

MINUTES

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Meeting Date: April 22, 2026 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor (Arrived at 9:09 a.m.), Moon, Hastings (Virtually)

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Clarence Su, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Kathy Park, Deputy County Counsel

Planning Director: Mr. David DeGrazia, 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: Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrieleño Band of Mission

CHAIR OPENING (Cont.)

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 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 Diarte-White/Louie – That the agenda for April 22, 2026, be approved.

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

6. Minutes For Approval

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Louie/Duarte-White – That the minutes for March 25, 2026, be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved with Commissioners Louie, Duarte-White, Moon, Hastings 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 agendized 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 agendized 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

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to the agenda item, or disorderly or contemptuous behavior leading to a disruption of the orderly progression and holding of the meeting.

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

There were no reports given by the Director/Deputy Director.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)**Puente Whittier Development Services****Action Taken as Noted**

- 11. Project No. PRJ2023-001073-(1). Conditional Use Permit RPPL2023001516. Planner: Carl Nadela. Applicant: The Renken Company, Inc. 13860 Valley Boulevard, Avocado Heights. East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. To authorize the legalization of existing auto repair, auto body and auto painting uses in an existing industrial building in the M-1.5-BE-IP-GZ (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing – Billboard Exclusion – Industrial Preservation – Green Zone) Zone. This project is categorically exempt (Class 1 - Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Duarte-White/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission continue Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2023001516 without opening the public hearing to May 13, 2026.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Foothills Development ServicesProject Approved

- 12. Project No. PRJ2023-00474-(5). Planner: Jolee Hui. Applicant: Altadena Library District. 600 E. Mariposa Street, Altadena. West San Gabriel Valley Planning Area. a. Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2023000666. To authorize the continued use and operation, with a proposed renovation and expansion, of an existing public library ("Altadena Main Library") in the R-1-10,000 (Single-Family Residence - 10,000 Square Feet Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. b. Oak Tree Permit No. RPPL2025003986. To authorize encroachment into the protected zone of two non-heritage-sized oak trees associated with the proposed utility undergrounding and infrastructure improvements. c. Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2024005464. To consider an EIR with significant and unavoidable impacts to Cultural Resources that cannot be mitigated to less than significant, and impacts to Biological Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources considered and reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures, pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements. In addition to the EIR, this includes a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Findings of Fact, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations.**

Ms. Hui presented the staff report with testimony being followed by the applicants Dr. Katie Clark, of the Altadena Library District, and Mr. Mark Schoeman, Principal Architect, ABA Studios, in support of the project.

The Commission opened the public hearing and received testimony from three member of the community: Hans Allhoff, President of Altadena Heritage; Joan Riback, Neighbors Building a Better Altadena; and Mark Mariscal, President of Altadena Library Foundation and Board Member of Friends of the Altadena Libraries, all in support of the project. No members of the public were present, either in person or virtually, in opposition, no rebuttal was required.

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Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/Duarte-White – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and certify the Final Environmental Impact Report along with the required Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations and Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Cont.)

Motion/seconded by Commissioners Hastings/Duarte-White – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2023000666 and Oak Tree Permit No. RPPL2025003986 subject to the findings and conditions.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. The appeal period for this item ends on May 6, 2026.

Coastal Development ServicesProject Approved

- 13. Project PRJ2022-004233-(4). Planner: Tyler Montgomery. Applicant: Emily Mallonee. Airport-in-the-Sky, Santa Catalina Island. Coastal Islands Planning Area. a. Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2022013117. To authorize construction of a solar photovoltaic facility, consisting of 304 ground-mounted solar modules covering 10,400 square feet, adjacent to the Catalina Airport-in-the-Sky and located on the same parcel as the Buffalo Springs Significant Ecological Area, in the OS/C (Open Space/Conservation) Zone within the Santa Catalina Island Local Coastal Plan Area. b. Coastal Development Permit No. RPPL2022013100. To authorize development of the solar photovoltaic facility within the Santa Catalina Island Local Coastal Plan area. This project is categorically exempt (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.**

Mr. Montgomery presented the staff report, followed by testimony from the applicant's representative, Mr. Mark Thoke, 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 Duarte-White/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 Duarte-White/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission approve Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2022013117 and Coastal Development Permit No. RPPL2022013100 subject to the findings and conditions.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. The appeal period for this item ends on May 6, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

14. 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

15. 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.

16. 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 10:06 a.m. to Wednesday, April 29, 2026.



Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Elvin W. Moon, Chair



David DeGrazia, Deputy Director