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PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DETERMINATION DATE: June 14, 2023

PROJECT NUMBER: PRJ2020-002395-(1-5)

PERMIT NUMBER(S): Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2020007456

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1-5

PROJECT LOCATION: Countywide

CASE PLANNER: Cameron Robertson, Regional Planner

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Los Angeles County ("County") completed an initial review for the above-mentioned project. Based on examination of the project proposal, the County proposes that this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Class 7 Exemption, Actions by Regulatory Agencies to Protect Natural Resources, and Class 8 Exemption, Actions by Regulatory Agencies to Protect the Environment) under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the County environmental guidelines. The project will reduce risks to communities and impacts to environmental and natural resources resulting from wildfire, such as loss of vegetation and biodiversity, erosion, landslides, debris flows, water quality impacts, and contaminated and hazardous material disposal challenges. The project modifies existing regulations and introduces additional regulations for new development located in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone ("VHFHSZ") and in Hillside Management Areas ("HMA"), which are both characterized by high ecological value and elevated wildfire risk.

The project does not relax development standards or make development standards more permissive for environmental impacts, and introduces development standards to increase the level of protection of the environment. No construction activities are proposed or authorized by this project. Projects subject to the ordinance are subject to discretionary permit process, and thus require separate project-specific CEQA analysis, where appropriate.