



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

**DATE:** July 12, 2017

**TO:** State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** County of Santa Barbara  
Planning and Development Department  
Long Range Planning Division  
123 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2058  
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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation and Scoping of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

**PROJECT NAME:** Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program EIR

**PROJECT CASE NO.:** 17ORD-00000-00004

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Licensing Program (collectively, "Project") involves the unincorporated (coastal and inland) areas of Santa Barbara County.

**LEAD AGENCY:** The County of Santa Barbara is the lead agency preparing the EIR with the purpose of informing decision-makers and the public regarding the potential environmental effects related to the Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project would amend the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code, Santa Barbara County Montecito Land Use and Development Code, and Santa Barbara County Coastal Zoning Ordinance to allow certain types of cannabis activities by zone district. The Project also involves other amendments to the County Code, in order to establish a County licensing program for cannabis-related activities.

The project description, location, and potential environmental effects are included in the attached *Environmental Scoping Document for the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance* and may be downloaded from the Planning and Development Department, Long Range Planning Division webpage at: <http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/Cannabis/cannabis.php>

**PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETINGS:** The Planning and Development Department will hold two environmental scoping meetings:

**Santa Barbara**  
Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.  
Board Hearing Room  
Fourth Floor  
105 East Anapamu Street

and

**Santa Maria**  
Thursday, July 27, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.  
Betteravia Government Center  
511 East Lakeside Parkway

The purpose of the meetings is to receive comments on the scope and content of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR.

**PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS:** We need to know the views of you or 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 will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

Your response must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2017. Please send your comments and the name of a contact person in your agency to Jessica Metzger, Project Manager, at the address listed above.

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cc: Clerk of the Board  
Encl: Scoping Document