



## County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

# September eBLAST

### Zoning Ordinance Update and County Code Amendments (POD-13-003)

The Planning Commission is scheduled to evaluate and make recommendations for the Board of Supervisors on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance when the Commission meets at 9:00 a.m. Sept. 12 at the County Operations Center Board Hearing Chambers at 5520 Overland Ave. in San Diego. The amendments include proposed changes related to various definitions, use regulations, procedures and other miscellaneous revisions and clarifications that will include amendments related to setbacks, detached garages, barns and recycling. There will also be proposed minor revisions to the County Code related to General Sound Level Limits, Hours of Operation of Construction Equipment and Reasonable Accommodation.

The Commission will also review and consider information in the Negative Declaration before making its recommendations. The Negative Declaration is dated June 26 and is on file with Planning & Development Services (PDS) as Environmental Review Number 13-00-001.

The Commission's recommendations about the amendments and updates will be considered by the Board of Supervisors later this year. To review the Planning Commission Hearing Report and attachments [click here](#) and read item #4. 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.

### PDS Collaborates with Local Builders & Designers to Meet Challenge of Energy-Efficiency Standards

Stakeholder outreach has enabled PDS staff to identify possibilities and complexities posed by California's stringent building energy-efficiency standards.

One example: PDS staff recently visited a local construction site to view a contractor's installation of energy-saving elements in a new single-family home. Learning about the construction challenges associated with such elements – including solar photovoltaic systems, insulated wall and roof assemblies, heating and cooling systems, and high-efficacy



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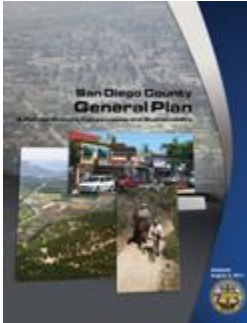
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lighting – allows PDS inspection staff to advise builders on compliant and effective construction methods and practices. PDS plan reviewers similarly have engaged with local designers to implement the [2013 building energy efficiency standards](#) and work through state-level software and processing difficulties since the July 1 code adoption. Combining an understanding of these obstacles with code expertise developed through months of research and training, PDS staff can guide designers to project compliance and approval more quickly.

## Updates to the General Plan Web Page



The County Board of Supervisors approved three General Plan Amendments (GPAs) on June 18: the 2013 General Plan Clean-Up; Property Specific Requests NM16, RM15, SD2, & SV17; and Campus Park West. The changes included revisions to the Mobility Element Network Appendix; minor revisions/additions/clarifications for the General Plan text; revisions to community plans for Borrego Springs, Jamul/Dulzura, North Mountain, Rainbow, San Dieguito (Elfin Forest &

Harmony Grove portion), Spring Valley, and Sweetwater; and some changes to the General Plan Land Use Map and corresponding zoning. Each of the changes are now reflected in the links on the [General Plan web page](#). If you have any questions about these updates or the General Plan web page, please contact Kevin Johnston at [kevin.johnston@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:kevin.johnston@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 858-694-3084.

## Code Compliance Success!



PDS Code Compliance received a call from a resident who reported that his neighbor was illegally operating a paint and auto repair business from his home. The resident was concerned about paint fumes and the 20 cars parked on the property.

Staff made a site inspection and observed a large number of inoperable vehicles, auto parts and junk. When the property owner admitted his tenant was running an auto repair business staff told him he was in violation of County Code. The owner quickly cleaned his property in two weeks!



## County's Monitoring Program Helps Protect Our Groundwater!

### Did You Know?

The Mount Laguna Observatory has several astronomical observatories owned and operated by San Diego State University and was in partnership with the University of Illinois until 2000.



## 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.



Approximately 2,750 square miles of the County is groundwater dependent with no access to imported water. Because of the current drought, concerns are increasing over using groundwater as a source of water for development projects.



These concerns have prompted continued action to ensure protection, preservation, and maintenance of this vital resource. Since 1982, PDS has maintained a groundwater monitoring network in which groundwater levels are monitored in individual wells. Measurements of water levels in wells provide the most fundamental indicator of the status of this resource over time. As of 2014, PDS maintains a groundwater monitoring network of 333 wells, 101 of which are manually monitored by PDS and 232 by other entities. Ongoing groundwater monitoring is crucial to continuing to improve groundwater investigation capabilities for informed future development decisions and to aid in long-range groundwater planning/management of groundwater resources in this important region of the County.

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## Welcome aboard!



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Kim joins PDS after having been rehired by the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in October, 2012. She was previously employed with the County from 2008-2009, before moving to Illinois. Kim received a

Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Loyola University. She will be managing our contracts and facilities among other duties. Kim's experience will provide tremendous support to all divisions in PDS, and we welcome her addition to our team.

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