



**Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan and  
Community Standards District Update  
Environmental Impact Report**

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

**AUGUST 21, 2018**



# Agenda

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Introduction and Meeting Purpose

SMM North Area Plan and CSD Updates

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Process

Public Comments

Conclude Meeting



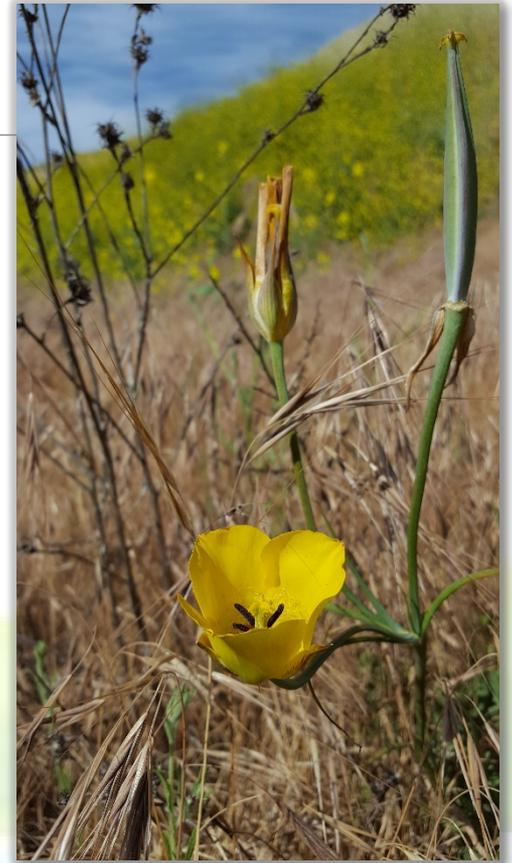
# Purpose of Scoping

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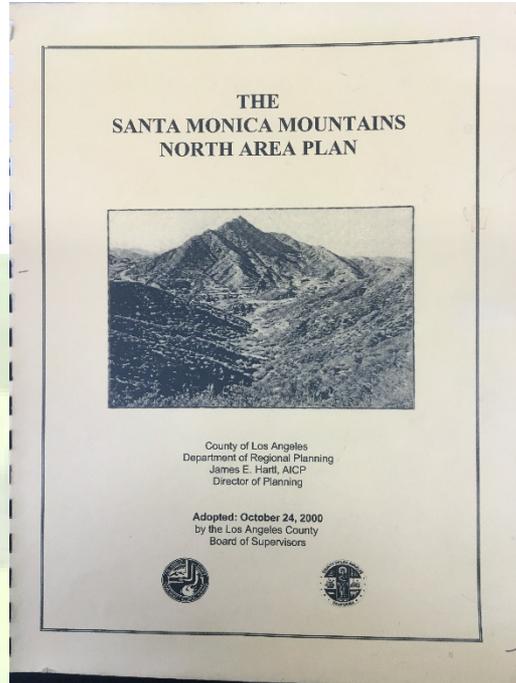
Required by CEQA for projects of area-wide importance

Opportunity for agencies and public to provide input and comment on the scope of the EIR

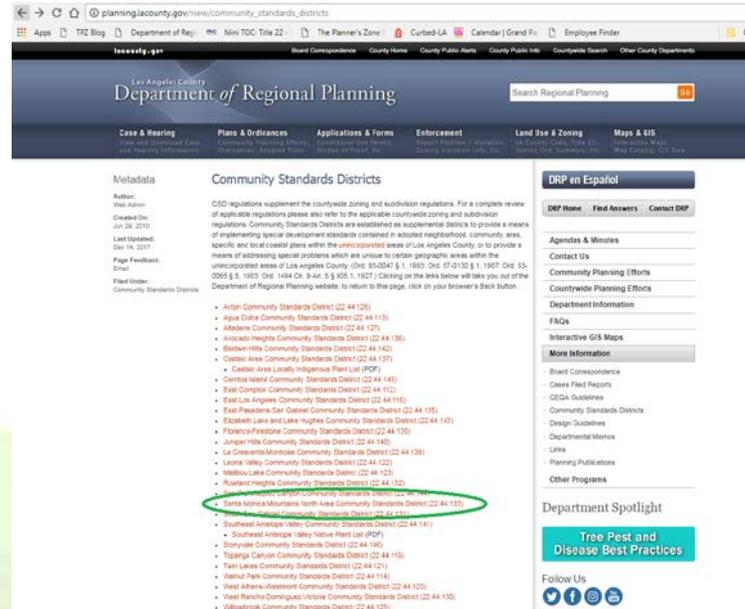
Opportunity to provide input on project alternatives, evaluation methods, etc.



# Existing North Area Plan and CSD



-NAP adopted in October 2000



-CSD adopted 2002

-Amended in 2005, 2007, 2010 and 2015

# Plan and CSD Updates

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Comprehensive updates to policies of North Area Plan and to development standards in Community Standards District

## Need for Updates:

- To address concerns that have arisen since adoption of 2000 SMMNAP
- To strengthen environmental resources policies
- To identify standards that support rural and community lifestyles
- To be in alignment with recently adopted LCP

# Plans and CSD Updates

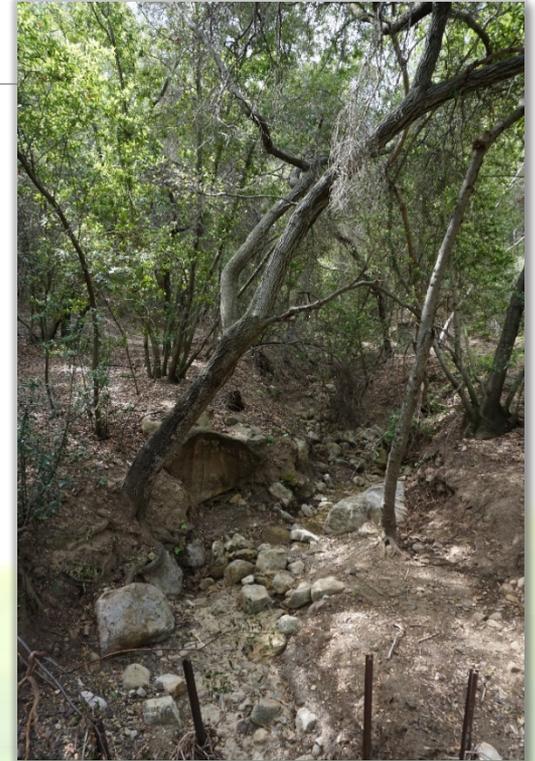
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Held multiple community meetings to receive input

Proposed updates include:

- Habitat Protection -- *biological assessment*
- Equestrian Standards -- *community input*
- Expanded Tree Protections -- *community input*
- Special Events -- *community input and noise studies*
- Other Policies/Standards to address area resources

Will continue to receive input prior to finalizing updates



# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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CEQA applies to projects that require discretionary approval

Plan/CSD amendments considered a “project” under CEQA

Lead Agency

- County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning

County has determined that an EIR is needed to address changes to the North Area Plan and CSD



# EIR Impact Analysis

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Impacts are based on changes to the environment compared to existing conditions

CEQA requires the analysis to focus on “significant” impacts

Measures may be required to reduce or avoid significant impacts

Social and economic impacts are not considered significant

Alternatives are generally evaluated in less detail than the proposed project

# Potential Impacts

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Aesthetics

Air Quality

Biological Resources

Cultural Resources

Geology and Soils

GHG/Climate Change

Hazards

Hydrology/Water Resources

Land Use and Recreation

Noise

Transportation/Traffic

Tribal Cultural Resources

Utilities and Service Systems

Other: Cumulative and Growth Inducing Impacts

# Alternatives

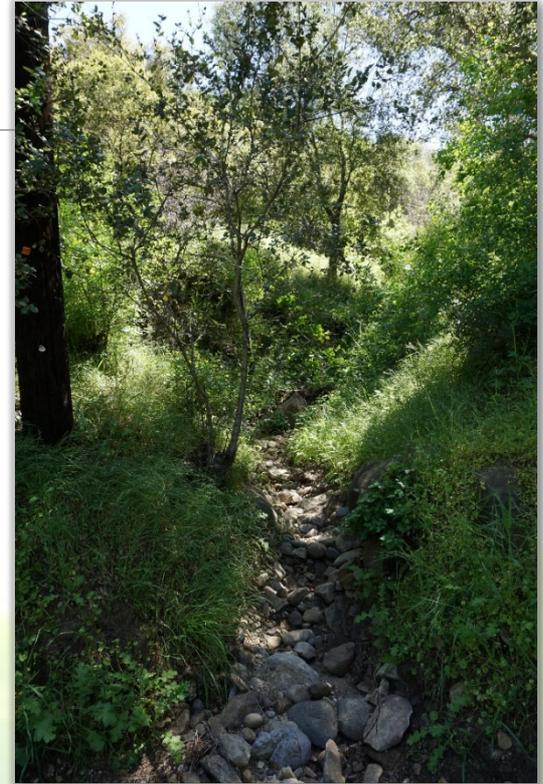
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EIR Alternatives must:

- Meet project objectives
- Be feasible
- Reduce one or more significant impacts

Required to Consider No Project Alternative

- What other alternatives should be evaluated?



# EIR Process and Schedule



# Comments

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Focus comments on environmental concerns that may result from Plan/CSD updates

Suggested Areas to comment on:

- Scope and content of EIR
- Local environmental knowledge
- Issues that need evaluation or how issues are evaluated
- Feasible alternatives to the Plan/CSD updates
- Mitigation measures to avoid or reduce impacts

Comment Form



# Public and Agency Comments

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# Where to Submit Written Comments

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Comments are due **August 31, 2018**

Fill out comment form and **submit form at this meeting** (or mail/email)

**Mail comments to:**  
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**For more information on progress of EIR and updates to SMMNAP and CSD, visit:**  
<http://planning.lacounty.gov/smmnap>

**Thank you for participating!**