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Dear Neighbors:

UPDATE ON THE BALDWIN HILLS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT

On behalf of LA County Planning, 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 May 2022. 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 2023.

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 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 2023 Annual Drilling Plan does not include the hydraulic fracturing of any new wells.**

In late 2022, LA County Planning started the process of amending the BHCSD, per the September 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors motion, to prohibit new oil wells and allow existing oil wells to continue operating under a nonconforming status. The process is still ongoing and will include the release of a public draft and a minimum 30-day public comment period prior to the respective Regional Planning Commission hearing. Monthly updates will be provided at the Community Advisory Panel meetings and via email. To sign up for email updates please visit our website: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/baldwinhills>.

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 BHCSD and CAP may be found at <https://planning.lacounty.gov/baldwinhills/cap>. Information regarding the BHCSD may also be found at the operator's website <https://inglewoodoilfield.com/>.

If you have any questions regarding the BHCSD, 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,



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