



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Santa Barbara County
Office of Long Range Planning
Derek Johnson, Director
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SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

LEAD AGENCY: County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department

PROJECT NAME: Mission Canyon Community Plan.

PROJECT LOCATION: The unincorporated community of Mission Canyon consists of approximately 1,178 acres of land located directly north of the City of Santa Barbara in Santa Barbara County. Interstate Highway 101 and State Highway 192 are the main regional transportation routes to the project site.

PROJECT CASE #: 09EIR-00000-00002

The County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department, acting as the Lead Agency, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Mission Canyon Community Plan. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

Please send your response and the name of a contact person in your agency to Derek Johnson, Director at the address shown above. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be received at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Due date: Thursday July 16, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Postmarks will not be accepted.

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The Mission Canyon Community Plan will replace the 1984 Mission Canyon Area Specific Plan. The project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Initial Study. The *Draft Mission Canyon Community Plan Initial Study* may be downloaded from the Office of Long Range Planning webpage located on the internet at:

http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/mission_canyon/missioncanyon_eir.php

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft Initial Study determined potentially significant environmental impacts in the following resources areas:

- Fire Protection, Hazardous Materials/Risk of Upset and Transportation/Circulation due to the project area buildout introducing additional development into an existing high fire hazard area with existing ingress and egress constraints;
- Biological Resources due to additional development into an area with sensitive habitat and special status species; and
- Water Resources/Distribution due to additional development into an area where is it unknown if the existing water distribution system can provide adequate water pressure and distribution capacity to meet minimum criteria.

SCOPING MEETING: An EIR scoping meeting will be held on June 30, 2009 to receive public comments regarding the EIR scope of work and potential project impacts.

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Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, and 15375.

cc: Clerk of the Board (please post for 30 days)