



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE HOOP STRUCTURES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROJECT**

(Case No. 17ORD-00000-00005)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The County of Santa Barbara proposes to amend the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) to revise and clarify the permitting requirements for hoop structures and shade structures on agriculturally zoned lands in the inland unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The inland unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County, excluding the Coastal Zone, Federal lands, University of California lands, and Channel Islands.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT:** Santa Barbara County P&D is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in 17EIR-00000-00004, SCH #2017101040. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearings on **February 26, 2018, 5:30 p.m.** at the Betteravia Government Center, 511 Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, **AND March 5, 2018, 5:30 p.m.** at the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. You may also submit written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** Hoop structures and shade structures are removable crop protection structures that shelter crops from the elements and enhance the growing environment. They are defined in the LUDC; however, the LUDC does not set forth specific permitting requirements. The Hoop Structures Ordinance Amendment project would amend the LUDC to clarify the permitting requirements for these structures. Key components of the amendment include the following:

- Allow hoop structures and shade structures that are no taller than 20 feet with a permit exemption.
- Identify hoop structures and shade structures as allowed uses in the Agricultural I & Agricultural II zones.
- Identify operational development standards that must be applied in order to qualify for the permit exemption.
- Identify development standards that mitigate potential impacts to, and are protective of, the environment and the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (17EIR-00000-00004, SCH No. 2017101040) 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 DEIR for the proposed project due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects to result from project implementation. The DEIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, and residual impacts for identified subject areas. Significant and unavoidable (Class I) effects on the environment identified in the DEIR include: aesthetics/visual resources, and resource recovery and solid waste management. Significant

and mitigable (Class II) effects on the environment identified in the DEIR include: biological resources, and water resources and flooding.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** If a copy of the DEIR is not attached, the DEIR may be obtained and all documents referenced in the DEIR may be reviewed at Planning & Development offices located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara and 624 West Foster Road, Santa Maria AND on our website at: <http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/Hoop%20Structures/Hoops.php>. Draft documents are also available for review at the Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara; the Santa Maria Public Library, 421 South McClelland Street, Santa Maria; and the UCSB Government Publications Library.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the project planner, Julie L. Harris at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, (805) 568-3543, or [hoopstructures@countyofsb.org](mailto:hoopstructures@countyofsb.org) prior to the close of public comment on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearings on the dates and times specified above. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as aesthetics, biology, water resources, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.

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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.