

MINUTES

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Meeting Date: April 15, 2026 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor (Arrived at 9:10 a.m.), Moon, Hastings

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Ms. Aracely Lasso, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Kathy Park, Deputy County Counsel

Planning Director: Mr. Kevin Finkal, Acting Assistant Deputy Director, Current Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Mr. Juan Padilla, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

CHAIR OPENING

- 1. Opening Remarks**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Land Acknowledgment**

The Land Acknowledgment Statement was led by Chair Moon representing the Second District. The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants -- past, present, and emerging -- as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the: Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation, Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, San Fernando Band of Mission Indians, Coastal Band of Chumash Nation, Gabrielino/Tongva Nation, Gabrielino Tongva Tribe. To learn more

CHAIR OPENING (Cont.)

about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at lanaic.lacounty.gov.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Duarte-White representing the First Supervisorial District.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/Duarte-White – That the agenda for April 15, 2026, be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved with Commissioners Hastings, Duarte-White, Louie, Moon in favor and Commissioner O’Connor being recorded as absent.

6. Minutes For Approval

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/Louie – That the minutes for March 18, 2026, be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Hastings, Louie, Duarte-White, Moon in favor and Commissioner O’Connor being recorded as absent.

7. County Counsel Instructions

County Counsel stated for the record that while this is an online meeting, it is a public meeting the same as if it were held in person in the Commission’s hearing room and rules that allow for an orderly meeting shall apply. As such, when speaking on an agenda item, comments should address the item on the agenda and no other issues.

Similarly, if speaking during public comment, comments should be limited to issues related to the business of the Regional Planning Commission.

If speakers do not remain on topic, they may be reminded by the Chair or myself to do so. Failure to discuss issues not related to the agenda item, may result in the loss of the right to speak on the item or other items, if directed by the Chair. In addition, speakers should refrain from conduct that is disruptive of the meeting. Doing so also could result in the loss of the right to speak on the agenda item or any other items.

Disruptive conduct can include, but is not limited to, threats made against other speakers, the Commission or its members, or any others participating in the meeting, profane comments not related to the agenda item, or disorderly or contemptuous behavior leading to a disruption of the orderly progression and holding of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Cont.)

In such cases, the Chair will advise that the behavior is disruptive and direct that the speaker's microphone be disabled. That person may, however, continue to observe the meeting. Further, disruptive behavior communicated to the panelists of the meeting, which include the Commission and County staff, may result in the removal of that person from the meeting by disconnecting them from the online connection.

8. Admission Procedures

Staff announced if you are joining us via telephone and want to provide comment on any of the agenda items, please send an email to comment@planning.lacounty.gov and provide the agenda item number, your first name, your last name, your email address, your phone number, and indicate if you are the applicant or not the applicant.

All participants' microphones will be muted during the meeting unless you have signed up to provide comment. If you have signed up to provide comment, your microphone will be unmuted when it is time for you to speak, and staff will call your name.

REPORTS**9. County Counsel**

There were no reports given by Counsel.

10. Director/Deputy Director

The Assistant Deputy Director reported that at yesterday's Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board received a presentation on the County's draft budget for FY 2026–27, noting significant financial constraints due to restricted revenues. Regional Planning has remained largely insulated from curtailments due to our involvement in the efforts in the Altadena and Palisades areas.

Regional Planning will serve as co-lead with the Department of Public Health on a report to the Board within 120 days regarding potential policy and regulatory considerations for large-scale AI data centers. Additional participating departments will include Public Works, Internal Services, the Fire Chief, the Chief Sustainability Officer, and County Counsel.

Regional Planning will also participate in upcoming motions led by the Department of Homeless Services aimed at reducing housing instability. These include initiatives to establish a local preference policy for housing developments and affordable housing and to recognize housing insecurity as a public health crisis.

Lastly, the Board approved several contracts related to our efforts for Capital Improvement Plans across several planning areas, including East and West San Gabriel Valley, South Bay, Westside, and Metro.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)North County Development ServicesProject Approved

11. **(Continued without opening the public hearing from 2/18/26). Project No. PRJ2024-000280-(5). Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2024000375. Planner: Michelle Fleishman. Applicant: Dollar General. 48043 90th Street West, Lancaster. Antelope Valley Planning Area. To authorize the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Type 20 California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control License) at an existing retail store (“Dollar General”) located in the C-RU (Rural Commercial) Zone. This project is categorically exempt (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Ms. Fleishman presented the staff report, followed by testimony from the applicant’s representative, Mr. Peter Shittingham, in support of the project. With no members of the public appearing either in person or virtually in opposition, no rebuttal was required. There was further discussion by the Commissioners and Staff addressed their questions.

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/O’Connor – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2024000375 subject to the findings and conditions with the modification to remove Condition No. 39.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. The appeal period for this item ends on April 29, 2022.

Project Approved

12. **(Continued without opening the public hearing from 2/18/26). Project No. PRJ2024-002598-(5). Planner: Michelle Fleishman. Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2024003894. Applicant: Dollar General. 40360 170th Street East, Palmdale. Antelope Valley Planning Area. To authorize the sale of beer and wine (previously approved for a full line of alcohol) for off-site consumption (Type 20 California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control License) at an existing retail store (“Dollar General”). This project is categorically exempt (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

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PUBLIC COMMENT

13. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

Public comment on any items not specifically agendized pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

14. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.240.010.B of the Los Angeles County Code.

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

15. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

There were no reports given by Commission/Counsel/Director.

ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

The Commission adjourned at 9:47 a.m. to Wednesday, April 22, 2026.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Elvin W. Moon, Chair



Kevin Finkal, Acting Assistant Deputy Director
Current Planning