



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – MST2008-00032

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) has been prepared for the following project, 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.

PROJECT LOCATION: 6401 Hollister Avenue

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would install two groundwater monitoring wells in wetlands near Hollister Avenue on Santa Barbara Airport property in the appealable jurisdiction of the Coastal Zone. This work is required by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department for site assessment relating to groundwater MTBE concentrations from the former Chevron Station site at 6470 Hollister Avenue.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: An Initial Study and a DMND have been prepared for this project and are available for review and comment. The DMND examines environmental impacts which may be associated with this project. Significant environmental effects identified in the DMND which are anticipated as a result of the project include impacts related to biological resources and cultural resources. The DMND includes proposed mitigation measures to mitigate potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. No hazardous materials are known to exist at the proposed project site.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The DMND is available for review at the Planning Division, 630 Garden Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., City Clerk's Office, 735 Anacapa Street, and at the Public Library at 40 E. Anapamu Street during hours of operation and online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/eir.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The City of Santa Barbara encourages the public to provide written comment on this and other projects. The public review period begins on **Wednesday April 22, 2009**. Comments on the DMND must be submitted by **Friday, May 22, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** Please send your comments to: City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, Attn: Andrew Bermond, Associate Planner, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or send them electronically to ABermond@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING: Any interested person may request a hearing before the Planning Commission to comment on this document by completing and filing a hearing request with the Planning Division on or before **May 4, 2009**. Then a hearing will be scheduled and put on the agenda for the next available Planning Commission meeting. If you have any questions, wish to know more about this application, or wish to review the plans, please contact Andrew Bermond, Associate Planner, at (805) 692-6032 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday).

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564-5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Following the end of the DMND public review period, a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration including responses to comments will be prepared, and subsequent noticed public hearing will be held at the Planning Commission and City Council to consider actions to approve the project.

If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission, or in a public hearing on the project.