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The Playa Del Rey oil field was converted to a gas storage field by the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) in 1955. Although primarily used for gas storage, SoCalGas continues to produce oil and gas from the oil field. These areas require careful scrutiny to ensure public health and safety are protected, primarily because of the poisonous and combustible methane gas associated with petroleum deposits and gas storage facilities, as well as the toxic chemicals used for regular maintenance and operations.

Local residents in the neighborhoods of Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey, Venice and Westchester have made complaints to the city about odors, oily mist, oil field rigs and equipment left idle at sites for long periods of time, lack of information on operations, possibly unpermitted well maintenance activities, and hillside soil erosion.

On February 22, 2017, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety issued an Order to Comply related to hillside erosion on the SoCalGas property, near residents' homes. The order has not yet been resolved.

A careful review of operations at the site would provide necessary information that could help keep the public and the environment affected by this facility safe, and a review process would give neighbors an opportunity to voice concerns they may have regarding the ongoing operations at the site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Planning Department be directed to work with the Petroleum Administrator, the Department of Building and Safety, the Fire Department, and the City Attorney's Office to immediately investigate and report back within 90 days on the oil, natural gas, and gas storage field operations at the Playa Del Rey field located at 8141 Gulana Ave, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293 per the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The investigation should include a thorough site review for all equipment and wells onsite, including a full site review of conditions to verify the site's city permits, approved zoning conditions, subsidence and erosion, compliance with the new state gas storage rules, to ensure compliance with the California Coastal Commission, California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) and California Department of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (CA DOGGR).

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