

March 13th

10:30-12pm

Los Angeles County Hall of Administration

500 W. Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Room 743

Significant Ecological Areas

SEA boundaries were adopted with the General Plan.

Draft SEA Ordinance update and Implementation Guide is online now. Can be downloaded at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/sea/>.

The SEA Ordinance Update and Implementation project are expected to reach RPC in summer 2018.

Conceptual SEAs were not adopted with the general plan, with the intent that they would be adopted with a future plan.

Conceptual SEA's are located in Altadena, and Puente Hills (adjacent to Hacienda and Rowland Heights).

Stakeholders would like conceptual SEAs to become official SEAs because of development pressure in the area. They expressed a strong desire to preserve the remaining open space and hillsides of the area and the SEAs. They believed that open space and the SEAs helped to alleviate air pollution in the area and make it a beautiful and pleasant place to live.

Would existing development applications in the SEAs be subject to the new ordinance? If projects have a complete application prior to the adoption of the updated SEA ordinance by the Board of Supervisors, they would not be subject to this updated SEA ordinance.

Stakeholders would like conceptual SEAs to become official SEAs as soon as possible and would like this completed through the SEA Ordinance Update.

The SEA team was requested to speak at the Rowland Heights Coordinating Council and Hacienda Heights Improvement Association.

DRP staff were complimented on the last draft of the SEA Ordinance, saying that they saw "the fingerprints" of the biologist on the ordinance and liked how it was more protective of the SEAs.

SEA team to take a look at the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Plan produced by the area COG.

ESGVAP Challenges and Opportunities

Transit

Transit overall is poor with low frequency

Contributes to air pollution.

Would Bus-Rapid Transit work in the area?

Can the area implement a bus system like the DASH system in Downtown LA?

Foothill transit as the operator?

Traffic in Rowland Heights

Will it be impacted by the addition of bike lanes?

Has become a major issue on Nogales, Colima, and Gail.

If Colima is widened, it would still be heavily impacted by congestion.

Gold Line Extension

Can the Gold Line extend to Cal Poly?

Can it run along the 60 freeway?

Extended the line into this area would open opportunities.

Would allow students/the community easy access to colleges and educational resources.

Transportation of goods

The Alameda Corridor is still used to transfer cargo.

There is still a lot of truck traffic on the 60 fwy.

Why has this not helped ease traffic congestion?

Are there alternative methods to relieve truck traffic?

County freight plan? Should not be created at the expense of natural resources.

Open Space

Keep open space

Preserve and protect it.

Maintain San Jose Creek.

Housing

Housing Need

How do we balance the need for housing (affordable) with environmental impacts?

We need to be strategic with housing.

What are the opportunities and constraints?

Affordable Housing

Where can affordable housing be developed?

How can we make it accessible to transit?

We need to also consider age and demographics.

Use of Properties

Restaurant density is heavy

Diamond Plaza and other plazas have many restaurants.

320 restaurants in 13 square miles.

Need to consider waste, smell, drainage, and truck traffic.

Fire

More development can add to fire risks.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure improvements lead to increased development.

Improvements have not helped and need to be continuously upgraded.

Community Opportunities

Lots of opportunities to improve connectivity for all modes of transportation.

Open space preservation.

Affordable Housing.

"It is important to strike a balance in the community between development and preservation."