



## County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

# July eBLAST

### Zoning Ordinance Update No. 30 and County Code Amendments (POD-13- 003)

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(PDS) proposes amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance and County Code that are intended to make minor clarifications and additions to various code sections to improve customer service, correct inconsistencies, address implementation measures of the General Plan and address changes in state law.

This latest update proposes to amend various sections of the Zoning Ordinance and make minor revisions and additions to the County Code. A 45-day public review period for the draft Zoning Ordinance and County Code Amendments and the draft Negative Declaration began on June 26. Comments regarding the draft ordinances and Negative Declaration are due by 4:00 p.m. on August 11, 2014. Once public review ends, staff will review and address all comments received and prepare for a Planning Commission hearing. After the Planning Commission hearing, the project will move forward to the Board of Supervisors for consideration later in the year. To review the draft documents and a summary of the proposed changes, visit [this site](#). Please contact Heather Lingelser at (858) 495-5802 or [heather.lingelser@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:heather.lingelser@sdcounty.ca.gov) if you have any questions regarding this project.

### Multiple Species Conservation Program Annual Report Workshop

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### Important Dates

Board of Supervisors  
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You are invited to learn about regional habitat conservation accomplishments and goals at the



Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Annual Report Workshop. Local jurisdictions and state and federal agencies will give an update on lands preserved for the approved MSCP and on MSCP projects completed in 2013 in the southwest portion of the county. This is an opportunity for the public to learn more about San Diego County's unique habitats and the role the MSCP plays in preserving open space and biological diversity across jurisdictional boundaries. No RSVP is required. See [this flier](#) or contact Bobbie Stephenson of PDS at (858) 694-3680 or [bobbie.stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:bobbie.stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov) for more information.

**When:** Tuesday, July 22

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** County of San Diego Operations Center, Board Hearing Chambers

5520 Overland Ave. San Diego, CA 92123

## PDS Wins National Award For Online Solar Permit Program



PDS' successful and efficient online solar permit system has earned the County of San Diego a 2014 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Last summer PDS expanded its online services to cover its highest-volume permit type: Residential roof-mounted solar photovoltaic projects. The service

– developed in-house by the PDS Performance Improvement Team – allows those customers to submit plans and obtain permits electronically, saving them trips to the County offices and reducing traffic at the PDS public counters.

The added convenience has not compromised processing times: permits for roof-mounted projects submitted online to PDS typically are issued within one business day and often much faster. "This Internet approval system is a dream!" solar contractor Bryan May said recently after using the online permit service.

NACo grants achievement awards to counties with innovative programs modernizing local government and increasing services to residents. This year, the County as a whole was awarded 34 NACo awards (for more information – please visit The [County News Center](#)). PDS online permit services are available through the County's [Citizen Access Portal](#), with a [permitting help guide](#) providing instructions for customers.

## Neighborhood Reaches Out To Code

**Did you know?**  
Agnes White became the "voice" of Betty Crocker on ABC Radio in 1924 and continued for two decades. She lived in Valley Center for 40 years and is buried in the Valley Center Cemetery.

## Online Services

### [Citizen Access Portal](#)

Research property information and permits. Apply for some permits online.

### [GIS Maps](#)

Determine the zoning and characteristics of properties with our web-based mapping tool.



## Compliance



Neighbors contacted Code Compliance about a property in Spring Valley that had been vacant and abandoned since 2009. A large amount of illegal construction had tripled the onsite house in size and the overall condition of the property made it an eyesore for the neighbors.

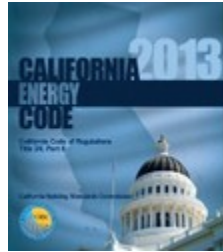
Code Compliance staff researched County records and found that the property was owned by a bank and quickly notified them that their property had become a public nuisance. Once the bank determined it would cost more in construction costs to make the house livable than the property was worth they demolished all the structures and cleaned the property.



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## New Energy Code Takes Effect

Effective July 1, projects submitted to PDS for building permits will be evaluated against a new series of energy efficiency requirements.



The 2013 California Building Energy Efficiency standards represent a 25 percent increase in efficiency over the previous 2008 standards. [This summary](#) highlights the code changes that apply to residential and nonresidential projects, including more stringent provisions for windows, insulation, lighting, and mechanical systems.

The 2013 standards apply to projects formally submitted to PDS Building Services on or after July 1. Projects under construction or formally submitted before July may comply with the 2008 standards.

For more information and documentation related to the energy efficiency standards, visit the [California Energy Commission website](#).

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## Welcome aboard!



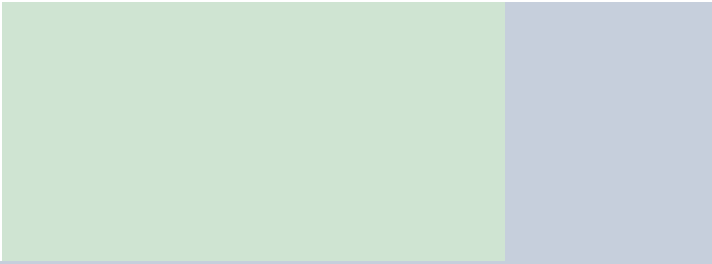
*Eric Lardy*

*Land Use/Environment Planning  
Manager*

*Advance Planning*

Eric returns to PDS as a Planning Manager in the Advance Planning Division after spending the last 3 ½

years as a Staff Officer in the Land Use & Environmental Group (LUEG) Executive Office. Eric graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, and in 2013 earned his Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. Eric joined the County almost 14 years ago as a Student Worker and has remained in LUEG the entire time. We are happy to welcome Eric back to the PDS family and with his vast experience, know he will be a great asset to the department.



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