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All Interested Parties

**RESCISSION OF:**  
CASE NO. ZA-2022-8997-ZAI-1A,  
ZA MEMORANDUM NO. 141

CITYWIDE

**RE: Rescission of Zoning Administrator's Interpretation (ZA-2022-8997-ZAI-1A)  
and Zoning Administrator Memorandum No. 141**

On January 17, 2023, the Chief Zoning Administrator issued Zoning Administrator Interpretation Case No. ZA-2022-8997-ZAI (ZAI) defining what drill site activities qualify as "well maintenance". On October 4, 2023, this ZAI was reissued, as modified by the Chief Zoning Administrator, and as adopted by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to appeal Case No. ZA-2022-8997-ZAI-1A.

Also on January 17, 2023, the Chief Zoning Administrator issued Zoning Administrator Memorandum (ZA Memo) No. 141, establishing application and processing requirements for Health and Safety Exception projects for oil and gas drill sites pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.23-C4 (Ordinance No. 187,709, adopted on December 2, 2022, and effective January 18, 2023).

Various parties challenged Ordinance No. 187,709, the ZAI, and ZA Memo No. 141 in *Warren E&P, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.

23STCP00060, and three related cases.<sup>1</sup> Following trial, the court ruled that Ordinance No. 187,709, the ZAI (Case No. ZA-2022-8997-ZAI-1A) and ZA Memo No. 141 were preempted by state law. The matter was ultimately resolved by stipulation and a stipulated judgment, which requires the City to rescind Ordinance No. 187,709, the ZAI, and ZA Memo No. 141. Pursuant to the stipulation and stipulated judgment, on May 23, 2025, the City Council adopted a draft ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 187,709. Rescission of Ordinance No. 187,709 means that any language in the LAMC that was deleted or amended by the Ordinance will become void, and the former language in Sections 12.03, 12.10, 12.23, 12.24, and 13.01 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC, as they existed prior to the adoption of the Ordinance, will become effective and enforceable.

To comply with the requirements of the stipulation and stipulated judgment, I hereby RESCIND Zoning Administrator's Interpretation, Case No. ZA-2022-8997-ZAI-1A, and Zoning Administrator Memorandum No. 141.

Case No. ZA-2022-8997-ZAI-1A and ZA Memorandum No. 141 are hereby rescinded, and the matter is received and filed.

ESTINEH MAILIAN  
Chief Zoning Administrator



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<sup>1</sup> The other three related lawsuits are: E & B Natural Resources v. City of Los Angeles, LASC Case No. 23STCP00070, Native Oil Producers & Employees of California /Western States Petroleum Association v. City of Los Angeles, LASC Case No. 23STCP00085; and National Association of Royalty OwnersCalifornia, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, LASC Case No. 23STCP00106.