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**Origins of the modern noise ordinance in the County of San Diego,
California**

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An unofficial history of the origins of San Diego County's noise regulations has been compiled as an investigative tool to review current and future zoning schemes in this jurisdiction. These regulations date back to the 1970's and overlap with the development of city regulations. The focus of the history is the acoustical aspect of their development. A general discussion of performance standards is included in a comparison with similar regulations in two other California jurisdictions developed within the last five years. Some practical similarities and differences with European regulations in local jurisdictions are identified to encourage an open discussion in this session.