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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

September 15, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services (PDS), will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project. PDS is seeking public and agency input on the scope and content of the environmental information to be contained in the Program Environmental Impact Report. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) document, which contains a description of the probable environmental effects of the project, can be reviewed at the following website link:

[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa\\_public\\_review.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa_public_review.html)

**SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM.** The County is developing a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (Cannabis Program) as directed by the Board of Supervisors on January 27, 2021. The Cannabis Program will allow for and establish a permitting and licensing system for new commercial cannabis activities, including retail, cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, testing, microbusinesses, and temporary events. Furthermore, the Cannabis Program will contain and be informed by a Social Equity Program which will provide greater opportunities for individuals negatively or disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization and the War on Drugs. Adoption of the Cannabis Program will require amendments to the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances and the San Diego County Zoning Ordinance to establish licensing and operational regulations for a range of cannabis cultivation and non-cultivation uses authorized under state law. The proposed Cannabis Program would apply to the unincorporated areas of the County.

Consistent with Section 21083.9 of the CEQA Statutes, two online/phone-in public scoping meetings/teleconferences will be held to solicit comments on the NOP. These meetings will be held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, October 12, 2023, and Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and will end by 8:00 p.m. The meetings may be accessed at this web link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_InkTYI3sQP2bmb86gPXoLg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_InkTYI3sQP2bmb86gPXoLg)

Comments on this NOP document must be received no later than **Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** Comments on the NOP must be sent to Audrey Hamilton, Planning & Development Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego CA 92123 or emailed to [PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov) with "Socially Equitable Cannabis Program – NOP Scoping Comments" in the subject line. For additional information, please contact PDS staff by phone at (858) 505-6677 or by email at [PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov).