

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

DATE: January 26, 2026
TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations, Interested Parties
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting

The County of Los Angeles (County), as Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), will prepare a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed Los Angeles County Events Ordinance (Events Ordinance or Project). The County has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to provide agencies, organizations, and other interested parties with sufficient information describing the Project and its potential environmental effects to enable meaningful response to this NOP.

All interested parties, including the public, responsible agencies, and trustee agencies, are invited to provide comments and input on the scope and content of the environmental information contained in the Draft PEIR. Trustee and responsible agencies should provide comments and input related to the agencies' respective areas of statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. As a responsible or trustee agency, your agency may need to use the PEIR prepared by the County when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the Project.

PROJECT NAME: Los Angeles County Events Ordinance
PROJECT NUMBERS: Project No. PRJ2025-001541; Ordinance No. RPPL2025001715;
Environmental Plan No. RPPL2025005389
PROJECT APPLICANT: County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning
PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Countywide)

PROJECT BACKGROUND. Title 22, Planning and Zoning (Zoning Code), of the Los Angeles County Code does not currently contain a countywide "event facility" use or definition. Existing regulations address these uses for specific communities and provide general Special Event Permit procedures for some temporary special event uses, but do not clearly distinguish between principal use event facilities (i.e., ongoing commercial venues) and accessory or incidental events associated with another principal use (such as a winery, campground, or private residence). Because the Zoning Code lacks explicit event-related use definitions and standards, staff and decision-makers have relied on case-by-case interpretations, including the 2016 Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance Interpretation memorandum, to guide permitting. This ad hoc approach has led to inconsistency across communities, uncertainty for property owners and operators, and challenges for enforcement.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning (LA County Planning) staff has prepared the Events Ordinance to codify and update guidance from the 2016 Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance Interpretation memorandum; provide clear definitions and standards for event facilities

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and special events; identify appropriate zones where event facilities may be considered with discretionary review; clarify when event activity is a primary use or a temporary special event; and align event-related regulations with other Zoning Code provisions.

Specifically, the Events Ordinance would: (1) modify Division 2 (Definitions) of the Zoning Code to add and clarify terms related to event activities; (2) add event facilities to several Division 3 (Zones) use tables as a conditionally permitted use in specified base zones, as well as in selected zones within the Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program and various specific plans; (3) add a new “Event Facilities” section within Division 7 (Standards for Specific Uses), establishing development, operational, and management standards for event facilities; (4) revise Chapter 22.188, Special Event Permits to define and regulate short-term and extended-term special events, clarify procedures and findings, and strengthen enforcement provisions; and (5) make conforming changes elsewhere in the Zoning Code to ensure internal consistency and avoid duplication or conflict with related regulations.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT. As permitted by CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), the County decided not to prepare an Initial Study and will begin work directly on the Draft PEIR because it has determined that a PEIR is required for the proposed Project. The PEIR will evaluate potentially significant environmental effects of the Project, identify feasible mitigation measures that may lessen or avoid such impacts, and identify a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed Project.

As discussed above, the Project consists of a zoning ordinance and does not propose any project-level development. However, the Project defines and codifies development standards for a new, conditionally permitted use (i.e., event facilities). Although event-facility-type uses are currently permitted on an ad hoc basis and operate throughout the County under existing conditions, the PEIR will analyze potential environmental impacts associated with future construction and operation of new event facilities, as defined and regulated under the proposed Events Ordinance. Thus, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, the County has determined that the Project may result in potentially significant environmental effects related to the following environmental topics:

- Biological Resources
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Transportation

The County has determined that there is not a likelihood of potentially significant effects related to:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Mineral Resources
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING. The County will conduct a virtual public scoping meeting for the purpose of soliciting oral and written comments from interested parties as to the appropriate scope and content of the PEIR. All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting to assist in identifying issues to be addressed in the PEIR. The meeting will include a brief presentation of the Project to be addressed in the PEIR and will provide attendees with an opportunity to provide input to the scope of the PEIR. The meeting will be held online.

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

6:00 PM–7:00 PM (Pacific Time)—Via Microsoft Teams

Please use the following link to access the webinar: <https://bit.ly/4szekB0>



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PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD. The 30-day public comment period for the NOP begins on January 26, 2026 and ends on February 26, 2026. Any comments provided should identify specific topics of environmental concern and your reason for suggesting the study of these topics in the PEIR.

Though email is the preferred form of communication, you may direct your written comments via email, and/or U.S. Postal Services to:

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All written responses will be appended to the PEIR and their contents considered in accordance with state and County environmental guidelines.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY. This NOP is available for public review on LA County Planning's website at:

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/events-ordinance>.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review of this Project.