



CITY OF CARSON

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: October 13, 2015 (Continued from September 8, 2015)

SUBJECT: Text Amendment No. 20-15

APPLICANT: City of Carson

REQUEST: To consider adoption of an Ordinance prohibiting hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), acidizing and any other form of well stimulation, and a finding of a Class 8 Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15308

PROPERTY INVOLVED: City-wide

COMMISSION ACTION

COMMISSIONERS' VOTE

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>		<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	
		Chairman Diaz			Mitoma
		Vice-Chair Madrigal			Post
		Andrews			Schaefer
		Faletogo			Thomas
		Guidry			

I. Introduction

This matter was considered by the Planning Commission on February 24, 2015, April 14, 2015, May 12, 2015, June 9, 2015, July 28, 2015, and September 8, 2015. At the September 8, 2015, hearing, the Planning Commission continued this matter to October 13, 2015. This Staff Report provides a status update.

II. Background

On September 8, 2015, the Planning Commission continued this item on the recommendation of staff.

There are still remaining issues to address regarding this Ordinance. Staff is requesting this item be continued to November 10th, 2015 to allow the City Manager to continue to meet with all stakeholders in order to ensure the community, environmental and other interested parties have been heard and have a full opportunity to consider and review all aspects of the proposed Ordinance. A continuance would also allow MRS and the City Attorney's office to assess recent legislation and judicial determinations, and for staff to take other steps to ensure the public health and safety is protected.

III. Analysis

No Proposed Refinements

There are no proposed refinements to the Ordinance at this time.

Dialog With Interested Parties and Small Group Workshops

The City Manager, Staff, the City Attorney's office, and MRS have been actively moving forward on this matter, and have held a series of separate meetings with members of the community, industry stakeholders and other interested parties at various times on September 15th, 24th and 29th to address issues and concerns.

IV. Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission continue this item to November 10, 2015, for the reasons discussed above. The Planning Commission is not anticipated to re-open public testimony during the October 13th meeting. However, public testimony may be provided at the continued hearing date recommended for November 10, 2015.

Prepared, Reviewed and Approved by:


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