



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED

Adoption of the 2009-14 Housing Element Update (10GPA-00000-00003)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes an update to the County's Comprehensive General Plan Housing Element for the 2009-14 planning period. The purpose of the update is to both keep the County's Housing Element in compliance with State law and to provide an improved set of housing goals, policies, and programs intended to address the County's housing needs for the five year period from 2009 until 2014.

PROJECT LOCATION: Countywide

PUBLIC COMMENT: Santa Barbara County P&D is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of a Negative Declaration (10NGD-00000-00015) for the project. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on August 9, 2010 at 5 p.m. A public environmental hearing will be held in the Planning Commission hearing room, located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, on July, 29, 2010 at 6:00pm. During the environmental hearing, participants can also provide comments remotely from the North County Board Hearing located at the Betteravia Government Center, 511 East Lakeside Parkway in Santa Maria.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a draft Negative Declaration (10NGD-00000-00015) pursuant to Section 15073 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. The Negative Declaration states facts and analysis concluding that the proposed project will *not* result in new significant adverse impacts to the environment and that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Negative Declaration prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts to the following subject areas: Aesthetics/Visual Resources, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Fire Protection, Geologic Processes, Hazardous Materials, Historic Resources, Land Use, Noise, Public Facilities, Recreation, Transportation/Circulation, and Water Resources/Flooding. The proposed project is not expected to result in any significant effects on the environment. If the project description changes substantially, P&D will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. This reevaluation will be subject to all regular fees and conditions. 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.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: If a copy of the Negative Declaration is not attached, the draft ND may be obtained and all documents referenced in the ND may be reviewed at Planning & Development offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara **OR** 624 West Foster Road, Suite C, Santa Maria. The draft ND is also available on the Office of Long Range Planning website at: <http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/programs/housing/housing2009.php>

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, (Nathan Eady, telephone (805) 568-2019, fax (805) 568-2076, email: NEady@co.santa-barbara.ca.us), prior to the close of public comment on August 9, 2010 at 5 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues related to the 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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