



## County of San Diego DPLU Update

August 2010

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Aug. 20: Planning Commission:  
Zoning Consistency Review  
Continuation

Sept. 15: Board of Supervisors:  
(1) Solar Energy Ordinance  
(2) Interim Wind Energy  
Ordinance

For more information and additional  
upcoming meetings, please visit the  
Calendar on the General Plan Update  
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## Advance Planning News

### General Plan Update

#### Planning Commission Hearing – August 20

At the July 9<sup>th</sup> hearing on Zoning Consistency Review, the Planning Commission directed staff to review several additional issues, make recommendations and report back to the Commission. Staff will present its recommendations on those items at the August 20, 2010 Planning Commission hearing.

The [Planning Report](#) and [Zoning Maps](#) are available online

The hearing is held at the Planning Commission Hearing Room 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92123, and will begin at 9 A.M.

For more information contact Department of Planning and Land Use staff at (858) 694-2488 or at [gpupdate.DPLU@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:gpupdate.DPLU@sdcounty.ca.gov), or visit during our regular business hours Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 11:45 A.M. & 12:30 – 4:00 P.M.

#### Responses to Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report

Revised draft responses to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report were posted on the [General Plan Update Website](#) on August 5, 2010. The revisions also include the addition of responses for persons and organizations who submitted comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report after the initial August 31, 2009 deadline.

### Policy and Ordinance Development

#### Zoning Ordinance General Clean-Up Out for Public Review

Advanced Planning staff is preparing another general clean-up to the County Zoning Ordinance. Proposed amendments will include the addition of definitions, and minor revisions to various sections of the ordinance. This action also proposes to make minor changes to the County Regulatory Code related to Surface Mining Operations and the County Administrative Code related to Rules of Conduct and Procedure. The draft ordinance is currently out for public review and can be viewed at the [Advance Planning website](#). Public review of the Zoning Ordinance Update ends on August 27. The Zoning Ordinance amendment will be brought to the Planning Commission this Fall. (Staff Contact: [Heather Steven](#)).

### **Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Solar Energy Ordinance**

Advance Planning has been working on amendments that would update the Zoning Ordinance's renewable energy regulations. The Solar Energy Ordinance will codify the Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency with the County's current practices for permitting of solar energy systems as well as introduce new procedures for the permitting on small off-site use photovoltaic solar energy systems. On July 23 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Solar Energy Ordinance. The Solar Energy Ordinance will go to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration on September 15. The public can view the draft Solar Energy Ordinance at the [DPLU Advance Planning Website](#) (Staff Contact: [Marcus Lubich](#))

### **Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Interim Wind Energy Ordinance**

In addition to the Solar Energy Ordinance, Advance Planning staff has been working on comprehensive updates to the existing wind energy regulations. Additional environmental analysis will be required for the entire ordinance, however in the interim; staff is bringing forward minor changes to the small wind energy system portion of the existing Zoning Ordinance to allow for additional small wind turbine systems with an Administrative Permit. On July 23 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Interim Wind Energy Ordinance. The ordinance is now scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 15. The public can view the draft Interim Wind Energy Ordinance at the [DPLU Advance Planning Website](#) (Staff Contact: [Carl Stiehl](#))

### **Medical Marijuana Ordinance Approved by Board of Supervisors**

On June 30, the Board of Supervisors approved Zoning Ordinance amendments (with revisions) that provide guidelines about how medical marijuana collectives could be sited within the unincorporated county and also approved Regulatory Code amendments as to the operation of medical marijuana collectives. The ordinances became effective on July 30. The adopted ordinances and other documentation related to the Medical Marijuana Ordinance can be viewed on the [DPLU Advance Planning Website](#). (Staff Contact: [Joseph Farace](#))

### **Board of Supervisors Approves Density Bonus Ordinance**

On August 4 the Board of Supervisors approved the Density Bonus Ordinance. The ordinance updated the Zoning Ordinance to include density bonus provisions consistent with State law. The ordinance also consolidated two existing County density bonus programs creating comprehensive density bonus regulations. The ordinance will go into effect on September 3. The approved Density Bonus Ordinance can be viewed on the [Advance Planning website](#). (Staff Contact: [Dixie Switzer](#))

### **Board of Supervisors Approves the Tiered Winery Ordinance**

On August 4 the Board of Supervisors approved the Tiered Winery Ordinance. The Tiered Winery Ordinance amends the Zoning Ordinance resulting in the creation of a four tier winery classification framework. The scale and scope of the winery operations correspond to their "tiered" classification. The ordinance will go into effect on September 3. The ordinance can be viewed at: [Policy and Ordinance Development website](#) (Staff Contact: [Matt Schneider](#)).

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