

## **County of Santa Barbara**Planning and Development

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## September 30, 2020 FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR NEIGHBORHOODS OF WILLOW CREEK & HIDDEN CANYON (KEY SITE 21) RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION PROJECT

County EIR No. 19EIR-00000-00001, SCH # 2018031077

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a proposed Final EIR has been prepared for the Neighborhoods of Willow Creek and Hidden Canyon (Key Site 21) Residential Subdivision Project, Case Nos. 16SPP-00000-00001, 16CUP-00000-00033, 16TRM-00000-00003, 16TRM-00000-00004, 16DVP-00000-00008, 16RDN-00000-00002, 17DVP-00000-00011, 17GPA-00000-00005, 17CUP-00000-00030. This proposed Final EIR discusses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and suggests measures which could eliminate or reduce these impacts.

Environmental Review Findings: As a result of this project, Class I and II significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following categories: Aesthetics/Visual Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use, Noise, Public Services and Facilities, Transportation/Circulation, and Water Resources/Flooding. This EIR is intended to serve as an informational document that informs the public, decision-makers and other interested agencies of the potential environmental consequences of the proposed project. The EIR will be reviewed by the decision-makers in their consideration of the proposed project. While CEQA requires that major consideration be given to avoiding environmental damage, the County of Santa Barbara and other responsible public agencies are obligated to balance the environmental effects of the project with other public objectives, including economic and social factors, in determining whether and in what manner, the project should be approved.

**Document Availability**: A Draft EIR for the Key Site 21 Residential Subdivision Project was released for public review on June 16, 2019. The public review period closed on August 5, 2019. An Environmental Hearing was held on July 11, 2019, to receive oral comments on the adequacy of the Draft SEIR. All comments received on the Draft EIR have been responded to in the Response to Comments section of the proposed Final EIR. Where appropriate, changes have been made to the Draft EIR text in response to comments received, and have been incorporated into this proposed Final EIR.

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order N-33-20, issued on March 19, 2020, to protect the health and well-being of all Californian's and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, we recommend electronic review and download of the Final SEIR. A digital copy of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report may be obtained on our website at:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to PRC 21092, public agencies that commented on the draft EIR are herewith provided a copy of the Final EIR or relevant portions and our response to agency comments.

or

## https://www.countyofsb.org/plndev/projects/neighborhoodskeysite21.sbc

**Public Hearing and Comment:** Public hearing at the Planning Commission to recommend project approval or denial to the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 14, 2020. A formal Notice of Public Hearing will be distributed 10 days prior to the first hearing date with instructions regarding public participation. Final action on the project and certification of the EIR will be taken by the Board of Supervisors at their public hearing at a later date.

For further information about the project, please contact the project planner, Mr. Sean Stewart at sestewart@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.