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ADVANCING THE COUNTY'S LONG-TERM HEALTH, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND JUST TRANSITION GOALS DURING THE PHASE OUT OF URBAN OIL DRILLING (ITEM NO. 16, MAY 13, 2025)

On May 13, 2025, the Board of Supervisors (Board) instructed the Departments of Public Health (Public Health), Regional Planning (DRP), and Department of Public Works (DPW) via the Office of Oil and Gas, and Fire, in consultation with the Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) and County Counsel, to coordinate on directives regarding the phase out of urban oil drilling. This report addresses the following directive:

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2. *Direct the Director of DRP, in coordination with the Directors of DPH, DPW via the Office of Oil and Gas, and Fire, in consultation with the CSO and County Counsel to report back to the Board in writing in 120 days with recommended policy changes and/or advocacy positions regarding policy recommendations to guide remediation and reuse of former oil sites to in a manner that ensures timely clean up, operator accountability, appropriate health and safety standards, and enforcement mechanisms, in alignment with existing state law that requires operators to pay for plugging and abandonment. These recommendations should be informed by robust stakeholder input;*

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Directive 2 (DRP: Recommendations for Future Land Uses and Remediation)

As discussed [previously](#), to gather the robust stakeholder input required to address Directive 2, DRP, in partnership with CSO, Public Health, and other agencies, is conducting a series of community engagement activities, prioritizing outreach to frontline communities historically affected by oil extraction.

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To date, County staff have held community workshops in Rowland Heights, Ladera Heights, West Athens-Westmont, West Rancho Dominguez, West Carson, South Whittier, and Castaic. Staff will host a virtual meeting on April 21, 2026. Staff will also facilitate government-to-government meetings with affected Native Nations. Furthermore, input will continue to be collected via a GIS-based digital survey, which can be accessed at the following link: bit.ly/LACountyOilSurvey.

DRP will produce a summary report informed by documented stakeholder input that will include recommendations for next steps for the Board's review.

Conclusion

The next status report will be provided by **July 20, 2026**. For further information on the phase-out of urban oil drilling and related topics referred to in this memo, please contact Connie Chung, Deputy Director, at cchung@planning.lacounty.gov.

Thank you.

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