Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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September 22, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

HEARING ON THE TECHNICAL UPDATE TO TITLE 22
PROJECT R2011-00518-(1-5)
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NUMBER 201100007
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The action is to amend Title 22 (Planning and Zoning). The Technical Update to Title 22 is a project to comprehensively update Title 22 in order to improve the administration and implementation of Title 22.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Determine that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15305 (Class 5, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and per Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The Technical Update to Title 22 is administrative in nature and has no physical effect on the environment.

2. Approve the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) to amend Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code as reflected in the draft ordinance.

3. Indicate the Board of Supervisors' (Board) intent to approve the Technical Update to Title 22 (Advance Planning Case No. 20110007).

4. Instruct County Counsel to prepare the final ordinance amending the County Code as recommended by the Commission and submit to the Board for its consideration.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Technical Update to Title 22 will amend Title 22 by repealing and replacing the existing Title 22. The objectives of the amendment are to:

- Reorganize, clarify, and simplify Countywide standards and procedures.
- Combine logical information into sections, chapters, and divisions.
- Correct errors and omissions.
- Incorporate tables and figures to illustrate complex information and add or modernize maps.
- Reorganize and provide minimal edits to community standards districts.
- Incorporate specific plans that were adopted and held separate from Title 22.

The Technical Update to Title 22 will not add new uses or standards, nor incorporate policy memos. Changes such as these may be addressed as separate and future policy-specific updates to Title 22. The Commission recommended this action to the Board after conducting six public hearings.

The last comprehensive update to Title 22 was completed in 1974. In its entirety, the existing Title 22 is functionally sound. However, since the 1974 update, the laws and regulations of planning and development have evolved and portions of Title 22 have become complicated, unwieldy, or obsolete. In order to address the resultant inefficiencies in the administration and implementation of Title 22, the Board authorized the Zoning Code Streamlining Project on June 21, 2004. Subsequently, the Zoning Code Streamlining Project evolved into the Zoning Ordinance Update Program and further evolved into the Technical Update to Title 22.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The ordinance is compatible with, and supportive of, the policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan in that the Technical Update to Title 22 improves governmental effectiveness by making the Planning and Zoning Code easier to navigate and understand.

The ordinance is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan (Goal 1: Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability) in that the Technical Update to Title 22 will "maximize the effectiveness of process, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services."

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Adoption of this ordinance will not result in additional costs to the County. Implementation and enforcement of the ordinance is an ongoing responsibility of the Department of Regional Planning and thus covered by Department of Regional Planning's operating budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A public hearing is required pursuant to Section 22.16.200 of the County Code and Section 65856 of the Government Code. Required notice must be given pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth in Section 22.60.174 of the County Code. These procedures exceed the minimum standards of Section 6061, 65090, and 65856 of the Government Code relating to notice of public hearing.

The Commission considered the ordinance, Technical Update to Title 22, over a series of public hearings. Public hearings were held on June 18, 2014; July 30, 2014; September 17, 2014; December 10, 2014; and April 22, 2015. On April 22, 2015, the Commission considered the entire proposed Technical Update (Volumes I, II, and III), closed the public hearing, and adopted the resolution to recommended the Board consider and adopt the ordinance at a public hearing with a vote of 4-0.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The adoption of the Technical Update is exempt from CEQA per Section 15305 (Class 5, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), and per Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The Technical Update to Title 22 is administrative in nature and has no physical effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Action on the proposal is anticipated to have a positive impact on current services or projects. The Technical Update improves governmental effectiveness by making Title 22 easier to understand and use for both the Department of Regional Planning and the public. This will result in creating efficiencies in the Department of Regional Planning's operations and functions.

For further information, please contact Mr. Bruce Durbin at (213) 974-6432 or bdurbin@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Draft Ordinance
3. Regional Planning Commission Hearing Packages

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Assessor
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Public Works

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ENTRY

DATE OF MEETING:	September 22, 2015
DEPARTMENT NAME:	REGIONAL PLANNING
BOARD LETTERHEAD:	DEPARTMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	1-5
VOTES REQUIRED	3
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION	NONE

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Instructions: To comply with the Brown Act requirement the reader should fully understand what the department is asking the Board to approve. The recommendation must describe what the action is for; with whom the action is being taken; fiscal impact, including money amounts, funding sources, and effective dates. Also, include an instruction for the Chair(man) or Director to sign when such signature is required on a document.

PROJECT NO.: R2011-00518-(1-5)
CASE NO.: Advance Planning Case Number 201100007

PUBLIC HEARING: September 22, 2015

BOARD AGENDA TEXT: Hearing on Project No. R2011-00518-(1-5) and Advance Planning Case No. 201100007, the Technical Update to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning); the Technical Update to Title 22 is a project to comprehensively revise Title 22 in order to make it clear, concise, and easy to use; the project will reorganize and simplify the existing code, correct errors and omissions, streamline administrative procedures, and remove obsolete and redundant regulations; the project will not add new uses or standards, nor incorporate policy memos; find that the adoption of the ordinance are exempt from CEQA (Class 5); and instruct County Counsel to prepare the final ordinance amending Title 22. (The Regional Planning Commission has recommended approval of this project.) **(Department of Regional Planning)**

BOARD LETTER COVER SHEET

Agenda Date: September 22, 2015

Subject: **DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**
PROJECT R2011-00518-(1-5)
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. 201100007
TO AUTHORIZE THE TECHNICAL UPDATE TO TITLE 22
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)

If the Board Agenda item requires clearance from County Counsel or Chief Information Officer, explain where you are in that review process. If not, please indicate that it is not required.

Project does not require clearance from County Counsel or CIO.

If there is an urgency to the Board Agenda item, explain the urgency, citing the reason for the urgency (including the drop-dead due date) and consequences if the due date is missed. If not, please indicate that there is no urgency.

Project is not urgent.

Is this a Consent Agenda item? Check the appropriate box below and explain why for either item.

☐ Consent

☒ Not Consent. This item requires a de novo public hearing.

Board Notification:

☒ Yes (see attached)

☐ No (please explain why not)

Contact person for the Board Agenda item, division, phone number, and e-mail address.

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