



Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan DRAFT GUIDE

Biological Resources

The North Area is in a County designated Significant Ecological Area (SEA) but will be regulated by this CSD once adopted, not the SEA Ordinance.

Bird Nesting Season

Bird nesting surveys are required if trees or other vegetation will be altered, transplanted, or removed during bird-nesting season (February - August). Bird nesting survey protocols are provided in CSD.

HABITAT CATEGORY DESIGNATIONS

RARE/VERY SENSITIVE HABITAT
Development limited



SENSITIVE HABITAT
Development must avoid & minimize impacts to habitat

DISTURBED HABITAT
Development less restricted



DEVELOPED LAND
Development Permitted

General Updates to Community Standards District (CSD)

-  New Helicopter pads/ Helistops/ Landing strips prohibited unless for publicly-owned or operated emergency services
-  Additional protections for Scenic Resource Areas including an 18 foot height limit
-  Exploratory Testing
 - A Minor CUP must be obtained before exploratory testing is performed, or any access roads created for exploratory testing
 - Must comply with erosion control measures
 - Must provide restoration, dependent on CUP approval/ requirements
-  Conditional Use Permit (CUP) required for any grading above 500 cubic yards of cut plus total fill material
-  Noise: CSD will set new ambient noise standards for the North Area

Equestrian Standards

- Allow Accessory horse boarding by-right in A-1 (previously needed CUP for up to 20 horses)
- Equestrian Facilities that include horse boarding will be classified as either Primary or Accessory Horse Boarding
- Include Best Management Practices (BMPs) as provided in the CSD for runoff diversion, waste management, tree protection, setbacks, and contingency plans
- Vest legally established equestrian facilities subject to BMP's

Protected Trees

New tree protections for 31 native trees in the North Area at various trunk diameters

Heritage Tree

A tree considered irreplaceable due to its rarity, size, shape, etc. and has a single trunk 36 inches or more in diameter or two trunks that measure to 54 inches or more in diameter.

Historic Tree

A tree identified as a historic resource by the County; or is listed/determined eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources and/or National Register of Historic Places. The tree must be associated with events/persons that made a significant contribution to the history of the County, California, or the nation.

Must apply for a Protected Tree Permit (PTP) for:



Pruning or trimming of more than 20% of live foliage



Encroachments of up to 30% into a tree's protected zone



Removal of up to two protected trees

Special Events

- Applicants may apply for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to be permitted as either a Primary Special Event Facility or Accessory Special Event Facility.
- Special event facilities may be established as an accessory use alongside a primary use that does not operate solely as an event venue.
- A single-family residence shall not be used as a special event facility.
- A bed and breakfast establishment shall not simultaneously operate a special event facility on-site.
- Amortization for existing outdoor dance pavilions without discretionary permit.
- Special Event Facilities must comply with good neighbor policies as a condition of approval.
- No amplified noise after 8:00 pm nightly.

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