



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED

Bradley 5-3 Well Sump Remediation Project

Case No. 23LUP-00066

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conoco Phillips proposes to implement the actions described in the Site Assessment Report and Remedial Action Work Plan dated January 20, 2023 prepared by Atlas Technical Consultants LLC and excavate approximately 2,700 cubic yards of hydrocarbon impacted soil from the Bradley 5-3 oil well sump location.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located near 3700 Telephone Road, APN 129-010-011, 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 23NGD-00009. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on January 2, 2024 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 (Case No. 23LUP-00066) to implement the actions described in the Site Assessment Report and Remedial Action Work Plan dated January 20, 2023 prepared by Atlas Technical Consultants LLC, including excavation of approximately 2,700 cubic yards (0.17 acres) of hydrocarbon impacted soil and the historic well sump from the Bradley 5-3 oil well sump location. Excavation of hydrocarbon-impacted material surrounding the oil well sump is proposed to extend to a maximum depth of approximately 10 feet below ground surface (bgs) within an approximately 32,000-square-foot (0.7-acres) work area. Hydrocarbon-impacted soil may be temporarily stockpiled onsite. Temporary chain link fencing with access gates will be installed around the work area. The project will result in approximately 2,700 cubic yards of impacted soil to be removed and replaced with clean fill. Following excavation, inspection and verification sampling will be performed. Up to 25 confirmation samples will be collected within the sump area. When confirmatory soil samples collected from the bottom and sides of the excavation indicate that TPH concentrations are below the Environmental Health Services investigation level of 100 mg/kg, and other compounds are below their respective Environmental Screening Level or accessible limits are reached, the cleanup objective will be considered achieved.

Impacted soil will be excavated, stored, loaded into dump trucks, and transported off-site to the Santa Maria Landfill for disposal. Plastic sheeting or geotextile fabric will be placed on the ground

surface in the load out area (as necessary) to prevent hydrocarbon-impacted material from coming in contact with the underlying surface.

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 185 truck trips for export material and 185 truck trips for import material. The property will be restored to existing conditions by grading the area to as near original grade as possible and removing the temporary fencing. The anticipated duration of the project is approximately 4 to 6 weeks. One week for site set-up; two to three weeks to excavate and backfill / compact; and one week for site restoration and landscaping. Heavy equipment will not be used at the site before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with no weekend or after hours work unless dictated by unforeseen circumstances.

The total area of disturbance of the excavation of the sump and lease road is approximately 0.90 acres. The project site is located at 3700 Telephone Road and is associated with Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 129-010-011, zoned Ag-II-40, in Santa Barbara County, California within the Fourth supervisorial district.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) (23NGD-00009) 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** and **Biological Resources**. 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 <https://cosantabarbara.app.box.com/s/k04ychmxlsz0o8h850t7bqwk1lkn1yb9>.

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 prior to the close of public comment on January 2, 2024 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.

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