



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

DATE: May 5, 2022

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2021110353

SUBJECT: Third Notice of Preparation and Scoping of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

PROJECT NAME: Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance Revised Project Description

PROJECT CASE NO.: 20ORD-00000-00013 and 20ORD-00000-00014

PROJECT LOCATION: The Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance (project) involves lands zoned Agricultural in the rural unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County (inland and coastal).

LEAD AGENCY: The County of Santa Barbara is the lead agency preparing the EIR with the purpose of informing decision-makers and the public regarding the potential environmental effects related to the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance proposes to allow a variety of uses that would be incidental to and compatible with traditional agriculture uses on land zoned AG-II. One of the uses (incidental food service) is also proposed to be allowed at wineries located on land zoned AG-I. The goal is to expand economic opportunities for farmers and improve the County's overall agricultural land viability while maintaining the function and character of the County's rural agricultural areas. The primary use of the land must continue to be agriculture (e.g., crop cultivation, ranching/grazing); however, this project would allow local farmers and ranchers to pursue incidental and compatible agricultural enterprises that support their existing agricultural operations.

The project description, location, and potential environmental effects are included in the attached *Environmental Scoping Document for the Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance Revised Project Description*, or if not attached, it may be downloaded from the project webpage at:

<https://www.countyofsb.org/728/Agricultural-Enterprise-Ordinance>

PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS: We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project. Members of the public are also encouraged to provide comments on the scope of the proposed EIR.

Agency and public **comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2022.** Please send your comments and the name of a contact person in your agency to the address provided below.

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Additional information regarding the project will be posted to the project's webpage as it becomes available at: <https://www.countyofsb.org/728/Agricultural-Enterprise-Ordinance>

cc: County of Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board

Enclosure: Environmental Scoping Document

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