



Planning and Development

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and PUBLIC MEETINGS on the
DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PEIR)
CANNABIS LAND USE ORDINANCE AND LICENSING PROGRAM
SCH #2017071016**

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.

Project Location: The unincorporated (coastal and inland) areas of Santa Barbara County (excluding Federal lands, University of California lands, and the Channel Islands).

Public Meetings and Comments: The Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of this Draft PEIR, 17EIR-00000-00003. You may comment by providing testimony at the public meetings and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on **November 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** P&D will hold two public meetings on the Draft PEIR:

SANTA BARBARA

Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.
Board Hearing Room
Fourth Floor
105 East Anapamu Street

SANTA MARIA

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.
Betteravia Government Center
511 East Lakeside Parkway

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in these meetings, please contact Staff at (805) 568-3532. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

Project Overview: Consistent with state law, the Project would regulate cannabis activities within the unincorporated County. The Project is intended to balance the diverse demands for cannabis products with the public health, safety, and welfare of the community through the enactment of strong and effective regulatory and enforcement controls. The Project would regulate how, where, and how much cannabis and cannabis products may be cultivated, processed, manufactured, tested, distributed, and sold while protecting the environment, neighborhood character, and quality of life for people and communities.

Environmental Review Findings: P&D has prepared a Draft PEIR (17EIR-00000-00003) pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D has prepared a Draft PEIR due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects to result from project implementation. Significant and unavoidable (Class I) effects on the environment identified in the Draft PEIR include those related to air quality, agricultural resources, noise, and transportation/traffic. Significant and mitigable (Class II) effects on the environment identified in the Draft PEIR include those related to aesthetics and visual resources, agricultural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, transportation/traffic, utilities and energy conservation, and population/employment/housing. The Draft PEIR contains four alternatives to the proposed Plan: No Project, Alternative 1, Alternative 2, and Alternative 3 described in detail in the Draft PEIR.

Document Availability: The Draft PEIR and all documents referenced in it may be reviewed at P&D offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, and 624 West Foster Road, Santa Maria. The Draft PEIR will also be available online at <http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/Cannabis/cannabis.php>

How to Comment: Please provide comments to Jessica Metzger, Senior Planner at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, or by email at cannabisinfo@countyofsb.org prior to the close of public comment on **November 16, 2017, at 5:00 P.M.** or provide testimony at the public meeting on the date and time specified above.

If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.