



Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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Dear Neighbors:

UPDATE ON THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT

On behalf of the Department of Regional Planning (DRP), I would like to update you on the implementation efforts for the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (BHCS D) that have taken place since the last correspondence in April 2021. To review, the BHCS D was adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2008 to monitor and regulate oil drilling and related activities within the Inglewood Oil Field located in the Baldwin Hills area. Sentinel Peak Resources is the current operator of the Inglewood Oil Field.

The County remains active in ensuring that the oil field operations meet all the requirements established by the BHCS D to minimize health, safety, environmental and nuisance impacts to the surrounding communities. The County's review of the required annual drilling plan, the review of other BHCS D-required permit compliance submittals, and onsite field inspections document compliance with the requirements of the BHCS D. These requirements include development standards such as maintaining a 400-foot buffer between drilling operations and sensitive areas (e.g., residences, parks, and schools), air quality monitoring at the drill rigs, reduction of noise levels, and an annual drilling and monitoring plan reviewed and approved by the County. Since the inception of the BHCS D in 2008, 127 new wells have been drilled without incident through diligent monitoring by the County and other regulatory agencies. Please note that no new wells have been drilled since June 2014, and no new wells are expected to be drilled during 2022.

Strict state regulations were enacted through Senate Bill 4 to monitor and report hydraulic fracturing and other well stimulation treatments within California. As of July 1, 2015, this legislation requires operators to obtain a permit from the Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) prior to hydraulically fracturing a well. ***I would like to reaffirm that no wells are currently being hydraulically fracked within the Inglewood Oil Field, and the 2022 Annual Drilling Plan does not include the hydraulic fracturing of any new wells.***



In addition, the BHCSO requires a comprehensive review, also known as a Periodic Review, of the CSD to determine if the provisions are adequately protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the surrounding communities. The second Periodic Review, for the period between January 2014 to December 2018, was completed in September 2021. The Final Report identified nine areas to strengthen the current implementation procedures and provided recommendations. These recommendations are in various phases of consideration or implementation. The Final Report can be found online at planning.lacounty.gov/baldwinhills/review2.

The Baldwin Hills Community Advisory Panel (CAP), comprised of community stakeholders, continues to meet at 6:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month via virtual Zoom meetings to discuss current operations, answer questions and discuss any future plans for the oil field. Continued input by community stakeholders is encouraged and all are welcome to attend each meeting. Updates regarding the BHCSO and CAP may be found at planning.lacounty.gov/baldwinhills/cap. Information regarding the BHCSO may also be found at the operator's website, inglewoodoilfield.com/.

If you have any questions regarding the BHCSO, or if you would like to receive email updates, please do not hesitate to call Edgar De La Torre at (213) 974-6483 or by email at edelatorre@planning.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy Bodek', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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