



County of San Diego DPLU Update

March 2009

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES:

Mar. 27 TENTATIVE: Interest Group Meeting

For more information and additional upcoming meetings, please visit the Calendar on [Our Website](#).

What is a Community/ Subregional Plan?

Community and Subregional Plans are adopted as part of the General Plan, our "constitution for land use planning". They give more specific guidance for development in distinct geographic areas than can be afforded in the regional General Plan document, which addresses land use planning in the entire unincorporated County of San Diego. Covering more than 26 distinct communities in the unincorporated county, 13 Community Plans and 9 Subregional Plans are adopted and provide guidance for the land development.

Hello everyone,

You will notice that our March update just includes information from the Advance Planning Group. We have been expanding this monthly update to include information from our other DPLU divisions. The February version had updates from Advance Planning, Building and our MSCP group. We still plan to bring you an expanded DPLU newsletter with even more material. However, as we try to find the best way to do that, we've decided to make the expanded newsletter a Quarterly publication ---- starting in April.

Advance Planning will continue to issue its monthly update. So, enjoy! And we'll see you again in April.

Eric Gibson, Director

Advance Planning News

General Plan Update

DPLU closed the 60-day public comment period on its first Draft General Plan Update on Jan. 30, collecting 88 comments from groups and residents. Since then, the General Plan Update team has been busily reviewing those [comments](#) and revising the plan. At the same time we continue to work on the plan's Draft Environmental Impact Report. Both the draft EIR and the second, revised draft of the Update will be sent out for public review later this year, in late summer or early fall. The General Plan Update continues to be on schedule to be sent to County Supervisors for consideration in Fall 2010.

Advisory Group Meetings

An Interest Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 27th at 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in room 302/303 at the County Administration Center, 1500 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101. The meeting's agenda has not yet been set.

Our division continues to review the Community and Subregional Plan materials that have been submitted by the community planning and sponsor groups to be included in the General Plan Update. We are also reviewing already-existing Community and Subregional plans to see if they are consistent with the update. For more information, please contact your community planning/sponsor group chairperson, or County staff, at gupdate.DPLU@sdcounty.ca.gov

Policy and Ordinance Development

Wind Turbine Testing and Residential Turbines

On February 25, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the Zoning Ordinance permitting Meteorological Testing Facilities with approval of an Administrative Permit. (Staff Contact: [Carl Stiehl](#))

Farm Employee Housing

Advance Planning staff is working on “cleanup” changes to the County’s Zoning Ordinance to make the County’s existing Farm Employee Housing regulations consistent with State law. Our staff is scheduled to present the changes to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors by the middle of this year. (Staff Contact: [Matt Schneider](#))

Landscape Ordinance Update

Looking to improve local water conservation, the Board of Supervisors directed DPLU on Oct. 15 to report on regional efforts to create a “model landscape ordinance.” The State released its own [draft model ordinance](#) Nov. 26, 2008. Our staff is currently working on changes to the County Water Conservation Landscape Ordinance to be consistent with the State’s ordinance. We’re also working with local water agencies and other jurisdictions to make sure we’re all consistent. Staff will return to the Board on this matter later this spring. (Staff Contact: [Dixie Switzer](#))

Accessory Dwelling Units

Advance Planning’s staff is processing Zoning Ordinance changes that would simplify the County’s accessory dwelling unit regulations. The changes would reduce the number of types of dwelling units from four to two: Second Dwelling Units and Guest Living Quarters. The amendments would also change some of the limitations on those dwelling units. The Planning Commission recommended approving the Zoning Ordinance changes Feb. 13. The changes will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their April 8 meeting. The proposed ordinance changes can be seen online at the [DPLU Advance Planning website](#). (Staff Contact: [Heather Steven](#))

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