



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED Erburu Lease Remediation Coastal Development Permit Case No. 21CDP-00000-00039

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to test petroleum impacted soil concentrations, remove oil field infrastructure and contaminated soil from the Erburu Lease in the Capitan Oil Field.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located north of Highway 101, near 11600 Calle Real, APN 081-230-078, in the Gaviota Coast area, Third 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-00000-00006. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on December 4, 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 for a Coastal Development Permit to implement the actions described in the Supplemental Assessment / Remedial Action Work Plan dated October 30, 2020, including soil sampling to supplement existing site investigation data, removal of oil field infrastructure and confirmation soil sampling, and targeted soil removal in areas where soil concentrations exceed San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Environmental Screening Levels (ESLs). The investigated areas include 28 former well pads, six historical aboveground storage tank footprints, and 12 formerly bermed areas. Of the 46 former operational areas investigated, only eight areas (Well Pads 3, 8, 11, 15, 16, 18, and 24; Bermed Area 5) had petroleum impacts in soil with concentrations above applicable ESLs and will require excavation/remediation. The excavations will range in depths from approximately 5 feet to 30 below existing grade.

Soil samples will be collected at the excavation limits to confirm removal of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)-containing soil. The excavations will be backfilled with clean earth material and the site surface will be restored to pre-existing conditions. The total limits of disturbance, including the staging area, is approximately 26 acres. Raw cut is approximately 16,000 cubic yards and raw fill is approximately 16,000 cubic yards. The project will result in approximately 4,500 cubic yards of impacted soil to be removed and replaced.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) (21NGD-00000-00006) 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: **Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, Hazardous Materials/Risk of Upset, and Noise.** 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 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara and on the P&D website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/plndev/home.sbc>.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, Katie Nall, at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, Phone: (805) 884-8050, or email: nallk@countyofsb.org prior to the close of public comment on December 4, 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.