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## **ADVISORY PANEL REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING THE OIL AND GAS STRIKE TEAM FOR UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY (MARCH 29, 2016 – AGENDA ITEM NO. 12)**

On March 29, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion instructing the Director of Regional Planning, in coordination with the Fire Chief, Director of Public Health, and Director of Public Works to convene a Strike Team to assess the conditions, regulatory compliance and potential public health and safety risk associated with existing oil and gas facilities in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Board instructed the Strike Team to report back on a biannual basis with a summary of its findings and any recommendations on legislative and regulatory positions that the Board should consider.

The Board also requested that a five-member Advisory Panel be established, comprised of one appointee from each Supervisor with an expertise in oil and gas exploration and production, to work in conjunction with the Strike Team to assess the team's findings and recommendations and to provide a report to the Board on this assessment no later than 30 days after the Strike Team's report is submitted to the Board. The appointed Advisory Panel members are:

- First District Board Office appointee – Julia May
- Second District Board Office appointee – Andrew Weissman
- Third District Board Office appointee – Timothy O'Connor
- Fourth District Board Office appointee – Matt Rezvani
- Fifth District Board Office appointee – R. Rex Parris

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The Advisory Panel was to hold a public meeting following the March 25, 2020, Strike Team public meeting. The Strike Team meeting was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic as described in a memo submitted to the Board on March 23, 2020. The Strike Team's eighth biannual report was submitted to the Board on June 4, 2020. The Advisory Panel's public meeting was subsequently held on June 30, 2020, to discuss the Advisory Panel's assessment of the Strike Team's report. Those Advisory Panel members who participated in the meeting were:

- Second District Board Office appointee – Andrew Weissman
- Third District Board Office appointee – Timothy O'Connor
- Fourth District Board Office appointee – Matt Rezvani

No written comments were received from Advisory Panel members as part of this submittal. The Advisory Panel report can be accessed on DRP's web page at [planning.lacounty.gov/oil-gas/strike](http://planning.lacounty.gov/oil-gas/strike).

The next Oil and Gas Strike Team report to the Board is due on September 29, 2020, and the Advisory Panel report will follow no later than 30 days after that date. Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Ai-Viet Huynh, Zoning Enforcement Special Projects section, at [ahuynh@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ahuynh@planning.lacounty.gov).

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Attachment: [planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/oil-gas\\_advisory-panel\\_20200702-report.pdf](http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/oil-gas_advisory-panel_20200702-report.pdf)

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**NO COMMENTS RECEIVED  
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