



# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

The Significant Ecological Areas Technical Advisory Committee (SEATAC) and the Environmental Review Board (ERB) are advisory committees to the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) and the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission (RPC).

SEATAC and ERB review the biological reports and projects for private development for consistency with the County regulations and policies for biological resource areas.

### **SENSITIVE ECOLOGICAL AREAS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (SEATAC)**

SEATAC consists of members from the private and public sectors with a range of expertise in ecology and habitat restoration. The mandate of the SEATAC is to conserve SEA resources by developing as viable and natural a condition as possible without treating the areas as preserves and prohibiting development. They assist DRP in assessing a project's impact on biological resources within Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) by: 1) ruling on the adequacy of the biological constraints analysis and biota report; 2) recommending redesign and/or mitigation measures to minimize or mitigate impacts to biological resources; and 3) ruling on a project's compatibility with a SEA using the SEA Ordinance and the SEA Design Compatibility Criteria of the General Plan. The SEATAC review process is set forth in Section 22.102.150 of the County Code.

SEATAC members are appointed by the Director of Regional Planning. The committee meets the first Monday of each month to review developmental projects located in SEAs.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD (ERB)**

The Environmental Review Board (ERB) is an expert advisory committee established by the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (SMMLCP) that assists in assessing impacts of proposed development on biological resources within or in proximity to sensitive environmental resource areas (SERAs) in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone. They assist DRP in the biological impact analysis by: 1) reviewing biological inventories and biological assessments for adequacy and content; 2) reviewing development proposals for conformity with all applicable biological resource protection policies, provisions, and development standards of the SMMLCP; and 3) reviewing requests to modify mapped habitat categories located on properties proposed for development. The ERB review process is set forth in Section 22.44.1850 et seq. of the County Code.

ERB members are appointed by the Director of Regional Planning. The committee meets the third Monday of each month to review development projects in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Which Advisory Committee are you applying for?

SEATAC  ERB

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Is there any potential conflict of interest in your present occupation and serving on SEATAC or ERB?

No  Yes  Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE (select all that apply)**

1. Has your professional experience exposed you to land entitlement or environmental review processes, as it is implemented by the Department of Regional Planning?

No  Yes  Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which of the following best describes the forum in which you practice biology:

- Academic (research or teaching)
- Agency-related (permitting, project review)
- Consulting (surveys and report writing for public or private sector clients)
- Non-profit (environmental advocacy)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your past and/or present involvement in community affairs?

- Served on a community task force or blue-ribbon committee.
- Served as volunteer in city or county government.
- Held an elected position in government.
- Participated in community advocacy groups or organizations.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your previous experience and participation with the Department of Regional Planning:

- Familiar with the County General Plan and zoning ordinances.
- Familiar with the Los Angeles County Local Coastal Program for the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone.
- Served on citizens advisory committee for community or area-wide plan.
- Participated in County planning through contributing input at hearings before Regional Planning Commission.
- Interacted with the planning and/or development process as a professional consultant.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Which of the following areas do you have experience in?**

- Conducting detailed biological field investigations identifying the resource value of flora and fauna habitats and their boundaries.
- Participating as staff in conducting biological research, analysis and writing of environmental impact reports or statements.
- Specific experience and involvement with design practices related to biotic habitat protection in a variety of locations.
- Author of books and/or journal articles on the scientific study of flora and fauna habitats and measures for their protection, including inter-relationships with land development or the planning and regulatory process of local governments. Acting as a supervising biological consultant in the resolution of complex environmental issues conducting biological field investigations and follow up environmental studies, reports and impact statements.
- Acting as a liaison between environmental organizations and government agencies in resolving complex environmental issues.
- A general knowledge of County planning and functions embracing an understanding of the County's planning role as well as environmental constraints to development.

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**6. Which of the following tasks do you have experience in:**

- Experience conducting fundamental research in plant or animal ecology.
- Experience conducting general field reconnaissance surveys for plants, vegetation, and vertebrates.
- Experience conducting focused surveys based on agency-published methodologies for rare or endangered species.
- Experience writing biological technical reports for review by public permitting or licensing agencies
- Experience developing or reviewing mitigation measures, conditions, or project design features for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating biological resource impacts of land development, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act or the National Environmental Policy Act.

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**7. Which of the following statements best describes your level of project design experience in the area of biotic habitat protection?**

- Supervised biotic studies in ecologically sensitive areas and developed appropriate design schemes incorporating preservation of valued plant and animal life.
- Served as technical staff in the preparation of design plans to mitigate the impacts of urban development in ecologically sensitive areas.
- Served as entry level staff member in the preparation of design plans for ecologically sensitive areas.
- Other:

**APPLICATION SUBMITTAL**

Please submit this application and items below to: [SEATAC@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:SEATAC@planning.lacounty.gov)

- Resume/CV
- Cover Letter/Statement of Purpose
- Sample of work produced and description of your role in the development of it (such as primary author, contributor, reviewer, technical assistant, etc.). Submit a link to the document if it is larger than 20 MB.
- A minimum of two references (name, telephone number, company/organization, title)

For more information on this application or process, please send emails to [SEATAC@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:SEATAC@planning.lacounty.gov)