



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

As the new Director of the Department of Regional Planning (effective February 1, 2018), I would like to continue the effort to update you on the implementation efforts for the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) that have taken place since the last correspondence in March 2017. To review, the CSD 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. As you may be aware, Sentinel Peak Resources acquired the rights for the Inglewood Oil Field from the previous operator, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, on January 1, 2017.

The County remains active in ensuring that the new oil field operator meets all of the requirements established by the CSD to minimize nuisance impacts to the surrounding communities. These include measures such as a 400-foot buffer between drilling operations and sensitive areas (residences or parks), air quality monitoring at the drill rigs, reduction of noise levels, and an annual drilling and monitoring plan reviewed by the County. The County's review of the annual drilling plan along with review of other CSD required permit compliance submittals and periodic onsite field inspections document compliance with the requirements of the CSD. Since the inception of the CSD, 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.

Strict state regulations have been 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 Division of Oil Gas and Geothermal Resources 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 2018 Annual Drilling Plan does not include the hydraulic fracturing of any new wells.***

As part of the requirements of the CSD, the operator is also required to improve the appearance of the property through general tidiness of equipment and operations, painting, and landscaping. The operator has completed the required landscaping for five of the planned seven phases consisting of areas along La Brea Avenue, La Cienega

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Boulevard (north of Stocker Street), behind the Lewis Homes tract, and along Fairfax Avenue (between Stocker and the soccer fields). The final landscaping phases, which includes the east side of La Cienega (between Stocker Street and Slauson Avenue) and Stocker Street (between La Brea Avenue and La Cienega Avenue), are scheduled to be complete by April 20, 2019.

The Baldwin Hills Community Advisory Panel (CAP), comprised of community stakeholders, continues to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Community Center (4100 S. La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90056) to discuss current operations, concerns, and future plans of the oil field. Continued input by community stakeholders is encouraged and all are welcome to attend each meeting. Updates regarding the CSD and CAP may be found at planning.lacounty.gov/baldwinhills/cap. Information regarding the CSD may also be found at the operator's website, inglewoodoilfield.com.

If you have any questions regarding the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District please do not hesitate to call Timothy Stapleton at (213) 974-6453 or by email at tstapleton@planning.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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