



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED**

**Conoco Phillips Soil Remediation Project**

**Case No. 22LUP-00000-00091**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Conoco Phillips proposes to implement the actions described in the Site Assessment Report and Remedial Action Work Plan dated February 7, 2022 and excavate approximately 1,700 cubic yards of hydrocarbon impacted soil from the Cox 3-32 oil well sump location and 400 cubic yards through removal of the historic oilfield lease access road.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located at 2800 and 2890 Telephone Road, APNs 129-010-036 & 129-010-032, near the City of Santa Maria, in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of 22NGD-00000-00008. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on September 4, 2022 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 Land Use Permit to implement the actions described in the Site Assessment Report and Remedial Action Work Plan dated February 7, 2022 prepared by Atlas Technical Consultants LLC, including excavation of approximately 1,700 cubic yards of hydrocarbon impacted soil from the Cox 3-32 oil well sump location and 400 cubic yards through removal of the historic oilfield lease access road. Excavation of hydrocarbon-impacted material surrounding the oil well sump is proposed to extend to a maximum depth of approximately 12 feet below ground surface (bgs) within an approximately 27,500 sf work area surrounded by a temporary chain link fence. The historical oilfield lease road will be removed to an approximate depth of 12 inches bgs. Hydrocarbon-impacted soil may be temporarily stockpiled onsite. The project will result in approximately 1,700 cubic yards of impacted soil to be removed and replaced with clean fill.

Following excavation, inspection and verification sampling will be performed. Impacted soil will be excavated, loaded into dump trucks, and transported off-site to the Santa Maria Landfill, a California Licensed waste disposal facility, for disposal. Clean fill will be placed in lifts and compacted. Imported backfill and clean excavated soil (soil above the impacted zone) may be stockpiled onsite and re-used as backfill. The project will include approximately 128 truck trips for export material and 128 truck trips for import material. The property will be restored to existing conditions by grading the area to as near original grade as possible, seeding the

excavated area as needed, and removing the temporary fencing. The time to prepare the site, excavate hydrocarbon-impacted soils, backfilling the excavation area and restoring the Site is expected to take approximately 4 to 5 weeks. The total area of disturbance of the excavation of the sump and lease road is approximately 0.88 acres.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) (22NGD-00000-00008) 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, Geologic Processes, 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 [INSERT website address/link]. Draft documents are also available for review at the <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](mailto:nallk@countyofsb.org) prior to the close of public comment on September 4, 2022 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.