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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.

A memo to the Board dated September 5, 2018, provided an update on the Board's approval of the contract between Los Angeles County and MRS Environmental Inc. to initiate Phase II of the Strike Team's efforts. Phase II focuses on the following oil and gas items:

- Orphaned and Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells
- Oil and Gas Pipelines
- Oil and Gas Storage Facilities
- Review of Chemicals not identified in Hazardous Materials Business Plans

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In accordance with the Board's motion, the Strike Team is submitting the sixth update report to the Board for these oil and gas subject areas within unincorporated Los Angeles County. This report is the first of six update reports for the Phase II effort. The report and the appendices can be accessed on the Department's web page at [planning.lacounty.gov/oil-gas/strike](http://planning.lacounty.gov/oil-gas/strike).

The Strike Team held a public meeting on March 21, 2019, to discuss the sixth update report and to hear public comment. The Strike Team passed a motion to direct staff to file this report with the Board. The next Strike Team report is due to the Board no later than September 29, 2019.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Timothy Stapleton, Zoning Enforcement – West Area Section, at [tstapleton@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:tstapleton@planning.lacounty.gov) or (213) 974-6453.

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Attachment: [planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/oil-gas\\_20190321-report6.pdf](http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/project/oil-gas_20190321-report6.pdf)

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