

Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) Amendment

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of this amendment?

This amendment is in response to the September 15, 2021, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) motion titled “Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County.” The amendment updates the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District to be consistent with the countywide Oil Well Ordinance that was adopted on January 24, 2023. This amendment will prohibit new oil wells and production facilities within the boundary of the Baldwin Hills CSD. In addition, the existing wells and production facilities will be allowed to continue operating under a nonconforming status.

2. What is a nonconforming use?

A nonconforming use is a legally established use that is no longer permitted. Legally established nonconforming uses are regulated by Chapter 22.172 (Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures) of Title 22. This chapter provides amortization schedules for different nonconforming uses. For this nonconforming use, the amortization period is 20 years.

3. What is an amortization period?

An amortization period is the time in which a nonconforming use shall be discontinued and removed from their site after becoming nonconforming.

4. What are the next steps?

The Amendment is scheduled for public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) on August 16, 2023, at 9AM. The RPC can then recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) approval of the Baldwin Hills CSD Amendment. A public hearing would then be scheduled before the Board for final approval.

5. Where can I learn more about this project? Who can I contact for more information or to submit comments?

To learn more about this project, please visit <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/baldwin-hills-csd/>

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