Community Meeting

Understanding the Draft Regulations, Specific Plan and Environmental Review for the Inglewood Oil Field in Culver City

When
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where
Veterans Memorial Complex, Rotunda Room
4117 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230

The Culver City Oil Drilling Subcommittee is pleased to invite you to an Informational Community Meeting on February 21, 2018 that addresses the Inglewood Oil Field (IOF) Draft Specific Plan, Drilling Regulations and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Review Process.

On September 15, 2017, a Draft of the IOF Specific Plan (including revised draft drilling regulations) and the Draft EIR were released to the public for review and comment. The draft documents are posted on the City’s website at www.culvercity.org/inglewoodoilfield. The public review period was extended by the City Council and comments on the Draft EIR and Draft Specific Plan are due on March 14, 2018.

To further assist the public and interested stakeholders with questions concerning the proposed regulations, the Draft IOF Specific Plan and the Draft EIR, the City of Culver City will host an informational public meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Goals: Clarify how oil-related activities would be affected if the Draft Specific Plan were to be approved. Present an overview of the Draft Specific Plan and Drilling Regulations. Facilitate the public’s understanding of the document, thereby allowing for focused public comments on the Draft EIR.

Please note: This informational meeting is not a public hearing. Questions may be addressed, but no oral public testimony or comments will be taken. All comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted in writing.

How can I submit written comments?

Written comments should be received by the City on or before March 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM. Written comments should be labeled with “Subject: Inglewood Oil Field Specific Plan Project” and be directed as follows:

Email: IOFSpecificPlanProject@culvercity.org
Fax: (310) 253-5664
Mail: City of Culver City, City Attorney’s Office
Attention: Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney
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Background Information

Inglewood Oil Field Specific Plan Project

Where is the Inglewood Oil Field and what is the boundary of the Specific Plan?
The Inglewood Oil Field (IOF) has been part of the Culver City community since the 1920s. The 1,000-acre IOF straddles the City of Culver City and the Baldwin Hills area of unincorporated L.A. County. About 78 of those acres are within City limits (the “City IOF”). The Specific Plan covers the City IOF, which is at the northern end of the oil field along the eastern side of Culver City, adjacent to the Blair Hills neighborhood and neighborhoods along the Jefferson Boulevard corridor.

Background
Since June 2014, City staff has worked with a team of consultants to prepare the Draft Culver City Inglewood Oil Field Specific Plan (including Draft Drilling Regulations) and related Inglewood Oil Field Specific Plan Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (“Draft EIR”), which were published on September 15, 2017.

The public review period of the Draft EIR began on September 15, 2017 for its initial 60-day public review period. On November 13, 2017, the City Council granted a 120-day extension. Interested parties now have until March 14, 2018 to review the Draft EIR and submit written comments to the City. During this 180-day public review period, the City held two informational community meetings (on October 24 and October 30, 2017) to provide an overview of, and assist the public with, navigating the Draft Specific Plan and Draft EIR. The additional February 21st community meeting was scheduled in response to feedback from members of the public. Visit the City’s IOF webpage for the latest updates regarding these meetings and other news.

What is the Specific Plan and Draft Drilling Regulations?
A Specific Plan is a regulatory tool local governments use to implement the General Plan and guide development in a specific geographic area. The proposed City IOF Specific Plan seeks to harmonize IOF operations with adjacent land uses and intends to improve overall management of the City IOF, while ensuring that continuation of oil-related uses within this area is compatible with surrounding uses. If adopted, the Specific Plan would allow drilling of up to 30 new wells over a 15-year period and regulate the management (through required ongoing monitoring and reporting) of oil production operations until the City IOF is closed.

The Draft Drilling Regulations are a set of regulations designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and the environment, in the City and surrounding communities. They also set how future oil and gas drilling and production activities within the City IOF would be conducted, maintained, permitted, reviewed, reported and monitored.

Where can I learn more about the IOF and get involved?
The City is actively keeping residents informed about plans related to the Inglewood Oil Field via a dedicated webpage at CulverCity.org/InglewoodOilField. Please visit that page to learn more and to sign-up for future email notifications from the City.