



## County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

# January eBLAST

### Winery Ordinance Stakeholder Workshop

Planning & Development Services (PDS) will host a stakeholder workshop on the County Tiered Winery Ordinance and your participation would be greatly appreciated!

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit input from interested parties on proposed changes to the Tiered Winery Ordinance. Information gathered at the workshop will be evaluated and used to formulate the final draft documents to be presented to the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors at upcoming public hearings.



The workshop will be held at 10:00 Jan. 17 in the public hearing chambers at the San Diego County Operations Center located at 5520 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123.

An RSVP is greatly appreciated if you plan on attending the workshop. Please RSVP no later than Jan. 15 to Joe Farace at [joseph.farace@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:joseph.farace@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 858-694-3690.

### Heads up! Effective Date of New Energy Code Delayed Six Months

The California Energy Commission has changed the effective date for the [2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards](#) from January 1, 2014 to July 1, 2014. PDS Building Services applies these energy efficiency standards when reviewing and inspecting construction projects that propose conditioned space and/or lighting fixtures. Information about the new effective date is available at the [California Energy Commission website](#).

With the new effective date in place, the 2013 standards will apply

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to projects formally submitted to PDS Building Services on or after July 1. The current 2008 standards will apply to projects under construction or formally submitted to PDS Building Services before July 1.

## Community Planning and Sponsor Groups Receive Training



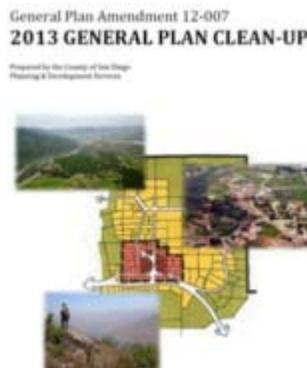
PDS staff and County Counsel recently conducted two community planning/sponsor group (CPG/CSG) trainings on Saturday, January 4 at the Lakeside Community Center and on Monday, January 6 at the East

Valley Community Center in Escondido. A total of 72 CPG/CSG members attended the annual training sessions. The annual training provides CPG/CSG members with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively carryout their roles and responsibilities. The training also identifies Board Policy I-1, Brown Act, Public Records Act and Political Reform Act requirements that group members must comply with. An online version of the training is available on the [CPG/CSG website](#).

A special thanks goes out to the County's Department of Parks and Recreation for hosting the training at the Lakeside Community Center and all of the planning/sponsor group members who attended the training.

## General Plan Clean Up

This Board of Supervisors-directed General Plan Amendment (GPA) is intended as a mechanism for making changes to the General Plan to allow for corrections discovered during the plan's implementation or to reflect changing circumstances. Changes recommended by staff have been finalized for the 2013 General Plan Clean-Up GPA (GPA 12-007), which is scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission at its Jan 24 hearing. The Staff Recommendation document and additional project information is available [here](#) or Kevin Johnston at [kevin.johnston@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:kevin.johnston@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 858-694-3084.



## Board Approves Extending Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program



The PACE program was initiated Aug. 3, 2011 as a part of the General Plan Update Implementation Plan. Under the PACE program, the County compensates willing agricultural property owners for placing a perpetual easement on their

agricultural property that limits future uses and eliminates future subdivision potential. As a result, the agricultural land is preserved and the property owner receives compensation that can make its continued use for agriculture more viable. To date, the program has permanently protected 782 acres of ranch and

## Did you know?

Because of its diversity of habitat and position on the Pacific Flyway, San Diego County has recorded the presence of 492 bird species; more than any other region in the country.

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farmland through the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements, exceeding the program's original goal of protecting 500 acres.

The Board of Supervisors received a report on the Pilot Phase of the County's PACE Program Dec. 4, 2013 and voted unanimously to direct staff to pursue the acquisition of easements for the 16 remaining properties identified during the Pilot Phase of the Program and to extend PACE into a permanent program. The Board also directed staff to prepare a mitigation component that will allow easement land acquired under the PACE program to be utilized as off-site mitigation for agricultural impacts resulting from private projects. For additional information on the PACE program, please contact Matt Schneider at [matthew.schneider@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:matthew.schneider@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 858-694-3714.

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## New Construction Codes Now in Effect

New building projects submitted to PDS Building Services for permits will be reviewed and inspected using an updated series of California construction codes.

The following state codes became effective Jan. 1, 2014:

- 2013 California Building Code
- 2013 California Residential Code
- 2013 California Electrical Code
- 2013 California Plumbing Code
- 2013 California Mechanical Code
- 2013 California Fire Code
- 2013 California Green Building Code

The 2010 California codes – the previous series of codes – remain applicable to active projects formally submitted to PDS Building Services before Jan. 1. “Formal submittal” occurs when an applicant meets with a PDS Building Services counter technician and receives a record ID for the project.

Each 2010 and 2013 code may be viewed for free on the [California Building Standards Commission website](#).

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## Code Compliance teams up with the East County Posse Again!



After receiving a complaint about an illegal granny flat, our Code Compliance officers found that the flat and the property owner were owned by an elderly couple, and that the flat had been built to help the desperately ill husband. Recognizing their need, Compliance officers worked

with the couple to allow a caretaker to stay in the flat while the couple lived in the small home. When the husband passed away, Staff contacted the East County Posse (ECP), an organization that assists property owners with special needs to resolve their code violations for free. ECP contacted the widow and made arrangements to convert the granny flat to a storage shed.

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## Welcome Aboard!



**Andrea Santos** *Land Use Aide, Building Division*

Andrea joins PDS after volunteering for more than 1,200 hours in the Watershed Protection Program of the Department of Public Works. Andrea obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from UCLA. We are happy to welcome Andrea to our PDS team and look forward to seeing her serve our customers on the front line.

**Vanessa Pash** *Land Use Aide, Building Division*



Vanessa may already be a familiar face to some of you; she joined the County in May, 2013 as a Student Worker. Upon receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University, she competed and was selected as a Land Use Aide in the PDS Building Division. Vanessa has quickly proven herself to be a valued asset to the Department and to our customers, and we look forward to watching her career grow.

### **PDS Staff Spotlight - Veronica Taber**



Pop quiz: What was the name of your high school librarian?

Stumped? Not Veronica Taber. Knowing the answer to unexpected questions is what Veronica is good at and is probably why she landed her job as a Land Use Technician. Veronica works in the PDS Building Division at both the Permit Counter and Street

Addressing. Working at both counters requires her to switch gears quickly, think fast, and - most importantly - be prepared for the unexpected. When she is not at work she likes to travel and spend time with her family and friends. Recently Veronica went on a two week cruise through Europe. She said Sicily was her favorite stop and, even though she enjoys her job and missed her co-workers, she hopes to go back soon and indulge in more cannoli.

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