



Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan & Community Standards District Update

April 3, 2019
Community Open House



Background

- Kick-off meeting in August 2017 at Malibou Lake Mountain Club
 - Meetings with a variety of community groups/organizations
 - Conducted habitat mapping
- August 21, 2018 – EIR Scoping meeting at Calabasas field office
- October 1, 2018 – First draft of Plan and CSD released
- October 25, 2018 – First open house meeting on Draft docs at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Tonight's meeting is meant to serve as a replacement open house for the one that should have taken place on 11/14

Meeting format - Open House Setting

- County Presentation – 20 minutes
- Open House - until 7:30pm
 - Five Stations will include:
 - Biological Resources
 - Equestrian
 - Special Events
 - Trees
 - General Inquiries

Tonight's Meeting Goals

- Receive comments on the Plan and CSD
- Answer individual questions
- Clarify any areas in the Plan or CSD that seem unclear
- Take suggestions for improvement

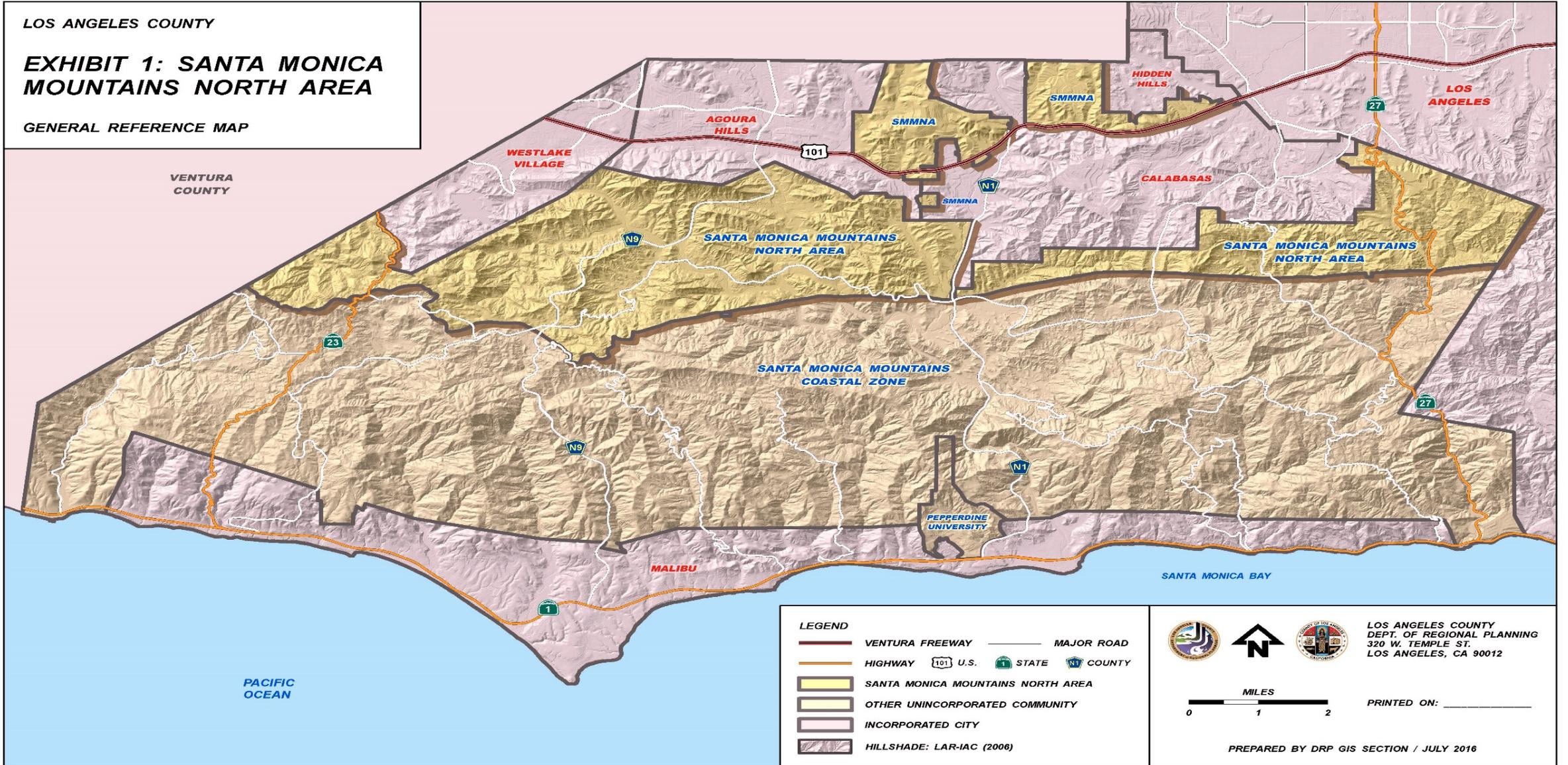
Project Timeline

- **October 2018: Draft Plan & CSD Released**
 - (comments being accepted through April 18, 2019)
- August/September: Draft EIR
- December: Final EIR/Public Hearing at Regional Planning Commission
- Late spring/early summer 2020: Public Hearing at Board of Supervisors

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EXHIBIT 1: SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA

GENERAL REFERENCE MAP



LEGEND

- VENTURA FREEWAY
- HIGHWAY
- SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA
- OTHER UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY
- INCORPORATED CITY
- HILLSHADE: LAR-IAC (2006)
- MAJOR ROAD
- U.S.
- STATE
- COUNTY



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Goals/Objectives of SMM North Area Update

Guiding principle “Let the land dictate the type and intensity of use”

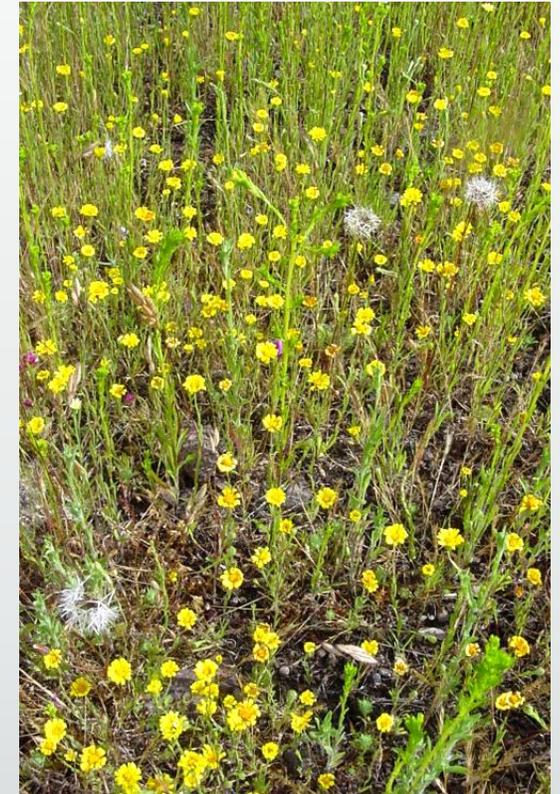
- Protect sensitive wildlife/wildlife corridors
- Support open space conservation
- Protect biodiversity and riparian ecosystems throughout the SMM
- Increase tree protection
- Map sensitive habitats
- Retain rural/ agricultural character within neighborhoods
- Preserve the natural beauty of the SMM for all who use them
- Provide for recreational opportunities and experiences

Biological Habitat Categories

- Include a tiered system with four sensitivity categories (S₁, S₂, S₃, and S₄)
 - Each category defines habitat sensitivity and provides recommendations on the allowable uses within each category
- Direct development to the most appropriate areas while preserving and protecting the most sensitive resources
- Provide landowners a planning tool to understand the requirements for development in the North Area

Biological Habitat Categories

- **S1 Habitat: Habitat of Limited Distribution, Rarity, or Important Habitat Function**
 - Restrict to the most unique or rare habitat or habitat that provides important functions (i.e., riparian and oak woodlands, rock outcrops, seeps and springs) for sensitive plants and wildlife
 - ***Development Restrictions:*** Most restrictive development standards; *little to no development should occur in S1 habitat*
- **S2 Habitat: Native Scrub and Chaparral Communities**
 - Include any native scrub or chaparral community and non-native annual grasslands
 - ***Development Restrictions:*** May be subject to development after consideration of site-specific conditions; development should avoid sensitive resources if detected



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Biological Habitat Categories

- **S₃ Habitat: Disturbed, Exotic, and Cleared Communities**

- Include areas supporting ruderal or disturbed plant communities, non-native vegetation, legally-cleared areas, and fuel-modification zones
- ***Development Restrictions:*** May be subject to development after consideration of site-specific conditions

- **S₄ Habitat: Developed Land and Agricultural Communities**

- Include areas supporting legally-authorized residential, commercial, or agricultural development; include low-density rural residences
- ***Development Restrictions:*** Focus of development, where possible, and after consideration of site-specific conditions

Biological Review Requirements

- Biological inventory
 - Lower level of review that is required with ministerial review within S2 and S3
 - May be upgraded to biological assessment
- Biological Assessment
 - Higher level of review required for all projects in S1, discretionary projects within S2-S3, or projects that the Director has determined to require further review of biological resources
 - Requires a more comprehensive report of biological resources, including biota report



Consult with County Biologist



Map on-site habitat



SEATAC Review

Scenic Resource Areas

- Scenic Elements
- Scenic Routes
- Significant Ridgelines

	Scenic Element
	State-Designated County Scenic Highway
	Proposed Scenic Route
	Significant Ridgelines (Adopted)

- Scenic Elements:
- 1- West Mulholland Highway Sandstone
 - 2- Saddle Rock
 - 3- Turtle Rock
 - 4- Upper La Sierra Canyon
 - 5- Cornell Sandstone Peaks
 - 6- Sugar Loaf
 - 7- Lady Face Ridge
 - 8- Palo Comado Canyon
 - 9- Old Topanga Sandstone



Trees

- Currently Protected Trees: Oak Trees
- Proposed Protected Trees: Native, Heritage & Historic Trees
 - **Native Trees**
 - Protect tree species native to the North Area
 - **Heritage Trees**
 - Native trees with a trunk diameter greater than 36 inches
 - **Historic Trees**
 - Protected due to historic or cultural value
- There are different levels of permits for various impacts to trees that you can learn more about at the Protected Trees Station



Equestrian Uses

- Accessory horse boarding permitted by-right (up to 20 horses)
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) that all equestrian uses must meet
- Brings standards into compliance with Public Health requirements



Special Events

- Primary and Accessory Special Event Facilities require Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
- No amplified noise after 8:00 p.m.
- Must not exceed new L₉₀ ambient noise level of 40 dBA
- Noise reduction/mitigation requirements



Getting involved

Los Angeles County Regional Planning wants to hear from you!

Get in contact with LA County Regional Planning to submit feedback:

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