

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. 2019-002015-(1-5)
ADVANCE PLANNING NO. RPPL2019003630
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2019003635**

WHEREAS, Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code ("Government Code") (commencing with section 65350) provides for the adoption of, and amendment to, a county's general plan and elements thereof;

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65358 allows for the amendment of all or part of an adopted general plan and specifies that each amendment may include more than one change to the general plan;

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") of the County of Los Angeles ("County") conducted a duly noticed public hearing on November 15, 2023 on: (1) amendments to the County General Plan Air Quality Element and associated implementation programs; (2) updating the implementing component of the Air Quality Element with the Los Angeles County 2045 Climate Action Plan ("2045 CAP"); and (3) the Final Program Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") for the 2045 CAP; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. The County Board of Supervisors ("Board") adopted the General Plan, pursuant to California Government Code ("Government Code") section 65300 on October 6, 2015;
2. The 2045 CAP was developed as a comprehensive update to replace the *Unincorporated Los Angeles County Community Climate Action Plan 2020*, an implementing component of the General Plan Air Quality Element;
3. Air Quality Element goals and policies are proposed to be amended to set the policy framework for the 2045 CAP;
4. General Plan implementation programs for the Air Quality Element are proposed to be amended to remove completed programs, retain ongoing programs, and eliminate redundancies;
5. The 2045 CAP is the County's plan for meeting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets for unincorporated Los Angeles County by the years 2030, 2035, and 2045. Its purposes include implementing the GHG emissions reduction policies

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of the General Plan Air Quality Element and ensuring that the County contributes its fair share to statewide GHG emissions reductions;

6. The objectives of the 2045 CAP are as follows: identify detailed programs, actions, and performance goals to achieve the climate action policies of the General Plan; identify GHG emissions reduction targets tailored to unincorporated Los Angeles County that closely align with State and County climate goals; provide a road map for reducing GHG emissions to achieve the County's GHG emissions reduction targets; encourage sustainable housing production at all levels of affordability, including increasing housing densities near transit to the extent allowed in the General Plan; and demonstrate a level of GHG emissions below which the County would have less than cumulatively considerable GHG impacts for future environmental review projects and provide CEQA streamlining process for development projects (serve as a "qualified CAP") via the 2045 CAP CEQA Streamlining Checklist;
7. The 2045 CAP includes the following: GHG emissions inventory for 2018; emissions forecasts for 2030, 2035, and 2045; GHG emissions targets for 2030, 2035, and 2045; suite of GHG emissions reduction strategies, measures, and actions to reduce GHG emissions from major sectors; technical modeling appendix to explain the 2045 CAP's GHG emissions reduction estimates; consideration of environmental justice and equity concerns; implementation and monitoring measures to ensure successful climate action; and a new voluntary CEQA streamlining checklist to allow future projects to streamline GHG emissions analyses pursuant to CEQA;
8. The 2045 CAP would be implemented in unincorporated Los Angeles County;
9. The Air Quality Element, as proposed to be amended, is consistent with all the other elements of the General Plan as required per State law, in that it does not require any significant changes to the other elements of the General Plan, or recommend policies or programs that conflict with goals and policies of other General Plan elements. The Air Quality Element policies, as proposed to be amended, are consistent with other General Plan policies, with particular focus on supporting GHG emissions reductions;
10. In accordance with California Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 and Government Code section 65352.3, California Native American Tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area that have requested project notification were notified and invited to request consultation regarding the Project;
11. Five total written responses were received from the following tribes: Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Santa Ynez Chumash. The representative of the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation requested consultation under Government Code section 65352.3, but did not respond to multiple attempts to schedule the consultation meeting. The four other tribes responded that no consultation is requested for the Project. The

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County concluded the consultation process with the Coastal Band of Chumash Indians;

12. A Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2045 CAP was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and County CEQA guidelines. The Project evaluated in the PEIR includes the 2045 CAP, as well as associated updates to the Air Quality Element and General Plan implementation program for the Air Quality Element. The EIR Notice of Preparation was available for public review from January 3, 2022 to February 1, 2022;
13. The 2045 CAP considered for approval reflects the further development and refinement that resulted from public review of Draft 2045 CAP analyzed in the Draft PEIR and the Revised Draft 2045 CAP analyzed in the Recirculated Draft PEIR;
14. Based on comments received on the Draft PEIR circulated between May 25, 2022 to July 18, 2022 and the adoption of Assembly Bill (AB) 1279 during that period, the 2045 CAP was revised to include an additional emissions reduction target for 2045, consistent with AB 1279. A new Alternative 3 that includes the minimum targets needed to “align” with California’s codified statewide targets for 2030 and 2045 was included in a Recirculated Draft PEIR, along with other content to address issues raised by public comments on the Draft PEIR;
15. The Recirculated Draft PEIR was released for a 45-day public review period from March 30, 2023 to May 15, 2023. The Recirculated Draft PEIR concludes that the Project would result in less than significant impacts after applicable mitigation measures to certain impacts within the following environmental resource areas: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Population and Housing, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire;
16. The CEQA Findings of Fact provide a complete summary of environmental resource areas that would have less than significant impact with mitigation measures, and environmental resource areas with significant and unavoidable impacts;
17. Certain impacts to Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Noise, and Utilities and Service Systems were determined to be significant and unavoidable, and would require adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations prior to project approval;
18. The County prepared the Final PEIR as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, consisting of: the Recirculated Draft PEIR, including revisions; all appendices to the Recirculated Draft PEIR (Appendices A-G), including revisions; comments received on the Recirculated Draft PEIR; a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies

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commenting on the Recirculated Draft PEIR; County responses to significant environmental issues raised in Recirculated Draft PEIR comments; and other information;

19. The Final PEIR presents responses to public comments on significant environmental issues received on the Recirculated Draft PEIR during the March 30, 2023 to May 15, 2023 comment period. A total of 21 correspondences were received in response to the Recirculated Draft PEIR. None of the comments or revisions made to the Recirculated Draft PEIR resulted in “significant new information” as defined by CEQA Guidelines § 15088.5 being added to the EIR. For example, none of the comments or revisions resulted in new significant impacts; resulted in a substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact identified in the Recirculated Draft PEIR; or brought forth a feasible project alternative or mitigation measure that is considerably different from those set forth in the Recirculated Draft PEIR;
20. The County prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to monitor implementation of mitigation measures proposed in the Final PEIR, as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15097;
21. As detailed in the Statement of Overriding Considerations, the Project has economic, legal, social, technological, environmental, and other benefits that outweigh the significant and unavoidable environmental effects as described. The Project will provide benefits to Los Angeles County and the region as follows: Improves Regional Air Quality, Increases Community Resiliency, Promotes Green Jobs, Lowers Energy Costs, Fights Drought, Improves Active Transportation, Improves CEQA Streamlining, Achieves Statewide Climate Goals, Encourages Green Investment, and Promotes Environmental and Social Justice;
22. The Department of Regional Planning conducted outreach for the development of the proposed 2045 CAP and engaged various stakeholder groups, community members, and the youth. The Department engaged in a robust and varied outreach strategy attending events and conducting meetings throughout the planning process. The Department organized and/or attended approximately 71 events and workshops for the 2045 CAP;
23. Pursuant to Section 22.222.180 of the County Code, a public hearing notice was published in the following local and regional newspapers between October 5-13, 2023: Acton/Agua Dulce News, Antelope Valley News, Gardena Valley News, Glendale Independent, La Opinión, Sentinel, Malibu Times, Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley News, The Acorn, The Argonaut, The Daily Breeze, The Signal, and Whittier Daily;
24. The public hearing notice was sent by email to 612 interested parties who requested Project-related information and registered for departmental contact lists. Materials

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were also posted on the Department's website and promoted through social media;
and

*25. On November 15, 2023, the Commission conducted a duly-noticed public hearing to
[Reserved for Hearing Proceedings].*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommends to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) as follows:

1. That the Board certify the Final PEIR, Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2019003635, by finding, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15090, that the Final PEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA; that the Final PEIR was presented to and reviewed and considered by the Board prior to approving the Project; and that the Final PEIR reflects the County's independent judgment and analysis;
2. That the Board adopt the proposed CEQA Findings of Fact, that have been prepared pursuant to Pub. Res. Code §§ 21081 and 21081.5 and CEQA Guidelines 15091;
3. That the Board adopt the proposed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program;
4. That through adopting the proposed Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared pursuant to Pub. Res. Code § 21081(b) and CEQA Guidelines § 15093, the Board determine that the Project's significant and unavoidable impacts are outweighed by specific social, economic, legal, technological, or other considerations;
5. That the Board holds a public hearing to consider adoption of the 2045 CAP and General Plan Air Quality Element and implementation program amendments;
6. That the Board adopt Advance Planning No. RPPL2019003630, amending the General Plan with the updated Air Quality Element and implementation program amendments; adopt the 2045 CAP; and determine that the Air Quality Element, as proposed to be amended, is consistent with and supports the goals and policies of the General Plan.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission on the County of Los Angeles on November 15, 2023.

Elida Luna, Secretary
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

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