



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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

**Sentinel Peak Resources Truck Rack Project**

**Case No. 22LUP-00000-00199, Environmental Document No. 24NGD-00001**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Sentinel Peak Resources (SPR) proposes to install a crude oil truck loading rack and associated infrastructure within the Lompoc Oil Field and transport crude oil to Coalinga, California, via an average of six tanker truck trips per day for approximately 50 years.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located on a previously disturbed well pad within the Lompoc Oil Field, located at 3602 Harris Grade Road, APNs 097-360-102 and 097-360-013 in the Lompoc area, Third Supervisorial District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of 24NGD-00001. You may comment by submitting written comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** SPR is requesting approval of a Land Use Permit to install a crude oil truck loading rack and associated infrastructure within the state-designated Lompoc Oil Field in Lompoc, California. The purpose of the project is to transport crude oil production from the Lompoc Oil Field to the Coalinga Station in Coalinga, California, via an average of six commercial tanker truck trips per day for approximately 50 years, or until a pipeline becomes available, whichever is shorter. SPR is requesting the project due to the current unavailability of the Phillips 66 Line 300 crude oil export pipeline, which was historically used to export Lompoc Oil Field production to the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery in San Luis Obispo, California until it ceased commercial oil transport in early 2023.

The truck loading rack would be constructed on an existing oil production pad known as Purisima 33, within the south-central portion of the oil field. Truck rack components would include a Lease Automatic Custody Transfer (LACT) unit and charge pumps, one truck loading rack, hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) and volatile organic compound (VOC) removal systems, monitors, and aboveground extension pipelines. Construction is estimated to take 3-6 months. During operations, crude oil would be transported by cargo trucks, the route consisting of: private lease roads to Harris Grade Road, Harris Grade Road to Highway (Hwy) 1, Hwy 1 to Hwy 135, Hwy 135 to Betteravia Road,

Betteravia Road to Hwy 101, Hwy 101 to Hwy 46, Hwy 46 to Hwy 41, Hwy 41 to Hwy 33, and Hwy 33 to Coalinga. The approximate trucking distance would be a total of 165 miles.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (24NGD-00001) 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 MND 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. The MND 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 for **biological resources and hazardous materials/risk of upset**. 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 MND is not attached, the draft MND may be obtained and all documents incorporated by reference may be reviewed at P&D offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara via an appointment with the project planner, and are available on the P&D website at: <https://www.countyofsb.org/3489/Sentinel-Peak-Truck-Rack-Project>.

Documents are also available for review at the Lompoc Library's Reference Department, located at 501 E North Ave, Lompoc CA 93436, and the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) Library's Reference Department, located in the center of campus off UCEN Road.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the project planner, Jacquelynn Ybarra via email at [jybarra@countyofsb.org](mailto:jybarra@countyofsb.org), or in writing and mailed to the P&D offices prior to the close of public comment on **Friday, March 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** Please limit comments to relevant environmental issues.

As the proposed project is being processed as a Director-level Land Use Permit, there will be no public hearing to consider project approval or denial. To receive additional information regarding this project, including the date the Land Use Permit is approved, please contact the project planner at [jybarra@countyofsb.org](mailto:jybarra@countyofsb.org).