

Los Angeles County Events Ordinance Programmatic Environmental Impact Report Public Scoping Meeting

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- Land Use Regulations for Event Facilities
- Development Standards for Event Facilities
- Special Event Permits and Procedures

3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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- Purpose of a Scoping Meeting
- CEQA Process, Schedule, and PEIR Contents

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Introductions

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- Bruce Durbin, Supervising Planner, Ordinance Studies
- Lauren De La Cruz, Senior Planner, Ordinance Studies

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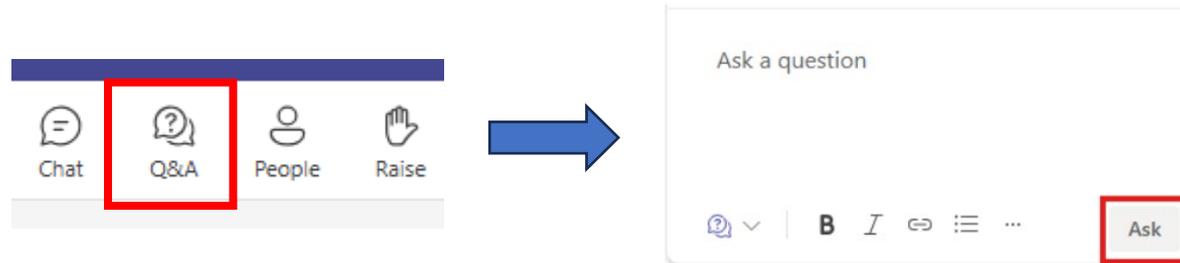
- Brian Grattidge, Senior Project Manager
- Samantha Robinson, Environmental Planner

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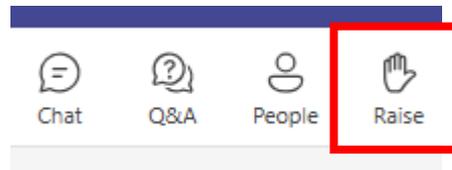
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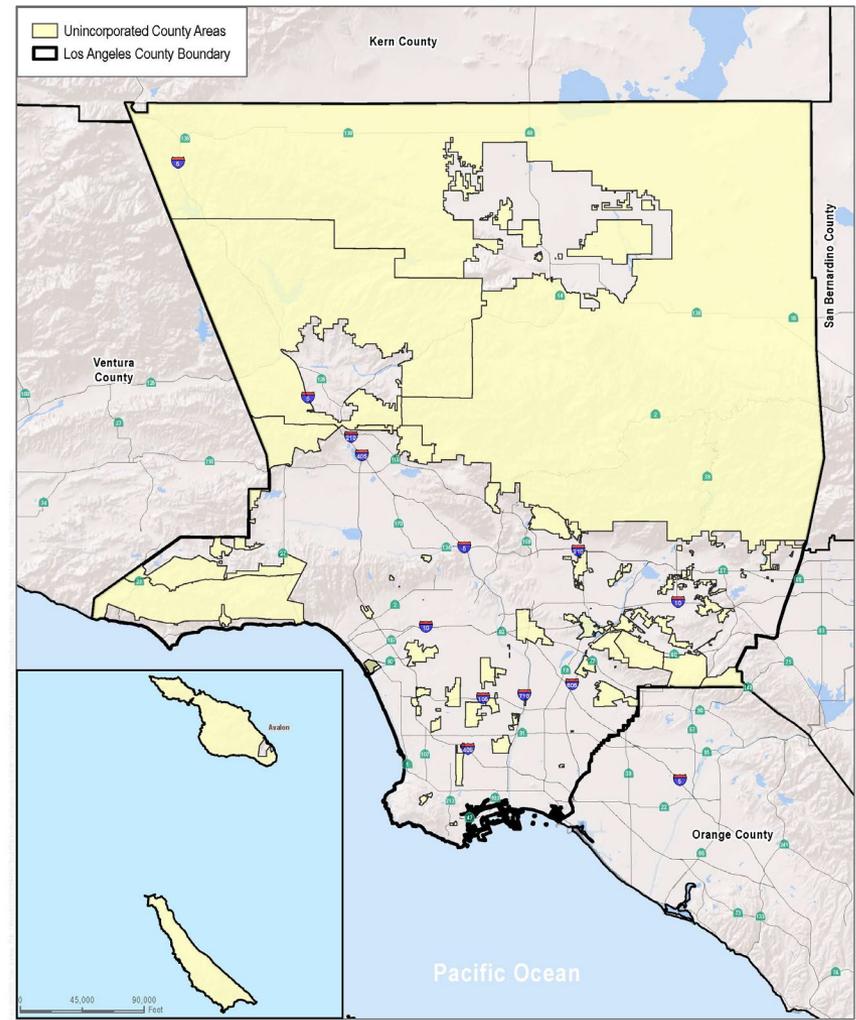


Project Overview

Project Location

The Events Ordinance would apply within the County's land use authority, including:

- Unincorporated lands regulated by the base zoning districts in the Zoning Code
- Areas governed by community standards districts and specific plans
- Areas subject to the California Coastal Act where the County administers certified Local Coastal Programs



Events Ordinance Project Overview

New Zoning Code Definitions

Add events-related definitions to Division 2 (Definitions) of the Zoning Code to introduce and clarify several key terms.

Land Use Regulations for Event Facilities

Amend the Division 3 (Zones) land use tables in various Zoning Code chapters/sections to add “event facility” as a conditionally permitted use in appropriate zones and planning areas.

Development Standards for Event Facilities

Add a new “Event Facilities” section to the Zoning Code establishing development, operational, and management standards for event facilities.

Special Event Permits and Procedures

Clarify and codify existing practices and place additional restrictions and/or limitations on the types and duration of special events permitted.

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New Zoning Code Definitions

- **Event.** A public or private gathering of attendees as spectators or participants in planned informational, ceremonial, celebratory, entertainment, or amusement activities.
- **Event facility.** A commercial venue that hosts events for a fee on private property, including but not limited to, weddings, banquets, conferences, concerts, or animal related events.
- **Special event.** A short-term or extended-term use, activity, or event that is temporary and may not otherwise be allowed in the applicable zone but may be approved by a Special Event Permit due to its limited or temporary nature, provided that such a special event is evaluated for compatibility with surrounding land uses to ensure potential impacts are adequately mitigated. This definition does not include a noncommercial gathering for personal guests of the owner or residents of a property.

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Land Use Regulations for Event Facilities

Zones Permitting Event Facilities with a CUP

Zoning Code Section	Zone
Chapter 22.16 (Agricultural, Open Space, Resort and Recreation, and Watershed Zones)	Light Agricultural (A-1)
	Heavy-Agricultural (A-2)
	Resort and Recreation (R-R)
Chapter 22.20 (Commercial Zones)	Neighborhood Commercial (C-2)
	General Commercial (C-3)
	Commercial Manufacturing (C-M)
	Major Commercial (C-MJ)
	Commercial Recreation (C-R)
Chapter 22.22 (Industrial Zones)	Light Manufacturing (M-1)
	Restricted Heavy Manufacturing (M-1.5)
	Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)
	Aircraft, Heavy Industrial (M-2.5)
Chapter 22.24 (Rural Zones)	Rural Commercial (C-RU)
Section 22.26.030 (Mixed Use Development Zone)	Mixed Use Development (MXD)

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Land Use Regulations for Event Facilities

Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone

- Chapter 22.44 (Santa Monica Mountains Local Implementation Program)
 - Subject to a Major Coastal Development Permit (CDP) in C-2, R-R, and Rural-Coastal (R-C) zones.

Specific Plans

- Sections 22.46.890 et. seq. (Marina Del Rey Specific Plan)
- Chapter 22.404 (Northlake Specific Plan)
- Chapter 22.406 (Newhall Ranch Specific Plan)
- Chapter 22.410 (East Los Angeles Third Street Form-Based Code Specific Plan)
- Chapter 22.412 (Willowbrook Transit-Oriented District Specific Plan)
- Chapter 22.414 (West Carson Transit-Oriented District Specific Plan)
- Chapter 22.416 (Connect Southwest LA: A TOD Specific Plan for West-Athens Westmont)
- Chapter 22.418 (Florence-Firestone Transit-Oriented District Specific Plan)

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Development Standards for Event Facilities

- The Project would add a new “Event Facilities” section to Division 7 (Standards for Specific Uses) of the Zoning Code establishing development, operational, and management standards for event facilities.
- All event facilities would be required to obtain a CUP
- The standards would apply countywide wherever event facilities are allowed and are intended to ensure that such facilities are designed and operated in a manner that is compatible with surrounding land uses, protective of environmental resources, and supportive of public safety.

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Development Standards for Event Facilities

- Site Design and Physical Development Standards
 - Minimum lot size
 - Maintenance
 - Lighting
 - Parking
 - Operational and management
 - Monitoring, inspection, and enforcement
 - Noise
 - Buffers
 - Simultaneous events
 - Public safety, access, and fire protection
 - Prohibited activities and use limitations

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Chapter 22.188, Special Event Permits

- The Project would make minor revisions to the existing Chapter 22.188, Special Event Permits, of the Zoning Code, including:
 - Proposed changes to clarify and codify existing practices
 - Additional restrictions on the types and duration of special events permitted
 - Limiting extended-term special events to 12 weekends or 14 consecutive days per year.
 - Prohibiting commercial special events from being held on residential property
 - Prohibiting special events at residences registered as short-term rentals
 - Additional review regulations for locations in Significant Ecological Areas and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones
 - Clarifying the application and review procedures timing for SEPs
 - Adding language for enforcement requirements

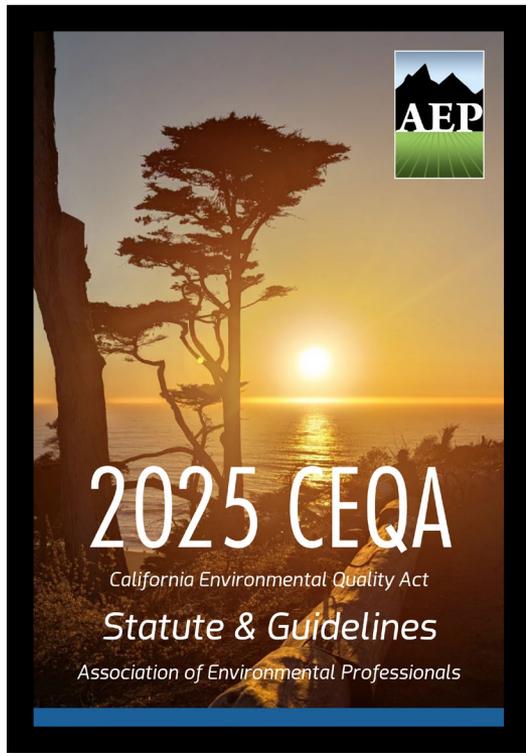
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Event Types Summary

	EVENT FACILITIES	SPECIAL EVENTS
Use Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal Use: Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Temporary Use: Special Event
Permit Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Special Event Permit (SEP) application
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commercial/For-Profit (mainly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-Profit & Commercial/For-Profit (limits on Commercial)
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ongoing events determined by CUP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-Term or Extended-Term
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited to certain Zones (Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, Mixed Use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Almost all Zones

CEQA Requirements

California Environmental Quality Act



1. Inform decision-makers and public about potentially significant physical effects on the environment.
2. Identify ways to avoid or significantly reduce environmental impacts.
3. Prevent significant avoidable impacts through feasible alternatives and/or mitigation.
4. If a project is approved with significant impacts, disclose to the public the reasons why.

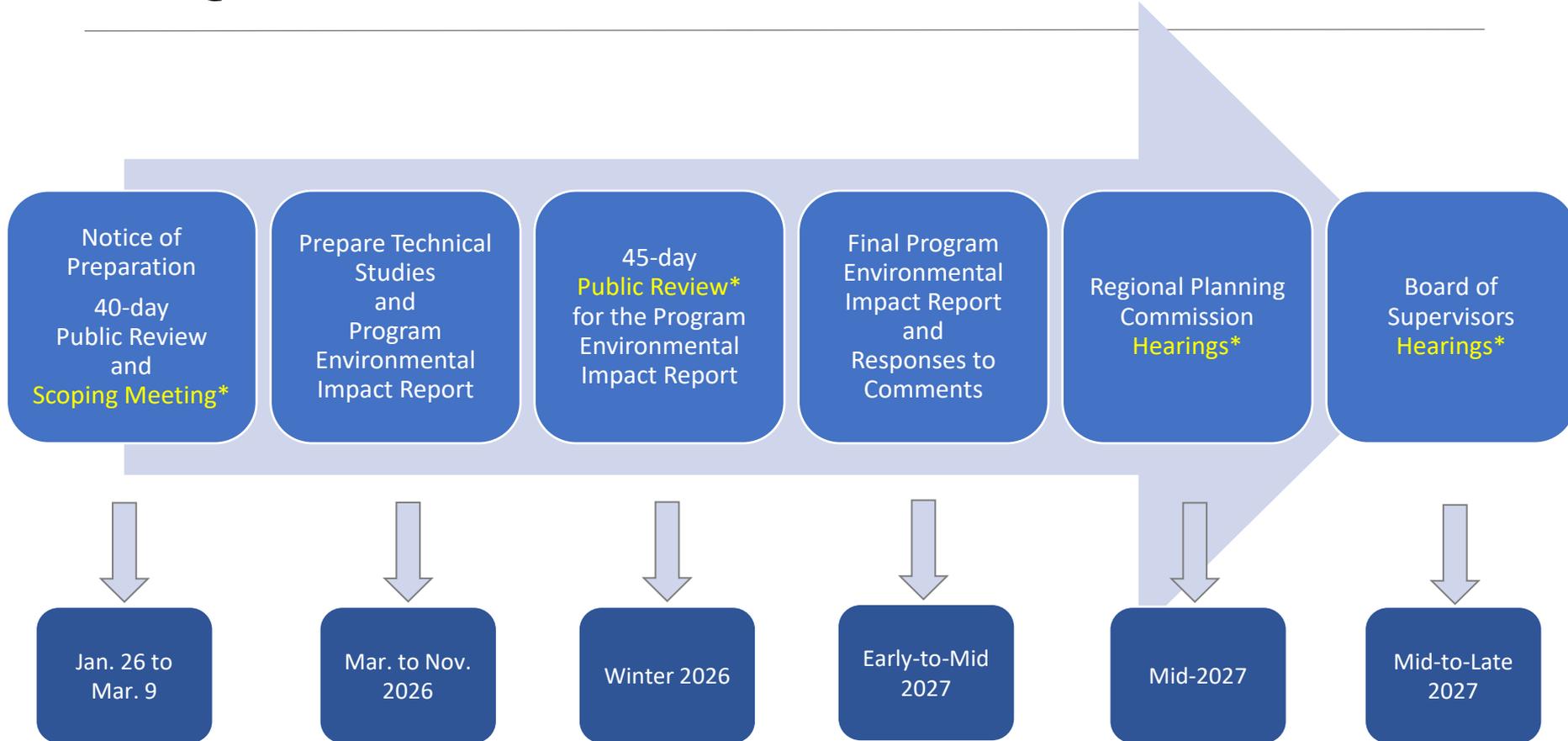
Purpose of a Scoping Meeting

To help determine the scope and content of the environmental information to be analyzed in the PEIR through consultation with:

- Responsible and trustee agencies
- Adjacent cities/counties
- Public transit agencies
- Interested organizations or individuals

This is an information-gathering meeting

CEQA Process and Schedule



*Opportunities for Public Comment

Contents of the Program EIR

1. Environmental setting (baseline for impact analysis)
2. Project description and objectives
3. Direct, indirect and cumulative impacts analyses
4. Ways to avoid or reduce significant environmental impacts (mitigation measures & alternatives)
5. Effects not found significant
6. Organizations and persons consulted

CEQA Environmental Topics

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture & Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources*
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology & Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Land Use & Planning*
- Mineral Resources
- Noise*
- Population & Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation*
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities & Service Systems
- Wildfire

How to Provide Comments

**Submit written comments by
5:30 PM on March 9, 2026**

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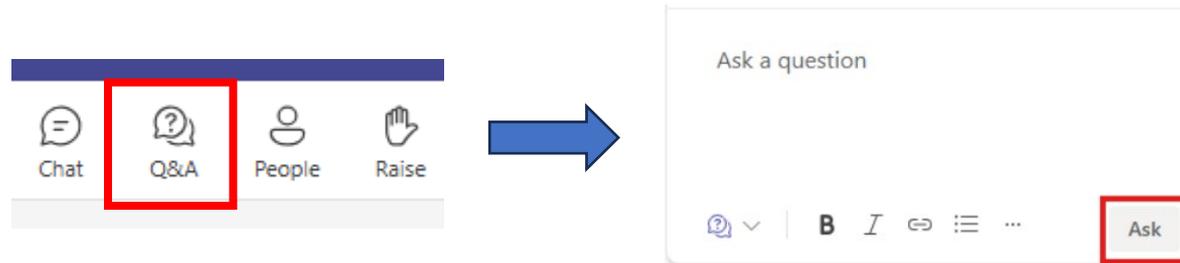
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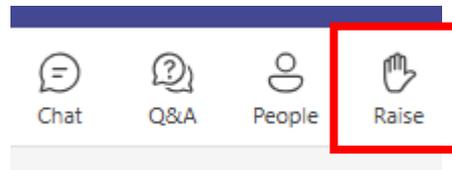
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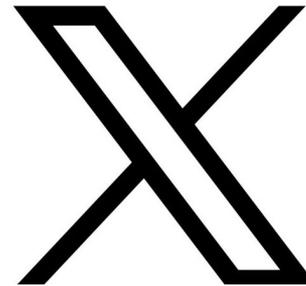
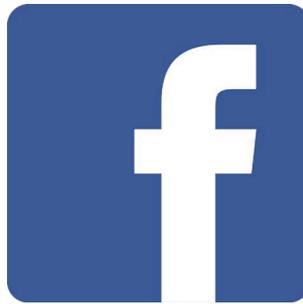
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