

MINUTES

**DRAFT – Until Approved by
the RPC 03/26/2025
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Meeting Place: In-Person: 320 W. Temple Street, Room 150, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Virtual (Online): <https://bit.ly/ZOOM-RPC> Webinar ID: 858 6032 6429 Or call by phone: (669) 444-9171 or (719) 359-4580

Meeting Date: February 26, 2025 - Wednesday Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Duarte-White, Louie, O'Connor, 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. Ed Rojas, Assistant Deputy Director, Advance Planning Division

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

1. The Land Acknowledgment Statement was led by Chair Louie 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, Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, San Fernando Band of Mission Indians. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Moon representing the Fourth Supervisorial District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Duarte-White – That the agenda for February 26, 2025, be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved unanimously.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

4. 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.

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.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

5. The Director of Regional Planning stated that at yesterday’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) meeting, the Board approved Project No. PRJ2023-003193 Amending County Code, Title 2 - Administration and Title 22 - Planning and Zoning for the Tune Up Series 003 Ordinance where we made certain changes to Title 22, to resolve inconsistencies and make sure that we were using current references to entertain some language based on litigation and best practices at the recommendation of County Counsel. The second item Project No. PRJ2021-002039, the General Plan Safety Element Amendment was an amendment to our existing safety element. We received directions from a trial court case that we needed to update a specific map to be

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more consistent with new state legislation. Lastly, the Director presented the Department's budget to the Board for the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal years.

- 5(a).** A presentation by Aaron Ordower regarding the Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery (“Commission”), formed by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath in partnership with the University of California, Los Angeles, in response to the January 2025 wildfires.

At the direction of the Chair, with no further questions for staff, the Commissioners accepted the update.

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- 6.** Motion/seconded by Commissioners Moon/Duarte-White – That the minutes for January 29, 2025, be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGNorth County Development ServicesProject Approved

- 7. Project No. PRJ2025-000134-(3) Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2025000161 Planner: Cameron Robertson Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area to amend the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program to include provisions for disaster recovery. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15265, 15269, Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA reporting requirements.**

Staff presented the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone Disaster Recovery Ordinance amending Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code to facilitate disaster recovery. The Ordinance amends the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program (LIP) to include provisions for temporary housing and the reconstruction of homes, associated utilities, and access for properties that suffered permanent damage or destruction as a result of disasters such as wildfire. The proposed provisions cover activities that are associated with the rebuild

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process and are critical for homeowners and communities to recover after such disaster. The Project proposes that Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Exemptions under the LIP be extended to include the replacement of on-site wastewater treatment systems and water tanks. The Project proposes that temporary housing be included as a new use permitted through Emergency CDP. A new permit type, De Minimis Waiver, is proposed for improvements not otherwise exempt from the LIP. A new filing fee would be implemented for the De Minimis Waiver, equivalent to the CDP Exemption.

The proposed rebuilding activities that would be subject to the De Minimis Waiver include:

- On-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) and water tanks that are new or beyond +10% rebuild allowance
- Structure relocation due to debris flow
- Minor driveway and access road improvements to meet Fire code
- Exploratory testing for relocation of water wells or on-site wastewater treatment systems

The Commission opened the public hearing and took testimony from three community members voicing their concerns and recommending modifications to the Project. There was further discussion by the Commission and staff addressed the Commissions questions.

For further action and discussion visit:

http://lacdrp.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1

Motion/seconded by Commissioners O'Connor/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and find that the project is exempt pursuant to state and local CEQA guidelines.

Motion/seconded by Commissioners O'Connor/Moon – That the Regional Planning Commission adopt the resolution recommending approval to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone Disaster Recovery Ordinance, Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2025000161, with revisions recommended by staff.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously. This matter will be scheduled for a future Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

9. 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.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

10. 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 10:12 a.m. to Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Elida Luna, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE

David Louie, Chair

Ed Rojas, Assistant Deputy Director
Advance Planning Division