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## **UPDATE 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 Strike Team Report #9 is due to the Board by September 29, 2020. The main discussion for this report edition was intended for inspection outcomes of high priority abandoned wells. However, there have been substantial delays on the inspection progress due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Multi-agency inspections had to be postponed until it is safe for staff to do so. In addition, the current reporting period has been significantly truncated to three months, rather than six. The Strike Team meeting to discuss and submit the previous Report #8, scheduled for March 25, 2020, was cancelled due to the County's order to cease public meetings. This resulted in a report submittal delayed until June 4, 2020.

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Since Report #8, staff has had productive collaboration efforts with outside agencies on the inspection protocol. Staff has also made progress on data collection and analysis of oil and gas storage facilities and pipelines. However, given the inspection setbacks and reduced reporting period window, the Strike Team's progress has not been substantial enough to merit submitting Report #9 at this time. Instead, the Oil and Gas Strike Team will reconvene to review and discuss Report #9 for submittal to the Board no later than March 29, 2021.

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