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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT / NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the below described project in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as set forth in the Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 to 21174, as amended. As a result of this project, significant, but mitigable, effects on the environment are anticipated in the areas of air quality & greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and noise. The impacts identified for all other issue areas would be less than significant.

1. Environmental Document No: SCH# 2022020194
2. Applicant: Richards Ranch, LLC
3. Project Description: The project includes the pre-zoning and annexation of four parcels located in the unincorporated Santa Barbara County into the Santa Maria City limits. The project area consists of four parcels located in Santa Barbara County to the northeast and southeast of the intersection of State Route (SR-) 135 and Union Valley Parkway. These parcels, Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 107-250-019, 107-250-020, 107-250-021, and 107-250-022, are within the City of Santa Maria Sphere of Influence (SOI) and adjacent to the southeastern limits of the city of Santa Maria and total approximately 44 acres.

The draft EIR focuses on the following topics: aesthetics, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, energy, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems. The project site is not located on a site that contains hazardous materials pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The draft EIR and all documents referenced in the report may be reviewed on the City of Santa Maria Planning Division website: <https://www.cityofsantamaria.org/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-division/planning-policies-and-regulations/environmental-impact-reports>

Public Comments: Written comments on the draft EIR will be accepted during the public comment period **from December 22, 2022, through March 7, 2023**. Please submit comments on or before 5:00 p.m. on **March 7, 2023**, the close of the public comment period to Dana Eady, Planning Division Manager, by email at deady@cityofsantamaria.org.

A Public Meeting to receive comments on the draft EIR is scheduled on **January 17, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.** at the City of Santa Maria Public Library, Learning Center Room, located at 421 S. McClelland St., Santa Maria, CA 93454. To register to participate through Zoom, please use the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wZ3_46udQMKX99hcQ-K1uQ. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.