

**NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY  
VENTURA COUNTY LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

**REGARDING PERMITTING AND REGULATION OF OIL AND GAS  
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION (CASE NO. PL20-0052)**

**APPLICANT:** County of Ventura

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed zoning ordinance amendments would apply to land located in the following zones in the unincorporated area of Ventura County where the oil and gas production and exploration land use is authorized by use permit under the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (NCZO) and Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance (CZO): Open Space (OS), Agricultural Exclusive (AE), Rural Agricultural (RA), Rural Exclusive (RE), Industrial Park (M1), Limited Industrial (M2), General Industrial (M3), Coastal Open Space (COS), Coastal Agricultural (CA), Coastal Commercial (CC) and Coastal Industrial (CM).

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** The project consists of zoning text amendments to Article 7, Section 8107-5 of the NCZO and Article 5, Section 8175-5.7 of the CZO, to modify requirements for discretionary permitting for certain new oil and gas exploration and production operations, and to address the applicability of the County's oil development regulations, including applicability of vested rights. In particular, the zoning amendments would uniformly require discretionary permitting approval for all new oil and gas exploration and production operations, or components thereof, including but not limited to the drilling of new wells, the re-drilling or deepening of existing wells, and the installation of new permanent structures that are not replacing existing structures, where such new development is not specifically described in and authorized by an active County discretionary land use permit. (This discretionary permitting requirement would not apply to repair and maintenance activities.) The zoning amendments would also clarify that the County's oil development operational standards and design guidelines generally apply to all existing oil and gas exploration and production operations, except where application of such standards would impair a vested right. The zoning amendments would also limit the amount of new development that can be authorized by a single Zoning Clearance, and would make other minor revisions to clarify and obtain consistency between analogous provisions of the NCZO and CZO.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, CR 13515(a)(c) the proposed Coastal Zoning Ordinance amendment and the policy consistency analysis with the Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program (LCP) can be viewed on the Planning Division website at: <https://vcrma.org/CZO-amendment-oil-regulations>. Alternatively, the documents are available through Ventura County Library services which are available at <https://www.vencolibrary.org/>. In response to the declared state and local

emergencies due to the novel coronavirus, and in accordance with the California Governor's recent order to limit indoor operations as a precautionary measure to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the County Hall of Administration is closed to the public and in-person review of the documents is not currently available.

**COMMENTS:** Inquiries on this item may be directed to Mindy Fogg, Planning Manager, at (805) 654-5192 or via e-mail to [mindy.fogg@ventura.org](mailto:mindy.fogg@ventura.org).

**FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing, anticipated for October 6, 2020, is required before the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in order to adopt and submit the proposed CZO ordinance change as Local Coastal Program Amendment to the California Coastal Commission for certification. A separate 10-day public notice will be published.

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