



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – MST2008-00432, CDP2009-00005**

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970," as amended to date, this Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the following project:

PROJECT LOCATION: 6401 Hollister Avenue

PROJECT PROPONENT: Elva Rogers, Holguin, Fahan & Associates

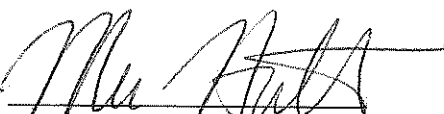
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of the installation of two groundwater monitoring wells in wetlands south of Hollister Avenue on Santa Barbara Airport property in the appealable jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone. Installation of these wells is required by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department as part of the site assessment for MTBE contamination associated with a former Chevron gas station that was located at 6470 Hollister Avenue. Five monitoring wells were previously installed outside the wetland area as part of the site assessment. Based on the data collected from the existing wells, the County Fire Department has requested installation of two additional wells south and east of the existing wells to further delineate the down-gradient extent of MTBE in groundwater. The 6-inch wide wells would be manually drilled to a depth of approximately 10 feet. Soil samples would be collected from the boring material and the wells would be completed with 2-inch diameter Schedule 40 PVC casings that would extend above the ground and be encased in a well monument set into a small concrete pad so that the wells can be located year-round. The proposed wells would be fully removed after one year of quarterly monitoring, or as directed by the County Fire Department. The area occupied by the wells would then be filled in and replanted with native wetland vegetation.

The proposed project also includes the restoration of four square feet of habitat to mitigate the temporary loss of wetland habitat associated with the installation of the two wells.

DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FINDING:

Based on the attached Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, it has been determined that with application of the identified mitigation measures agreed to by the applicant, the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.


Environmental Analyst

4/15/09
Date