

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT (CSD)
AMENDMENT
PROJECT NO. 2023-001628
PLAN NO. RPPL2023002314**

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission (“Commission”) of the County of Los Angeles (“County”) conducted a duly noticed public hearing on August 16, 2023 to consider the Baldwin Hills CSD Amendment (“Amendment”), an amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code (“County Code”) to prohibit new oil wells and production facilities, allow existing oil wells and production facilities to continue operating under a nonconforming status, and maintain regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period for the Baldwin Hills CSD boundary.

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. On September 15, 2021, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (“Board”) approved three motions: “Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County,” “Developing an Oil Well Cleanup Pilot Program for Los Angeles County,” and “Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels for Los Angeles County.” These motions assigned several County agencies to work on these directives.
2. The motion "Protecting Communities Near Oil and Gas Drilling Operations in Los Angeles County" instructed the Department of Regional Planning (“Department”) to prepare the Oil Well Ordinance, which was adopted January 24, 2023. In addition, the motion also directed the Department to update the Baldwin Hills CSD to be consistent with the final updates to Title 22 for new and existing oil and gas extraction activities.
3. The Amendment amends the Baldwin Hills CSD in Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) to be consistent with the Oil Well Ordinance by prohibiting new oil wells and production facilities, allowing existing oil wells and production facilities to continue operating under a nonconforming status, and maintaining regulations for existing oil wells and production facilities during the amortization period.
4. The Amendment applies to the Baldwin Hills CSD boundary, which encompasses the unincorporated portion of the Inglewood Oil Field.
5. The Amendment affects approximately 819 existing oil wells and associated production facilities within the Baldwin Hills CSD boundary.
6. The Amendment removes all provisions in the Baldwin Hills CSD that allow new oil wells and production facilities within the Baldwin Hills CSD boundary.

7. By prohibiting "new oil wells and production facilities" within the Baldwin Hills CSD boundary, the Amendment will allow existing, legally established oil wells and production facilities to continue operating under a nonconforming status.
8. The Amendment maintains regulations in the Baldwin Hills CSD for existing oil wells and production facilities, including but not limited to: complaint logs, requirements for site maintenance, bonds for existing operation, and requirements for well plugging and abandonment and restoration.
9. The Amendment is consistent with and supportive of the goals, policies, and principles of the General Plan.
10. The Amendment is in the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice.
11. The Amendment is consistent with other applicable provisions of Title 22.
12. Pursuant to Chapter 22.244 (Ordinance Amendments) and Section 22.222.180 of the County Code, a public hearing notice was published in two local newspapers. The public hearing notice and materials were posted on the Department website and promoted through social media.
13. The Amendment is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County CEQA Guidelines pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3), 15061(b)(2), 15301 (Class 1), and 15308 (Class 8).
14. On August 16, 2023, the Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and [reserved for hearing proceedings].

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) Amendment;
2. That the Board find that the Baldwin Hills CSD Amendment is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons in the record;
3. That the Board determine that the Baldwin Hills CSD Amendment is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the General Plan and in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice; and
4. That the Board adopt the Baldwin Hills CSD Amendment.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission on the County of Los Angeles on August 16, 2023.

Elida Luna, Commission Services
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM: OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By_____
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