



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ARCTIC COLD AGRICULTURAL PROCESSOR AND FREEZER PROJECT

[Case No(s): 20DVP-00000-00003, 20CUP-00000-00005, 21EIR-00000-00001]

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** AFP, LLC; Great 1031, LLC proposes to develop a 449,248 square-foot (sf) gross floor area agricultural processor and freezer facility on a 40-acre project site located in the northeastern portion of the subject property.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located on a 40-acre portion of the 109-acre property located on East Betteravia Road east of Rosemary Road, approximately 1.1 miles east of U.S. 101, commonly known as 1750 East Betteravia Road, APN 128-097-001 and 128-097-002, 5th Supervisorial District.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT:** The County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in 21EIR-00000-00001. You may comment by providing testimony at the Zoom webinar meeting on August 5, 2021 at 6:00PM (Topic: Arctic Cold Agricultural Processor and Freezer Project Environmental Hearing). Register in advance for this webinar: [https://countyofsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6ksHk8f\\_T6uOi0ZYHYIZ-A](https://countyofsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6ksHk8f_T6uOi0ZYHYIZ-A)

You may also submit written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on August 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** The proposed project involves a Conditional Use Permit and Development Plan to allow development of a 449,248 square-foot (sf) gross floor area agricultural processor and freezer facility on a 40-acre project site located in the northeastern portion of the subject property. Other components of the project include dry storage/warehousing space, administrative offices, shipping and receiving docks, maintenance and mechanical areas, trash and recycling areas, and parking.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report 21EIR-00000-00001) pursuant to requirements 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. P&D has prepared an EIR for the proposed project due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects to result from project implementation. The EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual

impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas:

- **Class I, Significant and Unavoidable Impacts: Operational air quality emissions; Cumulative air quality impacts; Long-term/cumulative increase in GHG emissions; Solid waste; Cumulative solid waste impacts.**
- **Class II, Significant Impacts that Can Be Mitigated to Less than Significant Levels: Special status animal species; State- or federally-protected wetlands; Cumulative biological resources impacts; Archaeological resources; Tribal cultural resources; Cumulative cultural resources impacts; Paleontological resources; Cumulative impacts to paleontological resources; Use and transport of hazardous materials; Hazardous material contamination.**

If the project description changes, 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 Draft EIR is not attached, the Draft EIR may be obtained and all documents incorporated by reference in the EIR may be reviewed at P&D offices located at 624 Foster Road, Suite C, Santa Maria and on the P&D website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/plndev/projects/projects.sbc>. Draft documents are also available for review at the Orcutt Branch Library, 175 S. Broadway, Orcutt and the Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S McClelland Street, Santa Maria. The administrative draft of the environmental impact report and P&D's formal comments to the preparer are also available for review at P&D offices.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the project planner, Holly R. Owen, Supervising Planner, at Planning and Development, 624 West Foster Road, Suite C, Santa Maria, California 93455; [howen@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:howen@co.santa-barbara.ca.us); or (805) 934-6297 prior to the close of public comment on August 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.

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.