



May 11, 2014

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
14EIR-00000-00002**

Project Location: The Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) covers the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County where the County of Santa Barbara retains land use permit authority. The ECAP therefore excludes incorporated cities, the University of California, the Chumash Reservation, and State and federal lands including Los Padres National Forest, Vandenberg Air Force Base, and offshore oil and gas production facilities.

Project Description: The proposed ECAP includes a 2007 baseline inventory of community-wide GHG emissions, a forecast of emissions to the years 2020 and 2035, a GHG reduction target of 15% below baseline emissions by 2020, a set of emission reduction measures to meet the target, and a methodology for tracking and reporting emissions in the future. The ECAP would implement a suite of emissions reduction measures across many sectors to achieve community-wide GHG emission reductions and energy-saving measures in support of a thriving, well-balanced, and sustainable community. The emission reduction measures proposed in the ECAP are made of a combination of voluntary, phased, and mandatory measures. These emission reduction measures, combined with the measures identified in the County's Energy Action Plan for municipal facilities, would collectively provide a decrease in both GHG emissions and energy use in the County. The actions will assist the State in meeting its GHG reduction goals consistent with AB 32 and energy reduction goals consistent with California's Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan.

Environmental Review Findings: The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) provides an analysis of the potential environmental effects associated with the approval of the proposed project, pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations, Section 15000, et seq.). The DEIR analysis focuses on potential impacts that could result from implementation of the ECAP. The DEIR concludes that the project is not anticipated to result in any significant environmental impacts. Since the ECAP would apply to all of the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County where the County of Santa Barbara retains land use permit authority, certain sites within the ECAP project area are included on lists of sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

Environmental Hearing and Comment: The Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the DEIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on **Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**, County Planning Commission Hearing Room # 17, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA and/or submitting written comments to the project planner identified below during the public comment period which starts on **May 11, 2014** and ends on **June 24, 2014 at 5 p.m.**

Document Availability: The DEIR and all documents referenced in the DEIR may be reviewed at Planning & Development offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara and 624 West Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455. Draft documents are also available for review on the Planning and Development Department, Long Range Planning Division webpage at:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/climateactionstrategy/climateaction.php>

How to Comment: Please provide comments to Heather Allen, Telephone (805) 884-8082, Fax (805) 568-2030, Email: hallen@countyofsb.org prior to the close of public comment on **June 24, 2014**, or provide testimony at the public hearing 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.

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.

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