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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 26, 2025
1:30 P.M.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION NORTH BUILDING
400 W. Civic Center Dr, Multipurpose Room 101
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioners

I. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2025.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #1. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT CA 25-01, FP “FLOODPLAIN” OVERLAY DISTRICT – APPLICANT – OC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – LOCATION – UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ORANGE COUNTY – ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.

Initiate and consider recommendation of the proposed Zoning Code Amendment CA 25-01 to revise section 7-9-42, FP “Floodplain” Overlay District of the County’s Comprehensive Zoning Code with updated information to ensure continued consistency with the floodplain management requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS) program to Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

OC Development Services/Planning recommends the Planning Commission:

1. Receive staff report.
2. Conduct public hearing.
3. Authorize OC Development Services/Planning staff to initiate Zoning Code Amendment CA 25-01 that will revise section 7-9-42, FP “Floodplain” Overlay District of the Orange County Comprehensive Zoning Code.
4. Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2025-01 (Attachment 1) that recommends the Board of Supervisors:
 - a. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3) since this project has no potential for causing any significant effect on the environment.
 - b. Adopt Zoning Code Amendment CA 25-01 that will revise section 7-9-42, FP “Floodplain” Overlay District to ensure compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Community Rating System (CRS).

ITEM #2 STUDY SESSION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA 24-03 AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT CA 24-03 – BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

Staff will present information on policy considerations relating to Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities as well as provide an update on the efforts to develop guidelines and standards. The proposed ordinance will only apply to BESS facilities located within unincorporated areas of the County of Orange.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

OC Development Services/Planning recommends the Planning Commission:

1. Receive staff report and public testimony; and
2. Provide feedback to staff as appropriate.

III. EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

IV. COUNTY COUNSEL UPDATE

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

At this time, members of Planning Commission may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters and ask questions of or give directions to staff; provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public may address the Planning Commission for up to three (3) minutes per speaker regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized.

VII. ADJOURNMENT- The next meeting of the Orange County Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 1:30 pm.