



Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING THE CENTENNIAL SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT JOB TRAINING PROGRAM (AGENDA ITEM 48, DECEMBER 11, 2018)

On December 11, 2018, your Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) instructed the Director of Regional Planning, in collaboration with the Director of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), to include in the annual report back to the Board, the following:

- The types of jobs that will be created by the Centennial Specific Plan Project (Centennial Project), including temporary and long-term jobs;
- The role America's Job Centers of California will have in facilitating job training and placement for those jobs; and
- The feasibility of locating a WDACS center near or within the Project site.

This report provides an overview of County efforts during the year 2019 and was prepared in consultation with WDACS.

I. CENTENNIAL LITIGATION HOLD

On April 30, 2019, your Board approved the Centennial Project, which included a Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Development Agreement, Conditional Use Permit, and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map along with a Final Environmental Impact Report.

On May 28, 2019, petitioners Center for Biological Diversity and the California Native Plant Society filed a verified petition for writ of mandate challenging the Centennial Project. Additionally, in a separate action filed on May 15, 2019, petitioner Climate Resolve filed a verified petition for writ of mandate challenging the Centennial Project. The basis of these actions are allegations that the approvals violated the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Planning and Zoning Law. The cases were filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

At present, County Counsel, assigned outside counsel (Sohagi Law Group) and the Department of Regional Planning staff are working with the real parties in interest (Centennial Founders LLC and Tejon Ranch Corporation) and petitioner counsels, to finalize the administrative record for matters pertaining to the litigation.

Due to ongoing litigation, actions generally pertaining to the subsequent case processing and development of the Centennial Project have been placed on hold since May 15, 2019, pending a court decision. Likewise, actions specifically pertaining to the implementation of the Centennial Project's job training program have also been placed on hold since May 15, 2019. Therefore, there is no new information to report on the progress of the aforementioned job training program.

The next report will be provided to you no later than April 30, 2021.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Joshua Huntington, Section Head, Land Divisions Section at (213) 974-6433 or jhuntington@planning.lacounty.gov.

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