



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-03 (Battery Energy Storage System Facilities Ordinance), an Ordinance of the County of Orange, State of California, adding section 7-9-122 and amending section 7-9-134.6 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange.

PROPOSAL: Recommend adoption of Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-03 to include development standards for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities located within unincorporated areas of the County of Orange. The intent of BESS facility regulations is to advance and protect public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations for the installation and use of BESS facilities within unincorporated Orange County.

PROJECT LOCATION: Unincorporated Areas of the County of Orange

APPLICANT: OC Public Works/OC Development Services

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: On September 10, 2025, the Orange County Planning Commission held a public meeting regarding the proposed Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-03 and voted to recommend the Board of Supervisors make the appropriate findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopt Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-03.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The proposed Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-03 is exempt (Common Sense Exemption) from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3) since there is no possibility that the addition of regulations for BESS Facilities to the Zoning Code, may have a significant effect on the environment. Proposed future BESS facilities will be reviewed for CEQA compliance at the time a Use Permit application is submitted to determine the appropriate level of environmental review.

HEARING DATE: November 4, 2025

HEARING TIME: 9:30 a.m. (Or as soon as possible thereafter)

HEARING LOCATION: **County Administration North (CAN)**
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
[400 W. Civic Center Drive](#)
[Santa Ana, CA 92701](#)

INVITATION TO BE HEARD:

All persons either favoring or opposing this proposal are invited to present their views and supporting documents at this hearing. It is requested that any written response be submitted to the Clerk of the Board prior to the hearing date at response@ocgov.com. If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to OC Development Services/Planning or the Clerk of the Board.

For further information, contact Scarlet Duggan at (714) 667-1606 or scarlet.duggan@ocpw.ocgov.com, or come to the County Service Center at 601 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Project plans and documents considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 4, 2025 are available at:
<https://board.ocgov.com/meetings-agendas>