

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. PRJ2025-004464
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. RPPL2025003809
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2025003811**

WHEREAS, Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 65350, provides for the adoption and amendment of a county's general plan and its elements; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65358 authorizes the amendment of all or part of an adopted general plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the General Plan pursuant to Government Code Section 65300 on October 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan includes a mandatory Safety Element that serves as a policy guide to reduce the potential risks to life, property, economic activity, and social dislocation resulting from natural, human-caused, and climate-induced hazards; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) requires local jurisdictions to adopt and maintain a current local hazard mitigation plan that is approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to remain eligible for federal hazard mitigation assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 County of Los Angeles All-Hazards Mitigation Plan (2025 AHMP) provides a comprehensive framework to identify, assess, and reduce risks from natural and human-caused hazards across unincorporated Los Angeles County (County) and includes updated community profiles, risk and vulnerability assessments, mitigation goals and actions, and addresses the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, the Board approved and adopted the 2025 AHMP, and on September 16, 2025, FEMA issued final approval of the 2025 AHMP; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 AHMP meets the requirements of the DMA and maintains the County's eligibility for federal hazard mitigation assistance programs; and

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WHEREAS, in adopting the 2025 AHMP, the Board directed the Department of Regional Planning (Department), in coordination with the Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Management (CEO-OEM), to prepare a General Plan Safety Element amendment to incorporate the 2025 AHMP by reference following final approval by FEMA, and to return to the Board for formal adoption of the amendment in accordance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 2140 (AB 2140); and

WHEREAS, AB 2140 encourages local jurisdictions to incorporate a FEMA-approved local hazard mitigation plan into the Safety Element of their general plan in order to be eligible for additional State cost-share funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, General Plan Amendment No. RPPL2025003809 (Amendment) implements the Board’s prior direction to incorporate by reference the already adopted and FEMA-approved 2025 AHMP into the Safety Element without modifying the existing Safety Element content, including goals, policies, maps, figures, or technical data; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment does not approve or authorize any specific projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department consulted with relevant State agencies, and the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection issued a final Safety Element Assessment with no recommended revisions; and

WHEREAS, California Native American tribes were notified in accordance with Senate Bill 18, and no requests for consultation were received; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22.222.180 of the Los Angeles County Code, notice of the public hearing was published in local and regional newspapers, including Acton/Agua Dulce News, Antelope Valley Press, Gardena Valley News, Glendale Independent, La Opinión, Los Angeles Daily News, Los Angeles Sentinel, Malibu Times, Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, The Acorn, The Argonaut, The Daily Breeze, The Signal (Santa Clarita), and Whittier Daily News, at least 30 days prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was mailed and emailed to interested parties on the Department’s courtesy lists, sent to the Department’s field offices and 89 libraries, and posted on the Department’s website along with other project materials; and

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WHEREAS, the County Regional Planning Commission (Commission) conducted a duly noticed public hearing on May 20, 2026, to consider the Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. The Amendment is consistent with the General Plan, including the Safety Element, because it does not modify or conflict with the goals and policies of any General Plan element.
2. The Amendment implements Safety Element Policy S-7.8 and supports Safety Element Goal S-7 by supporting the County's hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness planning.
3. The Amendment is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because it does not constitute a "project" under CEQA, as it is an administrative activity of government that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.
4. In the alternative, if the Amendment were considered a project under CEQA, it is statutorily exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and qualifies for the common sense exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the Amendment will not have a significant effect on the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission recommends to the Board as follows:

1. That the Board hold a duly noticed public hearing to consider Project No. PRJ2025-004464, which includes General Plan Amendment No. RPPL2025003809 and Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2025003811;
2. That the Board find the Amendment is not a project under CEQA, and in the alternative, is statutorily exempt as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c), and qualifies for the common sense exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
3. That the Board adopt General Plan Amendment No. RPPL2025003809, amending the General Plan Safety Element to incorporate by reference the

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2025 AHMP, and find that the Safety Element, as amended, is consistent with and supports the goals and policies of the General Plan; and

4. That the Board direct the Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with the Department of Regional Planning, to transmit the signed adoption resolution and a link to the General Plan Safety Element to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services for review and approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 2140.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on May 20, 2026.

Elida Luna, Secretary
Regional Planning Commission
County of Los Angeles

APPROVED AS TO FORM: OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____

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