

TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

KEY SITE 3 RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION PROJECT

14-EIR-07 (State Clearinghouse # 2014061015)

September 10, 2020

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a proposed Final EIR has been prepared for the Key Site 3 Residential Subdivision Project, Case Nos. 13GPA-00000-00005, 13RZN-00000-00001; TM 14,801; and 13DVP-00000-00010. This proposed Final EIR discusses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and suggests measures which could eliminate or reduce these impacts. 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, Fire Protection, Geologic Processes, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use, Noise, 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.

A Draft EIR for the Key Site 3 Residential Subdivision Project was released for public review on January 26, 2015. The public review period closed on March 11, 2015. An Environmental Hearing was held on February 10, 2015. **All comments received on the Draft EIR have been responded to in the Response to Comments section of the proposed Final EIR.¹ 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.**

County staff will prepare a staff report and forward it with the proposed Final EIR and staff recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will review the environmental document and the staff report and will conduct a public hearing at a later date. Please contact Shannon Reese (sreese@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) for additional project and hearing date information. Final action on the project and certification of the EIR will be taken by the Board of Supervisors at their public hearing.

If a copy of the proposed Final EIR is not attached, a copy may be obtained online at <https://www.countyofsb.org/pln/dev/projects/keysite3.sbc>.

¹ 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.