



## County of San Diego DPLU Update

March 2010

### IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES:

Mar. 12: Planning Commission:  
General Plan Update

April. 16: Planning Commission:  
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For more information and additional upcoming meetings, please visit the Calendar on the General Plan Update [Web site](#).

## Advance Planning News

### General Plan Update

#### Planning Commission Hearing

The Planning Commission will reconvene its General Plan Update hearing Mar. 12, continuing the hearings that took place in November and December 2009, and February 2010. At the Feb. 19 hearing, the Planning Commission continued discussions on various issues raised at the previous meetings, but, due to a crowded agenda, continued the discussions to March 12.

A complete list of issues can be found in the [planning report](#) for the Feb. 19 hearing. The [presentation](#) given at the hearing, as well as a [summary](#) of the meeting, is also available on our Web site

#### Planning Commission Recommended Land Use Maps

The Planning Commission Tentative Recommended Land Use Maps, developed at recent meetings on Nov. 6, 19 and 20, Dec. 4 and Feb. 19, are now available on the DPLU Web site at:

[http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/pc\\_nov09.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/pc_nov09.html)

#### Zoning Ordinance Consistency

Staff's evaluation of where regulations in the Zoning Ordinance will need to be revised concurrent with the General Plan Update has received preliminary feedback from the community planning and sponsor groups. In April, the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) will be sending out additional information for public review on these proposed zoning changes. If interested please contact County DPLU staff [Carl Stiehl](#). The General Plan Update remains on schedule to go to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in the Fall of 2010.

### Policy and Ordinance Development

#### Subdivision Ordinance Update

The Board of Supervisors approved Advanced Planning's comprehensive "cleanup" of the County's Subdivision Ordinance Jan. 27. The changes will improve the ordinance and make it easier to read and understand. The amended ordinance will take effect March 26. The revised ordinance is currently available on our [Web site](#). (Staff Contact: [Heather Steven](#))

### **Landscape Ordinance**

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Water Conservation in Landscaping Ordinance and endorsed the Water Conservation in Landscaping Design Manual Dec. 9, 2009. The new ordinance and design manual will improve landscaping regulations by requiring and promoting increased water conservation, consistent with State requirements. The ordinance took effect Feb. 12. A new Landscape Ordinance Web page has been made part of the County DPLU Web site. The Web page includes the ordinance, landscape design manual as well as links to other useful information regarding landscaping and water conservation. The Landscape Ordinance Web page can be viewed on the [DPLU Web site](#) (Staff Contact: [Dixie Switzer](#))

### **Renewable Energy Ordinance**

Advance Planning staff has initiated amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance which would 1) update existing County regulations pertaining to wind turbine systems and 2) add new provisions related to the siting and permitting of solar energy systems and facilities. The draft ordinance and CEQA Negative Declaration prepared for the project are currently available for public review and can be viewed at the Policy and Ordinance Development [Web site](#). The ordinance will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in 2010. (Staff Contact: [Carl Stiehl](#))

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