



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED FLOOD RANCH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, CASE NO. 20LUP-00277**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Flood Ranch Company proposes to replace an existing 19 ft. by 26 ft. bridge with a new 26 ft. by 40 ft. bridge.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located directly east of the Foxen Canyon Road – Forest Route 10N06 intersection, identified as APN 101-050-051 and located within the AG-II-100 zone in the Sisquoc area, Fifth Supervisorial District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of 21NGD-00000-00004. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on July 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** The project is a request for a Land Use Permit to allow the replacement of an existing 19 ft. by 26 ft. bridge with a new 26 ft. by 40 ft. bridge. The scope of work includes removing the decking and railing from the existing bridge and protecting the existing support structure in place. The replacement bridge will be installed on two new concrete bridge abutments and span over the existing support structure. Access for the new bridge will require the construction of two approach ramps with associated retaining walls. The existing roadway will be regraded and replaced in-kind as necessary. Two pepper trees will be removed. Grading will involve approximately 66 cu. yds. of cut and 675 cu. yds. of fill. No work will occur within the creek bank. The subject property is a 180-acre parcel identified as APN 101-050-051 and located within the AG-II-100 zone in the Sisquoc area, Fifth Supervisorial District.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (ND) (21NGD-00000-00004) pursuant to Section 15073 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's issuance of a ND affirms our opinion that any significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed project may be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures and that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The ND prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant but mitigable effects on the environment

are anticipated in the following areas: **Biological Resources, Water Resources / Flooding**. 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 ND is not attached, the draft ND may be obtained and all documents incorporated by reference in the ND may be reviewed at P&D offices located at 624 Foster Road, Suite C, Santa Maria and on the P&D website at <https://cosantabarbara.app.box.com/s/o9fp2865sykaqn98s0702plaa96xj7t5/folder/71973978186>. Draft documents are also available for review at the Orcutt Library.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the project planner, Erick Gomez, at 634 W. Foster Rd, Suite C, Santa Maria, CA 93455 or by email at [ergomez@countyofsb.org](mailto:ergomez@countyofsb.org) prior to the close of public comment on July 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. 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 the 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.