

## REPORT TO THE HEARING OFFICER

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DATE ISSUED: January 8, 2025

HEARING DATE: January 21, 2025                      AGENDA ITEM: 8

PROJECT NUMBER: PRJ2024-000971-(3)

PERMIT NUMBER(S): Oak Tree Permit (“OTP”) RPPL2024001427

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 3

PROJECT LOCATION: 1362 Old Topanga Canyon Road, Topanga, CA

OWNER: Amber Lincoln

APPLICANT: Veronica Mosqueda

CASE PLANNER: Jon Schneider, Regional Planner  
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This agenda item is an OTP to allow encroachments into the protected zones of six oak trees in association with the installation of a roof-mounted solar energy array on an existing 20-foot-tall 1,637 square-foot single-family residence, including appurtenant wiring, boxes, and panels. The array would consist of 28 panels with a maximum height of six inches and would total approximately 568 square feet in area.

On January 6, 2025, two weeks prior to the public hearing scheduled for January 21, 2025, LA County Planning staff (“Staff”) made a site visit to take photos of the encroachments. Staff observed an oak tree, labeled as Oak Tree #3 on the site plan and in the arborist report, had the majority of its limbs removed. The property owner, Amber Lincoln, told Staff the oak tree was dead, and the arborist noted it on their report, which prompted her to remove the limbs. However, Staff reviewed the arborist report and noted that Oak Tree #3 showed no indication of poor health and stated no pruning, trimming or removal was necessary.

Therefore, Staff requests that the public hearing regarding the OTP scheduled for January 21, 2025 be continued to April 22, 2025 to assess the after-the-fact impacts to onsite Oak Tree #3.

Staff recommends the following motion:

**I, THE HEARING OFFICER, CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. RPPL2024001427 TO APRIL 22, 2025.**

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Reviewed By:

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Robert Glaser, Supervising Regional Planner

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