



Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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REPORT TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE ISSUED:	November 23, 2020		
HEARING DATE:	December 9, 2020	AGENDA ITEM:	6
PROJECT NUMBER:	2019-003973-(5)		
PERMIT NUMBER(S):	Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2018002314		
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:	5		
PROJECT LOCATION:	Unincorporated community of Acton		
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RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Regional Planning staff (“staff”) recommends that the public hearing for the Acton Community Standards District be continued to a date certain of February 24, 2021. Due to communication challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Acton community and Town Council have requested the continuance in order to have additional time to review and discuss the project.

Staff recommends the following motion:

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, PROJECT NO. 2019-003973-(5), ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2018002314 TO FEBRUARY 24, 2021.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Advance Planning Case No. RPPL2018002314 is a proposed ordinance amending Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County (“County”) Code to update the Acton Community Standards District (“CSD”), Chapter 22.302, which was established in 1995.

Acton is an unincorporated community with a population of approximately 7,600 people (2010 Census). The community is located in the southwestern portion of the Antelope

Valley, south of the City of Palmdale and east of the City of Santa Clarita along State Route 14. Acton extends south into the Angeles National Forest and a large portion of the Santa Clara River Significant Ecological Area is within its boundaries. Hillsides and significant ridgelines ring the community, geographically delineating it from the City of Palmdale and the remainder of the Antelope Valley.

The proposed CSD amendment includes new and updated standards for cargo containers, signage, vegetation protection, subdivisions, commercial and industrially zoned property, and home-based occupations.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

On June 16, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the Antelope Valley Area Plan (AVAP), which includes goals and policies applicable to the unincorporated areas within the Antelope Valley. As part of its implementation, the AVAP specifies that a comprehensive review shall be required of all existing CSDs, and may include a program to prepare and adopt amendments to existing CSDs (AVAP, Page IMP-6).

On June 13, 2018, the Regional Planning Commission initiated the Antelope Valley CSDs Update Program, which includes the Acton CSD. The planning process for updating the CSD has included community-involved preparation of the Acton Community Concept Draft. The Concept Draft is a visual summary of issues and concerns expressed by Acton residents for consideration in the amendment to the CSD.

Staff have met with residents to discuss proposed topics and standards, and engaged with various community stakeholders in drafting and preparing the ordinance for public hearing.

On October 14, 2020 public notice for the December 9, 2020 Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing was posted in the Antelope Valley Press. In addition, 3809 postcards were sent on October 29, 2020 to all property owners in the Acton CSD area.

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