear Park Project. (Second District – 3 Votes)	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	Not Applicable	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost:	Funding source:
	\$1,665,566	Not Applicable
	TERMS (if applicable):	
Explanation: Not Applicable		
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	<p>Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,665,566 in Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition A), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), for the 92nd Street Linear Park Project.</p> <p>The proposed project consists of the development of a new park just north of 92nd Street including soil remediation and project management. The new park will be located in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone. The total estimated project cost is \$10.8 million. Additional project funding sources include \$334,434 of Measure A SD2 County Priority Funds, \$1 million from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and \$7.8 million from California State Parks Proposition 68.</p> <p>It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of 1996 Proposition A, and the grantee agreement with CEQA requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual previously approved by your Board.</p>	

<b>BACKGROUND</b> (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	Not Applicable
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Karla Perez, Management Analyst, (626) 588-5032 <a href="mailto:kperez@rposd.lacounty.gov">kperez@rposd.lacounty.gov</a>



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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(626) 588-5060

RPOSD.LACounty.gov

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL  
DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS  
FUNDS GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
FOR THE 92ND STREET LINEAR PARK PROJECT  
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,665,566 in Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Linear Park Project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons cited herein;
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,665,566 in Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation, for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Linear Park Project; and,
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,665,566

in Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition A), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Linear Park Project.

The proposed project consists of the development of a new park just north of 92nd Street including soil remediation and project management. The new park will be located in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone. The total estimated project cost is \$10.8 million. Additional project funding sources include \$334,434 of Measure A SD2 County Priority Funds, \$1 million from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and \$7.8 million from California State Parks Proposition 68.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or her designee, in her capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of 1996 Proposition A, and the grantee agreement with CEQA requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual previously approved by your Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions further the Board approved County Strategic Plan, North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal F. Community Connections by investing in our communities and create public spaces and programs that are welcoming, accessible, where all residents can easily build relationships, create social networks, feel connected and can access opportunities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation, in the amount of \$1,665,566, is budgeted in the RPOSD Available Excess Fund.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition includes a method and process for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District. The available Excess Funds in the Second Supervisorial District come from prior years as no Excess Funds were declared in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. DPR meets this requirement.

On March 19, 2019, your Board approved the Proposition A Grants Administration Manual to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Grants Administration Manual will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities of government grants.

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for its project. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Grants Administration Manual approved by the Board in 2019 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended project will provide new public parkland in the Second District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma E. García-González  
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors



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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Parks and Recreation	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Strengthening Equestrian Centers and Community Equestrian Programming</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Operation and Maintenance of Four Equestrian Centers	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  If Yes, please explain why: DPR has had challenges with attracting qualified and experienced operators in the adverse market conditions. It is in the County's best economic interest to enter into one sole source agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for all four equestrian centers.	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>		
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$	Funding source:
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation:	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approval of the recommended actions will delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to terminate three concession agreements for the maintenance and operation of equestrian centers and negotiate and execute a sole source agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for the operation and maintenance of Frank G. Bonelli Equestrian Center, Peter F. Schabarum Equestrian Center, Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center, and Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center, for a term of 10 years, with an option to extend for an additional five-year term.	
<b>BACKGROUND</b> (include internal/external issues that may exist)	The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) owns four equestrian centers (Equestrian Centers) which are operated by two private operators (Operators) as follows: Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. operates the Frank G. Bonelli Equestrian	

**including any related motions)**

Center (BEC) (under Agreement Number 10419), the Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center (MCEC) (under Agreement Number 10441), the Peter F. Schabarum Equestrian Center (SEC) (under a temporary minor lease); and Hacienda Sosegado, LLC currently operates the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center (WNEC) (under Agreement Number 10418). Under these Agreements, the Operators are responsible for maintaining the Equestrian Centers and providing boarding services, which include but are not limited to horse boarding, feeding twice per day, cleaning of stalls, and providing a place for boarders to exercise and wash their horse(s). In addition to maintaining the facilities and providing horse boarding services, the Operators may offer a variety of recreational activities to the public such as horse trail rides and riding lessons.

Recent market conditions have led to increases in the costs of labor, hay, water, fuel, equine boarding, and equestrian programming related insurance. These adverse conditions have placed considerable strains on equestrian centers and their operators across the County. In March 2023, DPR obtained Board authority to amend the Equestrian Center agreements to approve interim increases in the boarding rates charged to the public in order to address the unforeseen increases in the costs of goods and services, more specifically, the price of horse feed which increased exponentially. Since then, the Operators have continued to struggle to regain financial stability as the costs of operating the Equestrian Centers have continued to increase and the profit margins generated by this type of operation remain relatively low.

Low profit margins and the continuously increasing cost of goods and services have also made it difficult for DPR to attract qualified and experienced operators. On August 3, 2023, DPR issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the management, operation, and maintenance of the SEC. The RFP did not yield any viable proposals. As a result, DPR subsequently cancelled the RFP and entered into a temporary minor lease for the management and operation of the SEC while it strategized on how to address these issues.

However, the lack of interest from the private sector in taking on the operation of County owned equestrian centers has been a challenge for a long time now; most of the RFPs that DPR has issued in the past 20 years have yielded only one proposal or have led to agreements with operators who have struggled to operate and maintain the facility, generate revenue to sustain operations, or comply with agreement requirements. At present, the current WNEC Operator, Hacienda Sosegado LLC, is out of compliance with the required rent payments and other contractual requirements.

Given the DPR's challenges with attracting qualified and experienced operators, and the adverse market conditions described above, it is in the County's best economic interest to terminate the agreement with Hacienda Sosegado, LLC for the operation of the WNEC for default, terminate the agreements with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for the operation of the BEC, SEC, and MCEC for convenience, and enter into one sole source agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for all four equestrian centers. Bundling all centers under one agreement with one operator will assist in their successful operation as the operator will be able to achieve savings through economies of scale by purchasing goods and services in bulk for all four equestrian centers, securing the required insurance coverages under one policy instead of four individual policies, and share equipment and key operations staff for all four centers.

Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. has approximately 20 years of experience operating County owned equestrian centers since 2005, consistently meets contract requirements and makes timely rent payments due to DPR. Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. excels at providing accessible recreational activities such as trail rides, summer youth programs, riding lessons and day camps and already manages the operations of three County Equestrian Centers successfully.

The recommended actions will allow DPR to:

1. Strengthen Equestrian Centers operations and save the time and resources associated with running multiple RFPs that are unlikely to yield any viable proposers;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Have a bundle agreement in place as soon as possible to begin addressing the issues associated with the operation of the Equestrian Centers and begin the promotion of equestrian related programming and activities;</li> <li>3. Align the boarding fee charges at all Equestrian Centers and standardize fees throughout the County to effectively address the increases in the costs of operations;</li> <li>4. Develop equitable community equestrian programming and activities throughout the County that will help promote and grow community access to and interest in these equestrian activities; and</li> <li>5. Partner with community-based organizations for culturally relevant equestrian programming.</li> </ol> <p>As underscored by these issues, there is a pressing need for proactive and strategic intervention to support and sustain County Equestrian Centers and help grow the communities' interest in equestrian programming, activities, and partnerships. Without timely action, the County Equestrian Centers may be in jeopardy of shutting down which would not only impact local economies and increase the shortage of equestrian centers in the County, but also diminish the recreational and cultural values these activities provide to our communities.</p>
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: RUBEN LOPEZ, CHIEF OF CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT DIVISION (626) 588-5300, <a href="mailto:rlopez@parks.lacounty.gov">rlopez@parks.lacounty.gov</a> RUBEN EGOYAN, CONTRACTS SECTION HEAD (626) 588-5266, <a href="mailto:regoyan@parks.lacounty.gov">regoyan@parks.lacounty.gov</a>



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**STRENGTHENING EQUESTRIAN CENTERS AND  
COMMUNITY EQUESTRIAN PROGRAMMING  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 & 5) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to terminate three concession agreements for the maintenance and operation of equestrian centers and negotiate and execute a sole source agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for the operation and maintenance of Frank G. Bonelli Equestrian Center, Peter F. Schabarum Equestrian Center, Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center, and Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center for a term of ten years, with an option to extend for an additional five-year term.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to terminate Agreement Number 10419 for the operation of the Frank G. Bonelli Equestrian Center and Agreement Number 10441 for the operation of the Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for convenience, effective upon execution of a sole source agreement; and Agreement Number 10418 with Hacienda Sosegado, LLC for the operation of the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center, for default, upon Board approval.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to negotiate and execute a sole source agreement for ten years with a five-year option term for a maximum of 15 years, upon approval as to form by County

Counsel, with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for the operation, management, and maintenance of Frank G. Bonelli Equestrian Center, Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center, Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center, and Peter F. Schabarum Equestrian Center for the reasons stated herein.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to execute amendments, approved as to form by County Counsel, to the sole source agreement to exercise the five-year option term, terminate the agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, evaluate and approve adjustments to the operators' fees charged to the public, on a permanent or temporary basis, so long as fees remain reasonable and comparable to the amounts for similar goods and/or services supplied in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area, and make other changes to the standard terms and conditions as required by the Board.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) owns four equestrian centers (Equestrian Centers) which are operated by two private operators (Operators) as follows: Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. operates the Frank G. Bonelli Equestrian Center (BEC) (under Agreement Number 10419), the Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center (MCEC) (under Agreement Number 10441), the Peter F. Schabarum Equestrian Center (SEC) (under a temporary minor lease); and Hacienda Sosegado, LLC currently operates the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center (WNEC) (under Agreement Number 10418). Under these Agreements, the Operators are responsible for maintaining the Equestrian Centers and providing boarding services, which include but are not limited to horse boarding, feeding twice per day, cleaning of stalls, and providing a place for boarders to exercise and wash their horse(s). In addition to maintaining the facilities and providing horse boarding services, the Operators may offer a variety of recreational activities to the public such as horse trail rides and riding lessons.

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The lack of interest from the private sector in taking on the operation of County owned equestrian centers has been a challenge for a long time now. In the past 20 years, most of the RFPs that DPR has issued have yielded only one proposal or have resulted with operators who have struggled to run and maintain the facility, generate revenue to sustain operations, or comply with agreement requirements. This has been the case at the WNEC facility. DPR has had to repeatedly step in and assist multiple operators or remove operators from service due to failure to pay rent and other deficiencies. At present, the current WNEC Operator, Hacienda Sosegado, LLC, is out of compliance with the required rent payments and other contractual requirements. To-date, Hacienda Sosegado, LLC owes the DPR over \$70,000 in past due rent payments, not including applicable late fees.

Given DPR's challenges with attracting qualified and experienced operators, and the adverse market conditions, it is in the County's best economic interest to terminate the agreement with Hacienda Sosegado, LLC for the operation of the WNEC for default, terminate the agreements with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for the operation of the BEC, SEC, and MCEC for convenience, and enter into one sole source agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for all four Equestrian Centers. Bundling all centers under one agreement with one operator will assist in their successful operation as the operator will be able to achieve savings through economies of scale by purchasing goods and services in bulk for all four equestrian centers, securing the required insurance coverages under one policy instead of four individual policies, and share equipment and key operations staff for all four centers.

Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. has approximately 20 years of experience operating County owned equestrian centers since 2005, consistently meets contract requirements and makes timely rent payments to DPR. Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. excels at providing accessible recreational activities such as trail rides, summer youth programs, riding lessons, and day camps and already manages the operations of three County Equestrian Centers successfully.

The recommended actions will allow DPR to:

1. Strengthen Equestrian Center operations and save the time and resources associated with running multiple Request for Proposals (RFP) that are unlikely to yield any viable proposers;
2. Have a bundle agreement in place to begin addressing the issues associated with the operation of the Equestrian Centers and begin promoting the equestrian-related programming and activities, which will allow for subleasing for community programming.

3. Align the boarding fee charges at all Equestrian Centers and standardize fees throughout the County to effectively address the increases in the costs of operations;
4. Develop equitable community equestrian programming and activities throughout the County that will help promote and grow community access to equestrian activities; and
5. Partner with community-based organizations for culturally relevant equestrian programming.

As underscored by these issues, there is a pressing need for proactive and strategic intervention to support and sustain County Equestrian Centers and help grow the communities' interests in equestrian programming, activities, and partnerships. Without timely action, the County Equestrian Centers may be in jeopardy of shutting down which would not only impact local economies and increase the shortage of equestrian centers in the County, but also diminish the recreational and cultural values these activities provide to our communities.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The proposed recommendations will further the County's Strategic Plan Goals to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities by deploying and diffusing community resources and investments through partnership with community-based institutions, organizations, corporations, and small businesses to enhance the economic health of all communities (North Star 2.E) and Realize Tomorrow's Government Today by strengthening our internal controls and processes while being cognizant of efficiency to continue good stewardship of the public trust and fiscal responsibility (North Star 3.G).

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Based on the recommended actions, DPR will continue to receive rent revenue from the four Equestrian Centers' operations.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board is authorized by the provision of Government Code Section 25907 to lease County parks and recreation real property for the provision of services and property improvements that are consistent with public park and recreation purposes. The proposed agreement is consistent with said purposes.

This Board letter provides a written notification to your Board as required by Board Policy No. 5.100, which requires written notice of a Department's intent to enter into sole source negotiations for a new contract.

The County leases the Whittier Narrows Recreation area, where the WNEC is located, from the Army Corps of Engineers.

County Counsel will approve the agreement as to form prior to execution.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are either not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines or, in the alternative, are categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because they are activities within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed actions to terminate three concession agreements for the maintenance and operation of equestrian centers are administrative activities of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The proposed actions to negotiate and execute a sole source agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

In addition, based on the proposed project records, the project will comply with all applicable regulations, and it is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste-site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, DPR will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The recommended action will allow DPR to terminate BEC and MCEC agreements with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc., which expire between 2027 and 2028 respectively, for convenience upon execution of the new sole source agreement. In addition, it will allow DPR to terminate the WNEC agreement with Hacienda Sosegado, LLC for default, due to consistent non-compliance issues with the required rent payments and other contractual requirements. In the interim, DPR will enter into a temporary minor lease agreement for the operation of WNEC until the new sole source agreement is executed.

Pursuant to Section 2.26.120 of the Los Angeles Code, the Director of Parks and Recreation (Director), or designee, is authorized to enter into agreements for leases of real property belonging to or leased by the County. On May 1, 2024, DPR entered into a temporary minor lease agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for the operation



of the SEC. DPR intends to terminate or extend the minor lease agreement to align with the sole source commencement date.

DPR will enter into a sole source agreement with Stephens Equestrian Center, Inc. for the operation, management, and maintenance of BEC, MCEC, WNEC, and SEC. The proposed agreement will be for ten years, with an option to extend for an additional five-year period, for a maximum term of 15 years, subject to County Counsel's approval as to form.

DPR will comply with the requirements of Sole Source Board Policy No. 5.100, including the requirement to report to the Internal Services Department (ISD) those new sole source service contracts and sole source amendments approved by the Board. Existing agreements will be terminated upon the execution of this new sole source agreement.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will strengthen equestrian center operations, ensure uninterrupted services, and support long-term sustainability. It will also allow the Director, or designee, to promptly address operational issues, adjust fees, and support the growth of equestrian-related activities, while streamlining future modifications as needed in response to economic changes.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to forward three adopted copies of this letter to DPR for distribution. Should your staff have any questions, please ask them to contact Mr. Ruben Lopez at (626) 588-5300 or via email at [rlopez@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:rlopez@parks.lacounty.gov) or Ms. Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or via email at [bll@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:bll@parks.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Norma E. García-González  
Director

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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	DAAA Santa Anita Debris Dam Seismic Strengthening Project	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Flood Control District Fund	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: N/A	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, e-mail your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	The California Department of Water Resources 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program Grant Agreement for the project requires all work to be completed by December 31, 2026.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$29,000,000	Funding source: California Department of Water Resources 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program Grant (up to \$10,500,000). Flood Control District Fund (B07 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget (up to \$15,000,000). Additional funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.
	TERMS (if applicable): All work shall be completed by December 31, 2026, in accordance with the Grant Agreement, and no funds may be requested after March 31, 2027.	
	Explanation: N/A	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	To obtain Board approval to procure a construction contract for the Santa Anita Debris Dam Seismic Strengthening Project in the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	Santa Anita Debris Dam does not meet current dam safety seismic standards, resulting in the California Department of Water Resources – Division of Safety of Dams imposing operational restrictions that reduce the amount of water that can be detained. The project will strengthen the debris dam to meet State dam safety standards and establish a new capacity for the capture and storage of stormwater. This will increase flood protection for downstream communities and improve local water supply sustainability and resiliency. No community concerns are expected.	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:	
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority No. 7: Sustainability. This project will improve longevity and maximize the operational effectiveness of existing infrastructure.	
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Adam Ariki, Deputy Director, Office (626) 458-4012, Cell (626) 476-6703 <a href="mailto:aariki@pw.lacounty.gov">aariki@pw.lacounty.gov</a>	



MARK PESTRELLA, Director

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January 21, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001272  
SANTA ANITA DEBRIS DAM SEISMIC STRENGTHENING PROJECT  
IN THE CITIES OF ARCADIA AND MONROVIA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of the Santa Anita Debris Dam Seismic Strengthening Project, including delegated authority to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise for bids, and award and execute a construction contract in the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Determine that the recommended actions are within the scope of the environmental impacts analyzed in the Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and subsequent addendum previously adopted and certified by the Board.

2. Approve the project and delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids at an estimated construction contract cost between \$16,000,000 and \$24,000,000 for the Santa Anita Debris Dam Seismic Strengthening Project.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement with the Notice Inviting Bids when ready to advertise this project.
4. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code, Section 3400 (c) (2) that it is necessary to specify designated items by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.
5. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Santa Anita Debris Dam Seismic Strengthening Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$16,000,000 and \$24,000,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent if additional funds have been identified.
7. Delegate to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (a) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (b) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (c) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee under Section 20998 the State Public Contract Code; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to implement the Santa Anita Debris Dam Seismic Strengthening Project, which is part of the Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project, consisting of the following: construct embankment buttresses and riprap, modify spillway walls and invert, reconstruct the outlet tower, install an outlet conduit liner, construct new intake structures and control building, reconstruct existing and construct new access roads, and construct site drainage and access enhancements at the Santa Anita Debris Dam, a Los Angeles County Flood Control District facility located in the Cities of Arcadia and Monrovia (see Enclosure A).

The Santa Anita Debris Dam is an earth embankment dam constructed in 1960. Some components of the facility, including the embankment, spillway, and outlet tower, do not meet current dam safety seismic standards, resulting in the California Department of Water Resources – Division of Safety of Dams imposing operational restrictions that reduce the amount of water that can be detained by the Santa Anita Debris Dam until these components are addressed. The project will strengthen the debris dam to meet State dam safety standards and establish a new capacity for the capture and storage of stormwater within the debris dam's basin for downstream groundwater recharge. This will increase flood protection for downstream communities and improve local water supply sustainability and resiliency.

It is anticipated the work will start in July 2025 and be completed in October 2026.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategies i, Climate Health, by increasing resiliency of local water supplies; and County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by replacing and improving public infrastructure assets that support the quality of life of Los Angeles County residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$16,000,000 and \$24,000,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$29,000,000. In

addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

Funding for the first year of this project, estimated at \$15,000,000, is included in the Flood Control District Fund (B07 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. This project received a California Department of Water Resources 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Program Grant, which was approved by the Board on September 26, 2023. The project construction contract cost will be offset by up to \$10,500,000 through this funding source. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Santa Anita Stormwater Flood Management and Seismic Strengthening Project (SASFMSSP) included improvement work at four locations: the Santa Anita Dam, the Santa Anita Debris Dam, the Santa Anita Headworks, and the Wilderness Park Culvert Crossing. The recommended actions in this Board letter relate to improvements to the Santa Anita Debris Dam.

Public Contract Code Section 20995 allows the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to delegate approval of plans and specifications to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District on a project-by-project basis. If plans are approved, the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District would then instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project for bids in accordance with Section 20991 of the State Public Contract Code. It is anticipated that the project will advertise for bids within the next month.

State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement, either completed or in the course of completion, if the awarding authority makes a finding to the same effect, and the language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

A list of specific brand names and qualified purposes in accordance with the State Public Contract Code is provided in Enclosure B. The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information, such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

In accordance with Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring, the project will require that at least 30 percent of the California construction labor hours be performed by qualified Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers. The project will also include a jobs coordinator who will facilitate the implementation of the targeted hiring requirement of the policy. Effective June 7, 2023, Countywide Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Therefore, CWA will apply to this project. The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with all terms and conditions of the Countywide CWA which, among other things, increases work opportunities for those seeking to start a new career in the construction industry and promotes the hiring of underrepresented individuals on the project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

To ensure compliance with the CEQA, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for SASFMSSP was adopted by the Board on July 14, 2015, and an Addendum to the previously adopted IS/MND was certified by the Board on September 26, 2023. The IS/MND indicates that while the SASFMSSP would have had environmental impacts, modifications, and/or mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project to reduce its potentially adverse impacts to levels considered less than significant (CEQA Guidelines §15070). The Addendum analyzed minor modifications to the SASFMSSP and determined there are no new significant environmental impacts resulting from the modifications.

The recommended actions are within the scope of the SASFMSSP as described in the previously adopted IS/MND and Addendum. The recommended actions will implement the improvements to the Santa Anita Debris Dam component of the SASFMSSP.

There are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require further review under the CEQA.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is at Public Works,

Stormwater Engineering Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 2nd Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<https://lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/>

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises, in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by increasing flood protection to communities downstream of Santa Anita Debris Dam and enhancing sustainability and climate resiliency of local water supply by increasing stormwater capture capacity for recharge to the groundwater basin.



The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
January 21, 2025  
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**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

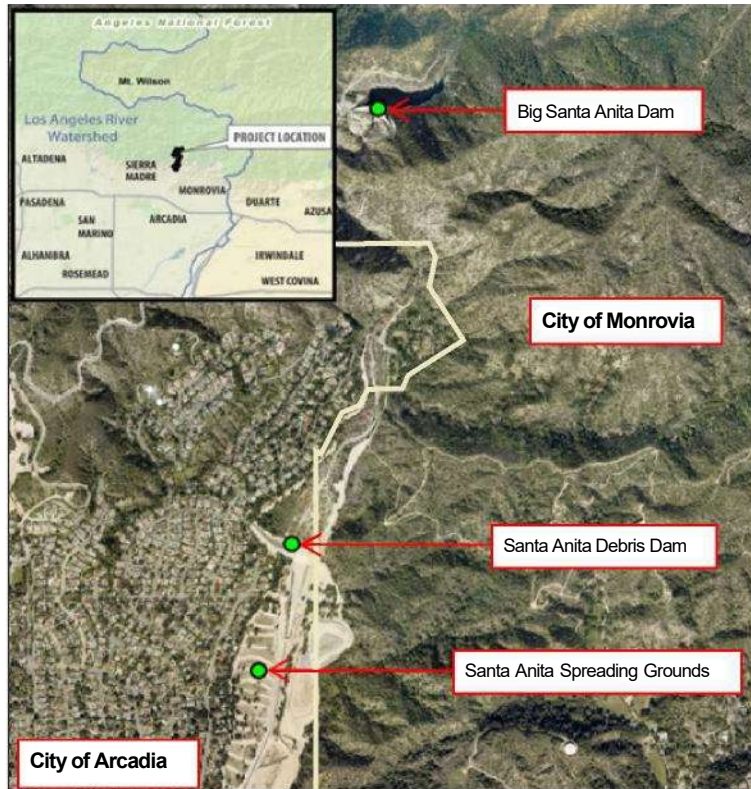
MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Internal Services (Countywide Contract Compliance)

SANTA ANITA DEBRIS DAM SEISMIC STRENGTHENING PROJECT  
PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001272



**PROJECT NAME:** Santa Anita Debris Dam Seismic Strengthening Project  
**PROJECT ID NO.:** FCC0001272

**List of specific brand names in accordance with State Public Contract Code Section 3400:**

	<b><u>Item/Category</u></b>	<b><u>Manufacturer</u></b>	<b><u>Model</u></b>	<b><u>PCC 3400 Justification*</u></b>	<b><u>Detailed Justification</u></b>
1.	Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) CPU	Automation Direct	H2-DM1E	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
2.	PLC Base	Automation Direct	D2-06BDC1-1	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
3.	PLC Discrete Input Module	Automation Direct	D2-16ND3-2 discrete input module	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
4.	PLC Relay Output Module	Automation Direct	F2-08TR relay output module	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
5.	PLC Analog Input Module	Automation Direct	F2-08AD4DA analog input/output module	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
6.	PLC AC input Module	Automation Direct	D2-16NA AC input module	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
7.	PLC Ethernet Module	Automation Direct	D2-DCM data communication module	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.

	<u>Item/Category</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>PCC 3400 Justification*</u>	<u>Detailed Justification</u>
8.	PLC Filler Module	Automation Direct	F2-Fill filler module	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
9.	PLC Programming Software	Automation Direct	Do-more PLC programming software and C-more programming software	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
10.	Touch Panel	Automation Direct	EA9-T8CL touch screen	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.
11.	Pre-Wired Connector Module With Cables	Automation Direct	ZL-RTB20 connector, ZL-D2-CBL-19 cables	(2)	In order to match other products in use on County facilities either completed or in the course of completion.

\*(1) In order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use. (2) In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion. (3) In order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source. (4) (a) In order to respond to an emergency declared by a local agency, but only if the declaration is approved by a four-fifths vote of the governing board of the local agency issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals. (b) In order to respond to an emergency declared by the State, a State agency, or political subdivision of the State, but only if the facts setting forth the reasons for the finding of the emergency are contained in the public records of the authority issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals.

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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Public Works is seeking Board approval to execute one work order for graffiti removal services in the unincorporated County areas within Supervisorial District 4. The work order will be awarded to Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program.	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	N/A	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	The current contract is extended for a period not to exceed 180 days and has an expiration date of June 29, 2025; however, it will expire upon award and execution of this contract. The award of this work order will continue the current services by the recommended contractor, which is the current contractor providing these services.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$2,303,513	Funding source: Funding for these services is included in the Public Works General Fund, Road Fund, and Special Road District No. 4 Fund Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budgets
	TERMS (if applicable): This contract will be for a period of 1 year with four 1-year renewal options and a month-to-month extension up to 6 months for a maximum potential contract term of 66 months.	
	Explanation: N/A	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	The purpose of the recommended actions is to award a contract (work order) to provide graffiti removal services in the unincorporated County areas within Supervisorial District 4. The work to be performed will consist of removing graffiti by using chemical solvents, pressure washing, painting on various surfaces to remove or cover the graffiti, and performing paint-out projects to maintain the area free of graffiti.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	A standard service contract was used that contains terms and conditions in compliance with the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs. Enclosure B reflects the proposer's utilization participation and Community Business Enterprise program information. Data regarding the proposer's minority participation is on file with Public Works. The contractor was selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.	

	<p>This work is being contracted in accordance with procedures authorized under County Charter, Section 44.7, Part 3, and Chapter 2.121 (Contracting with Private Business) of the Los Angeles County Code (County Code). The mandatory requirements for contracting set forth in County Code, Section 2.121.380, have been met.</p> <p>The contractor has agreed to pay its employees the current Living Wage Rate approved by the Board on December 1, 2015, and to comply with the County's Living Wage reporting requirements.</p> <p>Using methodology approved by the Auditor-Controller, the Proposition A cost analysis indicates that the recommended contracted services can be performed more economically by the private sector.</p>
<p><b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No  If Yes, please explain how:</p> <p>Public Works e-mailed a notice of the Social Enterprise Request for Proposals for a work order for graffiti removal services to the Social Enterprise Organizations listed on the Department of Economic Opportunity's Master Agreement list. Advertisements and outreach activities were conducted during the Department of Economic Opportunity's Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) process, which included placing advertisements in the <i>Los Angeles Times</i>, <i>Los Angeles Daily News</i>, <i>San Gabriel Valley Tribune</i>, <i>Hoy</i>, <i>Long Beach Press Telegram</i>, <i>Antelope Valley Press</i>, <i>Daily Breeze</i>, and <i>Los Angeles Sentinel</i>; placing a notice of the RFSQ on the County's "Doing Business with the County" website; and sending notification of the RFSQ to approximately 400 plus potential contractors including all DEO's current contractors.</p> <p>In addition, during the time period that this solicitation was released and the receipt of proposals, Public Works participated in two business outreach events.</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No  If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p> <p>These recommendations support Board Priority 7, Sustainability, by supporting and investing in innovative practices, crime prevention resources, and infrastructure to provide protection and security thereby helping to make County communities healthier, more livable, and economically stronger.</p>
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Dear Supervisors:

**SERVICE CONTRACT  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA  
APPROVAL TO EXECUTE WORK ORDER FOR  
GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES DISTRICT 4  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to execute one work order for graffiti removal services in the unincorporated County areas within Supervisorial District 4. The work order will be awarded to Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program, a Social Enterprise Organization from the Department of Economic Opportunity's Social Enterprise Employment and Training Program Master Agreement.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the contract work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Find that these services can be more economically performed by an independent contractor than by County employees.
3. Award and direct the Chair of the Board to execute the work order for graffiti removal services to Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program, a Social Enterprise Organization listed on the Department of Economic Opportunity's Social Enterprise Employment and Training Program Master Agreement. The work order will be for a period of 1 year with four 1-year

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renewal options and a month-to-month extension up to 6 months for a maximum potential work order term of 66 months and a maximum potential work order sum of \$2,303,513.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to renew the work order for each additional renewal option and extension period if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program has successfully performed during the previous contract period and the services are still required; to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend and/or terminate the work order for convenience if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to annually increase the work order amount up to an additional ten percent of the annual work order sum, which is included in the maximum potential work order sum for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the work order, if required.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to award a contract (work order) to provide graffiti removal services in the unincorporated County areas within Supervisorial District 4. The work to be performed will consist of removing graffiti by using chemical solvents, pressure washing, painting on various surfaces to remove or cover the graffiti, and performing paint-out projects to maintain the area free of graffiti. Public Works Graffiti Abatement Program's goal is to remove graffiti as quickly and as often as necessary to keep the community free of graffiti.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal C, Public Safety, Strategy i, Prevention, Protection and Security, by supporting and investing in innovative practices, crime prevention resources, and infrastructure to provide protection and security by contracting with the contractor that has the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner.



### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The work order will be for a period of 1 year with four 1-year renewal options and a month-to-month extension up to 6 months for a maximum potential work order term of 66 months and a maximum potential work order sum of \$2,303,513, which includes ten percent of the annual work order sum of each term for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the work order.

These amounts are based on the annual unit price quoted by the contractor and our estimated annual utilization of the contractor's services. The terms and sums for each term of the maximum work order period are as follows:

The sum for the initial term is \$371,964.

The sum for the first option term is \$375,756.

The sum for the second option term is \$379,824.

The sum for the third option term is \$384,060.

The sum for the fourth and final option term is \$388,332.

The sum for the month-to-month option to extend up to six months is \$194,166.

Funding for these services is included in the Public Works General Fund (A01 - Services and Supplies), Road Fund (B03 - Services and Supplies), and Special Road District No. 4 Fund (CP4 - Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 budgets. When the need arises for services under this work order, financing the required services will be from the appropriate funding source. Funding to finance the work order's optional years and ten percent additional funding for contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County Counsel has approved the recommended work order, which has been executed by Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program, as to form (Enclosure A). The recommended work order was solicited on an open-competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. This work order will commence on February 1, 2025, or upon final execution by both parties, whichever occurs last, for a period of one year.

A standard service contract was used that contains terms and conditions in compliance with the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs. Enclosure B reflects the proposer's utilization participation and Community Business Enterprise program information. Data regarding the proposer's minority participation is on file with Public Works. The contractor was selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

This work is being contracted in accordance with procedures authorized under County Charter, Section 44.7, Part 3, and Chapter 2.121 (Contracting with Private Business) of the Los Angeles County Code (County Code). The mandatory requirements for contracting set forth in County Code, Section 2.121.380, have been met.

The contractor has agreed to pay its employees the current Living Wage Rate approved by the Board on December 1, 2015, and to comply with the County's Living Wage reporting requirements. The County's Proposition A and Living Wage Ordinance provisions apply to this proposed contract as County employees can perform these contracted services. The contract complies with all of the requirements of County Code, Section 2.201. In addition, the contractor understands and agrees that the contracted work involves public works as defined by Section 1720 of the California Labor Code. The contractor represents and warrants that they will perform the contracted work in full compliance with the applicable provisions of the Labor Code relating to payment of prevailing wages.

Using methodology approved by the Auditor-Controller, the Proposition A cost analysis indicates that the recommended contracted services can be performed more economically by the private sector.

The current contract is extended for a period not to exceed 180 days and has an expiration date of June 29, 2025; however, it will expire upon award and execution of this contract. The award of this work order will continue the current services by the recommended contractor, which is the current contractor providing these services.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

These services are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. These services are within the class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301, subsection (c), of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

In December 2016, the Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Department, now known as the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), released a notice of the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for the Provision of Social Enterprise Employment and Training (SEET) Program Services. As a result of this RFSQ, which is continuous, WDACS created a Master Agreement list of all the Social Enterprise Organizations that were awarded a Master Agreement.

On May 14, 2019, the Board delegated authority to the Director of WDACS to extend and amend the SEET Master Agreement for five additional years extending the term through June 30, 2024.

On June 4, 2024, the Board delegated authority to the Director of DEO to extend and amend the SEET Master Agreement for two additional years extending the term through June 30, 2026, with an additional extension provision described below.

On February 20, 2024, Public Works e-mailed a notice of the Social Enterprise Request for Proposals for a work order for graffiti removal services to the Social Enterprise Organizations listed on the DEO's Master Agreement list. Advertisements and outreach activities were conducted during DEO's RFSQ process, which included placing advertisements in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, *Hoy*, *Long Beach Press Telegram*, *Antelope Valley Press*, *Daily Breeze*, and *Los Angeles Sentinel*; placing a notice of the RFSQ on the County's "Doing Business with the County" website (Enclosure C); and sending notification of the RFSQ to approximately 400 plus potential contractors including all DEO's current contractors.

On April 8, 2024, one proposal was received. The proposal was evaluated by an evaluation committee consisting of Public Works staff. The evaluation was based on criteria described in the Social Enterprise Request for Proposals, which included the price, experience, work plan, financial resources, references, equipment, and demonstrated controls over labor/payroll recordkeeping utilizing the informed averaging methodology for applicable criteria. Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that this work order be awarded to the apparent responsive and responsible proposer, Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program. Public Works believes the contractor's price to be reasonable for the work requested. Public Works notified the applicable labor union on this solicitation.

At the time of award, and to the extent that the services provided under the resultant graffiti removal services District 4 work order issued pursuant to the selected proposer's SEET Master Agreement extend beyond the expiration date of the selected proposer's SEET Master Agreement, the master agreement shall be automatically extended for the sole purpose of completion of that work order. Such extension shall apply to the selected proposer's SEET Master Agreement only and not extend or otherwise change any other SEET Master Agreement for any purpose.

Public Works has accessed available resources to review and assess the proposed contractor's past performance, history of Labor Law violations, and prior performance on County contracts.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The award of this work order will continue the services without disruption to the public and will not result in the displacement of any County employees as these services are presently contracted with the private sector.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Internal Services Department, Contracts Division

**ENCLOSURE**

January 21, 2025

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA  
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**BOARD LETTER/MEMO  
CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

Board Letter

Board Memo

Other

<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/8/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	1/21/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Traffic Regulations in Various Unincorporated Communities Within Northern Los Angeles County	
<b>PROGRAM</b>		
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	The community requested that these traffic safety and quality-of-life issues be addressed as soon as possible.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$	Funding source:
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation: There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Funding is included in the Road Fund (B03 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget to cover the minor costs of installing or removing the necessary signs and markings.	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Adopt traffic regulation orders to support traffic safety and enhance traffic flow in the unincorporated communities of Acton, Altadena, Angeles National Forest, Castaic, Lake Hughes, Southeast Antelope Valley, Stevenson Ranch, Sun Village, Twin Lakes/Oat Mountain, and Val Verde.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	<p>The California Vehicle Code allows the County to adopt regulations for official traffic control devices, such as signs and markings. These traffic regulations are required prior to enforcement by the California Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department.</p> <p>Public Works is recommending to adopt the following types of regulations, as well as to rescind traffic regulations that are no longer applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Loading Zone</li> <li>• Parking Prohibition</li> <li>• Passenger Loading Zone</li> <li>• Speed Limit</li> <li>• Stop Control</li> <li>• Stopping Prohibition</li> <li>• Tow-Away Zone</li> </ul>	

<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Sustainability. The proposed traffic regulation supports a clean, flexible, and integrated multi-modal transportation system that improves mobility and traffic safety.
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Steve Burger, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4018, <a href="mailto:sburger@pw.lacounty.gov">sburger@pw.lacounty.gov</a>



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES  
WITHIN NORTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to implement traffic regulations to support traffic safety, enhance traffic flow, and facilitate passenger loading at schools in the unincorporated communities of Acton, Altadena, Angeles National Forest, Castaic, Lake Hughes, Southeast Antelope Valley, Stevenson Ranch, Sun Village, Twin Lakes/Oat Mountain, and Val Verde.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that adopting and/or rescinding traffic regulation orders and posting or removing the corresponding regulatory and advisory signage are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Rescind a traffic regulation order establishing a passenger loading zone from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., school days only, on the south side of Antelope Woods Road between Crown Valley Road and a point



1,450 feet east of Crown Valley Road in the unincorporated community of Acton as established on August 8, 2017.

3. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a passenger loading zone and establishing a tow-away zone from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., school days only, on the south side of Antelope Woods Road between Crown Valley Road and a point 1,380 feet east of Crown Valley Road in the unincorporated community of Acton.
4. Rescind a traffic regulation order prohibiting parking at any time on the north side of Antelope Woods Road between Crown Valley Road and a point 1,450 feet east of Crown Valley Road in the unincorporated community of Acton as established on August 8, 2017.
5. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting parking at any time and establishing a tow-away zone on the north side of Antelope Woods Road between a point 190 feet and a point 1,450 feet east of Crown Valley Road in the unincorporated community of Acton.
6. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 30-mph speed limit on Hubbard Road between a point 1,590 feet east of Hughes Canyon Road and Escondido Canyon Road in the unincorporated community of Acton.
7. Rescind a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at any time from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., school days only, school buses excepted, on the south side of Calaveras Street between a point 204 feet and a point 462 feet east of Lake Avenue in the unincorporated community of Altadena as established on November 30, 1982.
8. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a school bus loading zone from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mondays only, and from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays only, on the south side of Calaveras Street between a point 205 feet and a point 440 feet east of Lake Avenue in the unincorporated community of Altadena.
9. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at any time on the north side of Altadena Drive between Holliston Avenue and a point 120 feet west of Holliston Avenue in the unincorporated community of Altadena.

10. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at any time on the west side of Holliston Avenue between Altadena Drive and a point 30 feet north of Altadena Drive in the unincorporated community of Altadena.
11. Rescind a traffic regulation order prohibiting parking on the south side of Pinecrest Drive between a point 200 feet to a point 825 feet east of Bowring Drive in the unincorporated community of Altadena as established on June 24, 1969.
12. Rescind a traffic regulation order prohibiting parking on the east side of Pinecrest Drive, between a point 290 feet and a point 825 feet east of Bowring Drive in the unincorporated community of Altadena as established on September 15, 2021.
13. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing stop control for west bound traffic on Pinecrest Drive at its intersection with Crescent Drive in the unincorporated community of Altadena.
14. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at any time on both sides of Pinecrest Drive between Bowring Drive and Crescent Drive in the unincorporated community of Altadena.
15. Rescind a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at any time on the west side of Santa Anita Canyon Road between a point 375 feet north of Mile Marker 1.21 and Mile Marker 0.51 in the unincorporated community of Angeles National Forest as established on November 18, 2014.
16. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting parking and establishing a tow-away zone on both sides of Santa Anita Canyon Road between Arno Drive (North) and a point 16,785 feet north of Arno Drive (North) in the unincorporated community of Angeles National Forest.
17. Rescind a traffic regulation order establishing a 50-mph speed limit on Industry Drive between its westerly terminus and Commerce Center Drive in the unincorporated community of Castaic as established on August 11, 2015.
18. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 45-mph speed limit on Industry Drive between its westerly terminus and Commerce Center Drive in the unincorporated communities of Castaic and Val Verde.

19. Rescind a traffic regulation order establishing a 45-mph speed limit on Commerce Center Drive between Industry Drive and Henry Mayo Drive in the unincorporated communities of Castaic, Stevenson Ranch, and Val Verde as established on June 29, 2004.
20. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 45-mph speed limit on Commerce Center Drive between Hasley Canyon Road and Henry Mayo Drive in the unincorporated communities of Castaic, Stevenson Ranch, and Val Verde.
21. Adopt a traffic regulation order requiring westbound traffic on Trail N to stop at its intersection with Trail K establishing all-way stop control in the unincorporated community of Lake Hughes.
22. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at any time on the east side of 47th Street East between Pearblossom Highway and a point 345 feet south of Pearblossom Highway in the unincorporated community of Southeast Antelope Valley.
23. Adopt a traffic regulation order prohibiting stopping at any time on the south side of Pearblossom Highway between 47th Street East and a point 1,270 feet east of 47th Street East in the unincorporated community of Southeast Antelope Valley.
24. Rescind a traffic regulation order establishing a 50-mph speed limit on Pico Canyon Road between Whispering Oaks Road and The Old Road in the unincorporated community of Stevenson Ranch as established on May 15, 2007.
25. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 40-mph speed limit on Pico Canyon Road between Whispering Oaks Road and The Old Road in the unincorporated community of Stevenson Ranch.
26. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 50-mph speed limit on 110th Street East between Palmdale Boulevard and Avenue S in the unincorporated community of Sun Village.
27. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 35-mph speed limit on Avenue R between 100th Street East and 120th Street East in the unincorporated community of Sun Village.

28. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 40-mph speed limit on Canoga Avenue between Poema Place and a point 670 feet south of Mayan Drive in the unincorporated community of Twin Lakes/Oat Mountain.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended traffic regulation actions is to adopt and/or rescind traffic regulation orders, which will allow Public Works to post or remove the corresponding regulatory and advisory signage. Public Works is recommending these actions to support traffic safety, enhance traffic flow, and facilitate passenger loading at two schools. These actions will benefit all users of the various roadways and will support Public Works' transportation priority to improve traffic safety. Requests for the traffic regulations were received from residents and community groups. The affected areas are indicated on the enclosed maps (Enclosures A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I).

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health, by supporting multimodal transportation investments that improve safety and mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Funding is included in the Road Fund (B03 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget to cover the minor costs of installing and/or removing the necessary signs and markings.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The California Vehicle Code authorizes the Board to implement these traffic regulations which are required prior to enforcement by the California Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The establishment of these regulations, including the installation or removal of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class I(x) 7 of the

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Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines approved by the Board on November 17, 1987.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Implementation of these traffic controls will have a positive impact by enhancing traffic flow and safety. Upon the Board's approval of this traffic regulation, the corresponding signs and markings will be installed within 12 weeks.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Traffic Safety and Mobility Division. Also, please forward adopted copies of this letter to the Sheriff's Department, Parking Enforcement Detail; and the California Highway Patrol's Altadena, Antelope Valley, and Newhall offices.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

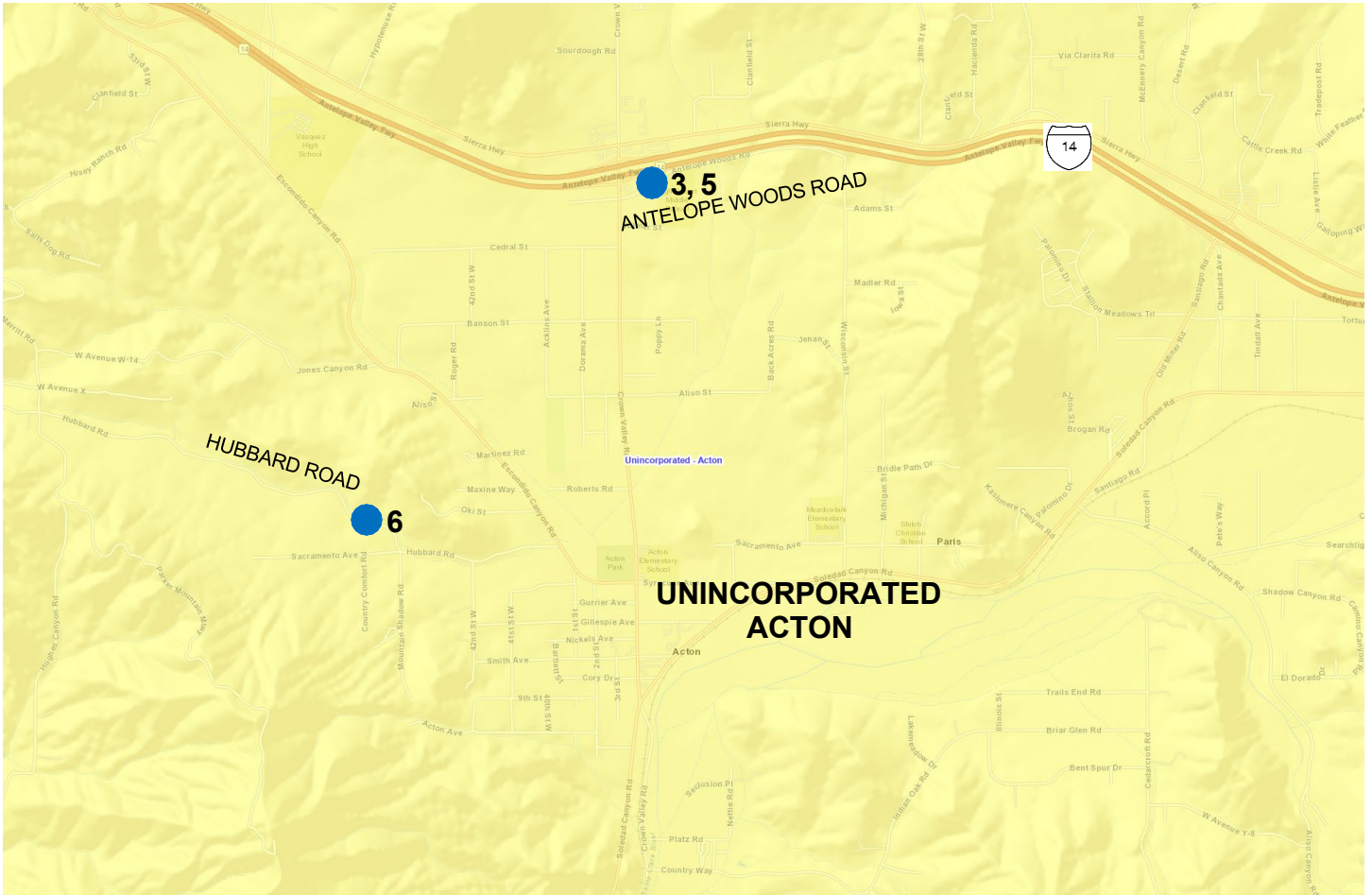
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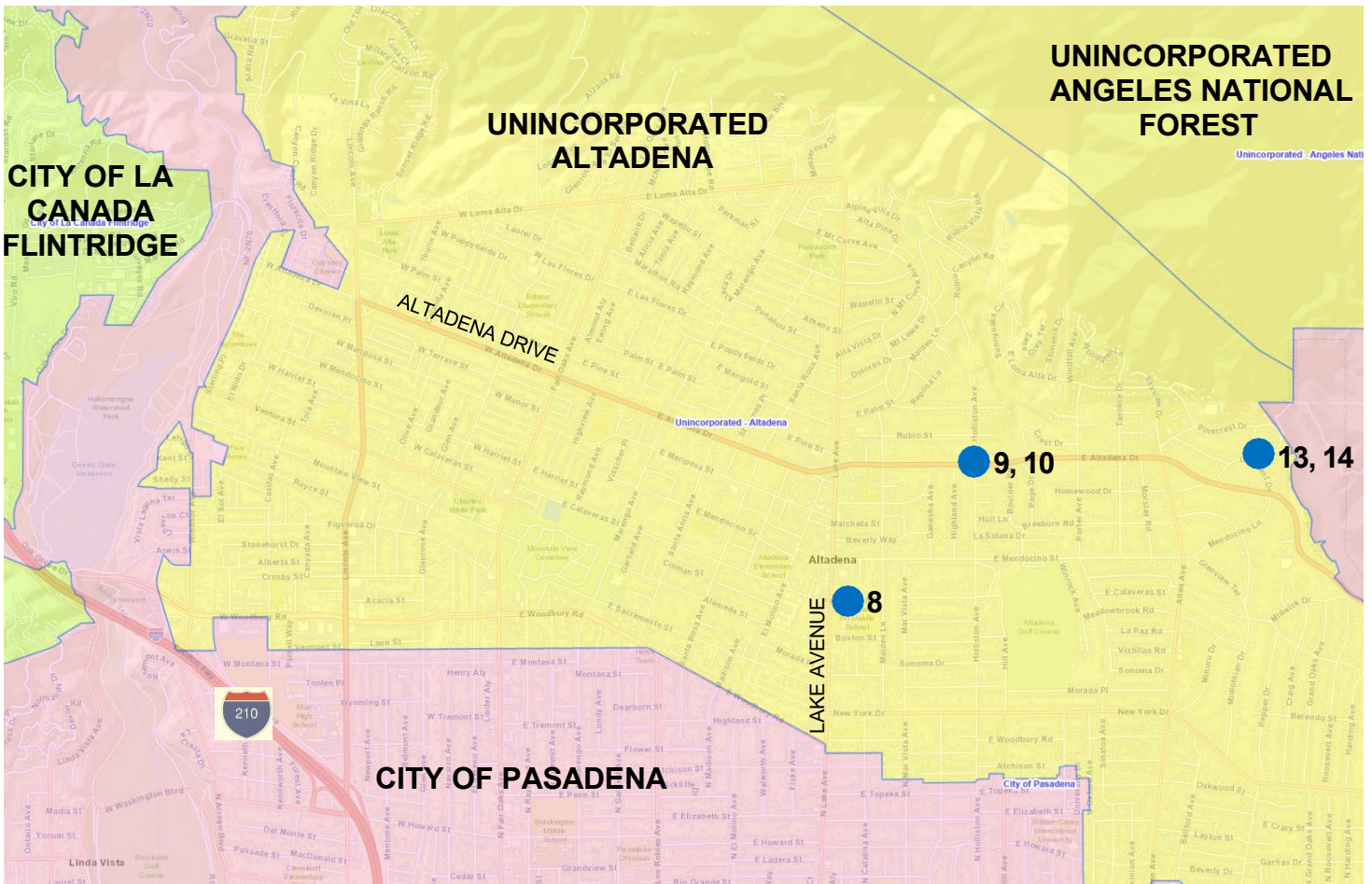
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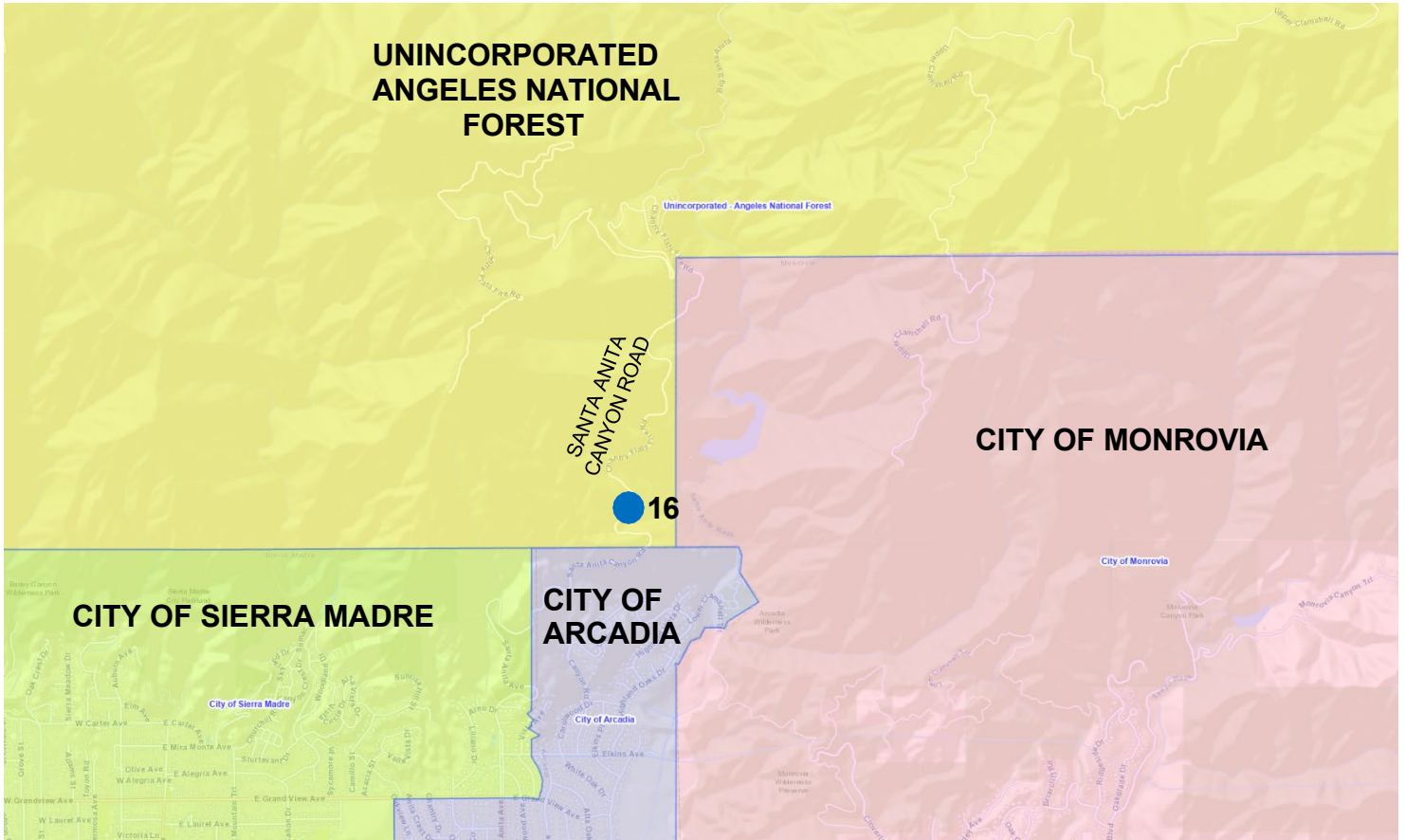
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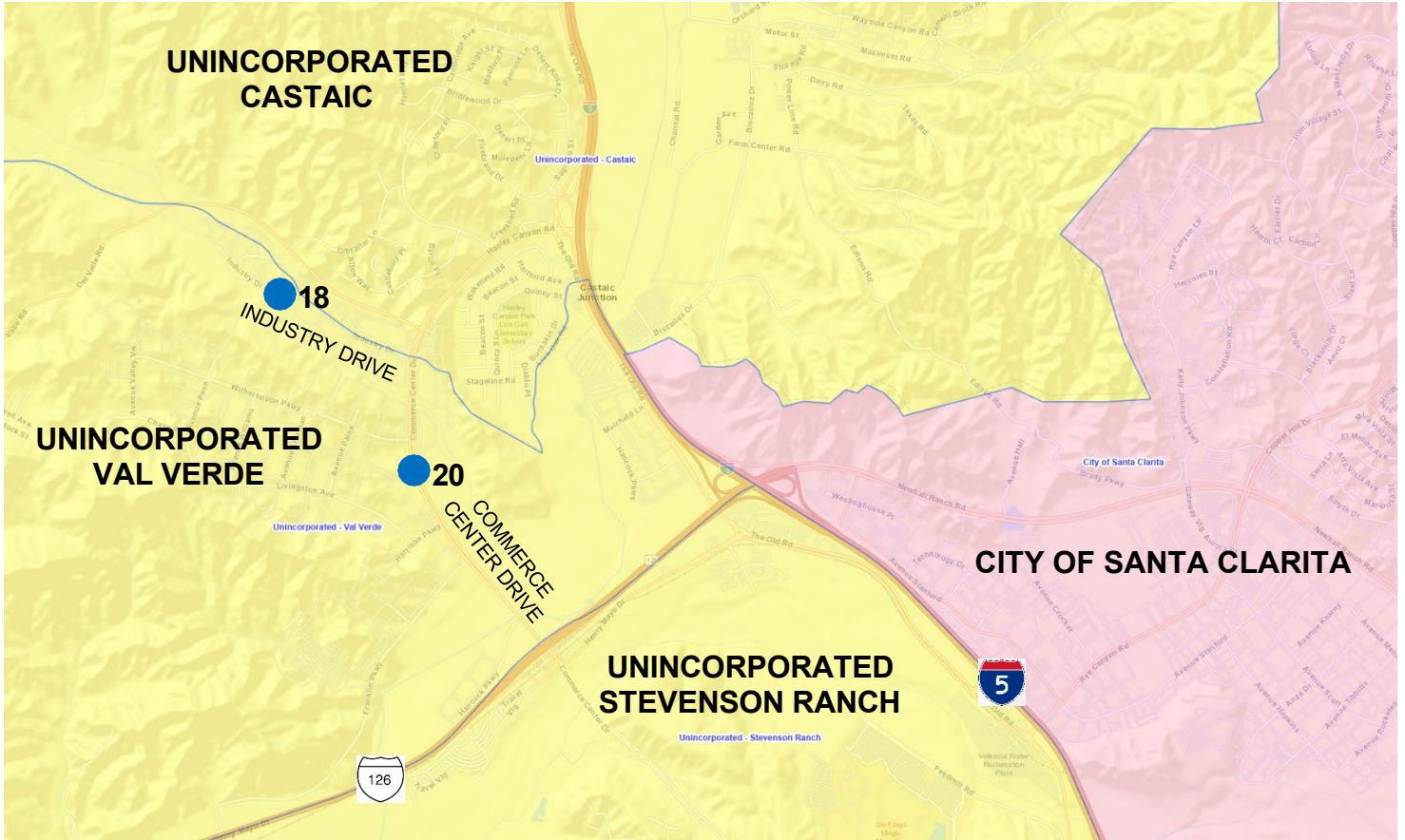


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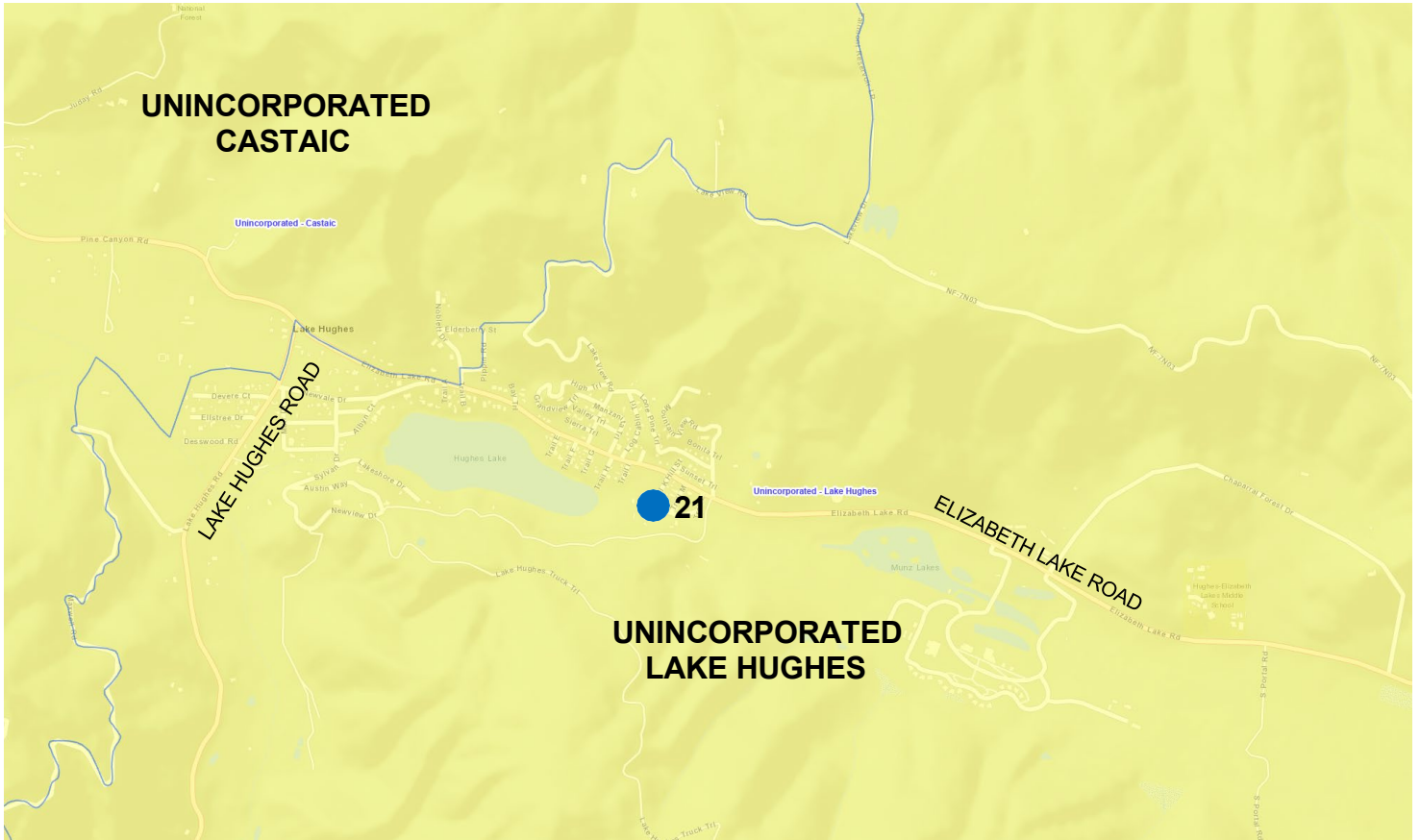
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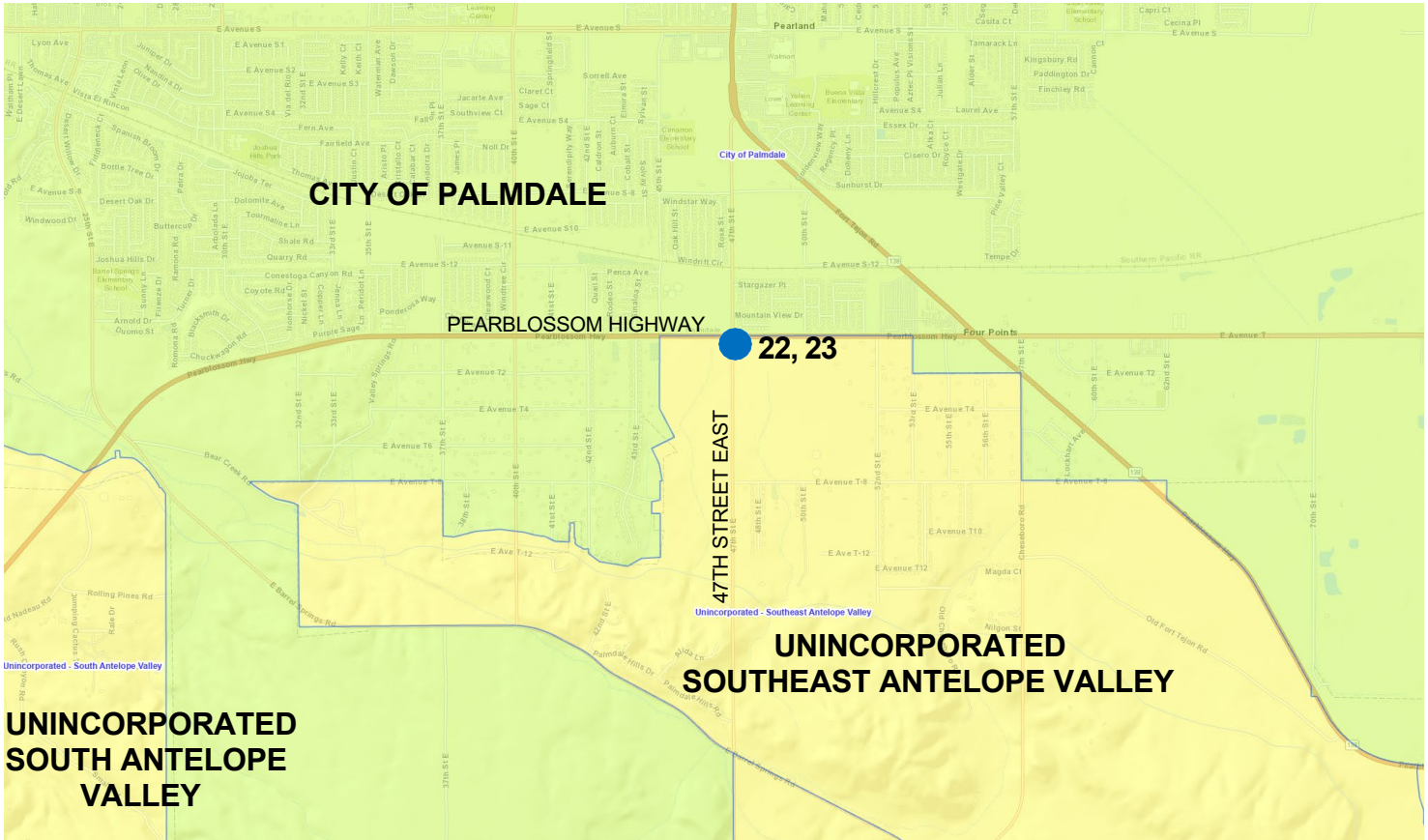
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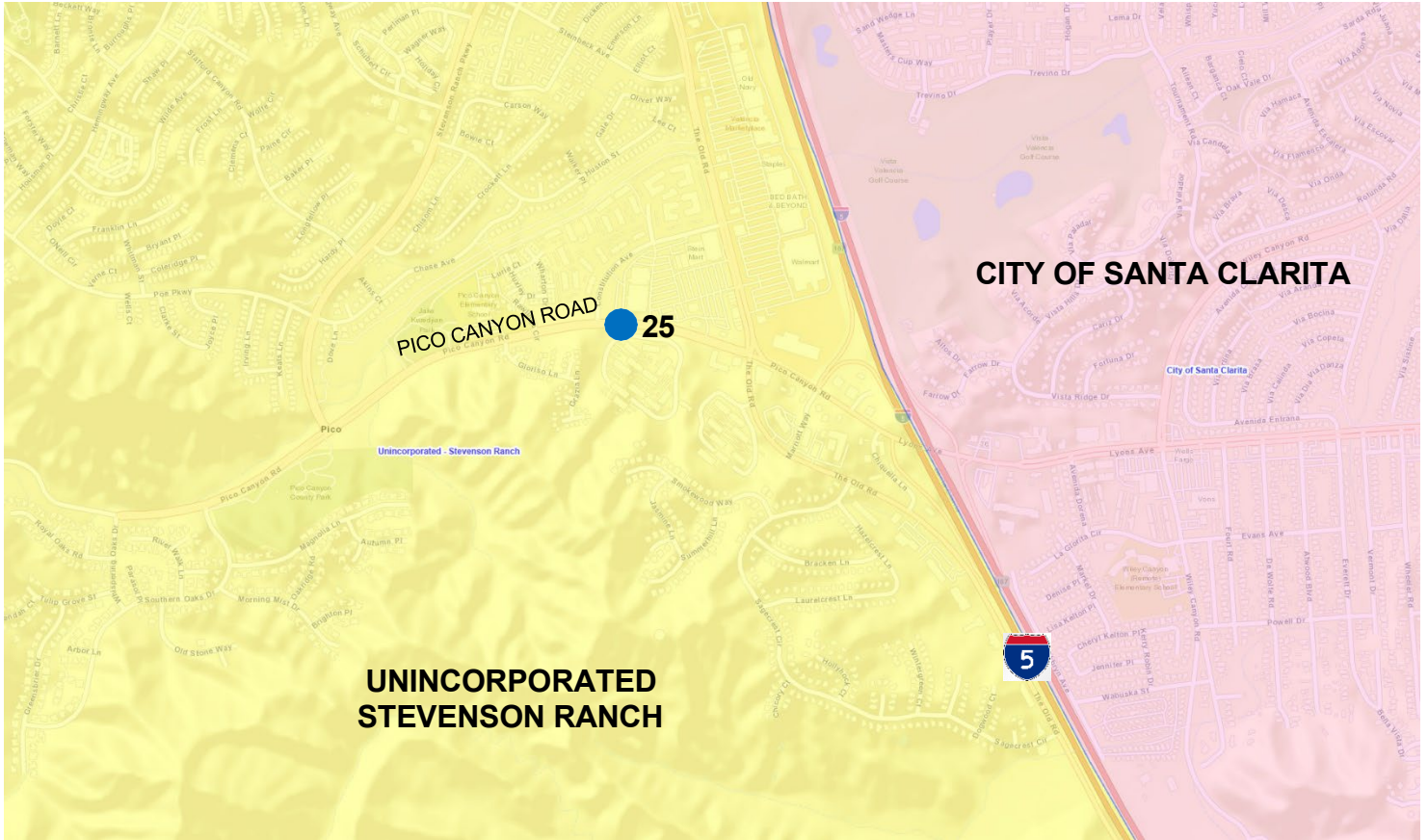
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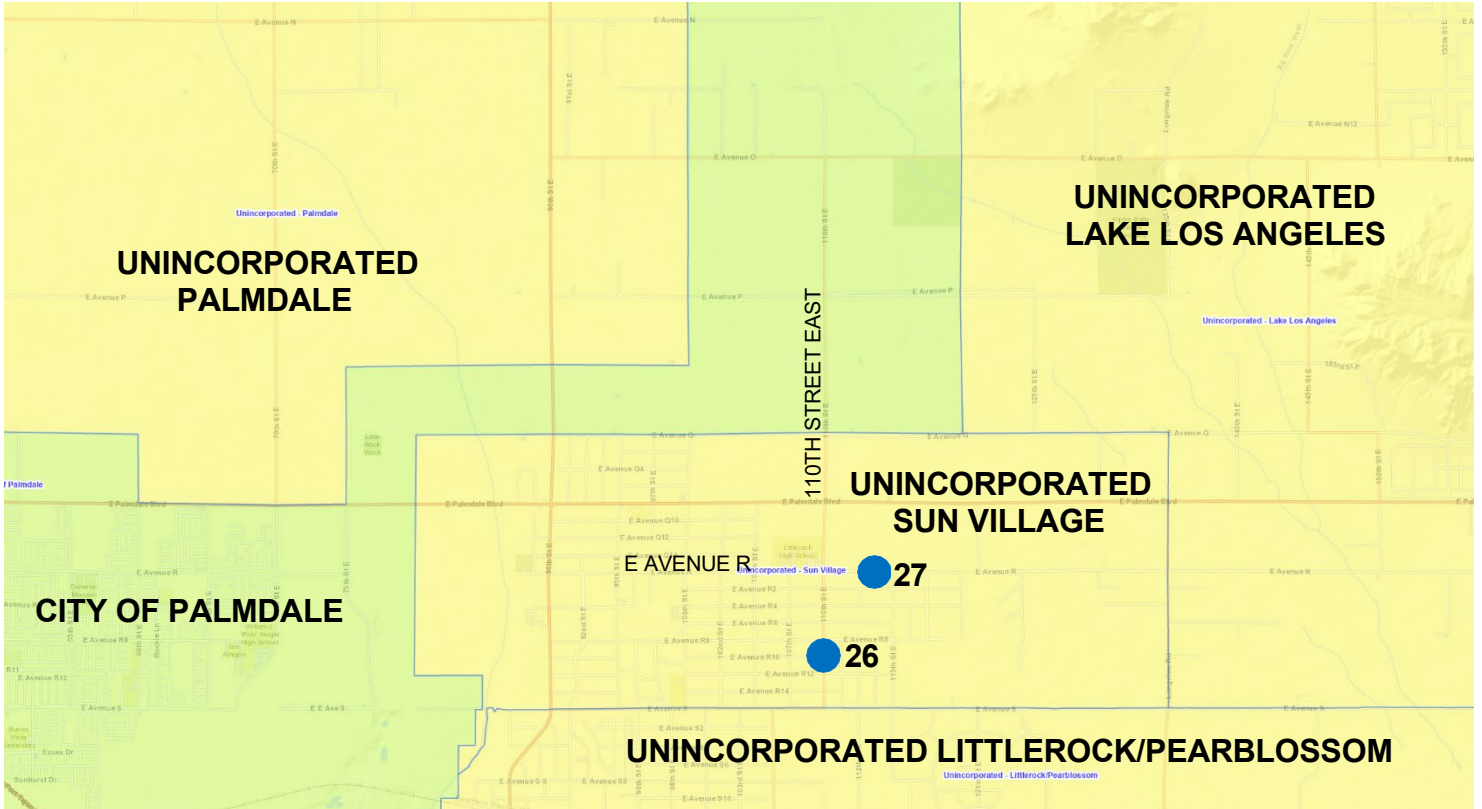
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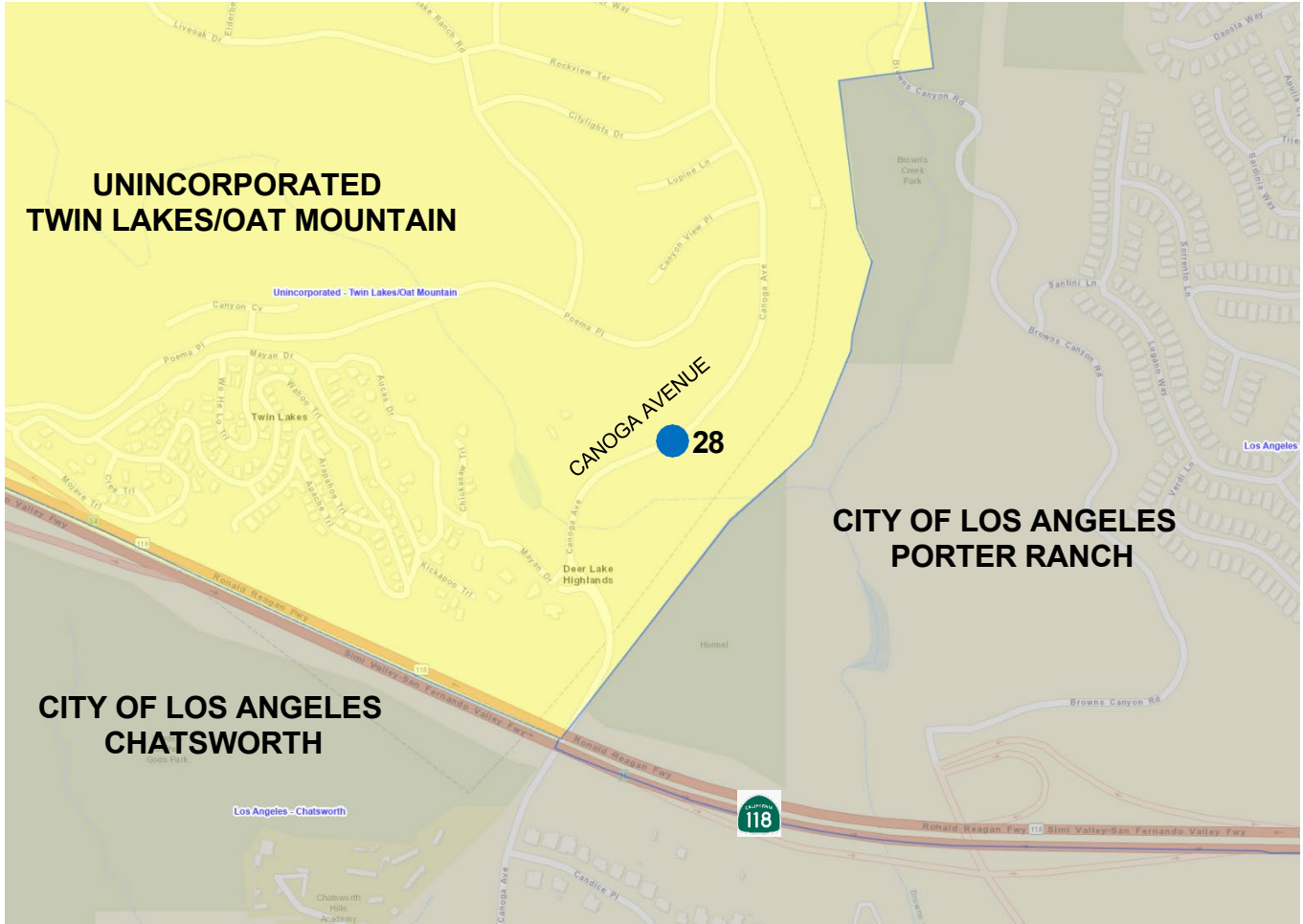
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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Watershed Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Budget	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Joint Powers Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	While not urgent, this Board agenda item is a priority since the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is not allowed to make or receive payments until there is an adopted annual budget.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$51,500	Funding source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Flood Fund
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: There will be no impact to the County General Fund.	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Adopt a resolution approving the WCA's FY 2024-25 Budget; and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to contribute \$51,500 to WCA.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	<p>On April 24, 2003, the Board executed the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA). As part of the JPA requirements, the WCA must adopt an annual budget and submit it to the governing bodies of Rivers and Mountains Conservation and District for approval.</p> <p>On January 9, 2024, the Board approved and authorized the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute the Second Amendment to Watershed Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to increase the annual maximum contribution by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District from \$25,500 to \$50,000 for FY 2023-24; and increase the maximum amount of future annual contributions based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.</p> <p>The WCA's FY 2024-25 budget was adopted by the WCA's Board on May 16, 2024, and Rivers and Mountains Conservation's Board on June 17, 2024.</p>	

<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: The District's annual contribution to the WCA will support Board Priority No. 7: Sustainability. The JPA facilitates the development and implementation of mutual projects interest, which aim to improve open space and recreational opportunities for conservation, restoration, and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed area in line with the priority to make the County healthier, more livable, and more equitable.
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January 21, 2025

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **SWP-1**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL BUDGET  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the Watershed Conservation Authority's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to continue the development and implementation of multiuse projects that enhance flood protection while also providing open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration, and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watersheds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and the records of Public Works.
2. Approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.
3. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to contribute \$51,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the enclosed Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) annual budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 (Enclosure A) and approve a contribution by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the WCA for FY 2024-25 in the amount of \$51,500. The Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursement of funds in conformance with the adopted budget.

The WCA is a joint powers agency comprised of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the District. The enclosed Joint Powers Agreement that created the WCA was approved by the Board on April 1, 2003 (Enclosure B). Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Government Code, Section 6500, et seq. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed that are consistent with the District's objectives of flood protection, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes in furtherance of those objectives.

The terms of the agreement require the WCA to adopt an annual budget and submit it to the governing boards of the District and RMC for approval and prohibits the WCA from disbursing any funds except pursuant to a budget that has been approved by the District and RMC.

On January 9, 2024, the Board approved and authorized the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute the enclosed Second Amendment (Enclosure C) to WCA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to increase the annual maximum contribution by the District from \$25,500 to \$50,000 for FY 2023-24; and to increase the maximum contribution amount in future fiscal years based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The proposed contribution amount of \$51,500 represents the CPI-adjusted amount for FY 2024-25.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal F, Community Connections, Strategy i, by strengthening the partnerships with community-based organizations to effectively manage and leverage resources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the budget will be funded by rental income from leases of WCA property and various grants awarded to the WCA in addition to the District and RMC contributions. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to commence and continue implementing projects of mutual interest to the District and RMC.

Sufficient funds to cover the District's contribution is included in the FY 2024-25 Flood Fund Budget (B07-Other Charges).

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The WCA budget for FY 2024-25 has been adopted by the governing board of the WCA and approved by the governing board of the RMC. Copies of the WCA and RMC Resolutions are included in the budget (Resolution Nos. 2024-67 and 2024-24 respectively).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

The proposed actions would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and/or are organizational or administrative activities of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approving the recommended actions will not have an impact on County services or projects currently planned. The District will benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the WCA and its development of projects of mutual interest.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
January 21, 2025  
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**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Stormwater Planning Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division)  
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel (Mark Yanai)  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**ATTACHMENT**

January 08, 2025

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	CP Del Valle Grading Project	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	N/A	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	N/A	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$76,508	Funding source: Capital Project No. 89159
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: N/A	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a change order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,508; find the scope of the change order work is within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the previously adopted Negative Declaration.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	<p>On August 8, 2023, the Board approved the project, adopted plans and specifications, approved advertisement for construction bids, and authorized the Director of Public Works to award and execute a construction contract to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder, if the low-bid could be awarded within the approved total budget. On February 8, 2024, a construction contract was executed with Access Pacific Inc., to construct the project.</p> <p>Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to execute a change order to address an unforeseen condition, which requires an increased lateral waterline and extended length of line.</p>	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:	
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: The project supports Board Priority No. 7, Sustainability, by investing in County buildings to update and provide efficient County workforce environments, which will lead to improved productivity	

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Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
DEL VALLE GRADING PROJECT  
APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 89159  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to execute a construction change order with Access Pacific, Inc., for the Del Valle Grading Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,508.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the scope of work to be carried out by the proposed change order is within the scope of impacts in the previously adopted Negative Declaration for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in the Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to finalize negotiations and execute a change order with Access Pacific, Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,508 to install an 8-inch lateral waterline to connect with the existing 8-inch waterline point of connection.



## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the scope of work in the proposed change order is within the scope of the impacts in the previously adopted Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize Public Works to execute a change order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,508, within the Board-approved project budget of \$1,326,000.

### Background

The Del Valle Grading Project is located at the site of the Del Valle Regional Training Facility at 28101 Chiquito Canyon Road, Castaic, CA 91384. The Del Valle Regional Training Facility is a Fire Department Facility and serves as a dedicated center for emergency response training, providing high-quality, and realistic training experiences in a controlled environment.

The project includes grading, over-excavation, and compaction to install a new 4,500-square-foot concrete pad and foundation for the future installation of a live fire training prop (consisting of shipping containers). The construction contract was executed on February 8, 2024, for the total contract sum of \$803,000; after the successful bidder's completion of a satisfactory and compliant project schedule.

The project plans called for connecting a proposed new lateral waterline to an existing 6-inch waterline point of connection. However, after the start of construction Access Pacific Inc., was unable to locate the point of connection per the as-built plans, which were later determined to be erroneously labeled. The closest waterline in the area was an 8-inch line approximately 160 feet away. To maintain the project schedule and avoid delay costs, a proceed order was issued to the contractor to excavate, trench, and install a 160-linear-foot, 8-inch lateral line to connect to the existing 8-inch waterline.

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to execute a change order for the unforeseen lateral waterline extension and installation, within the previously Board-approved project budget. Upon approval of the recommended actions, the change order will be executed and the Del Valle Grading project will be finalized and closed out.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrows Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by evaluating our current Capital Projects and identifying the need to replace or modernize legacy/obsolete infrastructure. These recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by investing in public safety infrastructure improvements that will enhance the quality and delivery of Fire Department services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to issue a change order to Access for a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,508. Public Works has reviewed the change order and determined the cost to be fair and consistent with the work value for the industry. There is sufficient funding in the project budget to cover the cost of the proposed change order. Enclosure A reflects the reallocation of funding for the change order within the approved project budget.

There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

#### Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the project, Fire Department will request and fund annual ongoing maintenance and operational costs, as needed, with departmental resources in future budget phases.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 20137 of the Public Contract Code allows the Board, with a four-fifths vote, to authorize an individual change order to a construction contract that is 10 percent or less of the original contract amount without having to obtain bids for the work. The proposed change order is less than 10 percent of the original contract sum and is, therefore, within the statutory threshold.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 4, 2020, the project budget includes a \$9,200 Civic Art allocation and will not be impacted by the proposed change order.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

A Negative Declaration was adopted by the Board for the entire Del Valle development in 1991 pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, which included development of the 160-acre site primarily as a training facility for both manipulative and academic training. The work included in the change order falls within the project analyzed in the previously adopted negative declaration as it will provide an equipment prop (manipulative) to enhance the training experience of emergency response personnel. There have been no changes to the project or the conditions under which it will be undertaken that require further review under CEQA in the proposed development of the site and the currently proposed work will continue to comply with applicable regulations.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On August 8, 2023, the Board approved a total project budget of \$1,326,000 for the Del Valle Grading Project, including a change order contingency of \$135,000. The Board also delegated authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to approve change orders for a maximum of \$52,650 for any single change, subject to the limits that the aggregate amount of all such delegated authority change orders does not exceed 25 percent of the original contract amount as set forth in Public Contract Code Section 20145.

Public Works has executed four change orders under delegated authority for a total of \$56,088. The proposed change order for \$76,508 represents 9.5 percent of the original contract sum of \$803,000. Approval of the recommended actions will increase the total change order expenditure to \$132,596, or approximately 16.5 percent of the contract value.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended change order will not result in any additional impacts to the current services on the Del Valle Grading Project.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
January 21, 2025  
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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

MP:HA:cg

Enclosure

c: Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)  
Auditor-Controller  
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Fire Department

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**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Previous Scheduled Completion Date</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Construction Documents	10/2022	10/2022*
Jurisdictional Approvals	01/2023	01/2023*
Construction Award	09/2023	01/2024*
Construction Start	09/2023	02/2024*
Substantial Completion	11/2023	07/2024*
Project Acceptance	12/2023	02/2025

\*Completed Activity

**II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>Project Budget Category</b>	<b>Board Approved Budget</b>	<b>Impact of this Action</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Construction	\$ 900,000	\$ 132,596	\$1,032,596
Change Order Contingency	\$ 135,000	(\$132,596)	\$ 2,404
Civic Art	\$ 9,200	\$ 0	\$ 9,200
<b>Hard Cost Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,044,200</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$1,044,200</b>
Plans and Specifications	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 16,000
Consultant Services	\$ 72,800	\$ 0	\$ 72,800
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Jurisdictional Review	\$ 31,000	\$ 0	\$ 31,000
County Services	\$ 148,000	\$ 0	\$ 148,500
<b>Soft Cost Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 281,800</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 281,800</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$1,326,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$1,326,000</b>

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<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works, Health Services, Mental Health	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	CP Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program, Approve Revised Project Budget and Supplemental Agreements	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	N/A	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	Additional contingency is required in January 2025 to avoid delays to the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC) Replacement Program make-ready projects.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$51,000,000	Funding source: The \$51,000,000 additional budget will be funded by Department of Health Services in the amount of \$45,584,000 (89.38 percent) and Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$5,416,000 for (10.62 percent).
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: N/A	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Public Works is seeking Board approval of the revised project budget of \$1,806,000,000, an increase of \$51,000,000 from the previously Board-approved budget. Public Works is also seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Supplemental Agreements with RBB Architects, Inc., Harbor-UCLA AECOM, a Joint Venture, and Harbor-UCLA Controls Partners, a Joint Venture for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$10,030,000.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	<p>On February 8, 2022, the Board approved a total project budget of \$1,695,000,000 and a Design-Build Agreement with Hensel Phelps Construction Company. On June 25, 2024, the Board approved the revised project budget of \$1,755,000,000, an increase of \$60,000,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of \$1,695,000,000. The Board was informed that the risk assessment and final budget approval would be in 2025.</p> <p>With the completion of the risk analysis, Public Works is recommending a final budget of \$1,806,000,000, an increase \$51,000,000 from the June 2024 Board-approved budget, to address make-ready project cost and scope increases, soft costs, and future unforeseen conditions.</p> <p>Construction for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program is 40 percent complete. All design-build buildings are scheduled to be completed by August 2027.</p>	

<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: The project will ensure that medical and mental health services continue to be provided to a community that has been historically underserved.
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: These recommendations support Board Priority No. 2 - Alliance for Health Integration by consolidating all inpatient and outpatient clinical and mental health services on the H-UCLA MC Campus.
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REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
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APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 67965  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to revise the project budget and approve and authorize the execution of supplemental agreements with various consultants for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the recommended actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the proposed activities.
2. Approve the revised project budget of \$1,806,000,000, an increase of \$51,000,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of \$1,755,000,000 for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program, Capital Project No. 67965.



3. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute Supplemental Agreement 5 to Contract PW-15083 with RBB Architects, Inc., to provide additional architectural/engineering services for the project for a \$3,130,000 not-to-exceed fee, increasing the contract value from \$51,000,000 to \$54,130,000.
4. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute Supplemental Agreement 4 to Contract PW-15142 with Harbor-UCLA AECOM, a Joint Venture, to provide additional project/construction management services for the project for a \$4,000,000 not-to-exceed fee, increasing the contract value from \$60,000,000 to \$64,000,000.
5. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute Supplemental Agreement 4 to Contract PW-15144 with Harbor-UCLA Controls Partners, a Joint Venture, to provide additional project controls services for the projects for a \$2,900,000 not-to-exceed fee, increasing the contract value from \$33,000,000 to \$35,900,000.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to seek Board approval for the revised project budget, to award supplemental consultant services agreements, and to find that the recommended activities are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

#### **Background**

Senate Bill 1953 mandates that all California General Acute-Care Hospitals meet structural and nonstructural seismic strengthening requirements by January 1, 2030. The previously approved Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC) Replacement Program will not only bring the hospital in compliance with the mandate, but also consolidate inpatient and outpatient services into new buildings that optimize operational effectiveness, reduce operation and maintenance costs, provide outpatient facilities that accommodate planned patient visits, implement sustainability, and create a campus designed for the wellbeing of patients and staff.

The program includes construction of an Outpatient/Support Building, which includes 233 exam rooms that are distributed across three floors of clinic space. The clinics are arrayed throughout the floors to promote an integrated care model that meets patients' complex care needs. The program also includes construction of an Inpatient Tower

Building with 347 inpatient beds, including 36 psychiatric beds, new psychiatric emergency department, and permanent rooftop helistop. The current hospital is licensed at 453 beds and runs an average daily census of 312 patients. The hospital's census has steadily increased over the past four years. The industry standard is to estimate census at 85 percent of licensed bed capacity; using this calculation, the proposed licensed capacity of 347 beds is necessary to meet patient demand.

Additionally, the program includes construction of a 1,500-stall above-grade parking structure; a new Central Utility Plant to serve new buildings under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Health Care Access and Information; a new Support Services Building for the campus Information Technology and Facilities staff; a new Regional Laboratory; and related make-ready work, such as several new surface parking lots, a 66-kilovolt electrical substation, a 12-kilovolt electrical building, demolition of existing structures, and tenant improvements.

On February 8, 2022, the Board approved a total project budget of \$1,695,000,000 for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program. The project budget included a stipulated sum Design-Build Contract with Hensel Phelps Construction Company for a maximum not-to-exceed contract sum of \$1,238,179,000; inclusive of a \$1,112,179,000 stipulated sum contract plus a \$30,000,000 Design Completion Allowance; and a \$96,000,000 Medical Equipment Allowance. The Board also delegated authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to approve change orders for a maximum of \$750,000 subject to the limits that the aggregate amount of all such delegated authority change orders does not exceed 25 percent of the original stipulated sum contract amount as set forth in Public Contract Code Section 20145.

On June 25, 2024, the Board approved the revised project budget of \$1,755,000,000; an increase of \$60,000,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of \$1,695,000,000; to address required design and jurisdictional changes, unforeseen conditions, and issues related to the Design Builder's Criteria Documents interpretation.

Between March 2022 and December 2024, the Board approved the execution of a total of 19 change orders for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$50,993,500 to Hensel Phelps. These change orders were within the Board-approved budget for various scopes of work but exceeded Public Works delegated authority of \$750,000.

Construction for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program is 40 percent complete. The Support Services Building and the Parking Structure are complete. Construction of the Outpatient/Support Building, Inpatient Tower, Regional Lab, and Central Utility Plant

began in July 2023, June 2024, August 2024, and November 2024, respectively. All design-build buildings are scheduled to be completed by August 2027.

The remaining make-ready scope of work includes retrofit of the existing Emergency Generator Building; tenant improvements at Parlow Library, N-14, and N-16; restoration or demolition of the existing helistop; Utility Ductbank Phase 3; and demolition of 1-East, 1-South, 3-South, interim helistop, and the remaining unoccupied buildings at the N-block.

#### Revised Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program Budget

In June 2024, Public Works reported to the Board that we were finalizing a risk analysis, including an assessment of future risk to the program, and requested approval for a preliminary budget increase of \$60,000,000 to mitigate future unforeseen conditions, design and jurisdictional changes, and Criteria Document interpretation issues on the design-build scope. With the completion of the risk analysis, Public Works is recommending a final budget of \$1,806,000,000; an increase \$51,000,000 from the June 2024 Board-approved budget; to address additional make-ready project cost and scope increases, soft costs, and future unforeseen conditions.

As final make-ready projects are being designed and estimates are being refined, the impacts for electrical distribution equipment have further increased the cost to complete the remaining make-ready scope of work, specifically the retrofit of the existing Emergency Generator Building. Additionally, further coordination with the Design Builder and preliminary reviews with the Authority Having Jurisdiction has resulted in additional scope for make-ready work.

Due to the increase in scope, including previously approved design and jurisdictional changes and interpretation issues, and make-ready scope increases discussed herein, the program soft costs have also been impacted. Because of these increases in scope, additional funding is required for the California Department of Health Care Access and Information permitting and Inspector of Record services, scoping and make-ready design, project and construction management, and project controls.

Furthermore, in order to continue construction without delays, additional contingency is required for both the make-ready and design-build projects to expeditiously address unforeseen conditions that may arise in the course of the ongoing and future construction.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives, Focus Area Goal A, Healthy Individuals and Families, Strategy ii, Improve Health Outcomes, by promoting comprehensive and inclusive care through investments in public healthcare infrastructure that enhance the quality and delivery of healthcare services to Los Angeles County residents; and North Star 2, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by evaluating our current Capital Projects and identifying the need to replace or modernize legacy/obsolete infrastructure.

The quality and delivery of healthcare services to the residents of Los Angeles County will be enhanced by investing in public healthcare infrastructure improvements.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

On June 25, 2024, the Board approved the revised total project budget to \$1,755,000,000 for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program. Approval of the recommended actions will increase the previous Board-approved revised project budget to \$1,806,000,000, an increase of \$51,000,000. The revised project budget includes predevelopment activities, programming, make-ready work, scoping documents, plans and specifications, permit fees, construction, change order contingency, medical equipment and design completion allowances, Civic Art, consultant services, inspection services, and County services. The revised project budget and schedule are included in the Enclosure.

Based on the expected use of the additional budget of \$51,000,000, estimated cost allocation between Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Mental Health (DMH) is \$45,584,000 and \$5,416,000, respectively. The cost allocation percentage used for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program is 89.38 percent for DHS and 10.62 percent for DMH, as stated in the February 8, 2022, approved Board letter. The cost allocation for the revised total program budget of \$1,806,000,000 will be increased from \$1,570,733,000 to \$1,616,317,000 for DHS; and from \$184,267,000 to \$189,683,000 for DMH.

On February 8, 2022, the Board approved for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program to be financed through short-term, long-term, or a combination of both types of financing mechanisms. The financing costs of the Notes, including interest, insurance, and administrative expenses are funded by the benefitting department's operating budget.

The funding for the annual debt repayment for DHS will come from existing and new departmental operating subsidies and Federal dollars from the provision of care to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the nonpsychiatric areas of the inpatient building. The DMH share of cost will be funded with the department's 2011 Realignment funds. The Chief Executive Office will continue to work with both DHS and DMH to monitor the fiscal outlook of both departments and communicate to the Board any material changes that could impact their ability to meet the future debt service obligations for the project.

There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

#### Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the project, DHS will request and fund annual ongoing maintenance and operational costs, as needed, with departmental resources in future budget phases.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 4, 2020, the project budget includes a \$2,000,000 Civic Art allocation, which is greater than the \$1,000,000 maximum required by the Board's policy. The \$2,000,000 Civic Art allocation will not be impacted by the proposed budget increase.

On December 20, 2016, the Board adopted a new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Development (LEED) policy requiring all new County buildings greater than 10,000 square feet in size to achieve LEED Gold certification. In accordance with this policy, the new buildings are being designed and constructed to achieve LEED Gold Certification with the exception of the parking structure because the United States Green Building Council no longer provides LEED certificates for parking structures. Additionally, the program will continue to support the Board's Policy for Green Building/Sustainable Design Program by recycling disposable material, incorporating energy efficient products during construction, and incorporating native, drought-tolerant landscaping.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The County prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report, as lead agency under CEQA for the H-UCLA MC Campus Master Plan on December 16, 2016. Addenda to the Environmental Impact Report were certified for changes to the project proposed in 2020 and 2022. However, the recommended actions, to approve a revised, increased budget and award consultant supplemental services agreements, are not a project under

CEQA, since they are excluded from the definition of a project under Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and are fiscal activities of government, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project and organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The budget increase and supplemental agreements recommended herein are not intended to approve any project activity under CEQA that has not been previously approved. Prior to approval of any new activity that would be a project under CEQA, Public Works will recommend appropriate CEQA findings, as necessary, upon return to the Board.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

To date, Public Works has executed 24 allowance reallocation contract amendments for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$64,539,318. Additionally, Public Works has executed 114 change orders under delegated change order authority for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$27,984,033. Of the \$50,993,500 change orders approved in the six previous Board letters, \$28,551,945 is pending execution.

#### **RBB Architects, Inc. Supplemental Agreement**

On May 16, 2017, the Board authorized Public Works to enter into an architectural/engineering (A/E) agreement with RBB Architects, Inc., to provide campuswide A/E services for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program for a \$4,000,000 not-to-exceed amount. On September 10, 2018, Public Works executed Supplemental Agreement 1 for a \$75,000 not-to-exceed amount to investigate the feasibility of relocating a flood control storm drain to connect the basement of the proposed inpatient tower to the existing surgery emergency building. On November 20, 2018, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement 2 for a \$39,000,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide additional campuswide A/E services, such as scoping documents and design services, which included preparation of plans and specifications, jurisdictional agency review and approval, technical review, and construction administration support services. On February 8, 2022, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement 4 with RBB for a \$7,925,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide a continuation of campuswide A/E services for scoping documents package and preparation of full design packages. There is no Supplemental Agreement 3. On November 14, 2024, Public Works executed Change Order 1 under delegated authority for addition of subconsultants.

We are recommending approval of Supplemental Agreement 5 with RBB for a \$3,130,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide a continuation of campuswide A/E services for construction administration phase of the scoping services and additional make-ready

work design services. Approval of Supplemental Agreement 5 will increase the total amount of Contract PW-15083 by \$3,130,000 from \$51,000,000 to a not-to-exceed Contract amount of \$54,130,000. Public Works has reviewed the proposed amount, and considered it reasonable for the scope of work.

#### AECOM Joint Venture Supplemental Agreement

On December 19, 2017, the Board authorized Public Works to enter into a consultant services agreement with AECOM Joint Venture (JV) to provide project/construction management support services for the preplanning of the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program for a \$1,000,000 not-to-exceed amount. On November 20, 2018, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement 1 with AECOM JV for a \$10,500,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide, but not limited to, project/construction management services, site coordination, field investigations, planning efforts, and commissioning consultant services as required for all phases of the project needs. On September 23, 2021, Public Works executed Supplemental Agreement 2 under delegated authority for addition of work classifications. On February 8, 2022, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement 3 with AECOM JV for a \$48,500,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide a continuation of these services.

We are recommending approval of Supplemental Agreement 4 with AECOM JV for a \$4,000,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide a continuation of these services. Approval of Supplemental Agreement 4 will increase the total amount of Contract PW-15142 by \$4,000,000 from \$60,000,000 to a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$64,000,000. Public Works has reviewed the proposed amount, and considered it reasonable for the scope of work.

#### Harbor-UCLA Controls Partners Joint Venture Supplemental Agreement

On December 19, 2017, the Board authorized Public Works to enter into a consultant services agreement with Harbor-UCLA Controls Partners JV to provide project controls services for the preplanning of the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program for a \$500,000 not-to-exceed amount. On November 20, 2018, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement 1 with a Controls Partners JV for a \$7,000,000 not-to-exceed amount to continue to provide, but not limited to, project controls services, scheduling, estimating, office support, field investigations, and planning efforts as required for all phases of the project needs. On February 8, 2022, the Board approved Supplemental Agreement 2 with Controls Partners JV for a \$25,500,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide a continuation of these services. On August 1, 2022, Public Works executed Supplemental Agreement 3 under delegated authority for addition of work classifications.

We are recommending approval of Supplemental Agreement 4 with Controls Partners JV for a \$2,900,000 not-to-exceed amount to provide a continuation of these services. Approval of Supplemental Agreement 4 will increase the total amount of Contract PW-15144 by \$2,900,000 from \$33,000,000 to a not-to-exceed Contract amount of \$35,900,000. Public Works has reviewed the proposed amount and considered it reasonable for the scope of work.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The H-UCLA MC will continue to remain fully operational to provide emergency and inpatient and outpatient services throughout the duration of the construction of the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

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c: Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)  
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)  
County Counsel  
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Health Services (Capital Projects Division)  
Mental Health



**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET AND  
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS  
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 67965  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Scoping Documents	June 2021*
Design-Build Award	February 2022*
Jurisdictional Approvals	Various
Substantial Completion-Parking Structure A	June 2024*
Substantial Completion-Outpatient/Support Building	June 2026
Substantial Completion-Central Plant	May 2027
Substantial Completion-Inpatient Tower	August 2027
Project Acceptance	December 2027

\*Completed Activity

**II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

Project Budget Category	Previous Board Approved Budget	Changes Under Delegated Authority	Impact of this Action	Revised Total Project Budget
Design-Build Construction	\$1,230,276,871	\$ 2,977,425		\$1,233,254,296
Make-Ready Construction	\$ 137,907,872			\$ 137,907,872
Change Order Contingency	\$ 82,178,674	\$(1,188,592)	\$40,500,000	\$ 121,490,082
Civic Arts	\$ 2,000,000			\$ 2,000,000
Stipend	\$ 1,000,000			\$ 1,000,000
Medical Equipment Allowance	\$ 50,392,457	\$ (912,482)		\$ 49,479,975
Design Completion Allowance	\$ 12,857,058	\$ (876,351)		\$ 11,980,707
Plans and Specifications	\$ 51,000,000		\$ 3,100,000	\$ 54,100,000
Consultant Services	\$ 136,766,068		\$ 1,500,000	\$ 138,266,068
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 1,650,000			\$ 1,650,000
Jurisdictional Review/ Plan Check/Permits	\$ 21,681,000		\$ 2,400,000	\$ 24,081,000
County Services	\$ 27,290,000		\$ 3,500,000	\$ 30,790,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,755,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$51,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,806,000,000</b>

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO  
CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

Board Letter

Board Memo

Other

<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/8/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	1/28/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System Automatic Annual Pass-Through 5-Year Water Rate Adjustment	
<b>PROGRAM</b>		
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>		
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$0	Funding source: N/A
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation: There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The rate adjustments will become effective January 1 of each year for a period of 5 years, except for calendar year 2025 when they will take effect on February 1, 2025. This action will generate the required annual revenue to pay for the increased cost of wholesale water and inflation over the next 5 calendar years.	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	The purpose of the recommended actions is to adopt a resolution adopting water rates for 2025 and authorizing the Director of Public Works to adjust water rates annually over a 5-year period to recover cost increases due to inflation affecting operating expenses and increases in the cost of purchasing water from the wholesale water agencies serving the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	This proposed pass-through rate increase is consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill 3030. Assembly Bill 3030 allows an agency providing water service to make automatic water rate adjustments for pass-through costs due to increases in wholesale water charges and/or inflation. It also requires water utilities to conduct Proposition 218 notices and a public hearing at least once every 5 years. The law requires a notice be sent to customers informing them of each rate adjustment no less than 30 days before the effective date of the adjustment.	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	If Yes, please explain how: The Pass-Through Rate Increase applies a consistent rate adjustment methodology across all districts. Equity in access and transparency is maintained by conducting public hearings and ensuring notifications of these hearings and upcoming rate changes are widely distributed to all customers, offering ample opportunity for community feedback and ensuring every customer is equally informed and can participate in the public discussion process.	

<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #7: Sustainability. Approval of the Annual Pass-Through 5-year Water Rate Adjustment will promote sound, prudent, and transparent policies and practices that help preserve our water resources while preserving the quality of life for County residents.
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Adam Arika, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4012, cell (626) 476-6703, <a href="mailto:aariki@pw.lacounty.gov">aariki@pw.lacounty.gov</a>



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January 28, 2025

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**PUBLIC HEARING  
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE  
MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM AUTOMATIC ANNUAL PASS-THROUGH  
5-YEAR WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is requesting the Board to adopt a resolution adopting a schedule of water rates, effective for service provided on February 1, 2025, and authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to adjust the water rates annually over a 5-year period to pass-through cost increases due to inflation and/or the cost of purchasing water from the wholesale water agencies serving the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM:**

1. Find that the purpose of adjustments to the water rates shown in the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System are to meet the operating expenses necessary to maintain service within existing service areas and, therefore, are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Adopt the resolution adopting a schedule of water rates and authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to adjust the water rates annually over a 5-year period to pass-through cost increases due to inflation and/or the cost of purchasing water from the wholesale water agencies serving the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System to adjust the water rates annually over a 5-year period to offset the cost increases due to inflation and/or the cost of purchasing water from the wholesale water agencies for the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System and to implement the water rate changes effective at least 30 days after adjustment notices are sent to customers.
4. Make a determination that no majority written protest against the proposed plan exists. If there is a majority protest, take no further action and refer the matter back to Public Works.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to adjust water rates to offset inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas and wholesale water cost increases adopted by wholesale water agencies (Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and West Basin Municipal Water District), which serve the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (Waterworks Districts) and the Marina del Rey Water System.

This proposed pass-through rate increase is consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill 3030, which allows an agency providing water service to make automatic water rate adjustments for pass-through costs due to increases in wholesale water charges and/or inflation. Assembly Bill 3030 also requires water utilities to conduct Proposition 218 notices and a public hearing at least once every 5 years. In the intervening years, the law requires a notice be sent to customers informing them of each rate adjustment no less than 30 days before the effective date of the adjustment. The Board previously approved the use of the 5-year pass-through on November 24, 2009, November 25, 2014, and October 19, 2019.

Published in July 2024, the 12-month Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas was 3.4 percent. Water wholesale rates adopted by wholesale water agencies have also increased, and wholesale water costs account for a significant portion of the retail cost of water. Based on changes to wholesale water cost

and the Consumer Price Index, the Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's Financial Officer and the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller have determined the need for an adjustment to the calendar year 2025 retail water rates of 5.8 percent in Waterworks District No. 21, Kagel Canyon; 7.5 percent in Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu; 10.1 percent in Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde; 6.5 percent in Waterworks District No. 37, Acton; 4.3 percent in Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley; and 8.9 percent in the Marina del Rey Water System. For illustrative purposes, the impact to the average bimonthly water bill is shown on Enclosure A. Subsequent water rate adjustments, up to a maximum of 15 percent in any calendar year, are expected to fall below this maximum and will be confirmed by the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller and customers will be notified at least 30 days before the final rates become effective.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategy Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal G, Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy ii, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by providing sufficient funds to offset increases in wholesale water charges and inflation to maintain reliable delivery of water service to County residents within the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The rate adjustments will become effective January 1 of each calendar year for a period of 5 years, except for calendar year 2025 when they will take effect on February 1, 2025.

This action will generate the required annual revenue to pay for the increased cost of wholesale water and inflation over the next 5 calendar years.

Funding is available in the County of Los Angeles Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's General Funds (Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budgets to cover the cost of the notices.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board is authorized to increase the water rates, surcharges, and water supply charges pursuant to Section 55501 of the County Waterworks District Law, Water Code Section 55000 et seq. Adoption of this Resolution (Enclosure B) will allow periodic

revisions to the Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant to Section 55333 of the County Waterworks District Law.

In order to adopt a schedule of rates for water service fees, the Board must first comply with the procedural requirements of Article XIII D, Section 6(a) of the California Constitution. These provisions were added as a part of Proposition 218 in 1996 and, among other things, require that the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System adopt the rates after a noticed public hearing and majority protest proceeding. The notice must be mailed to all property owners and tenants directly responsible for the payment of the water service fees at least 45 days prior to the public hearing and must contain specified information relating to the reason for the rate increase, the amount of the rate increase, and how to protest the rate increase (Enclosure C).

Additionally, many of the Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's cost increases in subsequent years are not yet known because they are the product of inflation and cost increases from wholesale water providers. Section 53756 of the California Government Code states that "An agency providing water, sewer, or refuse collection service may adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass-through increases in wholesale charges for water or adjustments for inflation..." In order to do this, the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System must adopt a schedule of water rates, which includes a clearly defined formula for adjusting inflation and passing through wholesale charges for water. A notice of any adjustment will be given pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 53755 of the California Government Code not less than 30 days before the effective date of the adjustment. This information is included in the notice of public hearing that was mailed to all customers.

Enclosed are the instructions for publishing the legal advertisements (Enclosure D) and the newspaper notice (Enclosure E). County Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Resolution and Notice of Public Hearing.

Wholesale water rate increases for calendar years 2025-29 will be passed through to the Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's customers in accordance with California Government Code Section 53756. The pass-through cost for inflation is determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

These actions and the Resolution, amending the Rules and Regulations, are to fund operating expenses and, therefore, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality

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Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code and Section 15273(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and will post the Notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of these actions.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this Board letter and a signed original of the Resolution to Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

MP:RG:sb

Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller  
Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors



**ENCLOSURE A**

**EFFECTIVE AND PROJECTED WATER RATES  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND  
THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM AUTOMATIC ANNUAL PASS-THROUGH  
5-YEAR WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT**

The table below represents an example of typical adjustments to water bill amounts based on average monthly consumption, reflecting the effective percent increase for 2025. This table is for illustration purposes only and actual bills may differ depending on meter size, changes in wholesale water charges, or different levels of water use.

**THIS TABLE IS FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY**

<b>Waterworks Districts Service Area</b>	<b>Current 2024 Bimonthly Bill for Average Water Use</b>	<b>2025 Adjustment (Effective % Increase)*</b>	<b>2025 Bimonthly Bill for Average Water Use (Effective % Increase)</b>
No. 21, Kagel Canyon	\$136.91	5.8 %	\$144.85
No. 29, Malibu	\$521.92	7.5 %	\$561.06
No. 36, Val Verde	\$156.71	10.1 %	\$172.54
No. 37, Acton	\$185.13	6.5 %	\$197.16
No. 40, Antelope Valley	\$144.73	4.3 %	\$150.95
Marina del Rey	\$1,472.92	8.9 %	\$1,604.01

Refer to the Prop 218 Notice of Public Hearing (Enclosure C) appendix for a detailed list of all adjusted rates. An adjusted water bill may be estimated using the "Water Billing Code" section on your Waterworks District water bill, displayed above the account summary and below the customer address.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE  
OF WATER RATES AND AUTHORIZING THE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADJUST THE  
WATER RATES ANNUALLY OVER A 5-YEAR PERIOD FOR THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS  
AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System provide potable water service to customers located within the Cities of Malibu, Lancaster, and Palmdale and within the unincorporated communities of Kagel Canyon, Marina del Rey, Topanga Canyon, Castaic, Acton, Pearblossom, Littlerock, Rock Creek, and Lake Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System pursuant to Section 55501 of the County Waterworks District's Law, Water Code, is authorized to increase the water rates, surcharges, and water supply charges as adopted in the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System pursuant to Section 55333; and

WHEREAS, the Rules and Regulations of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System require the District Engineer, defined as the Assistant Deputy Director of Public Works' Waterworks Division, to annually review the water rate schedules and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for water rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System purchase wholesale water from water wholesalers (Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and West Basin Municipal Water District) as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's retail price of water is partially dependent, in part, upon the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's cost of the purchase of wholesale water; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's expenditures are affected by inflation in the form of increases to labor, power, materials, equipment, service, and leasing contract costs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System to pass-through inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index and wholesale water charge increases to its retail customers; and

WHEREAS, Section 53756 of the California Government Code states that "An agency providing water, sewer, or refuse collection service may adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass-through increases in wholesale charges for water or adjustments for inflation ..."; and

WHEREAS, Section 53756 of the California Government Code indicates that to pass-through these inflationary cost increases, the agency must adopt a clearly defined formula for adjusting for inflation and passing through wholesale charges for water; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System will use the inflation rate as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System will use the individual annual wholesale increase in price charged to the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and West Basin Municipal Water District (collectively, the "Wholesalers") for the pass-through wholesale charges for water; and

WHEREAS, Section 53756 of the California Government Code also requires the water agency to send notices pursuant to Government Code 53755 (a) to its customers informing them of each rate adjustment no less than 30 days before the effective date of each water rate adjustment; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System to adopt a schedule of water fees and pass-through authorization for wholesale water charge and inflation increases during a 5-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System, does hereby adopt the rates for water service fees, which shall take effect for service provided on and after February 1, 2025, in the amounts set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as the governing body of the Los Angeles county Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System, does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works or their designee to adjust the water rates annually, commencing February 1, 2025, and any time thereafter through and including December 31, 2029, to pass-through cost

increases due to inflation and increases in wholesale water charges to become effective 30 days after adjustment notices are sent to customers. Adjustments to the rates for wholesale cost increases shall be based on any adopted rate increases by the Wholesalers that impact the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System price for purchasing water. Adjustments to the rates for inflation shall be based on the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas, published as of July of each year. In the event such index ceases to exist, a comparable index as determined by the Director of Public Works shall be used. The Director of Public Works, or their designee, shall comply with all requirements in Government Code section 53756, including without limitation that notice shall be provided at least 30 days prior to implementing any pass-through adjustment. Pass-through adjustments shall not result in the rates increasing by more than 15% in any calendar year, and shall not cause the rates to exceed the cost of providing water service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as the governing body of the Los Angeles county Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System, does hereby find that the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and by this reference incorporated herein. To the extent any provisions of this Resolution conflict with any previously adopted resolution, order, or motion of the Board of Supervisors, such resolution, order, or motion is hereby superseded to the extent of the conflict. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.

EDWARD YEN  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON  
County Counsel

By   
Sr. Deputy

## EXHIBIT A

**Abbreviations:**

Service Charge (Svc. Chg.)  
 Quantity Charge (Qty. Chg.)  
 Excessive Use Charge (Exc. Chg.)

Conservation Surcharge 2 (Cons. Surch. 2)  
 Normal Use Charge (Nrm. Chg.)  
 Conservation Use Charge (Cons. Use Chg.)

Conservation Surcharge 1 (Cons. Surch. 1)  
 Monthly Surcharge (Mthly. Surch.)  
 Quantity Surcharge (Qty. Surch.)

Bill Code	Charge	2024 Rate	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed Increase (\$)	Proposed 2025 Rate
W01	Svc. Chg.	\$53.792	5.80%	\$3.120	\$56.912
W01	Qty. Chg.	\$7.725	5.80%	\$0.448	\$8.173
W03	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W03	Cons. Use Chg.	\$7.682	7.50%	\$0.576	\$8.258
W03	Nrm. Chg.	\$8.955	7.50%	\$0.672	\$9.627
W03	Exc. Chg.	\$12.758	7.50%	\$0.957	\$13.715
W05	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W05	Cons. Use Chg.	\$7.966	7.50%	\$0.597	\$8.563
W05	Nrm. Chg.	\$9.335	7.50%	\$0.700	\$10.035
W05	Exc. Chg.	\$13.308	7.50%	\$0.998	\$14.306
W07	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W07	Cons. Use Chg.	\$8.081	7.50%	\$0.606	\$8.687
W07	Nrm. Chg.	\$9.411	7.50%	\$0.706	\$10.117
W07	Exc. Chg.	\$13.444	7.50%	\$1.008	\$14.452
W09	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W09	Cons. Use Chg.	\$8.081	7.50%	\$0.606	\$8.687
W09	Nrm. Chg.	\$9.411	7.50%	\$0.706	\$10.117
W09	Exc. Chg.	\$13.444	7.50%	\$1.008	\$14.452
W12	Svc. Chg.	\$23.999	10.10%	\$2.424	\$26.423
W12	Qty. Chg.	\$3.158	10.10%	\$0.319	\$3.477
W14	Svc. Chg.	\$23.999	10.10%	\$2.424	\$26.423
W14	Qty. Chg.	\$3.158	10.10%	\$0.319	\$3.477
W15	Svc. Chg.	\$26.656	6.50%	\$1.733	\$28.389
W15	Qty. Chg.	\$1.742	6.50%	\$0.113	\$1.855
W17	Svc. Chg.	\$5.775	8.90%	\$0.514	\$6.289
W17	Qty. Chg.	\$4.250	8.90%	\$0.378	\$4.628
WA1	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WA1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.552	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.662
WA1	Nrm. Chg.	\$1.786	4.30%	\$0.077	\$1.863
WA1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.531	4.30%	\$0.066	\$1.597
WA1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.851	4.30%	\$0.037	\$0.888
WA2	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WA2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA2	Qty. Chg.	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.851	4.30%	\$0.037	\$0.888
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WB1	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WB1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.891	4.30%	\$0.124	\$3.015
WB1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.023	4.30%	\$0.087	\$2.110
WB1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WB1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WB1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.734	4.30%	\$0.075	\$1.809
WB1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WB2	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WB2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010

Bill Code	Charge	2024 Rate	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed Increase (\$)	Proposed 2025 Rate
WB2	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WB2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WBA	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WBA	Exc. Chg.	\$2.891	4.30%	\$0.124	\$3.015
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WBB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WC1	Svc. Chg.	\$33.827	4.30%	\$1.455	\$35.282
WC1	Exc. Chg.	\$3.516	4.30%	\$0.151	\$3.667
WC1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.461	4.30%	\$0.106	\$2.567
WC1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC1	Qty. Chg.	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.109	4.30%	\$0.091	\$2.200
WC1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.172	4.30%	\$0.050	\$1.222
WC2	Svc. Chg.	\$33.828	4.30%	\$1.455	\$35.283
WC2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC2	Qty. Chg.	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.172	4.30%	\$0.050	\$1.222
WCA	Svc. Chg.	\$33.828	4.30%	\$1.455	\$35.283
WCA	Exc. Chg.	\$3.516	4.30%	\$0.151	\$3.667
WCA	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.461	4.30%	\$0.106	\$2.567
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WD1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.837	4.30%	\$0.122	\$2.959
WD1	Nrm. Chg.	\$1.985	4.30%	\$0.085	\$2.070
WD1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.891	4.30%	\$0.081	\$1.972
WD1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.891	4.30%	\$0.081	\$1.972
WD1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.702	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.775
WD1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.946	4.30%	\$0.041	\$0.987
WD2	Svc. Chg.	\$32.863	4.30%	\$1.413	\$34.276
WD2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.891	4.30%	\$0.081	\$1.972
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WD2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.946	4.30%	\$0.041	\$0.987
WF1	Svc. Chg.	\$36.056	4.30%	\$1.550	\$37.606
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WJ1	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WJ1	Exc. Chg.	\$4.594	4.30%	\$0.198	\$4.792
WJ1	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.215	4.30%	\$0.138	\$3.353
WJ1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WJ1	Qty. Chg.	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WJ1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.756	4.30%	\$0.119	\$2.875
WJ1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.532	4.30%	\$0.066	\$1.598
WJ2	Svc. Chg.	\$25.036	4.30%	\$1.077	\$26.113
WJ2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WJ2	Qty. Chg.	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WJ2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.532	4.30%	\$0.066	\$1.598
WJA	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
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WKB	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WKB	Exc. Chg.	\$4.594	4.30%	\$0.198	\$4.792
WKB	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.215	4.30%	\$0.138	\$3.353
WKB	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WKB	Qty. Chg.	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WKB	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.756	4.30%	\$0.119	\$2.875
WKB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.532	4.10%	\$0.063	\$1.595
WL1	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WL1	Exc. Chg.	\$5.072	4.30%	\$0.218	\$5.290
WL1	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.550	4.30%	\$0.153	\$3.703

Bill Code	Charge	2024 Rate	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed Increase (\$)	Proposed 2025 Rate
WL1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL1	Qty. Chg.	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$3.043	4.30%	\$0.131	\$3.174
WL1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.691	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.764
WL2	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WL2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL2	Qty. Chg.	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.691	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.764
WLA	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WLA	Exc. Chg.	\$5.072	4.30%	\$0.218	\$5.290
WLA	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.550	4.30%	\$0.153	\$3.703
WLA	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WLA	Qty. Chg.	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WLA	Cons. Use Chg.	\$3.043	4.30%	\$0.131	\$3.174
WLA	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.691	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.764
WLB	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WLB	Exc. Chg.	\$5.072	4.30%	\$0.218	\$5.290
WLB	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.550	4.30%	\$0.153	\$3.703
WLB	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WLB	Qty. Chg.	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WLB	Cons. Use Chg.	\$3.043	4.30%	\$0.131	\$3.174
WLB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.691	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.764
WMI	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WMI	Exc. Chg.	\$5.325	4.30%	\$0.229	\$5.554
WMI	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.727	4.30%	\$0.160	\$3.887
WMI	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.550	4.30%	\$0.153	\$3.703
WMI	Qty. Chg.	\$3.550	4.30%	\$0.153	\$3.703
WMI	Cons. Use Chg.	\$3.195	4.30%	\$0.137	\$3.332
WMI	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.775	4.30%	\$0.076	\$1.851
WMA	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WMA	Exc. Chg.	\$5.325	4.30%	\$0.229	\$5.554
WMA	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.727	4.30%	\$0.160	\$3.887
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WMB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.775	4.30%	\$0.076	\$1.851
WQ1	Svc. Chg.	\$37.888	4.30%	\$1.629	\$39.517
WQ1	Exc. Chg.	\$3.373	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.518
WQ1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.362	4.30%	\$0.102	\$2.464
WQ1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ1	Qty. Chg.	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.024	4.30%	\$0.087	\$2.111
WQ1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.124	4.30%	\$0.048	\$1.172
WQ2	Svc. Chg.	\$37.888	4.30%	\$1.629	\$39.517
WQ2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ2	Qty. Chg.	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.124	4.30%	\$0.048	\$1.172
WR1	Svc. Chg.	\$36.947	4.30%	\$1.589	\$38.536
WR1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.891	4.30%	\$0.124	\$3.015
WR1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.023	4.30%	\$0.087	\$2.110
WR1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.734	4.30%	\$0.075	\$1.809
WR1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WR2	Svc. Chg.	\$36.947	4.30%	\$1.589	\$38.536
WR2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR2	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WT1	Svc. Chg.	\$46.030	4.30%	\$1.979	\$48.009
WT1	Exc. Chg.	\$3.835	4.30%	\$0.165	\$4.000

Bill Code	Charge	2024 Rate	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed Increase (\$)	Proposed 2025 Rate
WT1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.685	4.30%	\$0.115	\$2.800
WT1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT1	Qty. Chg.	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.301	4.30%	\$0.099	\$2.400
WT1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.278	4.30%	\$0.055	\$1.333
WT2	Svc. Chg.	\$46.030	4.30%	\$1.979	\$48.009
WT2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT2	Qty. Chg.	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.278	4.30%	\$0.055	\$1.333
WU1	Svc. Chg.	\$47.640	4.30%	\$2.049	\$49.689

Bill Code	Charge	2024 Rate	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed Increase (\$)	Proposed 2025 Rate
WU1	Exc. Chg.	\$4.877	4.30%	\$0.210	\$5.087
WU1	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.414	4.30%	\$0.147	\$3.561
WU1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU1	Qty. Chg.	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.926	4.30%	\$0.126	\$3.052
WU1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.626	4.30%	\$0.070	\$1.696
WU2	Svc. Chg.	\$47.640	4.30%	\$2.049	\$49.689
WU2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU2	Qty. Chg.	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.626	4.30%	\$0.070	\$1.696



## OFFICIAL NOTICE



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM ADOPTION OF RATES FOR WATER SERVICE FEES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC ANNUAL PASS-THROUGH 5-YEAR WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Los Angeles ("County") Board of Supervisors ("Board"), on behalf of Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts ("Waterworks Districts") and the Marina del Rey Water System will hold a public hearing on **January 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012, to consider adopting new rates for water service fees for each of the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System to take effect for service provided on and after February 1, 2025. Additionally, the Board will consider authorizing automatic annual pass-through adjustments to ensure rates for water service keep pace with inflation and account for rate increases from wholesale providers, all as more fully described below.

#### Reasons for Proposed Adjustments:

The Board is considering such adjustments for the following reasons:

- To ensure the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System receive sufficient revenue to keep pace with inflation and cost increases.
- To ensure increases in the rates for wholesale water service, which include costs of purchased water and which are outside of Waterworks Districts' and the Marina del Rey Water System's control, can be recovered through rates.
- To ensure the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System continue to manage its finances responsibly and in a manner that secures ongoing safe, reliable drinking water.

Additionally, the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System are subject to cost increases impacting the water services industry, both as a result of economic and inflationary pressures. A significant component of the cost of delivering water to customers is a product of the rates imposed on the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System for purchasing water by other public agencies, including the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and West Basin Municipal Water District (each a "Wholesaler"). In order to keep pace with these pressures, in accordance with Government Code Section 53756, the County is proposing to authorize inflationary cost increases ("Inflationary Pass-Through") and rate increases adopted by any Wholesaler ("Wholesale Pass-Through" and, together, the "Pass-Through Adjustments").

#### How Pass-Through Adjustments are Calculated:

The Inflationary Pass-Through shall be calculated annually based on the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index increase determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas, published in July. The Wholesale Pass-Through shall be determined based on the adopted rate increases by any Wholesaler. These adjustments are combined to determine the total rate increase, which is then applied to the baseline rate to calculate the new water service fees for customers.

**Proposed Rates:**

The proposed maximum rates for the water service fees, which are proposed to take effect for service on and after February 1, 2025, are set forth in the table at the end of this notice. The table below represents an example of typical adjustments to water bill amounts based on average monthly consumption, reflecting the effective percent increase for 2025. This table is for illustration purposes only and actual bills may differ depending on meter size, changes in wholesale water charges, or different levels of water use.

**THIS TABLE IS FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY**

<b>Waterworks Districts Service Area</b>	<b>Current 2024 Bi-Monthly Bill for Average Water Use</b>	<b>2025 Adjustment (Effective % Increase)*</b>	<b>2025 Bimonthly Bill for Average Water use (Effective % Increase)</b>
No. 21, Kagel Canyon	\$136.91	5.8 %	\$144.85
No. 29, Malibu	\$521.92	7.5 %	\$561.06
No. 36, Val Verde	\$156.71	10.1 %	\$172.54
No. 37, Acton	\$185.13	6.5 %	\$197.16
No. 40, Antelope Valley	\$144.73	4.3 %	\$150.95
Marina del Rey	\$1,472.92	8.9 %	\$1,604.01

Please refer to the attached appendix at the end of this notice for a detailed list of all new rates. An adjusted water bill may be estimated using the "Water Billing Code" section on your Waterworks District water bill, displayed above the account summary and below your customer address.

**Implementation:**

If adopted, the Pass-Through Adjustments may be implemented on February 1, 2025, and any time thereafter through and including December 31, 2029. At least 30 days prior to implementing any Pass-Through Adjustment, the Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System will provide customers with written notification informing them of the adjustment amount. The Pass-Through Adjustments shall not cause the rates for water service fees to increase by more than 15 percent in any calendar year and shall not cause the rates to exceed the cost of providing water service.

**Protest Procedure:**

At the Public Hearing, the Board will consider all protests against the proposed rate adjustments and automatic Pass-Through Adjustments. For a written protest to be counted, it must be in writing, contain the name of the property owner or customer of record, the address or APN of the impacted property, and a statement the proposed rate adjustments and Pass-Through Adjustments are being protested.

If written protests against this matter are presented by a majority of the owners of parcels receiving service within a particular Waterworks District or the Marina del Rey Water System, or tenants that are customers of that Waterworks District or the Marina del Rey Water System, the Waterworks District or the Marina del Rey Water System will not adopt the rate adjustments and Pass-Through Adjustment authorization described herein. The Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System will not impose the annual adjustments. In determining whether a majority protest exists, only one written protest per parcel will be counted and written protests submitted electronically or by fax will not be counted. Please note that there is a 120-day statute of limitations to challenge the proposed rates and Pass-Through Adjustments included herein, which shall commence on the day the resolution adopting the proposed rate adjustments and Pass-Through Adjustments is adopted.

Notice of the public hearing will be published in a local newspaper during the 2 weeks preceding the date of the hearing. Written comments may be hand-delivered during the public hearing, provided they are received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing. Additionally, property owners and customers of record may mail or hand-deliver written protests prior to the public hearing to the following address: Los Angeles County Public Works, Waterworks Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803.

**ADA Accommodations:**

Upon 72 hours notice, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System can provide program information and publication in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities to access the information. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (1000 South Fremont Avenue), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations for documents in alternate formats ONLY, or for more Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) information, please contact our ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD at (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PARA LA TRADUCCIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO AL ESPAÑOL, CONSULTE NUESTRO SITIO WEB EN LACWATERWORKS.ORG. PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN EN RELACIÓN A ESTA NOTIFICACIÓN, FAVOR DE LLAMAR AL NUMERO (626) 300-3384. NUESTRAS HORAS DE OFICINA SON DE 7 A.M. A 4:45 P.M., DE LUNES A JUEVES.

## APPENDIX

Abbreviations:

Service Charge (Svc. Chg.)  
 Quantity Charge (Qty. Chg.)  
 Excessive Use Charge (Exc. Chg.)

Conservation Surcharge 2 (Cons. Surch. 2)  
 Normal Use Charge (Nrm. Chg.)  
 Conservation Use Charge (Cons. Use Chg.)

Conservation Surcharge 1 (Cons. Surch. 1)  
 Monthly Surcharge (Mthly. Surch.)  
 Quantity Surcharge (Qty. Surch.)

Bill Code	Charge	2024 Rate	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed Increase (\$)	Proposed 2025 Rate
W01	Svc. Chg.	\$53.792	5.80%	\$3.120	\$56.912
W01	Qty. Chg.	\$7.725	5.80%	\$0.448	\$8.173
W03	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W03	Cons. Use Chg.	\$7.682	7.50%	\$0.576	\$8.258
W03	Nrm. Chg.	\$8.955	7.50%	\$0.672	\$9.627
W03	Exc. Chg.	\$12.758	7.50%	\$0.957	\$13.715
W05	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W05	Cons. Use Chg.	\$7.966	7.50%	\$0.597	\$8.563
W05	Nrm. Chg.	\$9.335	7.50%	\$0.700	\$10.035
W05	Exc. Chg.	\$13.308	7.50%	\$0.998	\$14.306
W07	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W07	Cons. Use Chg.	\$8.081	7.50%	\$0.606	\$8.687
W07	Nrm. Chg.	\$9.411	7.50%	\$0.706	\$10.117
W07	Exc. Chg.	\$13.444	7.50%	\$1.008	\$14.452
W09	Svc. Chg.	\$45.326	7.50%	\$3.399	\$48.725
W09	Cons. Use Chg.	\$8.081	7.50%	\$0.606	\$8.687
W09	Nrm. Chg.	\$9.411	7.50%	\$0.706	\$10.117
W09	Exc. Chg.	\$13.444	7.50%	\$1.008	\$14.452
W12	Svc. Chg.	\$23.999	10.10%	\$2.424	\$26.423
W12	Qty. Chg.	\$3.158	10.10%	\$0.319	\$3.477
W14	Svc. Chg.	\$23.999	10.10%	\$2.424	\$26.423
W14	Qty. Chg.	\$3.158	10.10%	\$0.319	\$3.477
W15	Svc. Chg.	\$26.656	6.50%	\$1.733	\$28.389
W15	Qty. Chg.	\$1.742	6.50%	\$0.113	\$1.855
W17	Svc. Chg.	\$5.775	8.90%	\$0.514	\$6.289
W17	Qty. Chg.	\$4.250	8.90%	\$0.378	\$4.628
WA1	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WA1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.552	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.662
WA1	Nrm. Chg.	\$1.786	4.30%	\$0.077	\$1.863
WA1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.531	4.30%	\$0.066	\$1.597
WA1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.851	4.30%	\$0.037	\$0.888
WA2	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WA2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA2	Qty. Chg.	\$1.701	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.774
WA2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.851	4.30%	\$0.037	\$0.888
WAA	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
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WAA	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.851	4.30%	\$0.037	\$0.888
WAB	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
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WAB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.851	4.30%	\$0.037	\$0.888
WB1	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WB1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.891	4.30%	\$0.124	\$3.015
WB1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.023	4.30%	\$0.087	\$2.110
WB1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WB1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WB1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.734	4.30%	\$0.075	\$1.809

Bill Code	Charge	2024 Rate	Proposed Increase (%)	Proposed Increase (\$)	Proposed 2025 Rate
WB1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WB2	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WB2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WB2	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WB2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WBA	Svc. Chg.	\$30.292	4.30%	\$1.303	\$31.595
WBA	Exc. Chg.	\$2.891	4.30%	\$0.124	\$3.015
WBA	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.023	4.30%	\$0.087	\$2.110
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WBB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WC1	Svc. Chg.	\$33.827	4.30%	\$1.455	\$35.282
WC1	Exc. Chg.	\$3.516	4.30%	\$0.151	\$3.667
WC1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.461	4.30%	\$0.106	\$2.567
WC1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC1	Qty. Chg.	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.109	4.30%	\$0.091	\$2.200
WC1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.172	4.30%	\$0.050	\$1.222
WC2	Svc. Chg.	\$33.828	4.30%	\$1.455	\$35.283
WC2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC2	Qty. Chg.	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WC2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.172	4.30%	\$0.050	\$1.222
WCA	Svc. Chg.	\$33.828	4.30%	\$1.455	\$35.283
WCA	Exc. Chg.	\$3.516	4.30%	\$0.151	\$3.667
WCA	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.461	4.30%	\$0.106	\$2.567
WCA	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WCA	Qty. Chg.	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WCA	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.109	4.30%	\$0.091	\$2.200
WCA	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.172	4.30%	\$0.050	\$1.222
WCB	Svc. Chg.	\$33.828	4.30%	\$1.455	\$35.283
WCB	Exc. Chg.	\$3.516	4.30%	\$0.151	\$3.667
WCB	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.461	4.30%	\$0.106	\$2.567
WCB	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WCB	Qty. Chg.	\$2.344	4.30%	\$0.101	\$2.445
WCB	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.109	4.30%	\$0.091	\$2.200
WCB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.172	4.30%	\$0.050	\$1.222
WD1	Svc. Chg.	\$32.863	4.30%	\$1.413	\$34.276
WD1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.837	4.30%	\$0.122	\$2.959
WD1	Nrm. Chg.	\$1.985	4.30%	\$0.085	\$2.070
WD1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.891	4.30%	\$0.081	\$1.972
WD1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.891	4.30%	\$0.081	\$1.972
WD1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.702	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.775
WD1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.946	4.30%	\$0.041	\$0.987
WD2	Svc. Chg.	\$32.863	4.30%	\$1.413	\$34.276
WD2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.891	4.30%	\$0.081	\$1.972
WD2	Qty. Chg.	\$1.891	4.30%	\$0.081	\$1.972
WD2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.946	4.30%	\$0.041	\$0.987
WF1	Svc. Chg.	\$36.056	4.30%	\$1.550	\$37.606
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WJ1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WJ1	Qty. Chg.	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WJ1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.756	4.30%	\$0.119	\$2.875
WJ1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.532	4.30%	\$0.066	\$1.598
WJ2	Svc. Chg.	\$25.036	4.30%	\$1.077	\$26.113
WJ2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
WJ2	Qty. Chg.	\$3.062	4.30%	\$0.132	\$3.194
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WKB	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.532	4.10%	\$0.063	\$1.595
WL1	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WL1	Exc. Chg.	\$5.072	4.30%	\$0.218	\$5.290
WL1	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.550	4.30%	\$0.153	\$3.703
WL1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL1	Qty. Chg.	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$3.043	4.30%	\$0.131	\$3.174
WL1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.691	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.764
WL2	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WL2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL2	Qty. Chg.	\$3.381	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.526
WL2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.691	4.30%	\$0.073	\$1.764
WLA	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
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WMI	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
WMI	Exc. Chg.	\$5.325	4.30%	\$0.229	\$5.554
WMI	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.727	4.30%	\$0.160	\$3.887
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WMI	Qty. Chg.	\$3.550	4.30%	\$0.153	\$3.703
WMI	Cons. Use Chg.	\$3.195	4.30%	\$0.137	\$3.332
WMI	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.775	4.30%	\$0.076	\$1.851
WMA	Svc. Chg.	\$35.036	4.30%	\$1.507	\$36.543
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WQ1	Exc. Chg.	\$3.373	4.30%	\$0.145	\$3.518
WQ1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.362	4.30%	\$0.102	\$2.464
WQ1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ1	Qty. Chg.	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.024	4.30%	\$0.087	\$2.111
WQ1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.124	4.30%	\$0.048	\$1.172
WQ2	Svc. Chg.	\$37.888	4.30%	\$1.629	\$39.517
WQ2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ2	Qty. Chg.	\$2.249	4.30%	\$0.097	\$2.346
WQ2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.124	4.30%	\$0.048	\$1.172
WR1	Svc. Chg.	\$36.947	4.30%	\$1.589	\$38.536

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WR1	Exc. Chg.	\$2.891	4.30%	\$0.124	\$3.015
WR1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.023	4.30%	\$0.087	\$2.110
WR1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR1	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$1.734	4.30%	\$0.075	\$1.809
WR1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WR2	Svc. Chg.	\$36.947	4.30%	\$1.589	\$38.536
WR2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR2	Qty. Chg.	\$1.927	4.30%	\$0.083	\$2.010
WR2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$0.964	4.30%	\$0.041	\$1.005
WT1	Svc. Chg.	\$46.030	4.30%	\$1.979	\$48.009
WT1	Exc. Chg.	\$3.835	4.30%	\$0.165	\$4.000
WT1	Nrm. Chg.	\$2.685	4.30%	\$0.115	\$2.800
WT1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT1	Qty. Chg.	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.301	4.30%	\$0.099	\$2.400

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WT1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.278	4.30%	\$0.055	\$1.333
WT2	Svc. Chg.	\$46.030	4.30%	\$1.979	\$48.009
WT2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT2	Qty. Chg.	\$2.556	4.30%	\$0.110	\$2.666
WT2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.278	4.30%	\$0.055	\$1.333
WU1	Svc. Chg.	\$47.640	4.30%	\$2.049	\$49.689
WU1	Exc. Chg.	\$4.877	4.30%	\$0.210	\$5.087
WU1	Nrm. Chg.	\$3.414	4.30%	\$0.147	\$3.561
WU1	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU1	Qty. Chg.	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU1	Cons. Use Chg.	\$2.926	4.30%	\$0.126	\$3.052
WU1	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.626	4.30%	\$0.070	\$1.696
WU2	Svc. Chg.	\$47.640	4.30%	\$2.049	\$49.689
WU2	Cons. Surch. 2	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU2	Qty. Chg.	\$3.251	4.30%	\$0.140	\$3.391
WU2	Cons. Surch. 1	\$1.626	4.30%	\$0.070	\$1.696

**ENCLOSURE D**

**INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING  
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS**

TO: Executive Officer  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles

FROM: Public Works  
Waterworks Division

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE  
MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM AUTOMATIC ANNUAL PASS-THROUGH  
5-YEAR WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT**

**PUBLISHING**

That the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors shall cause notice of the public hearing to be published twice within a 10-day period with at least 5 intervening days between the dates of first and last publication not counting such publication dates in the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Malibu Times*, *The Argonaut*, *The Santa Clarita Valley Signal*, *Acton-Agua Dulce News*, *Antelope Valley Press*, and *The Lake Los Angeles News* (local newspapers published and circulated in areas served by the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System), which is hereby designated for that purpose, such publication to be completed not less than 10 days prior to the date of said hearing.

Forward five reprints of the attached advertisement to the Los Angeles County Public Works, Waterworks Division, Post Office Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact Aracely Jaramillo at (626) 300-3353, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Attach.

**NEWSPAPER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AND THE  
MARINA DEL REY WATER SYSTEM AUTOMATIC ANNUAL PASS-THROUGH  
5-YEAR WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on January 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple Street and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012, in the matter of authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to adjust water rates annually over a 5-year period to pass-through cost increases due to inflation and/or the cost of purchasing water from the wholesale water agencies serving the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System.

The California Government Code allows retail water utilities to make these adjustments automatically without holding an annual public hearing, thereby reducing the costs by streamlining the process for adjusting rates when the adjustment is due to inflation only and/or wholesale water charges. This streamlining will potentially save the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Marina del Rey Water System and their customers nearly \$200,000 over a 5-year period. Customers will receive written notification no less than 30 days before the effective date of each annual adjustment informing them of the adjustment amount.

The Board of Supervisors will consider and may approve these actions as recommended by the Director of Public Works. For information on water rates for specific service areas or for any other information regarding this matter, please call (626) 300-3338.

Para más información relacionada con esta noticia, por favor llame al Departamento de Obras Publicas al (626) 300-3384, de Lunes a Jueves, 7 a.m. a 5 p.m.



## BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

 Board Letter

 Board Memo

 Other

<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/8/25	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	1/28/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Regional Planning	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Safety Element Amendment	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	General Plan	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	Order from the presiding judge for the associated legal court case to submit a supplement return to the Writ of Mandate no later than March 4, 2025.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$	Funding source:
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation:	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Hearing to approve an amendment to the General Plan Safety Element to identify residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes in compliance with Government Code section 65302, subdivision (g)(5). The project is surgical correction to meet the letter of the law. An addendum to the adopted Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	<p>The Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Safety Element of the General Plan on July 12, 2022 to include stronger policies to effectively reduce the potential risk of hazards, to make the General Plan consistent with State requirements, and to update outdated information. The Board also adopted a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), concluding that the Safety Element Update would not have a significant effect on the environment.</p> <p>On February 23, 2024, following a legal challenge to the Safety Element Update in Los Angeles Superior Court (Case No. 22STCP03038), the trial court judge ordered the County to revise the Safety Element to comply with Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) by identifying the residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.</p>	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:	

<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:  The General Plan Safety Element as a whole supports the Board-directed Sustainability Priority by strengthening the County's capacity to effectively prevent, prepare for and respond to environmental and natural hazards and build climate resilient communities. This project is a technical amendment of the Safety Element.
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Iris Chi Senior Planner 213-974-6461 ichi@planning.lacounty.gov

January 28, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HEARING ON THE GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT AMENDMENT  
PROJECT NO. PRJ2021-002039-(1-5)  
PLAN AMENDMENT NO. RPPL2024003096  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2024004068  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The recommended action is to approve the General Plan Safety Element Amendment to identify residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes in compliance with Government Code section 65302, subdivision (g)(5).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING,**

1. Consider the Addendum to the Negative Declaration for PRJ2021-002039-(1-5) Safety Element Update, Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2024004068, along with the previously adopted Negative Declaration prior to making a final decision on the Project;
2. Indicate its intent to approve the Project (Plan Amendment No. RPPL2024003096), as recommended by the Regional Planning Commission (RPC); and
3. Instruct County Counsel to prepare the necessary final documents for the Project and bring them back to the Board for their adoption.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On September 11, 2024, the RPC held a public hearing to consider the Safety Element Amendment and unanimously voted to recommend the approval of the Project to the Board of Supervisors (Board). In addition to the public hearing conducted by the RPC, a public hearing before the Board is required pursuant to Section 22.232.040.B.1 of the County Code. Required notice (Attachment 8) has been given pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth in Section 22.222.180 of the County Code.

The Safety Element is a mandated element of the General Plan. It serves as a policy guide to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, economic loss, and social dislocation resulting from natural and human-made, climate-induced hazards, such as earthquakes, fire, flood, extreme heat, and drought. On July 12, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Safety Element of the General Plan to include stronger policies to effectively reduce the potential risk of hazards, to make the General Plan consistent with State requirements, and to update outdated information. The Board also adopted a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), concluding that the Safety Element Update would not have a significant effect on the environment.

On February 23, 2024, following a legal challenge to the Safety Element Update in Los Angeles Superior Court (Case No. 22STCP03038), the trial court judge ordered the County to revise the Safety Element to comply with Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) by identifying residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.

The project is an amendment to the General Plan Safety Element consisting of revisions to the Emergency Response section (Attachment 2) and Appendix H (Attachment 4) and inclusion of Figure 12.10, *Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes* (Attachment 3). This Project does not amend any goals or policies in the Safety Element or any other General Plan elements. The project provides information to comply with the specific provision of Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) and does not impact any County services or development processes.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County’s 2024-2030 Strategic Plan, adopted in January 2024, aligns with the vision, mission, and values of the Board’s priorities to inform the County’s planning, programming, service delivery, and budgeting efforts over the next six years. This Project promotes North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities. Focus Area Goal D: Sustainability under North Star 2 focuses on environmental justice and “OurCounty” Sustainability Plan’s 12 broad, aspirational, and cross-cutting goals, that embrace positive change and address sustainability

issues regionally. The Safety Element is in line with the Climate Health Strategy of the Strategic Plan by strengthening the County's capacity to effectively prevent, prepare for and respond to environmental and natural hazards and build climate resilient communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Adoption of the Project will not result in any significant new costs to the Department of Regional Planning or other County departments and agencies.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Staff had several consultations with the CAL FIRE Land Use Planning Program staff to review the Safety Element Amendment for compliance with Government Code section 65302(g), which among other things, requires mapping of wildfire hazard zones, policies to avoid and minimize fire risks for new development, and maintenance of public facilities; examine the Safety Element goals, policies, objectives, and implementation measures that mitigate the wildfire risk; and discuss methods and strategies to reduce the risk of wildfires. Staff provided various drafts of the Safety Element Amendment to CAL FIRE on September 11, 2024, October 3, 2024, and October 8, 2024.

CAL FIRE presented the Safety Element to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Resource Protection Committee on November 5, 2024, for approval prior to the Board adoption of the Project. The Resource Protection Committee recommended approval with minor editorial revisions on November 5, 2024.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

For the project, an Addendum to the Negative Declaration for the General Plan Safety Element (Attachment 5) was prepared in compliance with CEQA and the County environmental guidelines to determine whether the revisions to the Emergency Response section of the Safety Element and Appendix H and inclusion of Figure 12.10, *Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes*, could result in any environmental impact not previously considered in connection with the Safety Element Update as originally approved. The Addendum concludes that the revisions to the Emergency Response section of the Safety Element and Appendix H and inclusion of Figure 12.10, *Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes*, as proposed, would not result in any potentially significant environmental impacts not previously considered in the Negative Declaration, and therefore concludes that a supplemental environmental analysis is not required.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the Project will not significantly impact County services.  
For further information, please contact Iris Chi of the Environmental Planning and Sustainability Section at (213) 974-6461 or [ichi@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ichi@planning.lacounty.gov).

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Attachments:

1. Project Summary
2. Draft Amendment to Safety Element
3. Draft Figure 12.10
4. Draft Amendment to Appendix H
5. Environmental Determination
6. Regional Planning Commission Resolution
7. Regional Planning Commission Hearing Proceedings
8. Hearing Notice

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Public Works  
Fire

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>	<p>This project is an amendment to the General Plan Safety Element to identify residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes in compliance with Government Code section 65302, subdivision (g)(5). The limited scope of the project provides information to comply with the specific provision of Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) to fulfill a court order. An addendum to the adopted Negative Declaration was prepared pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.</p> <p>The Safety Element is a mandated element of the General Plan. It serves as a policy guide to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, economic loss, and social dislocation resulting from natural and human-made, climate-induced hazards, such as earthquakes, fire, flood, extreme heat, and drought.</p>
<b>REQUEST:</b>	Approval and adoption of the Project; Consider the Addendum to the adopted Negative Declaration
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Countywide (unincorporated areas)
<b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Iris Chi, 213-974-6461 ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
<b>RPC HEARING DATE:</b>	September 11, 2024
<b>RPC RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Approval and recommendation to the Board to consider adoption of the Project and associated environmental documents.

**MEMBERS VOTING AYE:** Commissioners Hastings, O'Connor, Duarte-White, Louie, Moon

**MEMBERS VOTING NAY:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**MEMBERS ABSTAINING:** None

**KEY ISSUES:** On February 23, 2024, following a legal challenge to the Safety Element Update in Los Angeles Superior Court (Case No. 22STCP03038), the trial court judge ordered the County to revise the Safety Element to comply with Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) by identifying residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.

**MAJOR POINTS FOR:** This Project does not amend any goals or policies in the Safety Element or any other General Plan elements. The project provides information to comply with the specific provision of Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) and does not impact any County services or development processes.

**MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:** None



## Chapter 12: Safety Element

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### **VIII. Emergency Response**

#### **Background**

##### **Emergency Responders**

###### ***Office of Emergency Management (OEM)***

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for organizing and directing the preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County. OEM is the day-to-day Los Angeles County Operational Area coordinator for the County. The emergency response operations plan for the unincorporated areas is the Operational Area Emergency Response Plan (OAERP), which is prepared by OEM. The OAERP strengthens short and long-term emergency response and recovery capability, and identifies emergency procedures and emergency management routes in Los Angeles County. To access the OAERP, and to find more information on the OEM, please visit the CEO's web site at <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/emergencydisaster-plans-and-annexes/>.

##### **Disaster Response**

Figure 12.6 shows the County's disaster routes. For more information on disaster response, please refer to the County OAERP.

###### **Figure 12.6: Disaster Routes Map**

##### **Identifying Possible Evacuation Routes**

Assembly Bill 747 (Levine, 2019) requires the Safety Element to identify evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios. Evacuation routes are determined by emergency responders who decide at the time of the emergency the routes that should be used for evacuation after assessing the conditions and location of the emergency to avoid endangering the lives of others, personal injury, or death. Evaluating a route for safety and viability is situational, context-specific, and subject to change. Figure 12.9 identifies roads that are public, paved, and through-ways, which may be used for evacuation if they are viable routes during an actual emergency. These evacuation routes are not all inclusive and may not be the most suitable routes since actual emergency events necessitate day-of-event conditions and risks assessments.

More information on the methodology to identify possible evacuation routes can be found in Appendix H.

###### **Figure 12.9: Possible Evacuation Routes Map**

**Identifying Communities with Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element with Limited Egress That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes**

Evacuation planning is also addressed in Senate Bill 99 (Nielsen, 2019), codified at Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5), which focuses on identifying residential developments in any hazard areas identified in the Safety Element that have fewer than do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes. Table 12.3 In April 2023, the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) issued a Draft Evacuation Planning Technical Advisory that provides guidance to public agencies as they update their general plan safety element in accordance with evacuation requirements outlined in SB 99 and related bills. The Draft Technical Advisory states that to comply with SB 99, “[r]esidential developments may be separately identified, based on the hazard, or presented in a comprehensive list and/or map.” In compliance with SB 99 and the OPR guidance, Figure 12.10 lists the communities is a comprehensive map that identifies residential developments in unincorporated Los Angeles County that are both subject to a hazard and have at least one residential development within the community that has a single possible evacuation route that are located in at least one hazard area identified in the Safety Element and do not have access to at least two of the emergency evacuations routes depicted in Figure 12.9. These residential communities can be viewed in the Residential Developments with Limited Egress map application, which can be accessed at the following link: <http://bit.ly/SE-SB99>.

Figure 12.10 is intended to provide information to comply with SB 99. Evacuation routes to be used during emergency events are determined by emergency responders to account for the type, severity, and changing conditions of the event. Some evacuation routes may not be viable during an emergency event and alternative routes not identified in Figure 12.9 and 12.10 may be employed for evacuation as needed and appropriate. Figure 12.10 is for reference purposes only and is presented without warranties of any kind.

Residents should monitor the LA County Emergency Response page for official updates during emergency events. The LA County Emergency Response page is activated when two or more County departments are responding to an emergency incident in the County of Los Angeles that is widespread, of long duration, and poses significant threat to life, property and/or the environment. The Emergency Response page will provide specific emergency information, such as road closures and evacuations. To access the LA County Emergency Response page, visit <https://lacounty.gov/emergency/>.

More information on the methodology to identify and communities with residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element with fewer than that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes can be found in Appendix H.

**Figure 12.10: Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes**

**Table 12.3: Unincorporated Communities with Residential Development(s) with Limited Egress\***

<b><u>Antelope Valley Planning Area</u></b>			
Acton	Angeles National Forest	Crystalaire/(Little Rock/Juniper Hills)	Del Sur
Elizabeth Lake	Fairmont/W. Antelope Valley	Green Valley/Bouquet Canyon	Hi Vista

Lake Hughes	Lake Los Angeles	Lakeview/Anaverde	Leona Valley
Littlerock/Juniper Hills	Llano	Longview/(Pearblossom/Llano)	Neenach
North Lancaster	Paradise	Pearblossom/Llano	
<b>East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area</b>			
Avocado Heights	Bassett	Charter Oak	Covina Islands
East Azusa (CSA: Azusa)	Glendora Islands	Hacienda Heights	La Verne
North Claremont (also see Padua Hills)	North Pomona	Northeast La Verne	Padua Hills
Pollissier Village			
<b>Gateway Planning Area</b>			
East Whittier	La Habra Heights Islands	Long Beach Island	North Whittier
Northwest Whittier	Gerritos Islands		
<b>Metro Planning Area</b>			
Florence Firestone	East LA: Belvedere Gardens	East LA: City Terrace	East LA: Eastmont
East Rancho Dominguez			
<b>San Fernando Valley Planning Area</b>			
Kagel / Lopez Canyon			
<b>Santa Clarita Valley Planning Area</b>			
Agua Dulce	Alpine	Castaic	Castaic Junction/Castaic
Forest Park/ Canyon Country	Hasley Canyon/ Castaic	Newhall	Placerita Canyon
<b>Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area</b>			
Agoura	Calabasas	Malibu Vista	Cornell
Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon	Malibu Lake	Malibu Bowl	Malibu Highlands
Malibu/Sycamore Canyon	Monte Nido	Seminole Hot Springs	Sunset Mesa
Triunfo Canyon	Pepperdine University		
<b>South Bay Planning Area</b>			
Alondra Park	Del Aire	El Camino Village	Hawthorne Island
La Rambla	Lennox		

<b>West San Gabriel Valley Planning Area</b>			
East Pasadena	East Pasadena- Northeast San Gabriel	Kinneola Mesa/East Pasadena	La Crescenta-Montrose
Mayflower Village/Arcadia	North El Monte/Monrovia		
<b>Westside Planning Area</b>			
Baldwin Hills/ Ladera Heights	Franklin Canyon	Ladera Heights	Marina del Rey
<p><i>*A community listed in this table may contain as few as one residential development with limited egress. A listing here is not an indicator that an entire community is affected by limited egress.</i></p>			

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**Figure 12.10:  
Residential Developments in Any  
Hazard Area Identified in the Safety  
Element That Do Not Have At Least  
Two Emergency Evacuation Routes**

**Evacuation Routes and Parcels Identified**

- Evacuation Routes Identified in Figure 12.9
- Residential Developments Without At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes (Unincorporated Areas Only)

**Major Hazard Groups**

- **Active Fault Trace:**  
Consisting of a combination of Accurately and Approximately Located, Inferred, Concealed, and Aerial Photo Lineament faults.
- **Fire Hazard Area:**  
Consisting of a combination of all Fire Hazard Severity classes (or zones) - Moderate, High, and Very High.
- **Inland Flooding Hazard Area:**  
Consisting of a combination of FEMA Flood Zones [1% and 0.2% Annual Chance of Flood and Areas with Reduced Risk Due to Levee(s)], Los Angeles County Floodways and Floodplains, and Dam Inundation Boundaries.
- **Seismic / Geotechnical Hazard Area:**  
Consisting of a combination of Landslide and Liquefaction areas and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault zones.
- **Coastal Flooding Hazard Area (Excludes San Clemente Island):**  
Consisting of a combination of Sea Level Rise Impact Areas and Tsunami Hazard Areas.
- **Extreme Heat Hazard Area:**  
Consisting of a combination of Medium and High Levels of Excess Emergency Room Visits due to Extreme Heat from the Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment.

**Reference Layers**

- Freeway
- Highway
- Other Routes
- Perennial Water Body
- National Forest
- Unincorporated Community
- Incorporated City
- Other County

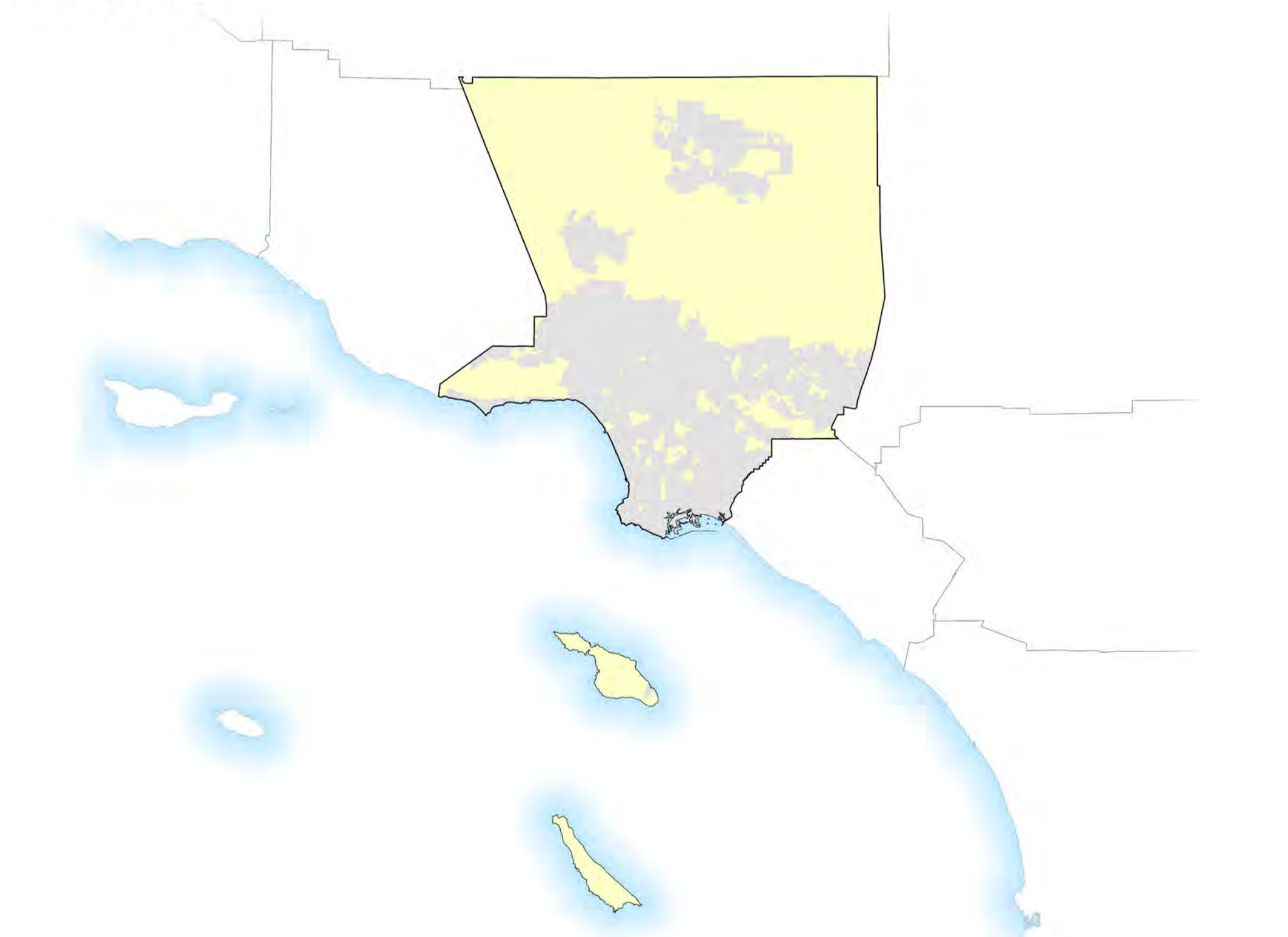
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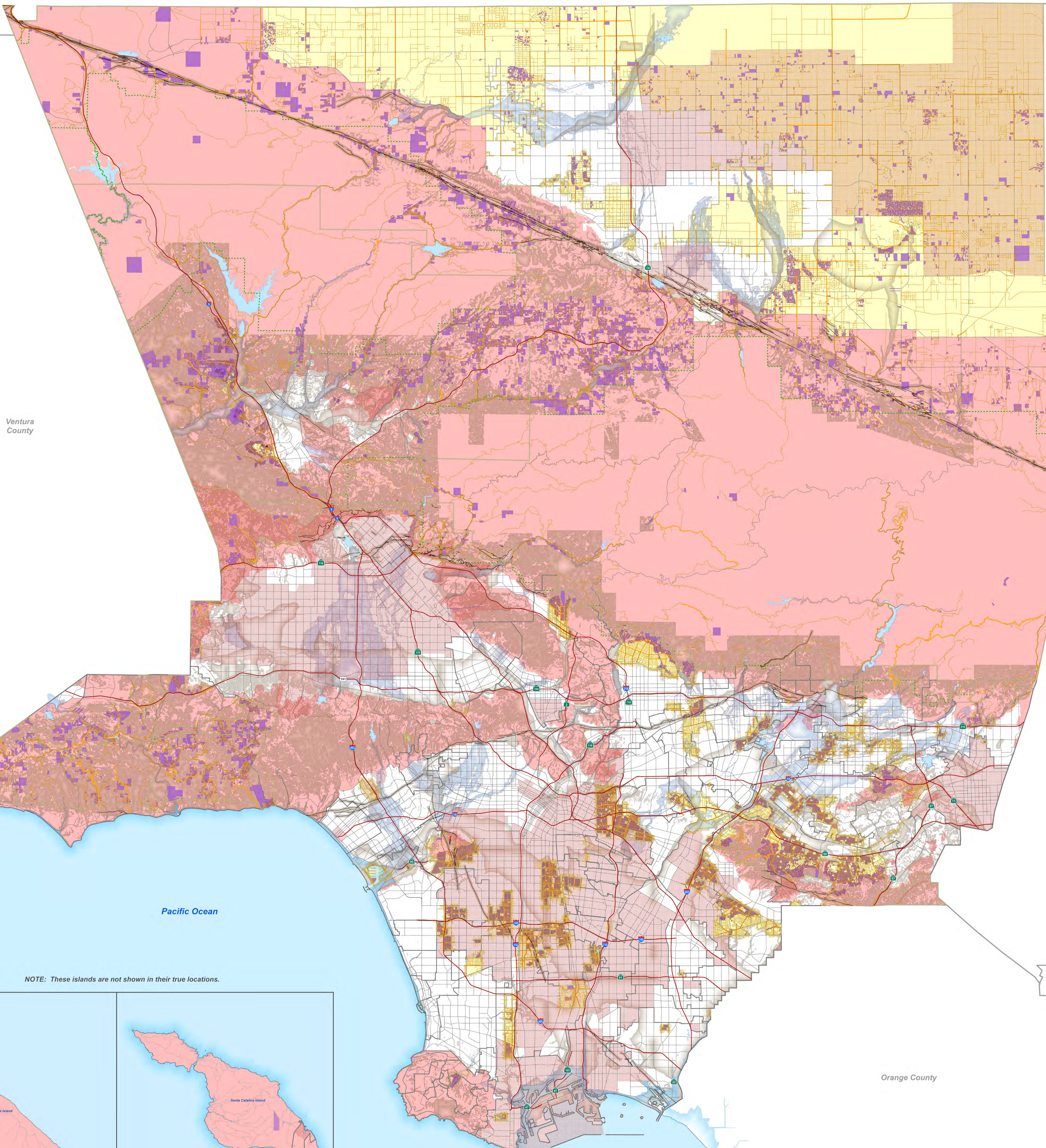
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**Vicinity Map**



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Ventura County

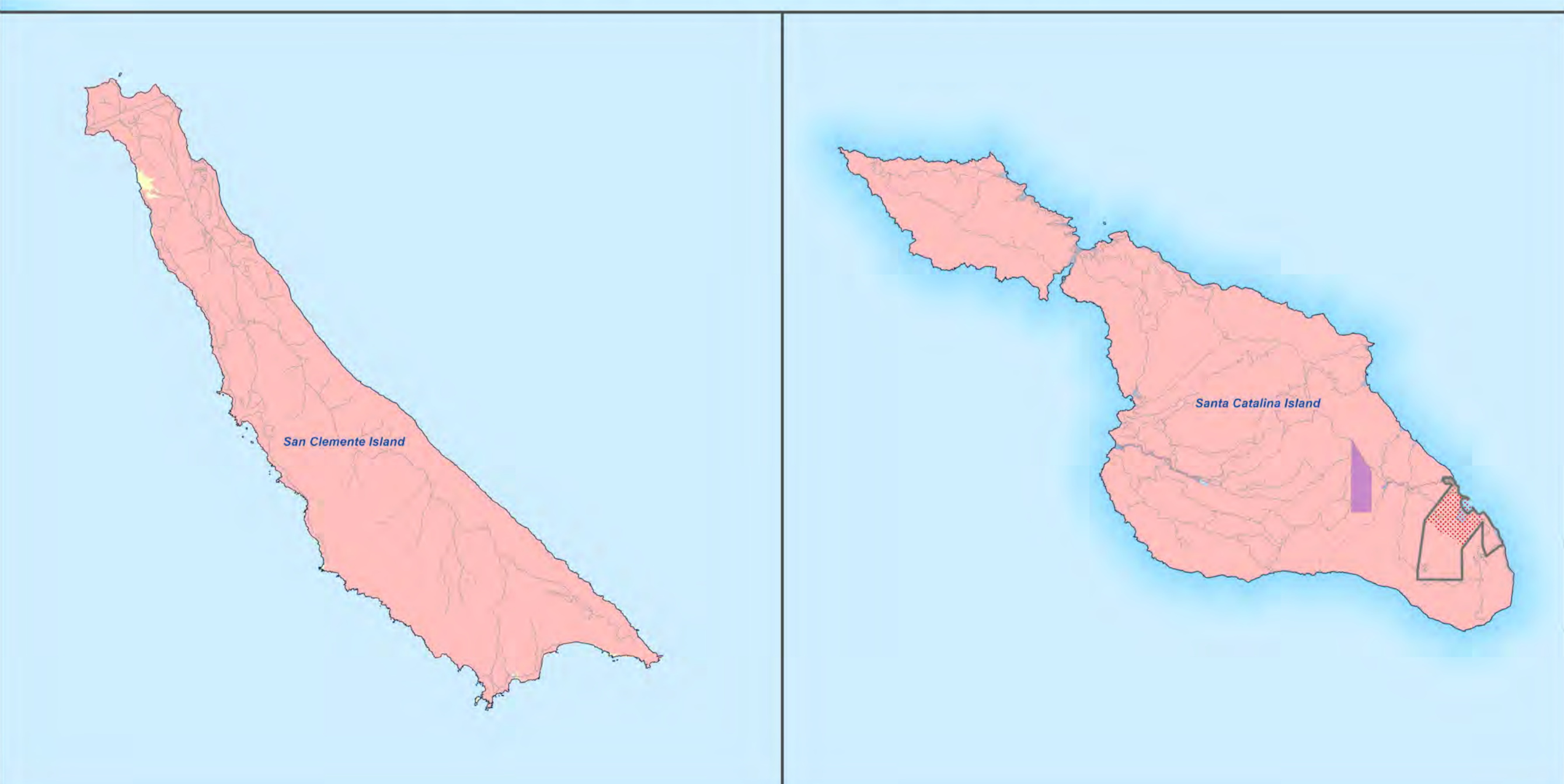
San Bernardino County

Riverside County

Orange County

Pacific Ocean

NOTE: These islands are not shown in their true locations.



## Appendix H: Safety Element Resources

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### X. Possible Evacuation Routes

#### Methodology for Identifying Possible Evacuation Routes

Evacuation routes are determined by emergency responders at the time of the emergency the routes that should be used for evacuation after assessing the conditions and location of the emergency to avoid endangering the lives of others, personal injury, or death. Roads that were (1) public, (2) paved, and (3) through-ways were identified as possible evacuation routes.

To identify these roads, two datasets were combined: (1) the Los Angeles County Master Plan of Highways (updated March 9, 2016), and (2) the Countywide Address Management System (CAMS). The Master Plan of Highways designates roadways in Los Angeles County by their planned capacity. All roads from this dataset were coded possible evacuation routes because all roads were public and paved. From the CAMS dataset, all primary and secondary roads were coded as possible evacuation routes because they met all three criteria. Other categories in the CAMS dataset, such as trails, dirt roads, onramps, offramps, some driveways, some private roads, and pedestrian walkways were excluded. Gates or road obstacles were not identified due to lack of data. Information on the capacity of these roads is available by clicking on the following links: (1) Master Plan of Highways - Overview (arcgis.com), and (2) CAMS Data (arcgis.com).

The County also classifies some roads as disaster routes (last updated September 24, 2012 by PW). Disaster routes are freeway, highway or arterial routes pre-identified for use during times of crisis. These routes are utilized to bring in emergency personnel, equipment, and supplies to impacted areas in order to save lives, protect property, and minimize impact to the environment. During a disaster, these routes have priority for clearing, repairing, and restoration over all other roads. Disaster routes are not evacuation routes. Although an emergency may warrant a road to be used as both a disaster and evacuation route, an evacuation route is used to move affected populations out of an impacted area.

### XI. Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes

#### Methodology for Identifying ~~Communities with Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element with Limited Egress That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes~~

~~A list of unincorporated communities was compiled using a combination of Countywide Statistical Areas (CSA) and the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office's List of Unincorporated Communities. As some CSAs are quite large, such as the Santa Monica Mountains and the Antelope Valley, combining CSAs and community names as the unit for analysis enabled a refined identification of residential developments with access to fewer than two possible evacuation routes. The list of unincorporated communities from the Chief Executive Office is here: <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Unincorp-Alpha-Web.pdf>~~

~~A multi-step process was undertaken to determine communities with identify residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element with access to fewer than that do not have at least~~

two possible emergency evacuation routes. For purposes of compliance with SB 99, a “residential development” was conservatively assumed to be any individual parcel associated with a “Residential” use type category, as identified by the Assessor’s Office. Residential developments, based upon zones that allow for residential development, located on non-through streets were identified.

Residential developments that were located in at least one of the following mapped hazard areas in the Safety Element were identified for further analysis:

- FEMA Flood Zone
- Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- County Floodplain and Floodway
- Landslide Zones
- Liquefaction Zones
- Sea Level Rise Impact Areas
- Tsunami Hazard Areas
- Dam Inundation Boundaries
- Active Fault Trace
- Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone
- County Climate Vulnerability Assessment Extreme Heat – Excess Emergency Room Visits

The emergency evacuations routes depicted in Figure 12.9 possible evacuation routes were overlaid onto the residential developments identified in any hazard area(s) identified in the Safety Element to determine if these residential developments were would be able to access at least two possible emergency evacuation routes. Parcels that would be able to access at least two separate emergency evacuations routes were removed from the map, thus providing a comprehensive map of all residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes. The County of Los Angeles and its departments make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the County nor its departments shall be liable under any circumstances for any damages with respect to any claim by the user or any third party on account of or arising from the use of data or maps.

The CSA was used as the unit basis for determining whether or not a community contained a residential development with access to fewer than two possible evacuation routes. If a minimum of one residential development within the CSA had access to fewer than two possible evacuation routes, the CSA would be identified as having limited egress. The community names found on the County Chief Executive Office’s List of Unincorporated Communities was then used to augment the CSA community names to refine the referenced community. Unincorporated communities that had only one possible evacuation route were flagged and included in Table 12.23 in Chapter 12: Safety Element of the General Plan. These communities are visible on the Residential Developments with Limited Egress mapping application (<http://bit.ly/SE-SB99>).

**ADDENDUM TO NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
PRJ2021-002039 SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE**  
Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2024004068

Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning  
September 11, 2024



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# 1. OVERVIEW

On July 12, 2022, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) for the County of Los Angeles (“County”) approved an amendment to the Safety Element of the County’s General Plan to include stronger policies to effectively reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, economic loss, and social dislocation resulting from natural and human-made hazards, to make the General Plan consistent with the State requirements, and to update emergency response information (“Safety Element Update”). In connection with approval of the Safety Element Update, the Board adopted a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), concluding that the Safety Element Update could not have a significant effect on the environment.

On February 23, 2024, following a legal challenge to the Safety Element Update in Los Angeles Superior Court (Case No. 22STCP03038), the trial court judge ordered the County to revise the Safety Element to comply with Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) by identifying the residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.

The County has now revised the Safety Element Update to comply with the court’s order. Specifically, the County has added a map to Section VIII, Emergency Response, that identifies all residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes. The County has also made minor textual changes to explain the map.

Prior to re-approval of this revision to the Safety Element Update, the County must determine whether the revision could result in any environmental impact not previously considered in connection with the Safety Element Update as originally approved. When, as here, a project is initially approved by negative declaration, if the proposed modification may produce a significant environmental effect that had not previously been studied, it may be necessary to revise the initial negative declaration or prepare an environmental impact report. Alternatively, if the proposed modification would not introduce any previously unstudied potentially significant effects, or if only minor technical changes or additions are made, the lead agency may prepare what is known as an “addendum” to the previously adopted negative declaration. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15064, subd. (b).)

The discussion below provides the substantial evidence and explanation to support the County’s determination that the revision to the Safety Element Update would not introduce any potentially significant effects not previously considered in connection with the Safety Element Update.

## 2. PREVIOUSLY-APPROVED SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE

### 2.1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Safety Element is to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, economic loss, and social dislocation resulting from natural and human-made hazards. The 2022 Safety Element Update was a comprehensive update to the Safety Element and an associated amendment to the Land Use Element to include new goals and policies to address and reduce risks for seismic and geotechnical hazards, climate adaptation and resiliency, flood, fire, extreme heat and drought, and human-made hazards to make the General Plan consistent with the State requirements, and to update emergency response information. Technical updates were also made to the appendices of the General Plan for consistency and to address additional information regarding wildfire.

Of particular relevance to the currently-proposed revision, the 2022 update included Figure 12.9, Evacuation Routes Map, which identified public, paved, through-way roads which may be used for evacuation if they are viable routes

during an actual emergency, as required per Assembly Bill 747 (Levine, 2019). The 2022 update also included a new Table 12.3, which identified unincorporated communities with residential developments with limited egress.

### 2.1.2 BOARD APPROVAL

On April 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles (“Board”) conducted a duly-noticed public hearing in the matter of Project No. PRJ2021-002039-(1-5), consisting of Plan Amendment No. RPPL2021-011001-(1-5) (“Plan Amendment”) and the Negative Declaration associated with Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2021-005522-(1-5) (collectively, “Safety Element Update”). After receiving the staff report and public comment, the Board indicated its intent to approve the Safety Element Update and indicated its intent to adopt a negative declaration. On July 12, 2022, the Board determined that the Safety Element Update was consistent with the goals, policies, and principles of the General Plan, furthered the interests of public health, safety, and general welfare, conformed with good zoning practice, and was consistent with Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Board also determined that the Safety Element Update would not have a significant environmental impact and adopted a negative declaration for the Previous Project.

## 3. REVISION ADDRESSED IN THIS ADDENDUM

The proposed revisions appear in the discussion of Emergency Response in Safety Element, Chapter 12, Section VIII, and Appendix H, Safety Element Resources. The revisions include the following:

- In Chapter 12, Section VIII, the discussion previously entitled “Identifying Communities with Residential Development with Limited Egress” has been retitled and Figure 12.10, Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes, was added to comply with Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) by identifying residential developments in any hazard areas identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.
- In Appendix H, the discussion previously entitled “Methodology for Identifying Communities with Residential Developments with Limited Egress” has been retitled “Methodology for Identifying Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified in The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes,” and has been revised to describe the methodology.

No revisions are proposed to any other component of the previously-approved Safety Element Update.

## 4. REQUIRED FINDINGS FOR USE OF AN ADDENDUM

Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines identifies the circumstances that allow a local agency to prepare an addendum to a negative declaration. An addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary, or none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred. CEQA Guidelines section 15162 requires a subsequent EIR to be prepared for that project if the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

1. Substantial changes are in the project which would require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or

2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which would require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known, with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
  - (A) The project would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or Negative Declaration.
  - (B) Significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
  - (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
  - (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

Pursuant to Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines, if none of the above conditions are met, the County may prepare an addendum to make minor technical changes to a previously adopted ND and to document as to why no further environmental review is required. An addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the negative declaration, which the Board shall consider prior to making a decision on the project. A brief explanation supported by substantial evidence of why an agency decided not to prepare a subsequent negative declaration under Sections 15164 or 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines should also be included in the addendum, the findings on the project, or somewhere in the record.

## 5. ASSESSMENT OF REVISION

The County has revised the Safety Element to comply with Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) by identifying all residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes. The revisions do not affect or modify any other aspect of the previously-approved Safety Element Update, and neither Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) nor any other law, requires local governments to take any specific action based on their identification of residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes. Because the revision is purely informational in nature and would not result in any reasonably foreseeable physical changes to the environment, it has no potential to result in significant impacts to any of the environmental factors analyzed in the previously-adopted Negative Declaration.

Of particular note, nothing about the addition of this information would change the conclusion in the previously-adopted Negative Declaration that the Safety Element Update would not impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. As explained in Section 9(f) of the previously-adopted Negative Declaration, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for organizing and directing the preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County. The emergency response plan for the unincorporated areas of the County is prepared by OEM and identifies emergency procedures and emergency management routes in the County. The County has also prepared a Local All Hazards Mitigation Plan to be in compliance with federal law and to be eligible for disaster funding.

Figure 12.6 of the Safety Element in the General Plan depicts the County's designated Disaster routes. It identifies the routes that emergency responders are likely to use when responding to an emergency scenario and the field facilities that will be used by emergency responders to coordinate their activities. The Department of Public Works also maintains a "Disaster Routes with Road Districts" Map. Further, Safety Element Policy S 7.3 ensures coordination with other County agencies, such as Public Works, Fire, and OEM on emergency planning and response activities, and evacuation planning. This coordination is imperative to ensure consistency in different plans that revolve about hazard mitigation and evacuation.

Further, as the previously-adopted Negative Declaration noted, Assembly Bill 747 (Levine, 2019) requires the Safety Element to identify evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios. Evacuation routes are determined by emergency responders who decide at the time of the emergency which routes should be used for evacuation after assessing the conditions and location of the emergency to avoid endangering the lives of others, personal injury, or death. The data that is included in the Safety Element Update pertaining to this legislation, including the information provided in the currently-proposed revision, was confirmed by Public Works, Fire, and OEM to ensure that the data methodology did not conflict with their existing emergency response or evacuation plans.

## 6. CONCLUSION

The foregoing explanation, and substantial evidence in the County's record, supports the following conclusions:

- (1) *No substantial changes are proposed in the Safety Element Update that will require major revisions of the previously-approved negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.*
- (2) *No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Safety Element Update is undertaken that will require major revisions of the previous negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.*
- (3) *No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known, with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:*
  - (A) *The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or Negative Declaration.*
  - (B) *Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR.*
  - (C) *Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.*
  - (D) *No mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.*

In sum, substantial evidence demonstrates the revision would not cause significant effects not discussed in the previously-adopted negative declaration. The revisions are minor in nature, and there is no requirement for the County to perform a subsequent environmental impact report or negative declaration.

# Notice of Determination

BY: .....

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021110171

Project Title: Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Update

Project Applicant: County of Los Angeles

Project Location (include county): Unincorporated Los Angeles County

**Project Description:**

The project is a comprehensive update to the Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element to address projected impacts from climate change hazards by incorporating new adaptation and resiliency goals and policies. It includes the mandated components directed by SB 1035, SB 379, AB 747, AB 1409, and Government Code section 65302(g).

This is to advise that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on July 12, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:  
 (date)

1. The Project  will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting program  was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings  were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

[https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/se\\_documents/](https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/climate/se_documents/)

Signature (Public Agency): *Thuy Hua* Title: Supervising Regional Planner

Date: July 12, 2022

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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# Environmental Checklist Form (Initial Study)

County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning



**Project title:** Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Update / Project No. PRJ2021-002039/ Plan Amendment No. RPPL2021011001, Advance Planning No. RPPL2020007456, Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2021005522

**Lead agency name and address:** Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 320 West Temple Street 13<sup>th</sup> Flr, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Contact Person and phone number:** Iris Chi / 213-974-6461

**Project sponsor's name and address:** Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning 320 W. Temple St. 13<sup>th</sup> Flr, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Project location:** Countywide  
*APN:* N/A *USGS Quad:* N/A

**Gross Acreage:** Countywide

**General plan designation:** Countywide

**Community/Area wide Plan designation:** Countywide

**Zoning:** Applicable to all zones that permit development

**Description of project:** The project is a comprehensive update to the Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element to address projected impacts from climate change hazards by incorporating new adaptation and resiliency goals and policies. The proposed Safety Element Update aims to reduce the potential short and long-term risk of death, injuries, property damage, economic damage, and social dislocation from earthquakes, floods, and fire in the County's unincorporated areas. Sections of the Safety Element Update include: Seismic, Fire, Flood, Emergency Services, and Climate Change. Adaptation and resiliency strategies based on the data of the Climate Vulnerability Assessment is incorporated into the Safety Element Update per Senate Bill 379. The project also includes an implementation ordinance to amend Title 21 (Subdivision Ordinance) and Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code to implement goals and policies of the Safety Element Update regarding wildfire. This ordinance aims to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Assembly Bill 747 (Levine, 2019) requires the Safety Element to identify evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios. Evacuation routes are determined by emergency



responders who decide at the time of the emergency which routes should be used for evacuation after assessing the conditions and location of the emergency to avoid endangering the lives of others, personal injury, or death.

Senate Bill 99 (Nielsen, 2019) requires the Safety Element to identify residential developments that have fewer than two evacuation routes.

### Goals and Policies for Seismic and Geotechnical Hazards

<b>Goal S 1: An effective regulatory system that prevents or minimizes personal injury, loss of life and property damage due to seismic and geotechnical hazards.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Geotechnical Hazards	Policy S 1.1: Discourage development in Seismic Hazard and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones.
	Policy S 1.2: Prohibit construction of structures for human occupancy adjacent to active faults unless a comprehensive fault study is completed that addresses seismic hazard risks and proposes appropriate actions to minimize the risk.
	Policy S 1.3: Require developments to mitigate geotechnical hazards, such as soil instability and landsliding, in Hillside Management Areas through siting and development standards.
	Policy S 1.4: Support the retrofitting of unreinforced masonry structures and soft-story buildings to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to seismic hazards.

### Goals and Policies for Climate Adaptation

<b>Goal S 2: An effective regulatory system that prevents or minimizes personal injury, loss of life, and property damage due to climate hazards and climate-induced secondary impacts.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Climate Adaptation	Policy S 2.1: Explore the feasibility of community microgrids that are driven by renewable energy sources to increase local energy resilience during grid power outages, reduce reliance on long-distance transmission lines, and reduce strain on the grid when demand for electricity is high.
	Policy S 2.2: Plan for future climate impacts on critical infrastructure and essential public facilities.
	Policy S 2.3: Require new residential subdivisions and new accessory dwelling units within hazard areas to meet required evacuation standards.
	Policy S 2.4: Promote the creation of resilience hubs in frontline communities that are at high vulnerability to climate hazards and ensure they have adequate resources to adapt to climate-induced emergencies.
	Policy S 2.5: Promote the development of community-based and workplace groups such as Community Emergency Response Teams to improve community resilience to climate emergencies.
	Policy S 2.6: Promote climate change and resilience awareness education about the effects of climate change-induced hazards and ways to adapt and build resiliency to climate change.
	Policy S 2.7: Increase the capacity of frontline communities to adapt to climate impacts by focusing planning efforts and interventions on communities facing the greatest vulnerabilities

	and ensuring representatives of these communities have a role in the decision-making process for directing climate change response.
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**Goals and Policies for Flood and Inundation Hazards**

<b>Goal S 3: An effective regulatory system that prevents or minimizes personal injury, loss of life, and property damage due to flood and inundation hazards.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Flood Hazards	Policy S 3.1: Strongly discourage development in the County’s Flood Hazard Zones.
	Policy S 3.2: Strongly discourage development from locating downslope from aqueducts.
	Policy S 3.3: Promote the use of natural, or nature-based, flood protection measures to prevent or minimize flood hazards, where feasible.
	Policy S 3.4: Ensure that developments located within the County’s Flood Hazard Zones are sited and designed to avoid isolation from essential services and facilities in the event of flooding.
	Policy S 3.5: Ensure that biological and natural resources are protected during rebuilding after a flood event.
	Policy S 3.6: Work cooperatively with public agencies with responsibility for flood protection and with stakeholders in planning for flood and inundation hazards.
	Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.

**Goals and Policies for Fire Hazards**

<b>Goal S 4: An effective regulatory system that prevents or minimizes personal injury, loss of life, and property damage due to fire hazards.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Fire Hazards	Policy S 4.1: Prohibit new subdivisions in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage subdivisions in all other FHSZs.
	Policy S 4.2: Ensure new subdivisions shall provide adequate evacuation and emergency vehicle access on both public and private roads which are evaluated for their traffic access or flow limitations, including but not limited to weight or vertical clearance limitations, dead-end, one-way, or single lane conditions.
	Policy S 4.3: Ensure that biological and natural resources are protected during rebuilding after a wildfire event.
	Policy S 4.4: Reduce the risk of wildland fire hazards through meeting minimum state and local regulations for fire-resistant building materials, vegetation management, fuel modification, and other fire hazard reduction programs within FHSZs.
	Policy S 4.5: Encourage the use of climate-adapted plants that are compatible with the area’s natural vegetative habitats.
	Policy S 4.6: Ensure that infrastructure requirements for new development meet minimum state and local regulations for, ingress, egress, peak load water supply availability, anticipated water supply, and other standards within FHSZs.

Policy S 4.7: Discourage building mid-slope, on ridgelines and on hilltops, and employ adequate setbacks on slopes to reduce risk from wildfires and post-fire, rainfall-induced landslides.
Policy S 4.8: Support the retrofitting of existing structures in FHSZs to meet current safety regulations, such as the building and fire code, to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to wildfire.
Policy S 4.9: Adopt by reference the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Strategic Fire Plan, as amended.
Policy S 4.10: Encourage the planting of native oaks in strategic locations and near existing oak woodlands, including those to be mapped in the Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan, to protect developments from wildfires, as well as to lessen fire risk associated with developments.
Policy S 4.11: Support efforts to address unique pest, disease, exotic species and other forest health issues in open space areas to reduce fire hazards and support ecological integrity.
Policy S 4.12: Support efforts to incorporate systematic fire protection improvements for open space, including the facilitation of safe fire suppression tactics, standards for adequate access for firefighting, fire mitigation planning with landowners and other stakeholders, and water sources for fire suppression.
Policy S 4.13: Encourage the siting of major landscape features, such as large water bodies, productive orchards, and community open space at the periphery of new subdivisions to provide strategic firefighting advantage and function as lasting firebreaks and buffers against wildfires, and the maintenance of such features by respective property owners.
Policy S 4.14: Encourage the strategic placement of structures in FHSZs that conserves fire suppression resources, increases safety for emergency fire access and evacuation, and provides a point of attack or defense from a wildfire.
Policy S 4.15: Encourage rebuilds and additions to comply with fire mitigation guidelines.
Policy S 4.16: Require local development standards to meet or exceed SRA Fire Safe Regulations, which include visible home and street addressing and signage and vegetation clearance maintenance on public and private roads; all requirements in the California Building Code and Fire Code; and Board of Forestry Fire Safe Regulations.
Policy S 4.17: Coordinate with agencies, including the Fire Department and ACWM, to ensure that effective fire buffers are maintained through brush clearance and fuel modification around developments.
Policy S 4.18: Require Fire Protection Plans for new residential subdivisions in FHSZs that minimize and mitigate potential loss from wildfire exposure, and reduce impact on the community's fire protection delivery system.
Policy S 4.19: Ensure all water distributors providing water in unincorporated Los Angeles County identify, maintain, and ensure the long-term integrity of future water supply for fire suppression needs, and ensure that water supply infrastructure adequately supports existing and future development and redevelopment, and provides adequate water flow to combat structural and wildland fires, including during peak domestic demand periods.
Policy S 4.20: Prohibit new large general assembly uses in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage large general assembly uses in all other FHSZs.

## Goals and Policies for Extreme Heat and Drought Hazards

<b>Goal S 5: An effective regulatory system that prevents or minimizes personal injury, loss of life, and property damage due to extreme heat and drought impacts.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Extreme Heat	Policy S 5.1: Encourage building designs and retrofits that moderate indoor temperatures during extreme heat events.
	Policy S 5.2: Encourage the addition of shade structures in the public realm through appropriate means, and in frontline communities.
	Policy S 5.3: Encourage the use of cooling methods to reduce the heat retention of pavement and surfaces.
	Policy S 5.4: Ensure all park facilities, including recreational sports complexes, include a tree canopy, shade structures and materials with low solar gain to improve usability on high heat days and reduce heat retention.
	Policy S 5.5: Encourage alternatives to air conditioning such as ceiling fans, air exchangers, increased insulation and low solar gain exterior materials to reduce peak electrical demands during extreme heat events to ensure reliability of the electrical grid.
	Policy S 5.6: Coordinate with demand-response/paratransit transit services prior to expected extreme heat days to ensure adequate capacity for customer demand for transporting to cooling centers.
	Policy S 5.7: Coordinate with local transit agencies to retrofit existing bus stops, where feasible, with shade structures to safeguard the health and comfort of transit users.
	Policy S 5.8: Enhance and sustainably manage urban forests that provide shade and cooling functions.
	Policy S 5.9: Promote greater awareness of the impacts of extreme heat exposure on the most vulnerable populations, such as seniors, people living in poverty, those with chronic conditions, and outdoor workers.
Drought	Policy S 5.10: Protect and improve local groundwater quality and supply to increase opportunities for use as a potable water source during drought periods.
	Policy S 5.11: Encourage the conservation of water by employing soil moisture sensors, automated irrigation systems, subsurface drip irrigation, and weather-based irrigation controllers.
	Policy S 5.12: Encourage water efficiency in buildings through upgrading appliances and building infrastructure retrofits.
	Policy S 5.13: Encourage the use of drought tolerant landscaping in new developments to reduce reliance on potable and recycled water resources.
	Policy S 5.14: Encourage the installation of grey water reuse systems in new developments.

## Goals and Policies for Human-made Hazards

<b>Goal S 6: An effective regulatory system that prevents or minimizes personal injury, loss of life, and property damage due to human-made hazards.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Human-made	Policy S 6.1: Assess public health and safety risks associated with existing oil and gas facilities in the unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Hazards	Policy S 6.2: Prohibit all new oil and gas extraction wells in all zones, including those allowed or planned for under existing discretionary permits.
	Policy S 6.3: Designate all existing oil and gas extraction activities, including those allowed or planned for under existing discretionary permits, as legal nonconforming uses in all zones.
	Policy S 6.4: Coordinate with State and regional agencies to ensure funding and implementation of annual inspections, ongoing air monitoring, and health impact assessment data continue to be collected and used to prioritize and facilitate the timely phase out of existing wells.
	Policy S 6.5: Support State and federal policies and proposals that increase funding sources to help plug, abandon, remediate and revitalize idle and orphaned well sites, and advocate for increased funding that will provide critical relief to the County and its residents.

### Goals and Policies for Emergency Response

<b>Goal S 7: Effective County emergency response management capabilities.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Policy</b>
Emergency Response	Policy S 7.1: Ensure that residents are protected from the public health consequences of natural or human-made disasters through increased readiness and response capabilities, risk communication, and the dissemination of public information.
	Policy S 7.2: Support County emergency providers in reaching their response time goals.
	Policy S 7.3: Coordinate with other County and public agencies, such as transportation agencies and health care providers, on emergency planning and response activities, and evacuation planning.
	Policy S 7.4: Encourage the improvement of hazard prediction and early warning capabilities.
	Policy S 7.5: Ensure that there are adequate resources, such as sheriff and fire services, for emergency response.
	Policy S 7.6: Ensure that essential public facilities are maintained during disasters, such as flooding, wildfires, extreme temperature and precipitation events, drought, and power outages.
	Policy S 7.7: Locate essential public facilities, such as hospitals, where feasible, outside of hazard zones identified in the Safety Element to ensure their reliability and accessibility during disasters.
	Policy S 7.8: Adopt by reference the County of Los Angeles All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, as amended.

<b>This project proposes amending the Land Use Element to add the following policy.</b>	
	Policy LU 1.10: Prohibit plan amendments that increase density of residential land uses within mapped fire and flood hazard areas.

## Implementation Ordinance to Reduce Damage from Wildfire

<b>This ordinance proposes changes to Title 21 that could reduce the risk of personal injury or property damage in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), and this ordinance also identifies amendments to Title 22 that could further reduce these risks.</b>	
Summary of Amendments	1. Revise the number of lots that can be located on a single point of access.
	2. Amend the access requirements in Title 21 to ensure safer access to properties in VHFHSZs.
	3. Modify the lot requirements in Title 21 to reduce wildfire risk for new lots created in VHFHSZs.
	4. Amend Title 21 to better integrate fire risk into existing standards and procedures.
	5. Revise provisions of Title 22 to support the proposed changes to Title 21, and to further reduce the risks of personal injury and property damage in VHFHSZs in a number of ways.

Surrounding land uses and setting: Countywide

Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

Please review the attached Tribal Cultural Resources Checklist for more details on the consultations that took place in compliance with Assembly Bill 52 requirements. A determination of less than significant impact to tribal cultural resources has been made. This determination and Section 18: Tribal Cultural Resources of this Initial Study is based on not receiving any requests for formal consultation from the California Native American Tribes that were notified on August 3, 2021.

Other public agencies whose approval may be required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

<i>Public Agency</i>	<i>Approval Required</i>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

Major projects in the area:

<i>Project/Case No.</i>	<i>Description and Status</i>
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_____	_____
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**Reviewing Agencies:**

*Responsible Agencies*

- None
- Regional Water Quality Control Board:
  - Los Angeles Region
  - Lahontan Region
- Coastal Commission
- Army Corps of Engineers
- LAFCO
- Cal FIRE
- Department of Conservation
- Governor's Office of Emergency Services

*Special Reviewing Agencies*

- None
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- National Parks
- National Forest
- Edwards Air Force Base
- Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica Mountains Area
- CalTrans
- Metro
- Antelope Valley Transit Authority
- Santa Clara Transit
- Foothill Transit

*Regional Significance*

- None
- SCAG Criteria
- Air Quality
- Water Resources
- Santa Monica Mtns. Area
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*Trustee Agencies*

- None
- State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- State Dept. of Parks and Recreation
- State Lands Commission
- University of California (Natural Land and Water Reserves System)

*County Reviewing Agencies*

- Department of Public Works
- Fire Department
  - Forestry Division,
  - Environmental Review Unit
  - Fuel Modification Unit
  - Planning Division
  - Land Development Unit
  - Health Hazmat
- Sanitation District
- Public Health/Environmental Health Division: Land Use Program (OWTS), Drinking Water Program (Private Wells), Toxics Epidemiology Program (Noise)
- Sheriff Department
- Parks and Recreation
- Subdivision Committee
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**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project.

- Aesthetics                       Greenhouse Gas Emissions                       Public Services
- Agriculture/Forestry                       Hazards/Hazardous Materials                       Recreation
- Air Quality                       Hydrology/Water Quality                       Transportation
- Biological Resources                       Land Use/Planning                       Tribal Cultural Resources
- Cultural Resources                       Mineral Resources                       Utilities/Services
- Energy                       Noise                       Wildfire
- Geology/Soils                       Population/Housing                       Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Department.)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

*Iris Chi*

11/10/2021

Signature (Prepared by)

Date

*Thuy Tran*

11/10/2021

Signature (Approved by)

Date

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources the Lead Department cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the Lead Department has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level. (Mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced.)
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA processes, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. (State CEQA Guidelines § 15063(c)(3)(D).) In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of, and adequately analyzed in, an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 7) The explanation of each issue should identify: the significance threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question, and; mitigation measures identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance. Sources of thresholds include the County General Plan, General Plan EIR, other County planning documents, and County ordinances. Some thresholds are unique to geographical locations.

**1. AESTHETICS**

	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>			

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** No direct impact to views from scenic highways or corridors will result from the proposed Safety Element Update. The Safety Element covers all of Los Angeles County, including areas that contain scenic vistas and significant ridgelines. The existing policies carried over from the previous Safety Element and newly proposed policies will not result in direct impacts to these areas. Future development will continue to be required to mitigate visual impacts through the implementation of the County Code and General Plan policies.

- Policy S 4.7: Discourage building mid-slope, on ridgelines and on hilltops, and employ adequate setbacks on slopes to reduce risk from wildfires and post-fire, rainfall-induced landslides.

Policy S 4.7 is a new policy that is included in the Safety Element Update. This policy discourages development on slopes and ridgelines due to the topography that can affect how wildfires burn. There will be a less than significant impact on scenic vistas since this policy aims to reduce the number of new developments on slopes and ridgelines. Also, all development within a Hillside Management Area (HMA) will be required to mitigate impacts caused by the development, including impacts to the scenic values of HMAs.

b) Be visible from or obstruct views from a regional riding, hiking, or multi-use trail?                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will have a less than significant impact to the views of regional riding hiking, or multi-use trails. The Safety Element Update applies to all unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County, which will also include designated and proposed trails identified. The Safety Element policies guide development in hazard areas, which can be located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, Significant Ecological Areas, Hillside Management Areas, or sensitive habitat areas in the Coastal Zone. Trails in Los Angeles County are largely located within or next to these areas, which have development standards and permitting requirements that are intended to protect people, property, and biological resources. The Safety Element policies will not directly impact existing or proposed trails since there are not any policies that require the vacating of trails. Potential aesthetic impacts may occur from maintaining required fuel modification zones, brush clearance, and/or firebreaks as thinning of vegetation may impact the view from a trail. Individual developments will be required to conduct a separate environmental analysis during the permitting phase.

c) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Portions of Mulholland Highway, Las Virgenes Road, Malibu Canyon Road, Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway are adopted scenic highways. Furthermore, the Santa

Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program identifies scenic elements, which are “designated areas that contain exceptionally-scenic features unique not only to the Santa Monica Mountains, but to the Los Angeles County region. These areas are characterized by rare or unique geologic formations, such as large rock outcroppings and sheer canyon walls, as well as coastline viewsheds, undisturbed hillsides and/or riparian or woodland habitat with intact locally-indigenous vegetation and plant communities.”

Scenic highways and resources are often located within or next to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, Significant Ecological Areas, Hillside Management Areas, and sensitive habitat areas in the Coastal Zone. These areas have development standards and permitting requirements that are intended to protect people, property, and biological resources. Any developments within these areas are required to conduct an environmental analysis at a project-level. Since the Safety Element covers the hazard areas within the entire county, there may be indirect aesthetic impacts to trees and rock outcroppings resulting from maintaining the required fuel modification zones, brush clearance, and/or firebreaks to reduce wildfire risks. Historic buildings within a state scenic highway may have its own fuel modification requirements per the Los Angeles County Fire Department. However, the Safety Element does not propose any policies that will have a direct impact to scenic resources within a state scenic highway.

**d) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings because of height, bulk, pattern, scale, character, or other features or conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point)**

**Less Than Significant.** The policies from Safety Element Update will not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views because of height, bulk, pattern, scale, character, or other features.

- Policy S 4.7: Discourage building mid-slope, on ridgelines and on hilltops, and employ adequate setbacks on slopes to reduce risk from wildfires and post-fire, rainfall-induced landslides.

Policy S 4.7 is a new policy that is included in the Safety Element Update. This policy discourages development on slopes and ridgelines due to the topography that can affect how wildfires burn. There will be a less than significant impact on scenic vistas since this policy aims to reduce the number of new developments on slopes and ridgelines. Also, all development within a Hillside Management Area (HMA) will be required to mitigate impacts caused by the development, including impacts to the scenic values of HMAs.

Any development proposed on Hillside Management Areas will be required to be in compliance with the Hillside Management Areas Ordinance, which requires developments to mitigate impacts in designated hillside management areas to a less than significant level

There are also existing regulations in the County’s Zoning Ordinance relating to the regulation of building form, massing, subdivisions, signs, architectural features, discretionary permits, design, and oak tree preservation that take visual character into consideration when a development is proposed. The Safety Element Update provides the policies that guide how development will occur throughout the County. Area Plans and Specific Plans contain design guidelines and development standards tailored to reflect local character. The Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program also contains development standards as well as other provisions to protect and enhance the visual qualities of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Proposed development will be required to comply with all applicable zoning and development standard requirements that aim to protect the local visual character.

e) **Create a new source of substantial shadows, light, or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?**

**Less Than Significant.** The Safety Element Update project area continues to include the Rural Outdoor Lighting District (ROLD), which includes lighting standards intended to preserve dark skies in applicable rural areas. Standards in this area include shielding outdoor lighting to prevent trespass onto adjacent properties, prohibiting use of certain types of outdoor lighting (such as drop-down lenses, mercury vapor lights, ultraviolet lights, and flashing or blinking lights, such as searchlights or laser lights), and additional standards for specific lighting situations such as streetlights or signage. There are also additional standards for commercial, industrial, and mixed uses that limit the hours of outdoor lighting and require the use of automatic or sensor lights in certain situations. All development in the ROLD area will continue to be subject to the ROLD and policies for this project will not increase the overall building height standards set forth by the zoning designation or specific use proposed. Therefore, any new shadows, light, or glare from new construction designed to be consistent with the policies of the Safety Element Update will create an impact that is less than significant.

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The analysis concludes that the Safety Element Update will not result in significant impact to aesthetics and visual resources. The extent of less than significant impact to aesthetics and visual resources are the result of existing and policies that encourage development to be sited in a way that reduces the risk of potential hazards. Potential indirect but less than significant impacts can result from the required maintenance of defensible space for development.

Official State Scenic Highways are designated by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). According to Caltrans, “Its purpose is to protect and enhance the natural scenic beauty of California highways and adjacent corridors, through special conservation treatment.”<sup>1</sup> While there are numerous designated Scenic Highways across the state, the following have been designated in Los Angeles County: Angeles Crest Highway (Route 2) from just north of Interstate 210 to the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County Line, two segments of Mulholland Highway from Pacific Coast Highway to Kanan Dume Road and from west of Cornell road to east of Las Virgenes Road, and Malibu Canyon-Las Virgenes Highway from Pacific Coast Highway to Lost Hills Road. There are officially designated scenic highways within the project area since the Safety Element Update will be applied countywide.

Riding and hiking trails have been designated throughout unincorporated Los Angeles County. At present, there are officially adopted trails in the Antelope Valley, the Santa Clarita Valley, and the Santa Monica Mountains designated by the General Plan or applicable Area/Community Plan and Local Coastal Program.

In addition to scenic highways, unincorporated Los Angeles County identifies ridgelines of significant aesthetic value that are to be preserved in their current state. This preservation is accomplished by limiting the type and amount of development near them. These “Significant Ridgelines” (“Major Ridgelines” on Santa Catalina Island) are designated by the General Plan or applicable Area/Community Plan, Local Coastal

Program, or Community Standards District and include San Gabriel Mountains, Verdugo Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, Simi Hills, Santa Monica Mountains and Puente Hills.

The HMA Ordinance (Los Angeles County Code Title 22, Chapter 22.104) is designed to protect designated hillsides from incompatible development. The ordinance applies to properties that have hillsides with a 25 percent grade or greater. Unless otherwise exempted by the HMA Ordinance, an HMA Conditional Use Permit is required. The HMA Ordinance is intended to protect hillside resources, minimize grading, etc., and focuses on design through the HMA Design Guidelines to minimize such impacts. A potentially significant impact would occur if the proposed project does not protect or avoid hillside resources to the extent feasible, minimize grading, or otherwise does not meet the required burden of proof and General Plan policies related to hillside development.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County's aesthetic resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on aesthetics. Furthermore, future development impacted by this ordinance, that is proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

**2. AGRICULTURE / FOREST**

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** Land within areas of the County that are mapped by Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) fall into the following agricultural land use designations: Agricultural Land, Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Local Importance, and Grazing Land. Mapped Important Farmland only exists in 3 of the County’s 11 Planning Areas—Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and Santa Monica Mountains Planning Areas.

The project will not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance as the policies do not propose direct development on a parcel-level. The Safety Element policies provide guidance on how the County may reduce the risk of harm and damage from natural and climate-induced disasters. None of the policies will limit or eliminate the productive use of farmland, such as conversion of acres to actual non-farm uses. Therefore, impacts to farmland resulting from this project will be less than significant.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, with a designated Agricultural Resource Area, or with a Williamson Act contract?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** Agricultural Resource Areas (ARAs) are unincorporated areas in the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys, where farming in unincorporated Los Angeles County is generally concentrated. ARAs include Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Local Importance, and other areas identified in the General Plan. ARAs are almost exclusively zoned for agricultural and single-family residential uses. The only Williamson Act contracts in effect in the County are for land on Catalina Island and held by the Catalina Island Conservancy as set asides for open space and recreational purposes. No impacts to Williamson Act contracts are anticipated with the adoption of the Safety Element Update.

The project area for the Safety Element Update includes ARAs since the Safety Element applies countywide but the project does not propose policies that would result in converting ARAs to non-agricultural uses. None of the policies will alter the permitted uses of land designated by the zone. None of the policies will limit or eliminate the productive use of farmland, such as conversion of acres to actual non-farm uses. Therefore, no conflicts with existing zoning for agricultural uses or with areas designated as ARAs or a Williamson Act contract are anticipated and impacts will be less than significant.

c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code § 12220 (g)), timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code § 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined in Government Code § 51104(g))?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The unincorporated County does not have any land that is zoned only for forest or timberland uses. However, the Los Padres and Angeles National Forests are within the boundaries of Los Angeles County. In-holding parcels with structures within the Angeles National Forest boundaries will still need to provide the required fuel modification zones and brush clearance as required by the Fire Department with consultation with the U.S. Forest Service. The policies of the Safety Element Update will not create any conflict with existing zoning, or cause rezoning, of forest land or timberland and any impacts from the policies will be less than significant.

d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Los Padres and Angeles National Forests lie within the boundaries of Los Angeles County. The policies will not result in any loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use. The policies aim to reduce wildfire risk and damage that otherwise could perpetuate increasing frequency and intensity of wildfires through forest lands due to climate change. Therefore, impacts from the Safety Element policies will be less than significant.

e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project area does include the Los Padres and Angeles National Forests and contains mapped Farmland, but the policies of the Safety Element Update provide guidance for future development rather than specific changes to zoning or land use designations. Therefore, none of the policies will foreseeably change the environment in such a way as to convert Farmland to a non-agricultural use or forest land to a non-forest use and therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

### EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The analysis concludes that the Safety Element Update will not result in significant impacts to agricultural or forest land.

The Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) produces maps and statistical data that are used for analyzing impacts on California’s agricultural resources. Agricultural land is rated according to soil quality and irrigation status; the best quality land is called *Prime Farmland*. The maps are updated every two years with the use of a computer mapping system, aerial imagery, public review, and field reconnaissance. FMMP produces *Important Farmland Maps*, which are a hybrid of resource quality (soils) and land use information.

The California Land Conservation Act of 1965--commonly referred to as the Williamson Act--enables local governments to enter into contracts with private landowners for the purpose of restricting specific parcels of land to agricultural or related open space use. In return, landowners receive property tax assessments which



are much lower than normal because they are based upon farming and open space uses as opposed to full market value. Local governments receive an annual subvention of forgone property tax revenues from the state via the Open Space Subvention Act of 1971. The only Williamson Act contract lands in the County are located on Catalina Island and held by the Catalina Island Conservancy as set asides for open space and recreational purposes. Therefore, there are no agricultural Williamson Act contracts in the remainder of the unincorporated County.

Agricultural Resource Areas (ARAs) are a County identification tool that indicates land where commercial agriculture is taking place and/or is believed to have a future potential based on the presence of prime agricultural soils, compatible adjacent land uses, and existing County land use policy. In addition to ARAs, the County has two agricultural zones: A-1 (Light Agriculture) and A-2 (Heavy Agriculture) where agricultural uses are permitted to be established through ministerial or discretionary review, depending on the type and intensity of use. Not all A-1 and A-2 zoned lands contain agricultural uses.

California Public Resources Code section 12220(g) defines forest land as “land that can support 10-percent native tree cover of any species, including hardwoods, under natural conditions, and that allows for management of one or more forest resources, including timber, aesthetics, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, and other public benefits.” California Public Resources Code section 4526 defines timberland as land, other than land owned by the federal government and land designated by the State Board of forestry and Fire Protection as experimental forest land that is available for, and capable of, growing a crop of trees of any commercial species used to produce lumber and other forest products, including Christmas trees. Commercial species shall be determined by the State Board of Forestry and fire Protection for each district after consultation with the respective forest district communities. California Public Resources Code section 51104(g) defines “Timberland production zones” or “TPZ” as an area which has been zoned and is devoted to and used for growing and harvesting timber, or for growing and harvesting timber and compatible uses.

The County contains important and prime farmland, and the Angeles National Forest and a portion of the Los Padres National forest are also located in the County. The County does not have any zone that is strictly used for forest uses or timberland production. However, the Angeles National Forest, and a portion of the Los Padres National forest are located in the County, and the Watershed Zone allows for any use owned and maintained by the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and any authorized leased use designated to be part of the Forest Service overall recreational plan of development, including logging. In addition, Los Angeles County has been mapped by the CalFire’s FRAP to identify the different categories of land cover capable of being sustained therein, including forests, woodlands, wetlands, and shrubs, for example.

The project area for the Safety Element Update encompasses the entire unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and includes Prime Farmland, a limited number of Williamson Act parcels, and ARAs, but due to the nature of the policies of the Safety Element, there will not be any significant impacts that would lead to the conversion of agricultural or forest lands. The policies aim to reduce the risk of hazards experienced in Los Angeles County; agricultural and forest lands are less intense land uses and the preservation of these lands will only help the County to adapt to a changing climate.

The project’s implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County’s agriculture and forest resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on agriculture and forest resources. Furthermore, fuel modification and brush clearance requirements are already in place in Los Angeles County. This ordinance does not significantly expand these requirements. Future development impacted by this ordinance, that is proposed after the approval of the

ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

### 3. AIR QUALITY

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of applicable air quality plans of either the South Coast AQMD (SCAQMD) or the Antelope Valley AQMD (AVAQMD)?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The policies of the Safety Element Update are not likely to conflict with or obstruct implementation of applicable air quality plans for SCAQMD or AVAQMD. The policies are meant to reduce the risk and harm caused by natural and climate induced hazards. The SCAQMD and the AVAQMD are responsible for monitoring air quality as well as planning, implementing, and enforcing programs designed to attain and maintain state and federal ambient air quality standards in the region.

Natural and climate induced hazards, such as wildfires and extreme heat events, have caused poor air quality for the Los Angeles basin. These events are categorized as “exceptional events” that cause higher air pollutant concentration that is beyond the AQMD control to prevent or mitigate<sup>2</sup>. The Federal Clean Air Act allows for AQMDs to not consider the data for these exceptional events to meet the federally regulated National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Secondary impacts that result from exceptional events, such as public safety power shutoffs may have air quality impacts due to continual generator usage. SCAQMD regulates the number of hours of generator usage during power outages.<sup>3</sup>

The Safety Element policies would not cause air quality impacts. The policies would help reduce the risk from “exceptional events” through design methods to moderate temperature, planting of shade trees and ground cover, and maintaining proper brush clearance. The policies do not require actions that would conflict with or obstruct implementation of regional air quality plans, which therefore, results in a less than significant impact.

b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project area is in the jurisdiction of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The California Air Resources Board identifies non-attainment areas in California and National Area Designations

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notice/exceptional-events> (accessed July 28, 2021)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/compliance/compliance-advisory---emergency-generators-wildfires---11-12-19.pdf?sfvrsn=4> (accessed July 28, 2021)

for ambient air quality standards.<sup>4</sup> “Non-attainment” describes any region that does not meet (or that contributes to ambient air quality in a nearby area that does not meet) the national primary or secondary ambient air quality standard for a specific pollutant. In Los Angeles County, the levels of ozone, particulate matter, and carbon monoxide continually exceed the Federal and California Ambient Air Quality Standards and the County is considered in “Non-Attainment” for these pollutants.

However, this project is not intended to exceed any thresholds of significance due to the nature of the policies. The purpose of the Safety Element Update is to reduce the risk and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies and the existing policies that are carried over do not require additional development that would add to the cumulative criteria pollutant numbers for the County. The Safety Element of the General Plan is a long-range planning document, the policies are to guide how development will happen in the County over the next decade. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

**c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Sensitive receptors are those susceptible to respiratory distress, such as, but not limited to, asthmatics, the elderly, young children, people already weakened by other disease or illness, and persons engaged in strenuous work or exercise. Uses where sensitive receptors may be found include playgrounds, schools, senior citizen centers, hospitals, day-care facilities and residential areas, or other uses that are more susceptible to poor air quality, such as residential neighborhoods. The unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County do contain sensitive receptors, such as residential areas, schools, libraries, and other public facilities. The General Plan Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)<sup>5</sup> includes a mitigation measure, AQ-3, that requires the submittal of a health risk assessment (HRA) for sensitive land uses within the following distances as measured from the property line of the project to the property line of the source/edge of the nearest travel lane, from these facilities:

- Industrial facilities within 1000 feet
- Distribution centers (40 or more trucks per day) within 1,000 feet
- Major transportation projects (50,000 or more vehicles per day) within 1,000 feet
- Dry cleaners using perchloroethylene within 500 feet
- Gasoline dispensing facilities within 300 feet

The Safety Element policies do not require the development of the uses mentioned above. Therefore, the project does not rise to the threshold of significance requiring an HRA and impacts will be less than significant.

**d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** AQMD Rule 402, states that “A person shall not discharge from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public, or which endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of any such persons or the public, or which cause, or have a natural tendency to cause, injury

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/adm/adm.htm>

<sup>5</sup> [https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp\\_2035\\_lac-mmrp-final.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_2035_lac-mmrp-final.pdf)

or damage to business or property. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to odors emanating from agricultural operations necessary for the growing of crops or the raising of fowl or animals.”

General Plan MMRP<sup>6</sup> measure AQ-4 requires an odor management plan if it is determined that a project has the potential to emit nuisance odors beyond the property line. Facilities listed as to have the potential to generate nuisance odors include but are not limited to:

- Wastewater treatment plants,
- Composting, greenwaste, or recycling facilities,
- Fiberglass manufacturing facilities,
- Painting/coating operations,
- Large-capacity coffee roasters,
- Food-processing facilities,
- Landfills, waste transfer stations,
- Chemical manufacturing facilities.

The project will not alter any of the existing requirements for, or ease any of the standards to permit, the abovementioned facilities, or other similar facilities. A less than significant impact can be anticipated because the proposed project may result in low level, intermittent odors from emergency response vehicles during a hazard event.

- Policy S 7.5: Ensure that there are adequate resources, such as sheriff and fire services, for emergency response.

The Safety Element requires that there are enough sheriff and fire services that can handle emergency response situations. The determination of adequacy is based on the density of development and population. New development will be required to undergo CEQA review for both air quality and public services impacts. Policy S 7.5 directs the review of new projects to ensure that the emergency response coverage exists. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The analysis concludes that the project will not result in significant impacts to air quality. This is due to the fact that the Safety Element Update is not requiring new development that will increase the amount of air pollutants released or siting near sensitive receptors. The policies of the Safety Element guide development in the County in order to reduce risk and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards.

The air pollutants that are regulated by the Federal and California Clean Air Acts fall under three categories, each of which are monitored and regulated:

- Criteria air pollutants;
- Toxic air contaminants (TACs); and,
- Global warming and ozone-depleting gases.

In 1970, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified six “criteria” pollutants they found to be the most harmful to human health and welfare. They are:

- Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>);

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<sup>6</sup> [https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp\\_2035\\_lac-mmrrp-final.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_2035_lac-mmrrp-final.pdf)

- Particulate Matter (PM);
- Carbon Monoxide (CO);
- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>);
- Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>); and,
- Lead (Pb).

The Federal government and the State of California have established air quality standards designed to protect public health from these criteria pollutants. Among the federally identified criteria pollutants, the levels of ozone, particulate matter, and carbon monoxide in Los Angeles County continually exceed federal and state health standards and the County is considered a non-attainment area for these pollutants.

In response to the region's poor air quality, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) & the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) were created. The SCAQMD and the AVAQMD are responsible for monitoring air quality as well as planning, implementing, and enforcing programs designed to attain and maintain state and federal ambient air quality standards in the region. The SCAQMD implements a wide range of programs and regulations, most notably, the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The SCAQMD jurisdiction covers approximately 10,743 square-miles and includes all of Los Angeles County except for the Antelope Valley, which is covered by the Antelope AVAQMD.

Sensitive receptors are uses such as playgrounds, schools, senior citizen centers, hospitals or other uses that would be more highly impacted by poor air quality. AQMD Rule 402, which states "A person shall not discharge from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public, or which endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of any such persons or the public, or which cause, or have a natural tendency to cause, injury or damage to business or property. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to odors emanating from agricultural operations necessary for the growing of crops or the raising of fowl or animals."

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County's air quality. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on air quality. Wildfires have a significant impact on air quality, and this ordinance would not increase either the intensity or frequency of wildfires. Furthermore, future development impacted by this ordinance, that is proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

## 4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<p><b>Would the project:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The unincorporated areas have six main types of biological resource categories: regional habitat linkages; forests; coastal zone; riparian habitats, streambeds and wetlands; woodlands; and Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs). The General Plan EIR Figure 5.4-1 (Sensitive Biological Resources, page 5-4.17) and Figure 5.4-2 (Designated Critical Habitats, page 5-4.19) illustrate where plant communities and habitat resources have been found.

Sensitive plant communities and special status species identified by the CA Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) are listed by planning areas in the Biological Resources chapter of the Los Angeles County General Plan.<sup>7</sup> The planning areas that may be potentially impacted are those areas in the County that are within the Fire Hazard Severity Zones mapped by CAL FIRE. The species within these areas may potentially be impacted from the Safety Element policies that ensure the maintenance of fuel modification, brush clearance, and fire breaks to reduce the harm caused by wildfires.

- Policy S 4.4: Reduce the risk of wildland fire hazards through meeting minimum state and local regulations for fire-resistant building materials, vegetation management, fuel modification and other fire hazard reduction programs within FHSZs.

Policy S 4.4 reiterates the importance of meeting minimum regulations for vegetation management and fuel modification. New development that requires approved fuel modification plans by the Fire Department will also be required to undergo CEQA review for each individual project. The development may require additional biological review if the development is located within a designated ecological area, such as the Significant Ecological Areas or Coastal Zone. Any impacts to sensitive plants or special status species will be mitigated at the individual development level.

The Safety Element also proposes policies that can prevent impacts to biological resources through development siting and design, especially within Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ). The policies listed below illustrate how the Safety Element Update considers biological integrity to be a factor in reducing wildfire risks.

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<sup>7</sup> Los Angeles County General Plan – pages [https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp\\_2035\\_deir.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_2035_deir.pdf)

- Policy S 4.1: Prohibit new subdivisions in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage subdivisions in all other FHSZs.
- Policy S 4.3: Ensure that biological and natural resources are protected during rebuilding after a wildfire event.
- Policy S 4.11: Support efforts to address unique pest, disease, exotic species, and other forest health issues in open space areas to reduce fire hazards and support ecological integrity.
- Policy S 4.14: Encourage the strategic placement of structures in FHSZs that conserves fire suppression resources, increases safety for emergency fire access and evacuation, and provides a point of attack or defense from a wildfire.

The cumulative effects of the Safety Element’s policies will lead to a less than significant impact on sensitive and special status species found within Los Angeles County.

**b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update applies to all the unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County. The areas that contain sensitive natural communities are often within the rural, coastal, and foothill areas. These areas are also at most risk of wildfires, coastal flooding, and inland flooding. Potential impacts to these sensitive natural communities come from measures taken to mitigate or prevent impacts from hazards such as fuel modification associated with an approved development.

There are numerous local and regional plans, and ordinances that protect the sensitive natural communities found in Los Angeles County. These include the Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Ordinance, Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Program, Santa Catalina Local Coastal Program, Malibu Local Coastal Program, Oak Tree Ordinance, Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan, Hillside Management Areas, Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan. These plans and ordinances have building requirements and discretionary permit review processes designed to protect the most sensitive natural communities in the unincorporated areas. Most new development that are subject to the above-mentioned plans and ordinances cannot receive a CEQA categorical exemption, which will require an environmental analysis per CEQA. These development projects will also require review by the SEA Technical Advisory Committee or Environmental Review Board for recommended mitigation measures for impacts to sensitive environmental resources. These include, but are not limited to, reducing the project’s height, or minimizing its footprint, avoidance of certain natural resources, or preparation of species or habitat preservation plans.

In addition to the currently listed species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), the Western Joshua tree is a Candidate species under CESA, and is being considered for CESA listing as Threatened or Endangered by CDFW. Therefore, during the review period and potentially after, projects that propose removal of western Joshua trees will require an incidental take permit issued by CDFW.



The General Plan Conservation and Natural Resources Element contains policies to preserve and protect riparian habitats, wetlands, woodlands, and shrublands. County policies also regulate the removal of oak trees. The Safety Element policies do not conflict with the Conservation and Natural Resources Element policies. The Safety Element policies, such as Policy S 3.5 and S 4.3 are to ensure that future mitigations of fire and flood events take the protection of biological resources into consideration.

- Policy S 3.5: Ensure that biological and natural resources are protected during rebuilding after a flood event.
- Policy S 4.3: Ensure that biological and natural resources are protected during rebuilding after a wildfire event.

**c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element policies provide high-level guidance on how Los Angeles County can reduce risks and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies do not have direct development impacts to federally protected wetlands, vernal pools, coastal wetlands, and waters defined by the Clean Water Act or the California Fish and Game code. Policy S 3.5 of the Safety Element Update ensures that the mitigation of flood-related property damage and loss limits impacts to biological and other resources. Since the Safety Element applies to all of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and these areas do contain federally protected wetlands, vernal pools, coastal wetlands, and waters defined by the Clean Water Act or the California Fish and Game code, there will be a less than significant impact.

**d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The General Plan has identified five linkages (identified by South Coast Wildlands) that are important to habitat connectivity throughout Southern California. The General Plan EIR discusses Wildlife Movement Corridors that identified missing linkages (page 5.4-88 to 5.4-89), which include areas along linear topographic features such as principle water courses of the County (Antelope Wash, Little Rock Creek, Big Rock Creek, San Antonio Canyon, San Gabriel River, Los Angeles River, Santa Clara River, Topanga Canyon, Malibu Canyon, Zuma Canyon, and the Arroyo Sequit; those along the mountain and hilly ranges of the County: the San Gabriel Mountains, of the Transverse Ranges<sup>8</sup>, the Tehachapi Mountains, the Santa Susana Mountains, the Simi Hills, the Santa Monica Mountains, the Verdugo Mountains, the San Jose Hills, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and the Puente Hills; and the linkage along the San Andreas Fault).

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<sup>8</sup> The western part of the San Gabriel Mountains has been given various names including “Sierra Pelona,” “Liebre Mountains,” and “Castaic Ranges.” The Transverse Ranges are also referred to as “Sierra Madre”.

While the mapping of wildlife corridors in the County is extensive, the reality of wildlife movement corridors and linkages is more complex and exists in more locations that are not easily mapped, especially for bird and bat migration corridors and most linear natural features such as mountain ranges and water courses.

The Safety Element policies provide high-level guidance on how Los Angeles County can reduce risks and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies will not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. Policies S 3.5 and S 4.3 of the Safety Element Update ensures that the mitigation of flood and fire-related property damage and loss limits impacts biological and other resources. Since the Safety Element applies to all of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and these areas do contain wildlife corridors, there will be a less than significant impact.

**e) Convert oak woodlands (as defined by the state, oak woodlands are oak stands with greater than 10% canopy cover with oaks at least 5 inch in diameter measured at 4.5 feet above mean natural grade) or other unique native woodlands (juniper, Joshua, southern California black walnut, etc.)?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not be converting oak woodlands or other unique native woodlands like juniper, Joshua, or southern California black walnut. The policies encourage the protection and proliferation of native oaks as a first line of defense from wildfires and support the ecological integrity that comes with the health of the County’s native woodlands.

- Policy S 4.10: Encourage planting native oaks in strategic locations and near existing oak woodlands, including those to be mapped in the Oak Woodlands Conservation Management Plan, to protect developments from wildfires, as well as to lessen fire risk associated with developments.
- Policy S 4.11: Support efforts to address unique pest, disease, exotic species, and other forest health issues in open space areas to reduce fire hazards and support ecological integrity.

Additionally, the CDFW has listed the Western Joshua tree as a Candidate Species. Through the review period during which Joshua tree is a Candidate for listing, it is subject to CESA protection, and this protection will be extended if the species is officially listed at the end of the review period. During the review period, and potentially beyond, any impacts to the species require an incidental take permit from CDFW.

The Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Ordinance, Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program, and the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Community Standards District protect native trees species that are found within Los Angeles County, including oak, juniper, Joshua, and southern California black walnut trees. The Safety Element policies do not induce impacts to these protected trees. Any future development proposed will have to go through the permit and CEQA review process to mitigate impacts to oak woodlands and SEA protected trees. Therefore, the impact to oak and other unique native woodlands is less than significant.

**f) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including Wildflower Reserve Areas (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.36),**

**the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.174), the Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.102), and Sensitive Environmental Resource Areas (SERAs) (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.44)?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not conflict with or impact wildflower reserve areas, the SEA or SERA areas, or the County’s Oak Tree Ordinance. There is one state Wildflower Reserve Area in Los Angeles County, the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve. Other County wildflower reserve areas also located in the Antelope Valley identified by Range & Township location in Title 12, Ch. 12.36 of the County Code.

The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance sets requirements for how proposed developments are to interact with oak trees on or near the project site and how to deal with their removal or encroachment by the proposed project, when necessary.

The Safety Element policies provide high-level guidance on how Los Angeles County can reduce risks and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, including Wildflower Reserve Areas, Oak Tree, SEAs, and SERAs. Since the Safety Element applies to all of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and contains a state Wildflower Reserve Area, SEAs, SERAs, there will be a less than significant impact.

**g) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved state, regional, or local habitat conservation plan?**                                                                               

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Within Los Angeles County, The SEA program surveyed the entirety of Los Angeles County to identify ecologically important land and water systems that support valuable habitat for plants and animals. The intent of this program is not to preclude development but to minimize the impacts of development on the biota that resulted in the SEA designation in the first place. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

The CDFW has created several regional Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCPs), beginning in 1991 with the passage of the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act. These plans are intended to be broader in scope than localized conservation plans and have the intent of preserving the integrity of large ecosystems, which sometimes stretch over multiple cities and counties. Currently, the Newhall Ranch NCCP is being developed that includes Los Angeles County. The NCCP for the Palos Verdes Peninsula has been adopted. The Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), which implements standards for renewable energy development in the Mojave Desert and Antelope Valley areas has been concluded and is only applicable to public lands. The Phase II part of the DRECP for private lands is ongoing.

At the federal level, the Endangered Species Act requires a project seeking an incidental take permit for one or more federally listed species to develop a project-specific Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), which requires approval from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The HCP describes “the anticipated effects of the

proposed taking; how those impacts will be minimized, or mitigated; and how the HCP is to be funded.”<sup>9</sup> These HCPs are listed in an online database, separated by region. The only active HCP in unincorporated Los Angeles County as of August 2021 is the Newhall Farm Seasonal Crossings HCP, which addresses temporary vehicle crossings and water diversions along the portion of the Santa Clara River west of Valencia to the Ventura County line.

The Safety Element policies provide high-level guidance on how Los Angeles County can reduce risks and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies will not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved state, regional, or local habitat conservation plan. Since the Safety Element applies to all of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and there are active NCCPs and HCPs within the County, there will be a less than significant impact.

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Biological resources are identified and protected through various federal, state, regional, and local laws and ordinances. The federal Endangered Species Act and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) state that animals and plants that are threatened with extinction or are in a significant decline will be protected and preserved. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife created the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), which is a program that inventories the status and locations of rare plants and animals in California.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act defines wetlands as “those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.”

The County’s primary mechanism to conserve biological diversity is an identification tool and planning overlay called Significant Ecological Areas (SEA). SEAs are ecologically important land and water systems that are valuable as plant and/or animal communities, often integral to the preservation of threatened or endangered species, and conservation of biological diversity in the County. These areas also include nearly all of the wildlife corridors in the County, as well as oak woodlands and other unique and/or native trees.

Sensitive biological resources in the Coastal Zone are known as Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs). ESHAs are defined in the Coastal Act as areas “in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which could be easily disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments. On Santa Catalina Island, there are both ESHAs and SEAs. In the Coastal Zone segment of the Santa Monica Mountains, sensitive biological resources are designated as Sensitive Environmental Resource Areas (SERAs) by the Santa Monica Mountains Land Use Plan, which contains terrestrial and marine resources that, because of their characteristics and/or vulnerability, require special protection. SERAs include the following sub-categories: ESHAs; Significant Woodlands and Savannahs; Significant Watersheds; the Malibu Cold Creek Resource Management Area; and Wildlife Migration Corridors.

The project’s implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County’s biological resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a

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<sup>9</sup> Federal Endangered Species Act, website: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/hcp-overview.html>

significant impact on biological resources. Furthermore, fuel modification and brush clearance requirements are already in place in Los Angeles County. This ordinance does not significantly expand these requirements. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

The Safety Element Update seeks to accomplish the goal of reducing risk and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards but incorporates policies to ensure that the protection of biological resources is considered during any hazard mitigation. The health and ecological integrity of the County's biological resources found in diverse and sensitive natural communities are the first line of defense in preventing and reducing harm from hazards. The health of the biological resources help to combat the adverse effects from climate change and therefore, the policies proposed in the Safety Element Update will have a less than significant impact.

## 5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project does not propose any policies that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Since the Safety Element Update applies countywide, all national and state-designated historic resources may potentially be affected. However, the Safety Element update consists of high-level goals and policies that do not dictate requirements that would change the structural and cultural integrity of historic resources. There are three policies that support retrofitting buildings to mitigate the risk of damage from earthquakes and fires and assist with adapting to extreme heat events.

- Policy S 1.4: Support the retrofitting of unreinforced masonry structures and soft-story buildings to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to seismic hazards.
- Policy S 4.8: Support the retrofitting of existing structures in FHSZs to meet current safety regulations, such as the building and fire code, to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to wildfire.
- Policy S 5.1: Encourage building designs and retrofits that moderate indoor temperatures during extreme heat events.

These policies may potentially impact historical resources if such retrofits are required to reduce risks but maintain a less than significant impact because these retrofits are encouraged rather than required of all structures and could be implemented in a manner that does not detract from the historical integrity.

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15064.5?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element policies provide high-level guidance on how Los Angeles County can reduce risks and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource. The development of a site will be evaluated on a project-specific basis in order to determine the need for further studies to determine historical significance. The Safety Element applies to all unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and there may be archaeological resources within these areas, but the limited scope of the project will have a less than significant impact to historical resources.

c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** This project will not include any direct impacts to land; there are no construction or development activities proposed as part of this project. The Safety Element policies provide high-level guidance on how Los Angeles County can reduce risks and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. None of the policies are intended to address ground disturbances, including grading. Therefore, the policies of the Safety Element will not disturb human remains and impacts will be less than significant

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The analysis concludes that the ordinance will not result in significant impacts to cultural resources. This is because the project does not propose any policies that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significant of a historical resource. The Safety Element policies are high-level policies that do not dictate requirements that would change the structural and cultural integrity of historic resources. The policies do not include any direct impacts to land; there are no construction or development activities proposed as part of this project. Three policies support retrofitting buildings to mitigate the risk of damage from earthquakes and fires and assist with adapting to extreme heat events. These policies may potentially impact historical resources if such retrofits are required to reduce risks but maintain a less than significant impact because these retrofits are encouraged rather than required of all structures.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County's cultural resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on cultural resources. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

## 6. ENERGY

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) **Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?**

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The County Green Building Standards Code (Title 31), as well as Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen Code) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and the State of California Green Code, requires applicable projects to provide energy saving features. The goal of conserving energy implies decreasing overall per capita energy consumption, decreasing reliance on fossil fuels such as coal, natural gas, and oil, and increasing reliance on renewable energy sources.

There are three policies in the Safety Element Update that can potentially have an impact on the usage of energy during construction and operation of the buildings. Policies S 1.4, S 4.8, and S 5.1 all encourage retrofitting existing structures to assist in reducing harm caused by hazards, such as wildfire, earthquakes, and extreme heat events. These policies do not require retrofitting of all structures but support the action when feasible.

- Policy S 1.4: Support the retrofitting of unreinforced masonry structures and soft-story buildings to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to seismic hazards.
- Policy S 4.8: Support the retrofitting of existing structures in FHSZs to meet current safety regulations such as the building and fire code to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to wildfire.
- Policy S 5.1: Encourage building designs and retrofits that moderate indoor temperatures during extreme heat events.

There are three additional policies that can potentially reduce the usage of energy. Policies S 2.1 and 5.2 provide alternative means of distributing energy in hazard areas, using passive cooling methods, and provide more opportunities for renewable energy capture.

- Policy S 2.1: Explore the feasibility of community microgrids that are driven by renewable energy sources to increase local energy resilience during grid power outages, reduce reliance on long- distance transmission lines, and reduce strain on the grid when demand for electricity is high.
- Policy S 5.2: Encourage the addition of shade structures in the public realm through appropriate means, and in frontline communities.

The above-mentioned policies provide guidance for how development should occur in Los Angeles County in order to reduce the risks from natural and climate-induced hazards. Future development projects will be reviewed by the Department of Public Works for compliance with the Building Code standards and will be



required to incorporate energy-saving measures consistent with those requirements. Therefore, impacts from the Safety Element Update policies will be less than significant.

**b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewal energy or energy efficiency?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The County’s Renewable Energy Ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2016 and became effective January 12, 2017. None of the policies in the Safety Element Update will conflict with the Renewable Energy Ordinance or Building Code standards related to energy efficiency as the policies promote the usage of renewable energy in within existing structures and in areas that are built out. Impacts will be less than significant.

**EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The Safety Element Update do not conflict with the County Green Building Standards Code (Title 31), as well as Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen Code) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and the State of California Green Code, which requires applicable projects to provide energy saving features. The policies in the Safety Element support the usage of renewable energy in appropriate areas in order to reduce the harm that can be caused by hazards such as extreme heat and wildfire events. Reduction of the reliance of fossil fuels such as coal, natural gas, and oil can contribute to the mitigation of the effects of climate change and help the residents of Los Angeles County adapt to climate-induced hazards.

The project’s implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County’s energy resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County’s energy resources. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

## 7. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

	<i>Less Than Significant</i>	<i>Potentially Significant</i>	<i>Less Than Significant</i>
	<i>Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>

Would the project:

a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known active fault trace? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The entirety of Los Angeles County is part of the seismically active region of Southern California. Within the County, there are numerous known faults which generally trend northwest-southeast. In the areas surrounding these fault traces, fault and seismic hazard zones have been designated to identify areas of active seismic concern.

Within the regulatory environment regarding seismicity, the Alquist-Priolo Act addresses active surface faults and is intended to prohibit the location of developments and structures for human occupancy across the trace of active faults.

However, this project will not cause potential substantial adverse effects involving rupture of a known earthquake fault because none of the Safety Element policies are intended for ground disturbance beyond what is currently allowed by the County Code.

- Policy S 1.1: Discourage development in Seismic Hazard and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones.
- Policy S 1.2: Prohibit construction of structures for human occupancy adjacent to active faults unless a comprehensive fault study is completed that addresses seismic hazard risks and proposes appropriate actions to minimize the risk.
- Policy S 1.4: Support the retrofitting of unreinforced masonry structures and soft-story buildings to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to seismic hazards.

Policies S 1.1, 1.2, and 1.4 contain guidance to ensure that future development in Los Angeles County does not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving a rupture of a known earthquake fault. None of the policies will cause deviation from the current Building Code requirements. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The entirety of Los Angeles County is part of the seismically active region of Southern California. Within the County, there are numerous known faults which generally trend northwest-southeast. In the areas surrounding these fault traces, fault and seismic hazard zones have been designated to identify areas of active seismic concern.

Policies S 1.1, 1.2, and 1.4 contain guidance to ensure that future development in Los Angeles County does not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking. Policies S 1.1 and 1.2 addresses new development that may be established in areas with known strong seismic ground activity. Policy S 1.4 addresses the retrofitting of existing structures that were built in zones with strong seismic ground shaking. None of the policies will cause deviation from the current Building Code requirements. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction and lateral spreading?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Soils subject to liquefaction are water saturated soils, frequently loosely packed and granular in nature, that when subjected to seismic activity lose their cohesion and act like a fluid. Liquefaction areas are usually found in areas throughout the County with a water table near the surface.

Specific development project sites may be located within the Liquefaction Zone. However, the Safety Element Update will not cause potential substantial adverse effects involving seismic-related ground failure because none of the policies are intended for ground disturbance beyond what is currently allowed by the County Code. None of the polices will cause additional impacts to the soil that could lead to significant seismic-related ground failure. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

iv) Landslides?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** A landslide is the movement or flow of soil, rocks, earth, water, or debris down a slope. Seismic activity can trigger landslides, especially on steep slopes or those with slide planes that will move easily. The California Geologic Survey maps potential landslide areas throughout California. These maps are updated periodically and usually in response to some geological event. However, the Safety Element Update will not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects involving landslides since none of the policies are related to creating the need for grading or large ground disturbance.

- Policy S 1.3: Require developments to mitigate geotechnical hazards, such as soil instability and landsliding in Hillside Management Areas through siting and development standards.

Policy S 1.3 addresses landsliding issues especially in Hillside Management Areas where development on steep slopes can exacerbate landsliding problems during seismic activity. Therefore, impacts causing or resulting in potential landslides are less than significant.

**b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The County’s Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance provides post-construction requirements for the management of storm runoff, which will lessen potential amounts of erosion activities resulting from stormwater (hydro-modification). In addition, the Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Municipal Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES Permit No. CAS004001) that requires new development and redevelopment projects to incorporate storm water mitigation measures. As such, compliance with the LID Ordinance and NPDES permit is required for development projects to reduce the quantity and improve the quality of rainfall runoff that leaves the site.

- Policy S 3.3: Promote the use of natural, or nature-based, flood protection measures to prevent or minimize flood hazards, where feasible.
- Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.

The Safety Element proposes policies to reduce risks from flood hazards that may prevent in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. These policies support the need for efficient flood protection measures and stormwater management for new development that is established in Los Angeles County. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

**c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving unstable soil that may potentially results in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse. Policy S 1.3 requires developments to mitigate geotechnical hazards, such as soil instability and landsliding, in Hillside Management Areas through siting and development standards.

Development projects will continue to be reviewed by County departments for compliance with County Code to ensure that they will not create significant unstable geological conditions through an analysis of a soils or a geology report. A soils report detailing project site conditions is required by the Subdivision Map Act and Los Angeles County Code Title 21 for subdivision projects. Therefore, impacts from the Safety Element Update and policies will be less than significant

**d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** There may be areas within Los Angeles County that contain expansive soil. Expansive soils are those that change their volume depending on the presence and extent of water saturated in the soil. However, the Safety Element Update does not include construction activities. Development projects that will be required to comply with the Safety Element will also be required to comply with the Los Angeles

County Building Code, which includes construction and engineering standards, as well as any additional recommendations developed in tandem with a soils or geology report. None of the policies in the Safety Element will have a direct impact on soil, nor will any of the policies relate to grading or ground disturbance. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update does not include construction activities that would necessitate the need for onsite wastewater treatment systems. Development projects that will be required to comply with the Safety Element and provide geotechnical report and percolation testing required by the Department of Public Health. None of the policies in the Safety Element will have a direct impact on soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of onsite wastewater treatment systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element policies provide high-level guidance on how Los Angeles County can reduce risks and harm from natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a paleontological resource or unique geologic feature. The development of a site will be evaluated on a project-specific basis to determine the need for further studies to determine paleontological significance. The Safety Element applies to all unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and there may be archaeological resources within these areas, but the limited scope of the project will have a less than significant impact to paleontological resources.

g) Conflict with the Hillside Management Area Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 22, Ch. 22.104)?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Los Angeles County has mapped Hillside Management Areas (HMA).<sup>10</sup> If a development project site is located in an HMA, the proposed project will be required to comply with the HMA Ordinance. Safety Element Policy S 1.3 requires developments to mitigate geotechnical hazards, such as soil instability and landsliding, in HMA through siting and development standards. Therefore, the Safety Element will not conflict with the HMA Ordinance and impacts are less than significant.

<sup>10</sup> Los Angeles County GIS interactive mapping; Layer: **Hillside Management Area** – Department of Regional Planning General Plan 2035

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act of 1972 prohibits the location of most structures for human occupancy across the traces of active faults, and lessens the impacts of fault rupture. The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act requires the California Geological Survey to prepare Seismic Hazard Zone Maps that show areas where earthquake induced liquefaction or landslides have historically occurred, or where there is a high potential for such occurrences. Liquefaction is a process by which water saturated granular soils transform from a solid to a liquid state during strong ground shaking. A landslide is a general term for a falling, sliding or flowing mass of soil, rocks, water and debris. The County General Plan prohibits the construction of most structures for human occupancy adjacent to new faults until a comprehensive fault study that addresses the potential for fault rupture has been completed. .

Since 1700, over 78 significant earthquakes with a magnitude of 6.5 or greater have occurred in California. In the Los Angeles region, there are over 50 active and potentially active fault segments, an undetermined number of buried faults, and at least four blind thrust faults capable of producing damaging earthquakes in Los Angeles County. The Safety Element has a section that ensures that geotechnical and seismic hazards are addressed through policies that may assist in reducing the harm and risk that can be caused by seismic activity.

More than 50 percent of the unincorporated areas are comprised of hilly or mountainous terrain. The vast majority of hillside hazards include mud and debris flows, active deep-seated landslides, hillside erosion, and man induced slope instability. These geologic hazards include artificially-saturated or rainfall saturated slopes, the erosion and undercutting of slopes, earthquake induced rock falls and shallow failures, and natural or artificial compaction of unstable ground. The Hillside Management Area (HMA) Ordinance regulates development in hillsides of 25 percent slope or greater to address these potential hazards. The Safety Element supports the requirement of mitigating geotechnical hazards especially in HMAs through proper siting and application of development standards.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County's geology and soils. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on geology and soils. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

**8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>			

Would the project:

a) **Generate greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is the County’s plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is a component of the Air Quality Element in the General Plan. The CCAP includes an inventory of emissions generated by community activities in the unincorporated areas, identifies a target reduction needed to achieve the County’s goal, and identifies specific actions that can be taken to support reduced emissions. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183.5(b) and 15064(h)(3), projects can qualitatively evaluate GHG impacts by identifying how applicable CCAP actions have been incorporated into the project. Projects that demonstrate consistency with applicable CCAP actions can be determined to have a less than significant cumulative impact on GHG emissions and climate change. The CCAP lists five strategy areas with existing initiatives and 26 new actions. The County has implemented the existing initiatives and the 26 new actions are voluntary. The required GHG emission reductions for year 2020 have been met through the implementation of the existing initiatives. The County is in the processing of updating the CCAP and will be incorporating additional new actions that will further reduce GHG emissions.

The Safety Element policies contribute to the direct and indirect reduction of GHGs. These policies are meant to help reduce the risk of harm and damage and from natural and climate-induced hazards like wildfire and extreme heat events and increase the community adaptability and resilience to hazardous events.

- Policy S 2.1: Explore the feasibility of community microgrids that are driven by renewable energy sources to increase local energy resilience during grid power outages, reduce reliance on long- distance transmission lines, and reduce strain on the grid when demand for electricity is high.
- Policy S 5.1: Encourage building designs and retrofits that moderate indoor temperatures during extreme heat events.
- Policy S 5.2: Encourage the addition of shade structures in the public realm through appropriate means, and in frontline communities.
- Policy S 5.3: Encourage the use of cooling methods to reduce the heat retention of pavement and surfaces.

Although these policies are meant to help communities to adapt and become more resilient to climate hazards, it can also contribute to the reduction of GHGs since the policies are meant to lower the demand on fossil fuels and transition to passive designs like efficient shading and installation of more renewable and independent sources of energy. There may be a potential that retrofits to adapt to extreme heat will be energy intensive in order to accommodate the cooling demand. Air conditioning is an appropriate method to adapt to extreme heat events. However, the more reliance on energy dependent appliances may have a less than

significant impact on the generation of GHGs since there is a coordinated effort to transition to renewable energy in the CCAP.

**b) Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element is a part of the Los Angeles County General Plan and consistency amongst all the different elements is imperative. The policies in the Safety Element Update do not conflict with the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) which is the County’s plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is a component of the Air Quality Element in the General Plan. The CCAP includes an inventory of emissions generated by community activities in the unincorporated areas, identifies a target reduction needed to achieve the County’s goal, and identifies specific actions that can be taken to support reduced emissions. The consistency between the Safety Element Update and the CCAP ensures that there is a less than significant impact on the reduction of GHG emissions.

**EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5, projects which are consistent with the General Plan may rely on the General Plan EIR and the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP), both certified on October 2015, to address project-specific greenhouse gas emissions. The County has met the required GHG reduction goals for 2020 through implementation of the General Plan and the Existing Initiatives of the CCAP.

This Project is consistent with the General Plan land use and zoning since there are no policies that require the change in zoning or land use designations. The Project is consistent with the CCAP, as the policies directly and indirectly support the CCAP’s effort in reduction of GHG emissions through policies that can serve both GHG mitigation and climate adaptation strategies. These policies encourage renewable and independent energy sources, and passive cooling methods.

The project’s implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County’s greenhouse gas emissions. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County’s greenhouse gas emissions. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.



**9. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** In California, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), which is housed under Cal/EPA, is responsible for classifying hazardous materials. Hazardous materials are commonly stored and used by a variety of businesses, residences, and are commonly encountered during construction activities. Hazardous materials are routinely used, stored, and transported in conjunction with the construction and operation of industrial and some commercial/retail businesses, educational facilities, and hospitals. In industrial and commercial uses, hazardous materials may include petroleum products and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and in residential uses, hazardous materials may include landscaping chemicals and cleaning solvents. Hazardous materials may be stored in small quantities in buildings and structures, in aboveground storage tanks, underground storage tanks (USTs), drums, and other types of containers. Typically, USTs are used by businesses, such as gasoline stations and auto mechanics. Processing, transportation, and transfer operations are other activities that have the potential to pose a risk to human health and the environmental from the accidental release of hazardous materials

None of the policies for the project will create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, production, use, or disposal of hazardous materials because none of the policies pertain to direct development of a property that would lead to new construction or demolition of structures.

- Policy S 1.4: Support the retrofitting of unreinforced masonry structures and soft-story buildings to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to seismic hazards.
- Policy S 4.8: Support the retrofitting of existing structures in FHSZs to meet current safety regulations, such as the building and fire code, to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to wildfire.
- Policy S 5.1: Encourage building designs and retrofits that moderate indoor temperatures during extreme heat events.

However, three policies encourage the retrofitting of existing structures to reduce the risk caused by earthquakes, wildfires, and extreme heat events. These retrofit activities can necessitate the transport of construction materials which may cause less than significant impact. Any development projects that require the routine handling of hazardous substances as a project component would be required to comply with the existing regulatory requirements related to hazardous substance handling. These regulations may include the Hazardous Materials Business Plan requirements of the Health and Safety Code, Fire Code storage and containment requirements, or other applicable regulatory requirements.

**b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials or waste into the environment?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** None of the policies for the project will create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials or waster into the environment because none of the policies pertain to direct development of a property that would lead to new construction or demolition of structures.

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**c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of sensitive land uses?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** None of the policies for the Safety Element Update introduce new uses or activities that will emit hazardous emissions or include the handling of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of sensitive land uses.

- Policy S 6.1: Assess public health and safety risks associated with existing oil and gas facilities in the unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- Policy S 6.2: Prohibit all new oil and gas extraction wells in all zones, including those allowed or planned for under existing discretionary permits.

Policies S 6.1 and 6.2 take into consideration the hazards that comes with oil and gas extraction and the impact to communities, especially sensitive land uses. Policy 6.2 prohibits the development of new oil and gas extraction wells in all zones, including those allowed or planned for under existing permits.

Also, there are policies that support the retrofit of existing buildings and maintenance of fuel modification and brush clearance but these activities have a very low chance of emitting hazardous emissions. Since the Safety Element applies countywide, that would mean that any potential activity may be within a quarter mile

of sensitive land uses. However, because there is no direct correlation with the policies and hazardous emission, the impact is considered to be less than significant.

**d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** State law requires CalEPA to maintain the Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites List (Cortese List) which provides information about all known hazardous materials release sites throughout the state. The Cortese List is comprised of data resources from various state agencies including DTSC’s EnviroStor database, State Water Resources Control Board’s GeoTracker database, as well as other resources (see Cortese List Data Resources link in Resources section below). Envirostor details site-specific contamination and may have requirements for cleanup or have restrictions on permitted uses, which may limit the scope of the proposed project.

The Safety Element Update will apply countywide to all unincorporated areas. However, the policies do not specify or require direct development activity on a parcel-level. Therefore, it is not possible to know which parcels would be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code 56962.5 and result in the creation of a significant hazard to the public or the environment. Due to these reasons, these impacts will be analyzed on a project-specific level and be subject to required mitigation if needed. Therefore, impacts are less than significant.

**e) For a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** There are 15 airports within the Los Angeles Airport Land Use Commission’s (ALUC) jurisdiction. Five are County-owned by other public entities and one is privately owned. The Los Angeles County Airports Map<sup>11</sup> identifies the locations of the airports within the jurisdiction of ALUC and their Airport Influence Area. Among 15 public airports within the County, Agua Dulce Airport in Santa Clarita Valley and Catalina Airport are located within the unincorporated area. LAX, Palmdale Regional Airport, and the William J. Fox Airfield also have airport influence areas that include portions of the unincorporated area. The policies in the Safety Element do not directly require activity within two miles of a public airport or public use airport that would result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area. Since the Safety Element is applied countywide, the impacts is considered to be less than significant.

**f) Substantially impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?**

<sup>11</sup> [https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/ALUC\\_Airports\\_Aug2018\\_rev3.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/ALUC_Airports_Aug2018_rev3.pdf)



- Policy S 4.1: Prohibit new subdivisions in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage subdivisions in all other FHSZs.
- Policy S 4.6: Ensure that infrastructure requirements for new development meet minimum state and local regulations for ingress, egress, peak load water supply availability, anticipated water supply, and other standards within FHSZs.
- Policy S 4.8: Support the retrofitting of existing structures in FHSZs to meet current safety regulations such, as the building and fire code, to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to wildfire.

Policy S 4.1 prohibits new subdivisions in Very High FHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation and discourages similar subdivisions from being established in High and Moderate FHSZs. Policy S 4.6 ensures that development should meet the minimum state and local regulations with reference to ingress and egress. These two policies are important because additional density in the FHSZs will increase the risk of ignition of fire but also the number of residents that may potentially be affected by an oncoming wildfire. Policy S 4.8 supports retrofitting existing structures to make them more resilient against wildfires. Many existing structures may have access issues that can be difficult to solve after establishment. Therefore, retrofitting structures to make them more fire hardened can help to reduce the damage. Therefore, the potential for the Safety Element Update to expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving fires, because the project is located within a high fire hazard area with inadequate access is less than significant.

**ii) within an area with inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards?**                                                                                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Policy S 4.6 ensures that development should meet the minimum state and local regulations for peak load water supply availability. The availability of water supply is critical for structures that are within an area with wildfire risk. The inclusion of this policy reduces the risk and damages cause by wildfires and is considered a less than significant impact.

- Policy S 4.6: Ensure that infrastructure requirements for new development meet minimum state and local regulations for ingress, egress, peak load water supply availability, anticipated water supply, and other standards within FHSZs.

**iii) within proximity to land uses that have the potential for dangerous fire hazard?**                                                                                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Policy S 4.1 prohibits new subdivisions in Very High FHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation and discourages similar subdivisions from being established in High and Moderate FHSZs. Policy S 4.14 encourages the strategic placement of structures so developments that conserves fire suppression resources, increases safety for emergency fire access and evacuation, and provides a point of attack or defense from a wildfire. This policy will enable the County to potentially prevent the increase of the Wildland-Urban Interface boundary and decrease the number of residents that may be at risk. The Safety Element Update will have a less than significant impact on exposure of people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving fires, because the project is located within proximity to land uses that have the potential for dangerous fire hazard.

- Policy S 4.1: Prohibit new subdivisions in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage subdivisions in all other FHSZs.
- Policy S 4.14: Encourage the strategic placement of structures in FHSZs that conserves fire suppression resources, increases safety for emergency fire access and evacuation, and provides a point of attack or defense from a wildfire.

**h) Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?**                                                                                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element does not propose uses that can constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard. The policies in the Safety Element Update will guide development in Los Angeles County to ensure reduction of risk of harm and damage that can come from a fire hazard. Therefore, the impact of the project is considered to be less than significant.

**EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Hazardous materials are generally defined as any material that because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or future hazard to human health and safety or to the environment, if released into the workplace or the environment (Health and Safety Code (H&SC), §25501(o)). The California Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) is responsible for classifying hazardous materials in the state of California. Hazardous materials are commonly stored and used by a variety of businesses and are commonly encountered during construction activities.

DTSC oversees the cleanup of disposal and industrial sites that have resulted in contamination of soil and groundwater. In close cooperation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, DTSC administers both state and federal hazardous waste programs including The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601–9675), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and a number of other State and Federal bodies of law dealing with hazardous materials and the environment. The Envirostar database lists properties regulated by DTSC where extensive investigation and/or cleanup actions are planned or have been completed at permitted facilities and clean-up sites. No hazardous materials sites or properties listed in compliance with California Government Code, Section 65962.5 (e.g., Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System [CERCLIS], Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [RCRA]) are located on the project site. Any sites within the general vicinity are not likely to have contaminated the project site.

Projects in close proximity to airports are within the jurisdiction of the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC). The Regional Planning Commission meets in the capacity of the ALUC to consider projects requiring ALUC review and it makes a determination of the compatibility of the proposed project with the nearby airport.

The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for organizing and directing the preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County. The OEM is the day-to-day Los Angeles County Operational Area coordinator for the County. The emergency response plan for the unincorporated areas is the Operational Area Emergency Response Plan (OAERP), which is prepared by OEM. The OAERP

strengthens short and long-term emergency response and recovery capability and identifies emergency procedures and emergency management routes in the County. The disaster response plan is the County Local All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

None of the policies will alter the primary uses allowed by the underlying zone and therefore, none of the policies will expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving fires and impacts will be less than significant.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on hazards and hazardous materials. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's hazards and hazardous materials. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

**10. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY**

	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** Los Angeles County is split between two water quality regions: the Los Angeles Region and the Lahontan Region. Each regional board prepares and maintains a Basin Plan, which identifies water quality objectives to protect all beneficial uses of the waters of that region. The objectives detailed in the Basin Plan range from controlling the amount of oxidized ammonia in inland surface waters to regulating the mineral quality of ground waters. The Basin Plans achieve the identified water quality objectives through implementation of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). These water quality objectives are achieved by employing three strategies for addressing water quality issues: control of point source pollutants, control of nonpoint source pollutants, and remediation of existing contamination

Point sources of pollutants are well-defined locations at which pollutants flow into water bodies (discharges from wastewater treatment plants and industrial sources, for example). These sources are controlled through regulatory systems including permitting under California’s Waste Discharge Requirements and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program; permits are issued by the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board and may set discharge limitation or other discharge provisions. Individual properties are required to provide an on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) and would include point-source discharges.

The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. These policies influence how ground water quality will be maintained since water supply is threatened by climate change and risks from flood hazards can be exacerbated by climate change.

- Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.

Policy S 3.7 ensures that run-off from development is handled in a way that the water is retained within the property and not infiltrated outside. In unincorporated Los Angeles County, projects are required to comply with the requirements of the Low-Impact Development (LID) Ordinance in order to control and minimize potentially polluted runoff. Because all projects are required to comply with these requirements in order to obtain construction permits and certificates of occupancy, they would not impact any nonpoint source requirements. The Safety Element Update will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality with the inclusion of these two policies and the lack of direct development initiated by the project. Therefore, the impact is considered to be less than significant.



**b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** None of the policies in the Safety Element Update relate to extraction from a water source, nor will any of the policies prevent infiltration or natural recharge. No policies will trigger grading activities or alter the permitted uses allowed by the underlying zone. None of the policies are growth-inducing or will allow an increased density.

- Policy S 5.10: Protect and improve local groundwater quality and supply to increase opportunities for use as a potable water source during drought periods.
- Policy S 5.11: Encourage the conservation of water by employing soil moisture sensors, automated irrigation systems, subsurface drip irrigation, and weather-based irrigation controllers.

Policies S 5.10 and 5.11 encourage the conservation and retention of water. Policy S 5.10 plans for sustaining and improving groundwater in case of future drought events. Policy S 5.11 encourages the conservation of water through smart irrigation measures. The inclusion of these policies will not substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin and the impacts are considered to be less than significant.

**c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:**

**i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on-or off-site?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or a river through the addition of impervious surfaces. The Safety Element does not require direct development of the County at a parcel-level. The policies provide guidance for how long-range planning of the County shall occur over the next decade.

- Policy S 3.3: Promote the use of natural, or nature-based, flood protection measures to prevent or minimize flood hazards, where feasible.

Policy S 3.3 promotes the use of nature-based flood protection measures that can reduce the amount of impervious surfaces used to channel drainage and prevent erosion or siltation on or off site. The impact of the Safety Element Update is less than significant.

**ii) Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or a river through the addition of impervious surfaces that will substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff that results in flooding on or offsite. The Safety Element does not require direct development of the County at a parcel-level. The policies provide the guidance as to how the long-range planning of the County shall occur over the next decade.

- Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.

Policy S 3.7 promotes retaining stormwater runoff onsite and restoring the natural hydrological function of the site through infiltration of the run-off. The impact of the Safety Element Update is less than significant.

**iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or a river through the addition of impervious surfaces that will create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. The Safety Element does not require direct development of the County at a parcel-level. The policies provide the guidance as to how the long-range planning of the County shall occur over the next decade.

- Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.

Policy S 3.7 requires infiltration of runoff onsite to help with the preservation or restoration of the natural hydrological function of the site. This will result in minimizing the amount of runoff that leaves the development parcel and decreases the amount of water that is channel through wastewater treatment. The impact of the Safety Element Update is less than significant.

**iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the area, including the alteration of the course of a stream or a river through the addition of impervious surfaces that will impede or redirect flood flows. Housing will not be allowed to impede flood flows and any redirection of the floodway would be conditioned to obtain a Conditional Letter of Map Revisions (CLOMR) and Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA. An area that has been designated a 100-year flood plain is considered likely to flood during the 100-year storm event. The Safety Element does not require direct development of the County at a parcel-level. The policies provide the guidance as to how the long-range planning of the County shall occur over the next decade.

- Policy S 3.3. Promote the use of natural, or nature-based, flood protection measures to prevent or minimize flood hazards, where feasible.

Policy 3.3 promotes the use of nature-based flood protection measures that can reduce the amount of impervious surfaces used for flood protection measures. The impact of the Safety Element Update is less than significant.

**d) Conflict with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance (L.A. County Code, Title 12, Ch. 12.84)?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Low Impact Development Ordinance is designed to promote sustainability and improve the County’s watersheds by preserving drainage paths and natural water supplies in order to “...retain, detain, store, change the timing of, or filter stormwater or runoff.”

- Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.

Policy S 3.7 requires infiltration of runoff onsite to help with the preservation or restoration of the natural hydrological function of the site. The impact of the Safety Element Update is less than significant.

**e) Use onsite wastewater treatment systems in areas with known geological limitations (e.g. high groundwater) or in close proximity to surface water (including, but not limited to, streams, lakes, and drainage course)?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. The project does not suggest use onsite wastewater treatment systems in areas with known geological limitations or in close proximity to surface water (including, but not limited to, streams, lakes, and drainage course). Therefore, the impact is less than significant.

**f) In flood hazard , tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. Two policies discourage development from being established in areas that are at risk for flooding. This includes a 100-year flood hazard area identified by FEMA, tsunami inundation areas, and areas that are downslope from aqueducts.

- Policy S 3.1: Strongly discourage development in the County’s Flood Hazard Zones.
- Policy S 3.2: Strongly discourage development from locating downslope from aqueducts.

These policies were in the previous version of the Safety Element and were further strengthened in the update since these are fundamental policies that protect the residents of Los Angeles County from flood hazards and reduce the harm and damages that are caused by such hazard events. The impacts from this project are considered to be less than significant.

g) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Los Angeles County is split between two water quality regions: the Los Angeles Region and the Lahontan Region. The policies of the Safety Element Update will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of water quality control plans or sustainable groundwater management plans as they only relate to policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County. None of the policies will require additional water consumption and therefore, will not impact the water supply for the area. The policies encourage the conservation and retention of water. Therefore, the project will not conflict with or obstruct implementation of water quality control plans and impacts will be less than significant.

### EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Los Angeles County is split between two water quality regions: the Los Angeles Region and the Lahontan Region. Each regional board prepares and maintains a Basin Plan which identifies narrative and numerical water quality objectives to protect all beneficial uses of the waters of that region. The Basin Plans achieve the identified water quality objectives through implementation of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and by employing three strategies for addressing water quality issues: control of point source pollutants, control of nonpoint source pollutants, and remediation of existing contamination.

Point sources of pollutants are well-defined locations at which pollutants flow into water bodies (discharges from wastewater treatment plants and industrial sources, for example). These sources are controlled through regulatory systems including permitting under California’s Waste Discharge Requirements and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program; permits are issued by the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board and may set discharge limitation or other discharge provisions.

Nonpoint sources of pollutants are typically derived from project site runoff caused by rain or irrigation and have been classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) into one of the following categories: agriculture, urban runoff, construction, hydromodification, resource extraction, silviculture, and land disposal, according to the Basin Plan for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. This type of pollution is not ideally suited to be addressed by the same regulatory mechanisms used to control point sources. Instead, California’s Nonpoint Source Management Plan describes a three-tiered approach including the voluntary use of Best Management Practices, the regulatory enforcement of the use of Best Management Practices, and effluent limitations. Generally speaking, each Regional Water Quality Control Board implements the least restrictive tier until more stringent enforcement is necessary.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board addresses on-site drainage through its construction, industrial, and municipal permit programs. These permits require measures to minimize or prevent erosion and reduce the volume of sediments and pollutants in a project’s runoff and discharges based upon the size of the project site.

During the construction phase of a proposed project, the pollutants of greatest concern are sediment, which may run off the project site due to site grading or other site preparation activities, and hydrocarbon or fossil fuel remnants from the construction equipment. Construction runoff is regulated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit. This permit applies to all construction which disturbs an area of at least one acre.

The Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance is designed to promote sustainability and improve the County's watersheds by preserving drainage paths and natural water supplies in order to '...retain, detain, store, change the timing of, or filter stormwater or runoff.' Policy S 4.6 promotes the expansion of Low Impact Development (LID) best practices to help retain stormwater runoff onsite. The policy encourages LID best practices to be applied to all new development as well as retrofitting existing development to improve water quality along with the retention of stormwater runoff. The impact of the Safety Element Update is less than significant.

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, prepares hydrological studies throughout the country, called Flood Insurance Studies, in order to identify areas that are prone to flooding. From the results of these studies, FEMA prepares Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that are designed to geographically depict the location of areas prone to flooding for purposes of determining risk assessment for flood insurance. An area that has been designated a 100-year flood plain is considered likely to flood under the 100-year storm event. Policy S 2.6 promotes the use of nature-based flood protection measures that can reduce the amount of impervious surfaces used for flood protection measures. The impact of the Safety Element Update is less than significant.

Dam inundation areas are areas that have been identified as being potentially susceptible to flooding from a catastrophic failure of one or more of the dams in Los Angeles County. These areas were mapped in accordance with California Government Code Section 8589.5 and do not suggest with certainty that a particular plot of land would be inundated given a catastrophic dam failure. A seiche is the sudden oscillation of water that occurs in an enclosed, landlocked body of water due to wind, earthquake, or other factors. A tsunami is an unusually large wave or set of waves that is triggered in most cases by a seaquake or an underwater volcanic eruption. A mudflow is flow consisting predominantly of earthen materials/soil and water. The policies discourage development from being established in areas that are at risk for flooding. This includes a 100-year flood hazard area identified by FEMA, tsunami inundation areas, and areas that are downslope from aqueducts.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on hydrology and water quality. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's hydrology and water quality. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

**11. LAND USE AND PLANNING**

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) **Physically divide an established community?**                                                                               

**Less Than Significant Impact.** This project is updating the Safety Element and Land Use sections of the General Plan. The policies provide guidance on the future development of Los Angeles County. These policies do not require direct development at a parcel-level and will not physically divide an established community. No physical changes are proposed as part of this project. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

b) **Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any County land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?**                                                                               

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The General Plan provides the framework for consistency amongst the different land use plans, policies, and regulations. The Safety Element Update is not in conflict with the rest of the elements in the General Plan and will not cause a significant environmental impact. This will ensure that all regulations that come from the guiding policies from the General Plan are consistently implemented. The Implementation Programs of the Safety Element will assist in ensuring that consistency is met.

c) **Conflict with the goals and policies of the General Plan related to Hillside Management Areas or Significant Ecological Areas?**                                                                               

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The proposed project will not conflict with the goals and policies of the General Plan related to Hillside Management Areas (HMAs) or Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs). The HMAs and SEAs are components of the Conservation and Natural Resources Element of the General Plan. The different elements of the General Plan are not implemented independently of the other elements. Consistency amongst the policies of all the different General Plan elements is imperative. Several of the policies of the Safety Element Update include the protection of biological resources during the mitigation of fire or flood related property damage and loss. Other Safety Element policies include mitigating landsliding hazards in HMAs. Because of the consistency with the goals and policies of the Conservation and Natural Resources Element, the impacts will be less than significant.

**EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The policies of the Safety Element Update high-level policies that provide guidance on how the County will be reducing harm and risk from natural and climate-induced hazards. These policies do not conflict with the other elements in the General Plan. The consistency amongst the elements is the reason that the project will have a less than significant impact. Any regulations found to be inconsistent after when the Safety Element is updated and adopted will be required to be consistent with the updated Safety Element.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County's land use and planning. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's land use and planning. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

**12. MINERAL RESOURCES**

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) **Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Mineral resources are commercially-viable aggregate or mineral deposits, such as sand, gravel, oil, and other valuable minerals. The County depends on the State of California’s Geological Survey (State Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology) to identify deposits of regionally- significant aggregate resources. No policies in the Safety Element Update will have significant impacts to mineral resources as none of them relate to grading or ground disturbance activities and does not involve any construction or development activities. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

b) **Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?**                       

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The County depends on the State of California’s Geological Survey (State Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology) to identify deposits of regionally- significant aggregate resources. These clusters or belts of mineral deposits are designated as Mineral Resources Zones (MRZ-2s) that can be found within Los Angeles County. However, none of the Safety Element policies relate to grading or ground disturbance activities and does not involve any construction or development activities. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

**EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The County depends on the State of California’s Geological Survey (State Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology) to identify deposits of regionally- significant aggregate resources. These clusters or belts of mineral deposits are designated as Mineral Resources Zones (MRZ-2s), and there are four major MRZ-2s are designated in the County: the Little Rock Creek Fan, Soledad Production Area, Sun Valley Production Area, and Irwindale Production Area. The California Department of Conservation protects mineral resources to ensure adequate supplies for future production. However, none of the Safety Element policies relate to grading or ground disturbance activities and does not involve any construction or development activities. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

The California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) was adopted to encourage the production and conservation of mineral resources, prevent or minimize adverse effects to the environment, and protect public health and safety. In addition, Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code (Chapter 22.190) requires that applicants of surface mining projects submit a Reclamation Plan prior to receiving a permit to



mine, which must describe how the excavated site will ultimately be remediated and transformed into another use.

Small-scale oil production still occurs in many parts of the County, including the Baldwin Hills and the Santa Clarita Valley. The California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) permits and tracks each operating production well and natural gas storage well and ultimately monitors the decommissioning process.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on mineral resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's mineral resources. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

**13. NOISE**

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project result in:

a) **Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the County General Plan or noise ordinance (Los Angeles County Code, Title 12, Chapter 12.08), or applicable standards of other agencies?**

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not generate substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the General Plan or noise ordinance (Los Angeles County Code, Title 12, Chapter 12.08), or applicable standards of other agencies. The project is an update to a General Plan element, which contains policies that guide how the County can reduce the risk and harm from natural disaster or climate-induced hazards. These policies are not directly related to development on a parcel-level or propose any uses. The impact of this project is considered to be less than significant.

b) **Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?**

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** Sensitive receptors that could be impacted by excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels include schools, hospitals, senior citizen facilities, day-care facilities, libraries, churches, nursing homes, residential properties, and open space/recreation areas where quiet environments are necessary for enjoyment, public health, and safety (page 5.12-6 of General Plan EIR). The policies of the Safety Element Update are not directly related to development on a parcel-level or propose any uses. The impact of this project is considered to be less than significant.

c) **For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?**

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** There are 15 airports within the Los Angeles Airport Land Use Commission’s (ALUC) jurisdiction. Five are County-owned by other public entities and one is privately owned. The Los Angeles County Airports Map<sup>14</sup> identifies the locations of the airports within the jurisdiction of ALUC and their Airport Influence Area. The policies of the Safety Element Update are not directly related

<sup>14</sup> [https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/ALUC\\_Airports\\_Aug2018\\_rev3.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/ALUC_Airports_Aug2018_rev3.pdf)

to development on a parcel-level or propose any uses. The impact of this project is considered to be less than significant.

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The proposed project will conform to Los Angeles County Code Title 12, Chapter 12.08 (Noise Control Ordinance). Section 12.08.390 of the County Code provides a maximum exterior noise level of 45 decibels (dB) between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (nighttime) and 50 dB from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (daytime) in Noise Zone II (residential areas).

Noise generated by construction equipment during the construction phase of the project may result in a substantial temporary increase in ambient noise levels. Construction activities will be conducted according to best management practices, including maintaining construction vehicles and equipment in good working order by using mufflers where applicable, limiting the hours of construction, and limiting the idle time of diesel engines. Noise from construction equipment will be limited by compliance with the Noise Control Ordinance and County Code Section 12.12.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on noise. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's noise. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

The Safety Element Update will not generate substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the County General Plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies. The project is an update to a General Plan element, which contain policies that guide how the County can reduce the risk and harm from natural disaster or climate-induced hazards. These policies are not directly related to development on a parcel-level or propose any uses. The impact of this project is considered to be less than significant.

## 14. POPULATION AND HOUSING

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Los Angeles County General Plan and Housing Element uses population, household, and employment projections from a growth forecast that is developed from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council in the Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) that was adopted on September 3, 2020. The County estimates that the 2018 population in unincorporated Los Angeles County is 1,057,162 persons, representing approximately 10.3% of Los Angeles County’s total population. The total population of Los Angeles County was approximately 10,283,729 persons . There were 986,050 residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County in 2010, representing 10.3% of Los Angeles County’s total population in 2010. Between 2000 to 2018, the population of unincorporated Los Angeles County increased by 71,112 persons. According to SCAG’s Connect SoCal, the 2020–2045 RTP/SCS population forecasts, the unincorporated Los Angeles County is estimated to reach a population of 1,258,000 by 2045. However, the policies in the Safety Element Update will not induce substantial unplanned population growth because some of the policies discourage or prohibit new development in hazard areas.

- Policy S 1.1: Discourage development in Seismic Hazard and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones.
- Policy S 2.3: Require new residential subdivisions and new accessory dwelling units within hazard areas to meet required evacuation standards.
- Policy S 3.1: Strongly discourage development in the County’s Flood Hazard Zones.
- Policy S 3.2: Strongly discourage development from locating downslope from aqueducts.
- Policy S 4.1: Prohibit new subdivisions in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage subdivisions in all other FHSZs.

The policies listed above are the policies that discourage growth in areas that are identified as at-most risk from natural or climate-induced hazards. These areas are in the seismic hazard and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones, flood hazard zones, downslope from aqueducts, and fire hazard severity zones. Policy S 4.1 prohibits the development of high-density subdivisions in fire hazard zones. Policy S 2.3 requires new residential subdivisions and accessory dwelling units meet evacuation standards. These policies will not induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area and the impact of this project is less than significant.

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, especially affordable housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The policies in the Safety Element Update are not intended to displace people or cause the demolition of existing housing units. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. These policies include retrofitting of existing buildings but do not require the demolition of existing structures that can result in the displacement of people and housing. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Typical local thresholds of significance for housing and population growth include effects that would induce substantial growth or concentration of a population beyond a city’s or county’s projections; alter the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the population beyond that projected in the city or county general plan housing element; result in a substantial increase in demand for additional housing, or create a development that significantly reduces the ability of the county to meet housing objectives set forth in the city or county general plan housing element.

The Los Angeles County General Plan and Housing Element uses population, household, and employment projections from a growth forecast that is developed from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council in the Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) that was adopted on September 3, 2020. The County estimates that the 2018 population in unincorporated Los Angeles County is 1,057,162 persons, representing approximately 10.3% of Los Angeles County’s total population<sup>15</sup>. The total population of Los Angeles County was approximately 10,283,729 persons<sup>16</sup>. There were 986,050 residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County in 2010, representing 10.3% of Los Angeles County’s total population in 2010. Between 2000 to 2018, the population of unincorporated Los Angeles County increased by 71,112 persons<sup>17</sup>. According to SCAG’s Connect SoCal, the 2020–2045 RTP/SCS population forecasts, the unincorporated Los Angeles County is estimated to reach a population of 1,258,000 by 2045<sup>18</sup>.

The State law requires that all local jurisdictions accommodate a share of the region’s projected housing needs, or the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation, for the planning period. Compliance with this requirement is measured by the local jurisdiction’s ability to provide adequate land to accommodate the RHNA. The state law mandates that local jurisdictions provide sufficient land to accommodate a variety of housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community. The Southern California Association of

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<sup>15</sup> Profile of Unincorporated Los Angeles County. Adopted May 2019. Accessed August 2, 2021. <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/unincarealosangelescounty.pdf?1604708602>.

<sup>16</sup> Profile of Los Angeles County. Adopted May 2019. Accessed August 2, 2021. <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/losangelescountyp.pdf?1605653130>.

<sup>17</sup> Profile of Unincorporated Los Angeles County. Adopted May 2019. Accessed August 2, 2021. <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/unincarealosangelescounty.pdf?1604708602>.

<sup>18</sup> Connect SoCal: The 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies of the Southern California Association of Governments. Adopted September 3, 2020. Accessed August 2, 2021. [https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/0903fconnectsocial-plan\\_0.pdf?1606001176](https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/0903fconnectsocial-plan_0.pdf?1606001176).

Governments (SCAG), as the regional planning agency, is responsible for allocating the RHNA to each local jurisdiction within its six-county region. The County's existing inventory of residential sites is insufficient to accommodate the 90,052 units in its RHNA for 2021-2029. As such, as part of the Proposed Project, the County includes a rezoning to accommodate its RHNA gap. The 6th Cycle RHNA allocation plans for a total housing production need of 90,052 units for the unincorporated Los Angeles County<sup>19</sup>. Table 4.14-6, SCAG Regional Housing Needs Allocations, details the allocated housing needs assessment for the unincorporated Los Angeles County and Los Angeles County as a whole.

The policies for the Safety Element Update will not impact population growth. They will not induce growth or cause the displacement of residents. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. These policies include retrofitting of existing buildings but do not require the demolition of existing structures that can result in the displacement of people and housing. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on population and housing. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's population and housing. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

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<sup>19</sup> "6th Cycle Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment Proposed Final Allocation Plan." March 4, 2021. Accessed August 2, 2021. <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/6th-cycle-rhna-proposed-final-allocation-plan.pdf?1614911196>.

**15. PUBLIC SERVICES**

	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>			

a) **Would the project create capacity or service level problems, or result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:**

**Fire protection?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Fire suppression services in unincorporated Los Angeles County are provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), which has 177 fire stations providing services to 60 cities and the whole unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Development in the unincorporated areas must comply with the requirements of the Fire Code (Title 32), which provides design standards for all development in the unincorporated County.

The Safety Element Update has several policies that provide support to County emergency providers. These policies ensure that response time goals are met through coordination and adequate resources.

- Policy S 7.2: Support County emergency providers in reaching their response time goals.
- Policy S 7.3: Coordinate with other County agencies, such as Public Works, Fire, and the Office of Emergency Management on emergency planning and response activities, and evacuation planning.
- Policy S 7.5: Ensure that there are adequate resources, such as sheriff and fire services, for emergency response.

Although fires are a natural part of the wildland ecosystem, development in wildland areas increases the danger of wildfires to residents, property, and the environment. Increased fire frequency is the primary threat to wildland ecosystems, which are adapted to an infrequent fire return interval. Wildfires are increasing in frequency and intensity due to climate change, while the capacity of fire agencies to respond to heightened fire risks within their own jurisdictions and to provide mutual aid to other areas is becoming increasingly strained. Policies S 7.2, 7.3, and 7.5 will assist the LACoFD in providing the required fire suppression and other emergency response services for the County. The impact for this project will be less than significant.

**Sheriff protection?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Law enforcement services within the unincorporated Los Angeles County are provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD). LASD is the largest sheriff’s department in the country. In addition to specialized services, the LASD is divided into 10 divisions, including the Office of Homeland Security, which focuses on potential threats related to local homeland security issues,

such as terrorism or bioterrorism. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department strives to maintain a service ratio of approximately one officer for every 1,000 residents within the communities it serves.

The project will not result in a net increase in individuals to service areas because no development is proposed as part of this project that may accommodate additional growth. The Safety Element Update has several policies that are meant to provide support to County emergency providers. These policies ensure that response time goals are met through coordination and adequate resources.

- Policy S 7.2: Support County emergency providers in reaching their response time goals.
- Policy S 7.3: Coordinate with other County agencies, such as Public Works, Fire, and the Office of Emergency Management on emergency planning and response activities, and evacuation planning.
- Policy S 7.5: Ensure that there are adequate resources, such as sheriff and fire services, for emergency response.

While the Safety Element Update does not spur an increase in development, continued growth in Los Angeles County will significantly affect LASD operations. Coordination among various County departments is necessary to ensure adequate emergency response. Collaboration can also ensure that development occurs at a rate that keeps pace with service needs. Policies S 7.2, 7.3, and 7.5 will assist the LASD in providing the law enforcement services for the County. The impact for this project will be less than significant.

**Schools?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not result in a net increase in individuals to service areas because no development is proposed as part of this project that may accommodate additional growth. The policies in the Safety Element Update will not induce substantial unplanned population growth because of the policies that discourage or prohibit new development in hazard areas.

- Policy S 1.1: Discourage development in Seismic Hazard and Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones.
- Policy S 2.3: Require new residential subdivisions and new accessory dwelling units within hazard areas to meet required evacuation standards.
- Policy S 3.1: Strongly discourage development in the County's Flood Hazard Zones.
- Policy S 3.2: Strongly discourage development from locating downslope from aqueducts.
- Policy S 4.1: Prohibit new subdivisions in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage subdivisions in all other FHSZs.

These policies will not induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area that would increase the school age population of the community beyond the capacity of existing schools. There will not be a need for new school construction. Therefore, the impact of this project is less than significant.



**Parks?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** In Los Angeles County, parks are operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The County’s park system, including facilities that are owned, operated, and maintained by the County totals approximately 70,000 acres.<sup>20</sup> The Los Angeles County General Plan Parks and Recreation Element, provides the standard for the allocation of parkland in the unincorporated county. This standard is four acres of local parkland per 1,000 residents, and six acres of regional parkland per 1,000 residents. This project will not reduce the parkland-to-population service ratio because it is not a development project and none of the policies will increase housing opportunities. These policies will not induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area that would reduce the parkland-to-population service ratio. Therefore, the impact of this project is less than significant.

**Libraries?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** In the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County, as well as in 49 of the 88 cities within the County, library services are provided by the County of Los Angeles Public Library. There are approximately 84 libraries operated by the County with roughly 7.5 million volumes in its book collection.<sup>21</sup> According to the General Plan, the Library’s planning guidelines specify that 2.75 library material items should be available per capita as well as 0.5 gross square feet of library space per capita. The Public Library also imposes Library Facilities Mitigation Fees on residential development based on the cost estimation of providing the appropriate library facilities and services to each library planning area. This project will not require new libraries because it is not a development project and none of the policies will increase housing opportunities. Therefore, the impact of this project is less than significant.

**Other public facilities?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The availability of essential public facilities like resilience hubs, cooling centers, evacuation centers, or hospitals is imperative for emergency response. The Safety Element Update policies ensure that essential public facilities are located outside of hazard areas and are maintained during disaster events.

- Policy S 7.6: Ensure that essential public facilities are maintained during disasters, such as flooding, wildfires, extreme temperature and precipitation events, drought, and power outages.
- Policy S 7.7: Locate essential public facilities, such as hospitals, where feasible, outside of hazard zones to ensure their reliability and accessibility during disasters.

Policies S 7.6 and S 7.7 provide the services that will assist people during disaster events and make sure that they are out of harm’s way. These public facilities are different from emergency response facilities like fire and police stations, which those emergency response stations may need to be located within hazardous areas to meet response time goals. This project will have a less than significant impact.

<sup>20</sup> Los Angeles County General Plan, Chapter 10: Parks and Recreation Element, Page 172

<sup>21</sup> <https://lacountylibrary.org/aboutus/>

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Fire suppression services in unincorporated Los Angeles County are provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), which has 22 battalions providing services to 58 cities and the whole unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. The LACoFD uses national guidelines of a 5-minute response time for the 1st-arriving unit for fire and EMS responses and 8 minutes for the advanced life support (paramedic) unit in urban areas, and 8-minute response time for the 1st-arriving unit and 12 minutes for advanced life support (paramedic) unit in suburban areas.

Law enforcement services within the unincorporated Los Angeles County are provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department strives to maintain a service ratio of approximately one officer for every 1,000 residents within the communities it serves.

In Los Angeles County, parks are operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation. As of 2010, there were approximately 153 recreational facilities managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation totaling approximately 65,528 acres of recreation and open space. The Los Angeles County General Plan, Regional Recreation Areas Plan, provides the standard for the allocation of parkland in the unincorporated county. This standard is four acres of local parkland per 1,000 residents and six acres of regional parkland per 1,000 residents. For subdivision projects, the Quimby Act permits the County, by ordinance, to require the dedication of parkland or the payment of an in-lieu fee to achieve the parkland-to-population ratio sought in the General Plan. Further, as a condition of a zone change approval, General Plan amendment, or Specific Plan approval, the County may require the applicant pursuing the subdivision to dedicate and/or improve land according to the applicable General Plan policies. This requirement is justified as long as an appropriate nexus between the proposed project and the dedication can be shown.

In the unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County, as well as in 50 of the 88 cities within the County, library services are provided by the County of Los Angeles Public Library. There are approximately 84 libraries operated by the County with roughly 7.5 million volumes in its book collection. The County of Los Angeles Public Library is a special district and is primarily funded by property taxes, but other funding mechanisms include a Mello-Roos Community Facilities District, developer impact fees, developer agreements, and a voter-approved special tax.

According to the General Plan, the Library's planning guidelines specify that 2.75 library material items should be available per capita as well as 0.5 gross square feet of library space per capita. The Public Library also imposes a mitigation fee on residential development based on the cost estimation of providing the appropriate library facilities and services to each library planning area. The current fees are as follows and also listed in County Code 22.246.040:

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on public resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's public resources. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

The Safety Element Update has several policies that are meant to provide support to County emergency providers. These policies ensure that response time goals are met through coordination and adequate resources. The project will not result in a net increase in individuals to service areas because no development is proposed as part of this project that may accommodate additional growth.

## 16. RECREATION

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) <b>Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The policies for the Safety Element Update will not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. The project will not potentially create a substantial permanent residential population increase because no development is proposed as part of this project that may accommodate additional growth. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant

b) <b>Does the project include neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of such facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project does not include neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of such facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment. This project will not reduce the parkland-to-population service ratio and therefore, require the construction or expansion of park facilities, because it is not a development project and none of the policies will increase housing opportunities. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant

c) <b>Would the project interfere with regional open space connectivity?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not interfere with regional open space connectivity. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. The Safety Element is consistent with the Conservation and Natural Resources Element and Goal C/NR 1 that states open space areas must meet the diverse needs of Los Angeles County. This project is not proposing any policies that will conflict with the Conservation and Natural Resource Element and the impacts will be less than significant.

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

In Los Angeles County, parks are operated and maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The County's park system, including facilities that are owned, operated, and maintained by the County totals approximately 70,000 acres.<sup>22</sup> The Los Angeles County General Plan Parks and Recreation Element, provides the standard for the allocation of parkland in the unincorporated county. This standard is four acres of local parkland per 1,000 residents, and six acres of regional parkland per 1,000 residents.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact recreation in Los Angeles County. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's recreation. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

This project will not reduce the parkland-to-population service ratio and therefore, require the construction or expansion of park facilities, because it is not a development project and none of the policies will increase housing opportunities. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant

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<sup>22</sup> Los Angeles County General Plan, Chapter 10: Parks and Recreation Element, Page 172

**17. TRANSPORTATION**

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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Would the project:

a) Conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** This project will not conflict with a program plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The Safety Element is consistent with the General Plan Mobility Element for the unincorporated communities. The Mobility Element provides an overview of the transportation infrastructure and strategies for developing an efficient and multimodal transportation network.

Measure T-6 of the General Plan Environmental Impact Report Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program requires traffic engineering firms retained to prepare traffic impact studies to consult with Caltrans when a development proposal meets the requirements of Statewide, regional, or area wide significance per CEQA Guidelines §15206(b). Development proposals that meet this criterion include residential development projects of more than 500 dwelling units, shopping centers or business establishments with more than 1,000 persons or encompassing more than 500,000 square feet of floor space, commercial office buildings employing more than 1,000 persons or encompassing more than 250,000 square feet of floor space, or a proposed hotel/motel with more than 500 rooms. None of the policies for the Safety Element Update will exceed these thresholds since the project is not proposed any direct development at a parcel-level.

Policy S 2.3 requires new residential subdivisions and new accessory dwelling units within hazard areas to meet evacuation requirements. This policy is to improve evacuation route access for future subdivisions. While this may have some impact to circulation system, projects will be analyzed at the time of permitting. The impacts of this project are less than significant.

b) Would the project conflict with or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Section 15064.3(b) of the CEQA Guidelines lists the criteria for analyzing transportation impacts. In this subdivision, it specifies that projects where vehicle miles traveled exceed an applicable threshold of significance may have a significant impact. However, if projects will decrease vehicle miles traveled in the project area, then the project may have a less than significant impact. None of the policies for the Safety Element Update will exceed these thresholds since the project is not proposing any direct development at a parcel-level. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The proposed project would not exacerbate dangerous road conditions since the project is not proposing any direct development at a parcel-level. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

**d) Result in inadequate emergency access?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not result in inadequate emergency access. The Safety Element Update is proposing a policy that will prevent development with inadequate access. Policy S 2.3 requires new residential subdivisions and new accessory dwelling units within hazard areas to meet required evacuation standards.

The Safety Element Update is not proposing any direct development at a parcel-level. Development projects will continue to be reviewed on a project-specific level by Public Works and Fire to ensure that no emergency access is blocked by construction, operation, or structural design. The impacts of this project are less than significant.

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The Safety Element is consistent with the General Plan Mobility Element for the unincorporated communities. The Mobility Element provides an overview of the transportation infrastructure and strategies for developing an efficient and multimodal transportation network. The Element assesses the challenges and constraints of the Los Angeles County transportation system and offers policy guidance to reach the County’s long-term mobility goals.

Policy S 2.3 requires new residential subdivisions and new accessory dwelling units within hazard areas to meet evacuation requirements. The Safety Element Update is not proposing any direct development at a parcel-level. Development projects will continue to be reviewed on a project-specific level by Public Works and Fire to ensure that no emergency access is blocked by construction, operation, or structural design. The impacts of this project are less than significant.

The project’s implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on transportation. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County’s transportation. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

**18. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES**

	<i>Less Than Significant</i>		
<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>

a) **Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code §21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:**

- i) **Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code § 5020.1(k), or**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** There are several resources listed in the California Register of Historical Resources<sup>23</sup> and in the Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks Registry<sup>24</sup>. These sites could potentially meet the criteria set forth in the CEQA guidelines or should be evaluated because of their proximity to an area that may contain tribal cultural resources. However, the Safety Element Update does not propose any ground disturbance or grading as part of the project scope, so there will be no substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource. The General Plan is a guiding document for the future development of Los Angeles County. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant.

- ii) **A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code § 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code § 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.**

<sup>23</sup> California Register of Historical Resources and Landmarks (<https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/ListedResources/?view=county&criteria=19>)

<sup>24</sup> Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks Registry (<http://hlrc.lacounty.gov/HLRC/pdf/Registry%202020.pdf?ver=2020-06-24-172750-153>)

**Less Than Significant Impact.** In compliance with AB 52, staff notified the tribes that have requested to be informed when Los Angeles County, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, considers projects in the geographic area that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribe. The formal notification letter was emailed to the tribes on August 3, 2021. The tribes had 30 days from receipt of the letter to request a formal consultation with the County regarding the proposed project. Considering that the Safety Element policies are high-level policies that do not propose any ground disturbance or grading, and no requests for formal consultations were received from the notified tribes, the impact of this project is less than significant.

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

There are several resources listed in the California Register of Historical Resources<sup>25</sup> and in the Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks Registry<sup>26</sup>. These sites could potentially meet the criteria set forth in the CEQA guidelines or should be evaluated because of their proximity to an area that may contain tribal cultural resources. However, the Safety Element Update does not propose any ground disturbance or grading as part of the project scope, so there will be no substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource. The General Plan is a guiding document for the future development of Los Angeles County. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. In compliance with AB 52, staff has notified the tribes that have requested to be informed when Los Angeles County, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, considers projects in the geographic area that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribe. Considering that the Safety Element policies are high-level policies that do not propose any ground disturbance or grading, and no requests for formal consultations were received from the notified tribes, the impact of this project is less than significant.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on tribal cultural resources. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's tribal cultural resources. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

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<sup>25</sup> California Register of Historical Resources and Landmarks  
(<https://ohp.parks.ca.gov/ListedResources/?view=county&criteria=19>)

<sup>26</sup> Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks Registry (<http://hlrc.lacounty.gov/HLRC/pdf/Registry%202020.pdf?ver=2020-06-24-172750-153>)



**19. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS**

	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>			

Would the project:

a) **Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunication facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunication facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects. The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. These policies influence how ground water quality will be maintained since water supply is threatened by climate change and flood risks can be exacerbated by climate change.

- Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.

Policy S 3.7 ensures that run-off from development is handled in a way that the water is retained within the property and not infiltrated outside. In unincorporated Los Angeles County, projects are required to comply with the requirements of the Low-Impact Development (LID) Ordinance in order to control and minimize potentially polluted runoff. Because all projects are required to comply with these requirements in order to obtain construction permits and certificates of occupancy, they would not impact any nonpoint source requirements. Therefore, the impact is considered to be less than significant.

b) **Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** None of the policies in the Safety Element Update will require additional water supply as they relate to accessory uses and commercial aesthetic design. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards.

- Policy S 3.7: Infiltrate development runoff on-site, where feasible, to preserve or restore the natural hydrologic cycle and minimize increases in stormwater or dry weather flows.
- Policy S 5.10: Protect and improve local groundwater quality and supply to increase opportunities for use as a potable water source during drought periods.
- Policy S 5.11: Encourage the conservation of water by employing soil moisture sensors, automated irrigation systems, subsurface drip irrigation, and weather-based irrigation controllers.

The project has three proposed policies to allow for more water conservation and retention within the development site. These policies will contribute to the efforts to adapt to drought years by encouraging measures that ensures that the region will be able to have sufficient water supplies in the future. The project will have less than significant impacts.

**c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments. The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. Development projects that are required to be consistent with the Safety Element may result in the need for onsite wastewater treatment systems, but each project will be analyzed on a project-specific level. Therefore, impacts from the project will be less than significant.

**d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The project will not generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals. The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. Development projects that are required to be consistent with the Safety Element may generate solid waste, but each project will be analyzed on a project-specific level. Therefore, impacts from the project will be less than significant.

**e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** All projects must comply with the Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) and other solid waste diversion documents required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939). In addition to AB 939, certain businesses must comply with Assembly Bill 341 (2011) and Assembly Bill 1826 (2014) to set up recycling services for recyclables and organic waste. Environmental documents should include/discuss methods that are or will be provided for adequate collection of recyclable and organic waste materials as a result of the project for such businesses. The California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991, as amended, requires each "development project" to provide an adequate storage area for collection and removal of recyclable materials. Environmental documents should include/discuss standards to provide adequate recyclable storage areas for collection/storage of recyclable and green waste materials for such projects.

The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. The project will not generate organic waste or recyclables; therefore, the project will not need to comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste. Development projects that are required to be consistent with the Safety Element may generate solid waste, but each project will be analyzed on a project-specific level. Therefore, impacts from the project will be less than significant.

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

All public wastewater disposal (sewer) systems are required to obtain and operate under the terms of an NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit, which is issued by the local Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The NPDES is a permitting program that established a framework for regulating municipal, industrial, and construction stormwater discharges into surface water bodies and stormwater channels.

The Los Angeles and Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Boards are responsible for implementing the federally-mandated NPDES program in the County through the adoption of an Order, which is effectively the NPDES Permit for that region. The Los Angeles Regional Board's Permit designates 84 cities within the Board's region as permittees, and the County as the principal permittee of the NPDES Permit. The NPDES Permit defines the responsibilities of each permittee to control pollutants, including the adoption and enforcement of local ordinances and monitoring programs. The principal permittee is responsible for coordinating activities to comply with the requirements set forth in the NPDES Permit but is not responsible for ensuring the compliance of any other permittee. The County's Stormwater Ordinance requires that the discharge, deposit, or disposal of any stormwater and/or runoff to storm drains must be covered by a NPDES permit.

For the unincorporated areas, in accordance with the NPDES Permit, the County implements LID standards at the project site level to address pollutants generated by specific activities and types of development. The main purpose of this planning program is to identify new construction and redevelopment projects that could contribute to stormwater pollution, and to mitigate run-off from those projects by requiring that certain Best Management Practices be implemented during and after construction. Moreover, the LID standards prevent erosion by controlling runoff rates, protecting natural slopes and channels, and conserving natural areas.

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP), which is compiled by the interagency Integrated Waste Management Task Force and updated annually, has identified landfills with sufficient disposal capacity for the next 15 years, assuming current growth and development patterns remain the same.

In addition to the projections of the IWMP (see above), all projects must comply with other documents required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939).

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on utilities and service systems. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's utilities and service systems. Future development impacted by this ordinance, proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.

The Safety Element Update is not requiring direct development at a parcel-level but provides policies that will guide the development of Los Angeles County in the next decade. Development projects that are required to be consistent with the Safety Element may result in the need for onsite wastewater treatment systems, but each project will be analyzed on a project-specific level. The Safety Element Update policies are meant to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be inflicted by natural and climate-induced hazards. The policies also include strategies to help residents adapt and become more resilient to climate-induced hazards. Therefore, impacts will be less than significant

## 20. WILDFIRE

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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**If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, Would the project:**

- a) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. This update was mandated by the State per Senate Bill 379 to include adaptation and resilience strategies for a changing climate. Wildland fire threats are increasing, in part due to climate change. The rise in temperatures and prolonged periods of drought increase the fire ignition potential and may increase the frequency and duration of wildfires. Although multiple regulations are in place to ensure that adequate infrastructure is incorporated into new developments, older communities with aging and substandard infrastructure may face greater risks from wildland fires.

- Policy S 4.1: Prohibit new subdivisions in VHFHSZs unless entirely surrounded by existing built development, will connect to public infrastructure, and the level of service capacity of adjoining major highways can accommodate evacuation. Discourage subdivisions in all other FHSZs.
- Policy S 4.14: Encourage the strategic placement of structures in FHSZs that conserves fire suppression resources, increases safety for emergency fire access and evacuation, and provides a point of attack or defense from a wildfire.

Policies S 4.1 and 4.14 provide guidance on how new development in fire hazard severity zones will be established. Limiting the density in fire hazard areas are a way to prevent the loss of life and property from wildfire events. Additional density within a fire hazard area also affects the rate of emergency response.

- Policy S 4.4: Reduce the risk of wildland fire hazards through meeting minimum state and local regulations for fire-resistant building materials, vegetation management, fuel modification and other fire hazard reduction programs.
- Policy S 4.6: Ensure that infrastructure requirements for new development meet minimum state and local regulations for, ingress, egress, peak load water supply availability, anticipated water supply, and other standards within FHSZs.

Policies S 4.4 and 4.6 provide additional protection through defensible space and water supply availability for development that is established in fire hazard zones.

- Policy S 4.8: Support the retrofitting of existing structures in FHSZs to meet current safety regulations such as the building and fire code to help reduce the risk of structural and human loss due to wildfire.
- Policy S 4.15: Encourage rebuilds and additions to comply with fire mitigation guidelines.

Policy S 4.8 and 4.15 address the need for existing structures to be retrofitted to be fire-hardened. These measures may reduce the risk of damage to the property.

The Safety Element Update will have a less than significant impact due to the comprehensive list of policies that may reduce the risk of harm and damage that comes from an oncoming wildfire. The project does not establish development on a parcel-level. Those development will be analyzed on a project-specific basis.

**b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element reduces the risk of exposing occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire due to slope, winds, and other factors. Policy S 4.7 discourages building mid-slope, on ridgelines and on hilltops, and employ adequate setbacks on slopes to reduce risk from wildfires and post-fire, rainfall-induced landslides. Specific development established in fire hazard zones will be required to undergo review by the Fire Department to get a fuel modification plan approved. The project-specific review will analyze the site of the development and required adequate fuel modification. The Safety Element Update will have a less than significant impact.

**c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element Update does not directly require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment. Policy S 4.12 supports efforts to incorporate systematic fire protection improvements for open space, including facilitation of safe fire suppression tactics, standards for adequate access for firefighting, fire mitigation planning with landowners and other stakeholders, and water sources for fire suppression. Specific development established in fire hazard zones will be required to undergo review by the Fire Department to get a fuel modification plan approved. The project-specific review will analyze the site of the development and required adequate fuel modification. The Safety Element Update will have a less than significant impact.

**d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Safety Element reduces the risk of exposing people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes. Policy S 4.7 discourages building mid-slope, on ridgelines and on hilltops, and employ adequate setbacks on slopes to reduce risk from wildfires and post-fire, rainfall-induced landslides. Specific development established in fire hazard zones will be required to undergo review by the Fire Department to get a fuel modification plan approved. The project-specific review will analyze the site of the development and required adequate fuel modification. Development projects will continue to be reviewed for compliance with the Low Impact Development and Stormwater Ordinances. The Safety Element Update will have a less than significant impact.

**e) Substantially impair implementation an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?**

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for organizing and directing the preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County. The emergency response plan for the unincorporated areas of the County is the Operational Area Emergency Response Plan (OAERP), which is prepared by OEM. The OAERP strengthens short and long-term emergency response and recovery capability and identifies emergency procedures and emergency management routes in the County. The County has also prepared a Local All Hazards Mitigation Plan to be in compliance with federal law and to be eligible for disaster funding. Figure 12.6 of the Safety Element in the General Plan<sup>27</sup> depicts the County’s designated Disaster routes. It identifies the routes that emergency responders are likely to use when responding to an emergency scenario and the field facilities that will be used by emergency responders to coordinate their activities. The Department of Public Works also maintains a “Disaster Routes with Road Districts” Map<sup>28</sup>.

The Safety Element Policy S 7.3 ensures coordination with other County agencies, such as Public Works, Fire, and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on emergency planning and response activities, and evacuation planning. This coordination is imperative to ensure consistency in different plans that revolve about hazard mitigation and evacuation. Two new legislation regarding evacuation planning is required to be incorporated into the Safety Element Update. Assembly Bill 747 (Levine, 2019) requires the Safety Element to identify evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios. Evacuation routes are determined by emergency responders who decide at the time of the emergency which routes should be used for evacuation after assessing the conditions and location of the emergency to avoid endangering the lives of others, personal injury, or death. Evacuation planning was also addressed in Senate Bill 99 (Nielsen, 2019) which focuses on identifying residential developments that have fewer than two evacuation routes. The data that is included in the Safety Element Update pertaining to these two legislation was confirmed by Public Works, Fire, and OEM to ensure that the data methodology did not conflict with their existing emergency response or evacuation plans. Therefore, the project will not substantially impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan and the impact will be less than significant.

<sup>27</sup> [https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp\\_2035\\_2014-FIG\\_12-6\\_Disaster\\_Routes.pdf](https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/gp_2035_2014-FIG_12-6_Disaster_Routes.pdf)

<sup>28</sup> [https://dpw.lacounty.gov/dsg/DisasterRoutes/map/disaster\\_rdm-North.pdf](https://dpw.lacounty.gov/dsg/DisasterRoutes/map/disaster_rdm-North.pdf)

## **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The General Plan Safety Element addresses the magnitude of resources the County devotes to fire protection. The update to the Safety Element was mandated by the State per Senate Bill 379 to include climate change adaptation and resilience strategies for a changing climate. Wildland fire threats are increasing, in part due to climate change. The rise in temperatures and prolonged periods of drought increase the fire ignition potential and may increase the frequency and duration of wildfires. Although multiple regulations are in place to ensure that adequate infrastructure is incorporated into new developments, older communities with aging and substandard infrastructure may face greater risks from wildland fires.

The project's implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires will not have a significant impact on Los Angeles County's wildfires. This ordinance does not directly propose any development, and it does not indirectly encourage the approval of development that would have a significant impact on the County's wildfires. Wildfires have a significant impact Los Angeles County, and this ordinance would not increase either the intensity or frequency of wildfires. Furthermore, future development impacted by this ordinance, that is proposed after the approval of the ordinance, would require discretionary review, and would be analyzed separately consistent with CEQA requirements.



**21. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated</i>	<i>Less Than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
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a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

The project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment that would substantially reduce or degrade the habitat of sensitive biological resources. This project is the update to the General Plan Safety Element, which provides goals and policies that set the direction of how Los Angeles County can reduce the risk of natural and climate-induced hazards. The project does not establish any direct development of land. Any future development will be required to be consistent with the goals and policies of the Safety Element and undergo a project-specific environmental analysis.

b) Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?

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The General Plan Safety Element Update is a long-range planning document that provides guidance in form of policies to help direct how Los Angeles County can reduce risk of harm and damaged that is caused by natural disasters and climate-induced hazards. The nature of the project is to think of the long-term environmental goals since climate change has been exacerbating the known hazards that affect Los Angeles County. The policies in the Safety Element Update are consistent with other elements of the General Plan and therefore will have a less than significant impact.

c) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

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The Safety Element Update does not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable. The policies are comprised previous policies that were carried over to the update, revisions of previous

policies, and new policies that address the changing needs of the current climate. The cumulative impact of all the policies in the Safety Element will still have a less than significant impact since the implementation of these policies will contribute to the reduction of risk of harm and damage from natural and climate-induced hazards.

**d) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?**                       

As discussed in this Initial Study, the proposed project would not result in any environmental effects which will cause substantial direct or indirect adverse effects to human beings. The policies for the Safety Element Update, and the project’s implementation ordinance to reduce damage to life and property from wildfires, will not create any direct impacts as this project is an update to a General Plan element and no development or construction activities are proposed.

However, the policies will not cause significant impacts to humans related to flooding, drainage issues, wastewater, air quality, noise, water quality, wildfires, emergency operations, or to existing infrastructure or public services because the nature of the policies is to reduce the risk of harm and damage that can be caused by natural or climate-induced disasters, such as fire, flood, seismic and geotechnical hazards. The policies provide guidance on how future development will be established in Los Angeles County. The policies provide guidance on site development in hazardous areas, preventative measures for flooding, support for programming, climate change adaptation and resilience strategies. With these policies, impacts to humans, whether direct or indirect, will be less than significant.

**RESOLUTION  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
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**WHEREAS**, Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code ("Government Code") (commencing with section 65350) provides for the adoption of, and amendment to, a county's general plan and elements thereof;

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 65358 allows for the amendment of all or part of an adopted general plan and specifies that each amendment may include more than one change to the general plan, including an amendment to comply with a court order pursuant to subdivision (d)(1);

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on September 11, 2024 on amendments to the General Plan Safety Element and the Addendum to Negative Declaration PRJ2021-002039 Safety Element Update; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds as follows:

1. The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted the General Plan Update, pursuant to California Government Code ("Government Code") section 65300 on October 6, 2015;
2. The Safety Element is a mandated element of the General Plan that serves as a policy guide to reduce the potential risk of death, injuries, property damage, economic loss, and social dislocation resulting from natural and human-made, climate-induced hazards, such as earthquakes, fire, flood, extreme heat, and drought;
3. On July 12, 2022, the Board approved a comprehensive amendment to the General Plan Safety Element to include stronger policies to effectively reduce the potential risk of hazards, to make the General Plan consistent with the State requirements, and to update emergency response information. In connection with approval of the Safety Element Update, the Board adopted a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), concluding that the Safety Element Update could not have a significant effect on the environment;

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Discussion

No individuals testified at the hearing. There was no discussion by the Commission.

Vote

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5. The Department of Regional Planning (“Department”) has prepared a limited scope amendment to the Safety Element to identify residential developments in any hazard area identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes in compliance with Government Code section 65302, subdivision (g)(5);
6. Section VIII. Emergency Response of the Safety Element was revised, including the addition of one new informational map, Figure 12.10, *Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes*, to comply with Government Code, section 65302, subdivision (g)(5) by identifying residential developments in any hazard areas identified in the Safety Element that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes;
7. Section XI of Appendix H was revised to describe the updated methodology used to produce Figure 12.10, *Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes*;
8. The Safety Element, as proposed to be amended, is consistent with all the other elements of the General Plan as required per State law, in that it does not require any changes to the other elements of the General Plan, or recommend policies or programs that conflict with goals and policies of other General Plan elements;
9. An Addendum to the July 12, 2022 Negative Declaration for the General Plan Safety Element was prepared in compliance with CEQA and the County environmental guidelines to determine whether the revisions to the Emergency Response section of the Safety Element and Appendix H and inclusion of Figure 12.10, *Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes* could result in any environmental impact not previously considered in connection with the Safety Element Update as originally approved. The Addendum concludes that the revisions to the Emergency Response section of the Safety Element and Appendix H and inclusion of Figure 12.10, *Residential Developments In Any Hazard Area Identified In The Safety Element That Do Not Have At Least Two Emergency Evacuation Routes*, as proposed, would not result in any potentially significant environmental impacts not previously considered in

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the Negative Declaration, and therefore concludes that a supplemental environmental analysis is not required;

10. Pursuant to Section 22.222.180 of the Los Angeles County Code, a public hearing notice was published in the following local and regional newspapers at least 30 days prior to the public hearing: Acton/Agua Dulce News, Antelope Valley News, Gardena Valley News, Glendale Independent, La Opinión, Sentinel, Malibu Times, Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley News, The Acorn, The Argonaut, The Daily Breeze, The Signal, and Whittier Daily;
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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Commission recommends to the Board as follows:

1. That the Board holds a public hearing to consider Project No. PRJ2021-002039, which includes Plan Amendment No. RPPL2024003096, and Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2024004068;
2. That the Board consider the Addendum to the Negative Declaration for PRJ2021-002039 Safety Element Update, Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2024004068, along with the previously adopted Negative Declaration, prior to making a final decision on Project No. PRJ2021-002039; and
3. That the Board adopts Plan Amendment No. RPPL2024003096, amending the General Plan Safety Element; and determine that the Safety Element, as proposed to be amended, is consistent with and supports the goals and policies of the General Plan.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission on the County of Los Angeles on September 11, 2024.

*Elida Luna*

Elida Luna, Secretary  
County of Los Angeles  
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM: OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By *Kathy Park*

Kathy Park  
Deputy County Counsel  
Office of the County Counsel  
County of Los Angeles

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## BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

 Board Letter

 Board Memo

 Other

<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/08/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	2/4/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	CP H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling Project	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	N/A	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, e-mail your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	In accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act funding deadline, funding is required in early 2025.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$7,400,000	Funding source: \$3,700,000 - Funds Committed for American Rescue Plan–Enabled Capital Programs \$3,700,000 - Department of Health Services' Enterprise Fund Committed for the Department of Health Services
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: N/A	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approve the capital project and budget and authorize Public Works to deliver the project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	The proposed project includes remodeling and alteration of spaces of approximately 4,600 square feet of the existing Urgent Care Clinic with a minor expansion into the Ambulatory Procedure Unit's observation room space on the First Floor of the H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center to expand the Urgent Care Clinic. The scope includes demolition and remodeling; replacement of partition walls, flooring, ceiling tiles, and other finishes; installation of sinks and associated plumbing; and mechanical and electrical upgrades within the remodeled space.	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: The project will ensure that medical health services continue to be provided to a community that has been historically underserved.	
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: These recommendations support Board Priority No. 2 - Alliance for Health Integration by providing prevention, treatment, and healing services.	
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Vincent Yu, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4010, cell (626) 614-7217, <a href="mailto:vyu@pw.lacounty.gov">vyu@pw.lacounty.gov</a>	



MARK PESTRELLA, Director

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE:

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
H. CLAUDE HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER  
URGENT CARE REMODELING PROJECT  
ESTABLISH AND APPROVE PROJECT  
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FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(4-VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval of the H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling Project and authority to use Board-approved Job Order Contract to deliver the project.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Establish and approve H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 8A087, with a total project budget of \$3,700,000; and H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling Project Department of Health Services, Capital Project No. 8A098,

with a total project budget of \$3,700,000; and combined total project budget of \$7,400,000.

3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$3,700,000 from obligated fund balance Committed for American Rescue Plan-Enabled Capital Programs to fund the proposed H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 8A087; and \$2,500,000 from the Department of Health Services' Enterprise Fund Committed for the Department of Health Services to the proposed H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling Project Department of Health Services, Capital Project No. 8A098.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the proposed project using Board-approved Job Order Contract.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find the H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center (CHC) Urgent Care Remodeling Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish and approve the project, project budget, and related appropriation adjustment; and authorize delivery of the project using Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

#### **Background**

The H. Claude Hudson CHC Building is a two-story building built in 1976. The Urgent Care Clinic, located on the First Floor, has seen a significant increase in patient volume over the recent years. The Urgent Care Clinic received 23,218 patient visits in Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 24,122 patient visits in Fiscal Year 2022-23, a 3.89 percent increase, and similar increases are seen annually. With a steady increase of patient visits by four percent every year, the limited nine exam rooms and four observation bays cause overcrowding, long waiting times, and compromised patient privacy. The Urgent Care remodeling will add four more exam rooms and additional observation rooms to accommodate the increasing volume of patients and address the evolving demands of modern medicine.

The proposed project includes remodeling and alteration of spaces of approximately 4,600 square feet of the existing Urgent Care Clinic with a minor expansion into the Ambulatory Procedure Unit's observation room space on the First Floor of the H. Claude Hudson CHC to expand the Urgent Care Clinic. The scope includes demolition and

remodeling; replacement of partition walls, flooring, ceiling tiles, and other finishes; installation of sinks and associated plumbing; and mechanical and electrical upgrades within the remodeled space.

Public Works completed the design using a Board-approved, on-call architectural/engineering firm and is now seeking approval to complete the proposed remodeling project using Board-approved JOC.

Upon approval of the recommended actions, the remodeling is anticipated to begin in March 2025 and will be substantially completed in April 2026.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 1, Make investments that transform lives, Focus Area Goal A, Healthy Individuals and Families, Strategy ii, Improve Health Outcomes, by promoting comprehensive and inclusive care through investments in public healthcare infrastructure that enhance the quality and delivery of healthcare services to Los Angeles County residents; and North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by evaluating our current capital projects and identifying the need to replace or modernize legacy/obsolete infrastructure.

By investing in public healthcare infrastructure improvements, it will enhance the quality and delivery of healthcare services to the residents in the County of Los Angeles, in particular the South County region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total proposed project budget is estimated at \$7,400,000, including remodeling, change order contingency, plans and specifications, permit fees, consultant services, inspection services, and County services.

The project is funded with \$3,700,000 from obligated fund balance Committed for American Rescue Plan-Enabled Capital Programs funds and \$3,700,000 from Department of Health Services' (DHS) Enterprise Fund Committed for the DHS. Two capital project numbers were assigned to this project to assist with tracking funds appropriately. The project budget and schedule are included in Enclosure A.

Approval of the appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) will transfer \$3,700,000 from obligated fund balance Committed for American Rescue Plan-Enabled Capital Programs

to the proposed H. Claude Hudson CHC Urgent Care Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 8A087; and \$2,500,000 from the DHS Enterprise Fund Committed for the DHS to the proposed H. Claude Hudson CHC Urgent Care Remodeling Project DHS, Capital Project No. 8A098.

In future budget phases, DHS will transfer the remaining \$1,200,000 to fulfill its commitment amount of \$3,700,000, which will fully fund the project; and the H. Claude Hudson CHC Urgent Care Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 8A087, will reimburse the Project and Facility Development budget for preliminary predevelopment costs.

There is no additional net County cost impact associated with the recommendations.

#### Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the projects, DHS would request and fund the associated ongoing annual maintenance and operational costs, as needed, with departmental resources in future budget phases.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy amended on August 4, 2020, the project budgets includes one percent of the eligible design and construction costs allocated to the Civic Arts fund, which are estimated at \$53,500, and will be funded from the DHS' Enterprise Fund Committed for the DHS.

The project is subject to Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring.

The proposed project will support the Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design Program policy by minimizing the amount of demolition materials disposed of in landfills during construction and incorporating energy-efficient equipment.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The H. Claude Hudson CHC Urgent Care Remodeling Project includes interior remodeling of an existing building, and is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a), (c), (d), (f), and (h); and 15302 (c); and 15304 (a), (b), and (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 (c), (d), (f), (h), and (i); 2 (a) and (e); and 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document

Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project consists of remodeling the existing urgent care, installation of small new equipment, and accessory structures with negligible or no expansion of an existing use and where replacement features will have the same purpose and capacity.

Additionally, the project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Public Works completed the design using a Board-approved, on-call architect/engineer firm and is now recommending the use of a Board-approved JOC to complete the remodeling work.

The project scope includes remodeling and alteration work of an existing building, and Public Works has made the determination that the use of a JOC is the most appropriate contracting method to deliver the projects.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

In order to avoid disruptions to the Urgent Care services, the Urgent Care Clinic will be vacated during construction and patients will be directed to a temporary alternate clinic location on the First Floor of the H. Claude Hudson CHC. Public Works will expedite construction work to minimize impacts to services provided at the facility.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
February 4, 2025  
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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

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Enclosures

c: Arts and Culture (Civic Art Division)  
Auditor-Controller  
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Health Services (Capital Projects Division)  
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**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Construction Documents	October 2024*
Jurisdictional Approvals	January 2025
Construction Start	March 2025
Substantial Completion	April 2026
Final Acceptance	June 2026

\*Completed Activity

**II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

Project Activity	Proposed Project Budget
Job Order Contract Construction	\$4,700,000
Job Order Contract Contingency	\$ 675,000
Job Order Contract Fees	\$ 100,000
Civic Art	\$ 53,500
Plans and Specifications	\$ 650,000
Consultant Services	\$ 600,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 31,500
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits	\$ 120,000
County Services	\$ 470,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,400,000</b>



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February 04, 2025

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**

**FY 2024-25**

**4 - VOTES**

**SOURCES**

**USES**

BA DETAIL - SEE ATTACHMENT PAGE 1

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**SOURCES TOTAL** \$ 11,200,000

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**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects the transfer of \$3,700,000 from obligated fund balance Committed for American Rescue Plan (ARP)-Enabled Capital Programs, to the H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling Project, Capital Project No. 8A087; and \$2,500,000 from Department of Health Services' (DHS) Enterprise Fund-Committed for DHS to the H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center Urgent Care Remodeling DHS project. Capital Project No. 8A098.

**Jean Lo**

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

JEAN LO, CHIEF, CONTROLLER'S DIVISION

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION  
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APPROVED AS REQUESTED

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY

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SOURCES	USES
<p><b>GENERAL FUND</b> A01-304Q COMMITTED FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN-ENABLED CAPITAL PROGRAMS <b>DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>3,700,000</b></span></p>	<p>HEALTH SERVICES <b>H. CLAUDE HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CUC REMODELING</b> A01-CP-6014-65036-8A087 CAPITAL ASSETS - B &amp; I <b>INCREASE APPROPRIATION</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>3,700,000</b></span></p>
<p><b>DHS ENTERPRISE FUND</b> MN2-3078 COMMITTED FOR DHS <b>DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2,500,000</b></span></p>	<p><b>DHS ENTERPRISE FUND</b> MN2-HS-6100-60070 OTHER FINANCING USES <b>INCREASE APPROPRIATION</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2,500,000</b></span></p>
<p><b>LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND</b> MN4-HG-96-9911-60010 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN <b>INCREASE REVENUE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2,500,000</b></span></p>	<p><b>LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND</b> MN4-HG-96-9912-60010 OPERATING SUBSIDY - GENERAL FUND <b>DECREASE REVENUE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2,500,000</b></span></p>
<p><b>ENT SUB - LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER</b> A01-AC-6100-21200-21224 OTHER FINANCING USES <b>DECREASE APPROPRIATION</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2,500,000</b></span></p>	<p>AMBULATORY CARE NETWORK <b>H. CLAUDE HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CUC REMODELING DHS</b> A01-CP-6014-64050-8A098 CAPITAL ASSETS - B &amp; I <b>INCREASE APPROPRIATION</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2,500,000</b></span></p>
<p><b>SOURCES TOTAL</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ 11,200,000</b></span></p>	<p><b>USES TOTAL</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$ 11,200,000</b></span></p>

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## BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

 Board Letter

 Board Memo

 Other

<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	1/08/2025	
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	2/4/2025	
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Public Works, Health Services, Mental Health	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	AAA CP Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program Generator Building Retrofit Project Component	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	N/A	
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, e-mail your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board letter.</b>	
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	Construction of the Generator Building Retrofit must be completed by fall 2026 to avoid impacts to the completion of the Inpatient Tower.	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	Total cost: \$28,000,000	Funding source: There is sufficient funding in the \$1,806,000,000 Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC) Replacement Program budget approved by the Board on January 22, 2025, to cover the \$28,00,000 cost of the Generator Building Retrofit. The H-UCLA MC Replacement Program is debt financed through short-term Notes, long-term Bonds, or a combination of both types of financing mechanisms.
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: N/A	
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt plans and specifications, advertise for construction bids, award a construction contract, and authorize Internal Services Department to acquire replacement electrical equipment for the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component of the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program.	
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	<p>On February 8, 2022, the Board approved a total project budget of \$1,695,000,000 and a Design-Build Agreement with Hensel Phelps Construction Company. On June 25, 2024, the Board approved the revised project budget of \$1,755,000,000, and on January 21, 2025, the Board approved the revised project budget of \$1,806,000,000.</p> <p>The Generator Building Retrofit is a make-ready component of the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program.</p>	
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: The project will ensure that medical and mental health services continue to be provided to a community that has been historically underserved.	
<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: These recommendations support Board Priority No. 2 - Alliance for Health Integration by consolidating all inpatient and outpatient clinical and mental health services on the H-UCLA MC Campus.	
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Vincent Yu, Deputy Director, (626) 458-4010, cell (626) 614-7217, <a href="mailto:vyu@pw.lacounty.gov">vyu@pw.lacounty.gov</a>	



MARK PESTRELLA, Director

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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REFER TO FILE:

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
GENERATOR BUILDING RETROFIT PROJECT COMPONENT  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
ACQUIRE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT  
SPECS 7944; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 67965  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt plans and specifications, advertise for construction bids, authorize Public Works to award a construction contract, and authorize Internal Services Department to acquire associated electrical equipment for the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed Generator Building Retrofit Project Component, including acquisition of equipment, is within the scope of the environmental impacts analyzed in the previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report and subsequently approved Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3 for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Campus Master Plan.

2. Adopt plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works for construction of the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program, Capital Project No. 67965.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise Generator Building Retrofit Project Component of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program for bids to be received and opened on February 26, 2025, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule for a \$10,000 not-to-exceed amount funded by existing project funds.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to make the determination that a bid is nonresponsive and to reject a bid on that basis; to award to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder; to waive inconsequential and nonmaterial deficiencies in bids submitted; and to determine, in accordance with the applicable contract and bid documents, whether the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder has timely prepared a satisfactory baseline construction schedule and satisfied all conditions for contract award. Upon such determination, authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder, if the low bid can be awarded within the previously Board-approved budget for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program, to establish the effective date of the contract upon receipt by the Public Works of acceptable performance and payment bonds and evidence of required contractor insurance, and to take all other actions necessary and appropriate to deliver the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute any easements, permits, and utility connection agreements necessary for the completion of the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component, provided that the costs related to these easements, permits, and agreements do not cause the project budget to exceed the previously Board-approved budget for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program.
7. Authorize Internal Services Department, as the County Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the Sole Source acquisition of electrical maintenance equipment

items from Quinn Company to replace existing outdated electrical equipment at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Generator Building.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC) Replacement Program is within the scope of the environmental impacts in the previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and subsequently approved Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3; adopt plans and specifications; advertise for construction bids; authorize Public Works to award and execute a construction contract; and authorize Internal Services Department to proceed with the Sole Source acquisition of associated electrical equipment.

#### Background

Senate Bill 1953 mandates that all California General Acute-Care Hospitals meet structural and nonstructural seismic strengthening requirements by January 1, 2030. The previously approved H-UCLA MC Replacement Program will not only bring the hospital into compliance with the mandate, but also consolidate inpatient and outpatient services into new buildings that optimize operational effectiveness, reduce operation and maintenance costs, provide outpatient facilities that accommodate planned patient visits, implement sustainability, and create a campus designed for the wellbeing of patients and staff.

The program includes construction of an Outpatient/Support Building, which includes 234 exam rooms that are distributed across three floors. The clinics are arrayed throughout the floors to promote an integrated care model that meets patients complex care needs. The program also includes construction of an Inpatient Tower Building with 347 inpatient beds, including 36 psychiatric beds, new psychiatric emergency department, and permanent rooftop helistop. The current hospital is licensed at 453 beds and runs an average daily census of 312 patients. The hospital's census has steadily increased over the past four years. The industry standard is to estimate census at 85 percent of licensed bed capacity; using this calculation, the proposed licensed capacity of 347 beds is necessary to meet patient demand.

Additionally the program includes construction of a 1,500-stall above-grade parking structure; a new Central Utility Plant to serve new buildings under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Health Care Access and Information; a new Support Services Building for the campus Information Technology and Facilities staff; a new Regional

Laboratory; and related make-ready work, such as several new surface parking lots, a 66-kilovolt electrical substation, a 12-kilovolt electrical building, and tenant improvements.

On February 8, 2022, the Board approved a revised total project budget of \$1,695,000,000 for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program and authorized the execution of a Stipulated Sum Design-Build contract with Hensel Phelps Construction Company for a maximum not-to-exceed contract sum of \$1,238,179,000.

On June 25, 2024, the Board approved the revised project budget of \$1,755,000,000, an increase of \$60,000,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of \$1,695,000,000, to address design and jurisdictional changes required, unforeseen conditions, and issues related to the Design Builder's Criteria Documents interpretation.

On January 21, 2025, the Board approved the revised project budget of \$1,806,000,000, an increase of \$51,000,000 from the previous Board-approved amount of \$1,755,000,000, to provide additional funding for the make-ready projects, including the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component and various supplemental agreements.

Construction of the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program is 40 percent complete. The Support Services Building and the Parking Structure A are complete. Construction of the Outpatient/Support Building, Inpatient Tower, Regional Lab, and Central Utility Plant began in July 2023, June 2024, August 2024, and November 2024, respectively. Construction of all buildings is scheduled to be completed by August 2027.

#### Generator Building Retrofit Project Component

The Generator Building Retrofit Project Component is a make-ready project component of the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program, which will consist of two increments. The first increment would include the construction of a new stand-alone, approximately 1,000-square-foot building under Health Care Access and Information jurisdiction to house 12-kilovolt normal power distribution equipment. The second increment would include the reconfiguration and upgrade of the campus 12-kilovolt switchgear in the existing Health Care Access and Information generator building, served by six existing 12-kilovolt generators, which feeds essential emergency power throughout the entire campus.

The plans and specifications have been completed, all the necessary jurisdictional approvals have been obtained, and Public Works is recommending the Board adopt and advertise the plans and specifications for construction bids using the County's competitive low-bid process.

To expedite construction if the project is approved, it is recommended that the Board authorize Public Works to award and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, if the low-bid can be awarded within the previously Board-approved budget for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program of \$1,806,000,000. Additionally, to mitigate potential supply chain delays for electrical equipment, it is recommended that the Board authorize Internal Services Department to acquire the electrical equipment, which will be installed by the selected Generator Building Retrofit Component low-bid contractor, via the Sole Source process.

It is anticipated that the construction of the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component would begin in April 2025 and be substantially completed by September 2026.

The proposed consultant services agreement requires the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule that conforms to the County's schedule specification.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives, Focus Area Goal A, Healthy Individuals and Families, Strategy ii, Improve Health Outcomes, by promoting comprehensive and inclusive care through investments in public healthcare infrastructure that enhance the quality and delivery of healthcare services to Los Angeles County residents; and North Star 2, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by evaluating our current Capital Projects and identifying the need to replace or modernize legacy/obsolete infrastructure.

By investing in public healthcare infrastructure improvements, it will enhance the quality and delivery of healthcare services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

On January 21, 2025, the Board approved a revised total project budget of \$1,806,000,000 for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program, Capital Project No. 67965, which includes plans and specifications, construction and related contingency, plan check fees, consultant services, County services, and fixed medical equipment (Enclosure A).

The estimated \$28,000,000 cost for the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component construction and the associated electrical equipment acquisition is within the previously Board-approved budget of \$1,806,000,000. There is sufficient appropriation in the Fiscal



Year 2025-26 budget for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program, Capital Project No. 67965, to cover the total \$28,000,000 cost.

There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

#### Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the project, Department of Health Services will request and fund annual ongoing maintenance and operational costs, as needed, with departmental resources in future budget phases. This Generator Building Retrofit Project Component, when completed, will result in operational and maintenance savings to the H-UCLA MC due to installation of energy efficient equipment.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2002, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the project budget for the H-UCLA MC Replacement Program includes \$2,000,000 Civic Art allocation, which is greater than the \$1,000,000 maximum required by the Board's policy. The \$2,000,000 Civic Art allocation will not be impacted by the Generator Building Project Component.

On December 20, 2016, the Board adopted a new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Development (LEED) policy requiring all new County buildings greater than 10,000 square feet in size to achieve LEED Gold certification. In accordance with this policy, the new buildings will be designed and constructed to achieve LEED Gold Certification with the exception of the parking structure because the United States Green Building Council no longer provides LEED certificates for parking structures. Additionally, the program will continue to support the Board's Policy for Green Building/Sustainable Design Program by recycling disposable material, incorporating energy efficient products during construction, and incorporating native drought-tolerant landscaping.

A standard construction contract, in a form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used that contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to, County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs, Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, and Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015).

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for the projects and are on file with Public Works' Business Relations and Contracts Division.

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the County's Purchasing Agent.

In accordance with Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring, the project will require that at least 30 percent of the California construction labor hours be performed by qualified Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers. The project will also include a job coordinator who will facilitate the implementation of the targeted hiring requirement of the policy.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, the bidder will be required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Construction of the Generator Building Retrofit Project Component is within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the previously certified FEIR dated December 20, 2016, and subsequent Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3 for the H-UCLA MC Master Plan, and certified by the Board on November 10, 2020; November 10, 2020; and February 8, 2022; respectively, and there have been no substantial changes to the project or to circumstances under which it will be undertaken that require further review of findings under California Environmental Quality Act. This scope, which would include construction of a stand-alone 12-kilovolt normal power distribution building and upgrading of existing electrical equipment at the existing Generator Building, are within the scope of work approved by the Board on February 8, 2022, and analyzed in the FEIR and certified Addendum No. 3. The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Environmental Findings of Fact, and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted at the time of FEIR certification will continue to apply.

The location of the documents, custodian of the records, and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter is with Public Works, Project Management Division I, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Fifth Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

The previously certified FEIR and Addenda are available at the location and can also be viewed online at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/harbor-ucla-rp/>.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the State Office Land Use and Innovation in accordance with Section 21152 (a) of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice of Determination to its website pursuant to Section 21092.2.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Advertising for construction bids will be in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements (Enclosure B).

This acquisition of electrical equipment falls under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent and will be accomplished in accordance with the County's Purchasing Policies and Procedures for sole source purchases.

The contract opportunity will be listed on the "Doing Business with the County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites. Public Works will also inform the local small business enterprises about this opportunity for those certified by the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumers and Business Affairs.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBE.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on current services at H-UCLA MC. Construction of the existing generators will be phased to minimize impacts to campus operations. Any shutdowns required will be supported by redundant back-up generators.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
February 4, 2025  
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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

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c: Arts and Culture  
Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Health Services (Capital Projects Division)  
Mental Health

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CORE SERVICE AREA  
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SPECS 7944; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 67965  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Scoping Documents	June 2021*
Design-Build Award	February 2022*
Jurisdictional Approvals	Various
Substantial Completion-Parking Structure A	June 2024*
Substantial Completion-Outpatient/Support Building	June 2026
Substantial Completion-Central Plant	May 2027
Substantial Completion-Inpatient Tower	August 2027
Project Acceptance	December 2027

\* Completed Activity

**II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

Project Budget Category	Revised Project Budget
Design-Build Construction	\$1,233,254,296
Make-Ready Construction	\$ 137,907,872
Change Order Contingency	\$ 121,490,082
Civic Arts	\$ 2,000,000
Stipend	\$ 1,000,000
Medical Equipment Allowance	\$ 49,479,975
Design Completion Allowance	\$ 11,980,707
Plans and Specifications	\$ 54,100,000
Consultant Services	\$ 138,266,068
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 1,650,000
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permits	\$ 24,081,000
County Services	\$ 30,790,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,806,000,000</b>

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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish once a week for two weeks in a weekly newspaper or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Public Works Business Relations and Contracts Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
**INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will receive sealed bids for materials, labor, and equipment required to complete construction for the following project:

<b><u>SD</u></b>	<b><u>SPECS</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF BID OPENING</u></b>
1	7962	Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program Generator Building Retrofit Project Component 1000 West Carson Avenue Torrance, CA 90502	February 26, 2025

Copies of the project manual and drawings may be downloaded for free from the Public Works website <http://pw.lacounty.gov/go/constructioncontracts>. For bid information, please contact Mr. Matt Jerge of Business Relations and Contracts Division at (626) 458-2593 or [mjerge@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:mjerge@pw.lacounty.gov). Each bid shall be submitted on the proper form electronically through BidExpress on/or before 11 a.m. on the bid opening date. Due to the amount of time it takes to download bids from BidExpress, the bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared by Public Works at 2 p.m. using Microsoft Teams Meeting. The information and link to access the bid opening will be posted on the Public Works website under the project information link. Bidders may participate in the public bid opening by visiting the Los Angeles County Public Works Business Opportunities Website at [pw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.com](http://pw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.com), selecting the

project, and clicking on the bid opening link. Once the bid submittal time has closed, the solicitation may be viewed by applying the Status: Closed filter on the Public Works website.

This project requires the general contractor firm to possess a B license classification at the time of bid.

The contractor and all its subcontractors of any tier shall be required to pay prevailing wages to all workers employed in the execution of the work of improvement in accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Copies of prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at Public Works, Business Relations and Contracts Division, which shall be made available to any interested party upon request.

### **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

Public Works, Project Management Division I, will hold an optional prebid conference at 10 a.m. on April 18, 2024, at the project site, 1000 West Carson Avenue, Torrance, CA 90502, to provide information on the scope of work and answer basic questions from the potential bidders. Detailed questions or additional information must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jerge.

### **OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting. The contractor shall make good faith efforts as defined in Section 2000 of the Public Contract Code relating to contracting with Community Business Enterprises.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technical or inconsequential errors and discrepancies in bids submitted in the public's interest.

**Americans with Disabilities Act Information**



Individuals requiring reasonable accessibility accommodations may request written materials in alternate formats, physical accessibility accommodations, sign language interpreters, or other reasonable accommodations by contacting our departmental Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (626) 458-4081, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make contact by first dialing the California Relay Service at 7-1-1. Requests should be made at least one week in advance to ensure availability. When making a reasonable accommodation request, please reference PMI-1.

**Información sobre la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades**



Individuos que requieran acomodamiento razonable pueden solicitar materiales escritos en formatos alternativos, acomodamiento físico, intérpretes en lenguaje de señas Americano ú otros acomodamientos razonables comunicándose con nuestro Coordinador Departamental de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades al (626) 458-4081, de 7:30 a.m. a 5 p.m., lunes a jueves (excluyendo días festivos). Personas con problemas auditivos pueden comunicarse primer marcando al Servicio de Difusión de California al 7-1-1. Solicitudes pueden hacerse por lo menos una semana antes para asegurar disponibilidad. Cuándo se haga una petición razonable para acomodo, por favor mencione PMI-1.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, dated April 9, 2024.

**EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**