

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Probation Department Headquarters

Lead Agency: County of Santa Barbara

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Project Location: City of Santa Barbara
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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project includes construction of a new approximately 35,000 square foot building on a 1.1 -acre site in the Downtown area of the incorporated boundary of the City of Santa Barbara. The proposed new building would serve as a headquarters office building for the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, currently located at 117 East Carrillo Street. The proposed new building would be three stories, raising to four-stories facing Garden Street, with a large central courtyard situated in the middle of the building. The proposed building height would be 59 feet 8 inches and would contain private offices, classrooms, interview rooms, and support spaces to these main functions.

The remaining area of the site would be configured into 49 at-grade County employee parking spaces accessible from Garden Street, passing under the proposed building, and enclosed with automatic gates. 25 subterranean parking spaces would be provided below grade, for a total of 74 on-site spaces (a reduction of 86 parking spaces from the existing use). Approximately 7,831 square feet of photovoltaic solar panels would be installed, located above the at-grade parking spaces to provide canopy and on the rooftop of the proposed building. Vehicular access to the project site would be provided via left/right turn access on Garden Street.

The project would remove and replace four on-site non-native trees and would include approximately 6,521 square feet of unpaved/landscaped areas. To allow for stormwater retention and control, the project would include new stormwater treatment areas and installation of on-site stormwater catch/filtration basins. The project includes installation of new stormwater, sewer, water, fire water, and utility service connections.

The project requires demolition and removal of the existing surface parking lot and curbs, parking kiosk building and ticket station/bollards, and existing concrete support walls, medians, and curbs. In order to level the site for construction, 5,300 cubic yards of soil would be cut, and 550 cubic yards of soil would be placed as fill. Project activities are anticipated to occur from January 2024 to January 2026, for a total of 24 months.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1 requires a nesting bird survey and halting of construction work should a nest be discovered.

Mitigation Measures CR-1, CR-2, and CR-3 require an extended Phase I Investigation once subsurface pavement is removed, ensures construction work would be halted in the event unanticipated cultural resources are uncovered, and a P&D approved archaeologist and/or Native American representative and anthropologist would be retained to evaluate the significance of the find. Mitigation Measures CR-4 and CR-5 require a pre-construction workers environmental awareness training and hiring of a tribal monitor during ground disturbing activities.

Mitigation Measures N-1 and N-2 would prevent nighttime noise and reduce overall noise levels from construction activity.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy for the project.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Implementation of the project would require discretionary approvals from the County of Santa Barbara. In addition, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) will be a responsible agency for coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit.