



Board of Supervisors

Community Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: September 23, 2026

TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m

MEETING CHAIR: Guadalupe Duran-Medina, 1st Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Montessa Duckett

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S): NONE

3. BOARD MOTIONS ITEM(S):

- A. SD-1 • “Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project (CP No. 8A160)” for October 06, 2026 Board Agenda
- B. SD-1 • “Safeguarding Public and Environmental Health from Data Centers” for October 06, 2026 Board Agenda
- C. SD-3 • “Advancing Low-Carbon Construction in Los Angeles County” for October 06, 2026 Board Agenda

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4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S): NONE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1 minute each speaker)

6. ADJOURNMENT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA,
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Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project (CP No. 8A160)

The Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project (Project) is located at Avocado Heights Park, 14105 Don Julian Road, La Puente, in the unincorporated community of Avocado Heights. Avocado Heights Park serves many neighboring communities with high to very high park need in the East San Gabriel Valley, including Unincorporated Basset and West Puente Valley, which has been identified as priority areas for increasing access to regional recreation in the 2022 Park Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+).

Avocado Heights Park is a 7.8-acre passive park with picnic areas, a children’s play area, multipurpose athletic field, basketball court, exercise and fitness stations, and an equestrian arena. The equestrian arena is connected to a vast public trails network that spans Los Angeles County including several miles of multi-use trails in unincorporated Avocado Heights. It has a history of poor drainage and flooding during rainy season which affects its usability. The proposed Project scope will renovate the equestrian arena surface to improve drainage and reduce flooding, refurbish the arena footing and related renovations. The proposed Project will be delivered through a

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Board-approved Job Order Contract (JOC).

The proposed Project is fully funded by the Avocado Heights – Athens Tipping Fee funds in the amount of \$1,317,000. The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) accelerated the project timeline by proceeding with initial preconstruction activities which included soil testing, report, and drainage analysis in the amount of \$60,000 through the LA County Parks' Operating Budget.

Approval of the appropriation adjustment (Attachment I) will reflect a total increase of \$1,257,000 in appropriation to the Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A160, offset with Avocado Heights – Athens Tipping Fee funds available in LA County Parks' Operating Budget, to fully fund the proposed Project.

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize LA County Parks to deliver the proposed Project utilizing a Board-approved JOC, as the work involves repair, remodeling, and refurbishing of County facilities. LA County Parks has made the determination that JOC is the most appropriate procurement method for delivery of the construction scope. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the JOC.

The JOC contractor who is awarded this contract will be required to fully comply with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program),

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Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program), and Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program). The proposed Project will proceed in accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy (LTWHP) adopted on September 6, 2016, and last amended on June 11, 2019.

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004, and last amended on August 4, 2020, the proposed Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A160 is exempt from the Civic Art Allocation as the scope of work involves underground utilities.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the proposed Project, which includes renovating the equestrian arena base to improve drainage and alleviate flooding, refurbishing the arena footing, and related renovations, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The Project provides for rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

In addition, based on the proposed Project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to

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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, LA County Parks will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find the proposed Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this Board motion and in the records of the project.
2. Establish and approve the proposed Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project, Capital Project Number 8A160, with a total project budget of \$1,317,000.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to reflect an increase of \$1,257,000 in appropriation to the Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A160, offset with Avocado Heights – Athens Tipping Fee funds available in LA County Parks' Operating Budget, to fully fund the proposed Project.
4. Authorize the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and

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Recreation, or her designee, to deliver the proposed Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project through a Board-approved Job Order Contract and Board-approved as-needed consultants.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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 RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

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SOURCES		USES	
PARKS AND RECREATION A01-PK-2000-27640 SERVICES & SUPPLIES DECREASE APPROPRIATION		PARKS AND RECREATION AVOCADO HEIGHTS PARK EQUESTRIAN ARENA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS A01-CP-6014-65043-8A160 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION	
	1,257,000		1,257,000
SOURCES TOTAL		USES TOTAL	
\$ 1,257,000		\$ 1,257,000	

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase of \$1,257,000 in appropriation to the Avocado Heights Park Equestrian Arena Drainage Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A160, fully offset by the Avocado Heights – Athens Tipping Fees available in LA County Parks' Operating Budget, to fully fund the project.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

CYNDI LIEU, FINANCE MANAGER

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

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Safeguarding Public and Environmental Health from Data Centers

Data centers servicing artificial intelligence (AI) consume high rates of energy, over-utilize water resources, contribute to environmental pollution, and impact public health in ways that are still being understood. Since computers and the internet became an integral component of daily life across all industries in the United States, beneficial use data centers have been needed to service computer networks for companies and store data. However, the rise of artificial intelligence has led to the evolvement of a type of data center that can be more expansive in physical size and consumes more natural and infrastructure resources, otherwise known as hyperscale or large-scale data centers. A race to maintain an international lead in AI modeling and a renaissance era for AI technology has spurred the flurry of hyperscale data center development. Although the United States (US) ranks 24th in the world in population adoption of artificial intelligence at 28.3%, in contrast to countries such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with a 64% adoption rate, the US still leads in the development of large-scale data centers - building more than 10 times that of any other country.¹

Residents across the San Gabriel Valley, and across other areas of the country,

¹ <https://hai.stanford.edu/ai-index/2026-ai-index-report>

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have raised significant concerns and sought government involvement for the regulation of data centers through moratoriums, bans, and management. In a study by Stanford University's Center for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, only 23% of the public at large in the United States expected positive impacts from AI. The same study also revealed that globally, the United States ranked the lowest in trust level from residents in governments' ability to regulate AI.

Locally in Los Angeles County, opposition to data centers has been strong. There were 101 pages of public comment received by the Board of Supervisors in reference to the motion which primarily called for a moratorium on data centers. This has had immense impact on the outcome of responses by local jurisdictions, such as Monterey Park, where, in response to a permit application, the City took action to prohibit data centers and support a ballot measure as a means of banning data centers in their community. In November 2026, residents of the City of Alhambra will consider a ballot measure similar to the City of Monterey Park's. Other surrounding cities in the San Gabriel Valley such as Montebello, Baldwin Park, and El Monte have enacted moratoriums on data centers.

Recently, top leaders in the development of AI have vocalized concern regarding the rapid pace at which AI is evolving and expressed a need for stronger safeguards due to the immense risk potential for broad impact on communities across the nation

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should the technology continue at its current trajectory.² Data centers and AI are interconnected and without stronger safeguards and more active intervention leaning on caution, a powerful tool can grossly impact our physical world.

On April 14, 2026, a motion was filed to begin a study to understand potential local impacts of data center development in Los Angeles County and to seek recommendations by County departments, with a focus on unincorporated areas due to the County's jurisdictional boundaries when creating and enforcing ordinances. The motion also directed the County's Chief Executive Office of Legislative Affairs to track and support bills that are intended to regulate data centers. The motion's report-back also included information highlighting the actions of other jurisdictions that range from moratoriums (a temporary pause on permit approvals for data centers) to bans (permanent pause on permit approvals for data centers) and zoning ordinances.³ At the state level, several bills have been submitted and are at varying stages of review. The bills include various elements tied to data centers, including protecting residents from higher electrical rates, requiring data centers to go through an environmental impact review prior to receiving permitting approval, reporting water usage, and more. Across jurisdictions, posture towards data centers is leaning towards more restrictions, oversight, and involvement by local municipalities. The motion's report-back additionally

² <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/09/12/anthropic-ceo-dario-amodei-seeks-immediate-slowdown-artificial-intelligence-01073519>

³ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/215369.pdf>

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included recommendations from LA County Departments of Regional Planning and Public Health regarding next steps. The primary recommendation was for an amendment to Title 22: Zoning Code to define data centers, and to prohibit hyperscale data centers in all zones.

Given the pressing concerns to immediately prevent the environmental and health effects of data centers powering AI from impacting unincorporated County residents, it is imperative that the Board of Supervisors act on the recommendations to prohibit these facilities expediently. Additionally, on September 17, 2026, the Director of the Department of Regional Planning utilized the authority granted to her in Title 22 to rely on the absence of a similarly defined land use to prohibit large scale data centers, until any comprehensive amendments to Title 22 of the Zoning Code are completed.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning to initiate, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the Chief Sustainability Office, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Internal Services Department, and Department of Public Works, work on a comprehensive amendment to Title 22 of the Zoning Code and prepare a corresponding California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis that:
 - a. Establishes clear definitions for data centers based on acreage, square footage, energy use (megawatts), and water consumption, and distinguishes data centers by primary use, ensuring hyperscale and

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artificial intelligence data centers are made clearly distinct from beneficial use data centers, such as enterprise data centers, accessory data centers, or sole-source data centers that are meant for daily computational use; and

- b. Prohibits all large-scale data centers (as defined by the ordinance) in all zones.
2. Direct the Director of the Department of Regional Planning to engage with residents of unincorporated areas to inform them of their action taken to utilize authority granted to her in Title 22 to rely on the absence of a similarly defined land use to prohibit large scale data centers as described in this motion until such time as Directive 1 is completed.
3. Direct the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, in coordination with County Counsel, to evaluate the need for amendments to Title 12, Chapter 12.08, to address low frequency and continuous noise associated with large-scale data centers.
4. Instruct the Chief Executive Office, in collaboration with the Department of Regional Planning, to identify the necessary funding to prepare and implement the amendment to Title 22 and associated environmental analysis under the CEQA described in Directive 1, and, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, to identify the necessary funding to prepare and implement any necessary amendments to Title 12, Chapter 12.08.

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I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Department of Regional Planning, in consultation with County Counsel, to be prepared to introduce a moratorium prohibiting data centers that pose a serious risk and nuisance to health, safety and environmental resources, particularly water and energy resources, when a data center is proposed in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County that presents a current and immediate threat to public health, safety, and welfare.

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Advancing Low-Carbon Construction in Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County is a globally recognized climate leader, nonetheless there is still substantial room to deliver on our commitments to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. The OurCounty Sustainability Plan (OSP) and 2045 Climate Action Plan (CAP) have several goals related to transitioning to sustainable and healthy building design and construction, including:

- Expanding the use of sustainable building materials for County projects, including recycled and repurposed material, low-carbon concrete alternatives, sustainable pavement, renewable and biodegradable materials, energy efficient materials, and locally sourced materials (OSP Action 132)
- Adopting the CALGreen Tier 1 and where possible, Tier 2 statewide green building standards (OSP Action 34).
- Adopting a concrete code for new construction that limits embodied carbon emissions (CAP Action 3.2).
- Adopt reach code requirements that include performance standards to limit the amount of embodied carbon associated with construction (CAP Action 3.3).

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The carbon intensity of a building comes from both its construction and its greenhouse gas emissions during operations. Construction is responsible for 23% of greenhouse gas emissions globally, and the embodied carbon from cement manufacturing is responsible for an estimated 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions through limestone calcination and fossil fuel combustion in the high-temperature kilns that heat concrete to 1,400-1,500 degrees Celsius. The greater Los Angeles region has one of the largest concrete markets in the nation, with an estimated 15 to 20 million cubic yards of annual demand, the volumetric equivalent of pouring concrete for one Olympic swimming pool every two hours

Several state and local governments have set policy on low-carbon construction operations. In 2019, Marin County adopted a low-carbon concrete ordinance and required that all cement meet content or embodied carbon limits. SB 596 (2021) tasks the California Air Resources Board to develop a strategy to reduce the greenhouse gas intensity of cement used in California to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. In 2022, New York City issued its Clean Construction Executive Order directing all City capital construction agencies to use clean construction practices and sustainable building materials, including specifications for low-carbon concrete through its contracts and projects. In 2024, the City of Santa Monica established Global Warming Potential limits and cement reduction mandates for concrete poured in all newly constructed private and public buildings. CALGreen, the State's green building code, requires large non-residential and school building products to reduce embodied carbon through various compliance pathways including the embodied carbon of building products and materials. Strategies to reduce emissions from concrete include use of supplementary cementitious

materials, plant electrification, alternative binders, carbon capture, utilizing recycled concrete aggregates and component salvage.

In May 2026, the US Green Building Council of California (USGBC-CA) in partnership with the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, and City of Long Beach issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking commercially available and emerging low-carbon concrete solutions. Thirty unique market participants responded, indicating strong industry readiness to deploy low-carbon concrete in our market. The report found substantial availability of low-carbon concrete, but barriers for industry to scale – notably reliable demand. The RFI found that most regional cement plants already offer low-carbon concrete alternatives at or below conventional costs, which are estimated to be suitable for roughly 60% of concrete applications by volume.

This year, Los Angeles County Public Works is managing approximately \$3.3 billion in construction contracts across approximately 130 active capital projects, a combination of “horizontal” infrastructure projects like roads, sidewalks, and sewer repair, and “vertical” projects including new office buildings, water treatment plants, and community centers. The County and our public partners, including Metro, have a tremendous opportunity to lead by example, move the market, and significantly reduce the environmental impact of construction, while avoiding cost increases. With the continued organization of USGBC-CA, the County should participate in a regional partnership across government and industry to collaborate on regional, performance-based low-carbon concrete standards, pilot project applications and qualified product lists, and other strategies to bring lower-carbon concrete to scale.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW), in coordination with the Chief Sustainability Office, Internal Services Department, Los Angeles County Development Authority, and other applicable County departments, to report back to the Board in writing within six months with recommendations for a phased approach for reducing embodied carbon in County-funded construction projects. The report should at minimum consider criteria for new construction, substantial renovation/maintenance, and use cases for vertical and horizontal construction. If viable, the report should also include regional performance-based low-carbon concrete standards, qualified products list, and initial pilot application opportunities, as well as a medium-term goal of emissions reduction per concrete poured as part of a phased in implementation roadmap.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that DPW partner with the US Green Building Council of California, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, and other interested regional partners to share best practices and opportunities for regional harmonization to bring low carbon concrete to scale.

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