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SCH #

Project Title: Bay Area Vipassana Center (BAVC)Lead Agency: County of Santa Clara Planning DepartmentContact Person: Valerie NegreteMailing Address: 70 W. Hedding St. 7th FloorPhone: 408-299-5791City: San JoseZip: 95110County: Santa Clara County**Project Location:** County: Santa ClaraCity/Nearest Community: City of GilroyCross Streets: Watsonville RoadZip Code: 95020Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 01 ' 32.5 " N / 121 ° 39 ' 31.7 " W Total Acres: 54.59 acresAssessor's Parcel No.: 756-30-024Section: N/ATwp.: N/ARange: N/ABase: N/AWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: NoneWaterways: Little Arthur CreekAirports: NoneRailways: NoneSchools: None**Document Type:**

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) _____
 Early Cons Neg Dec Mit Neg Dec
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. 53,260 Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

The General Plan designation is Hillside, and the zoning is Hillside – scenic road (HS-sr).

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The application is for the approval of a Use Permit (UP), Architecture and Site Approval (ASA), and Grading Approval for the development of a meditation camp and silent retreat center. The applicant, Bay Area Vipassana Center (BAVC or "BAVC retreat center"), is proposing a silent retreat center for teaching and practicing Vipassana meditation. The proposed project will house staff and volunteers and be open to the public for 10-day, 30-day, and 45-day retreats.

The project consists of 18 structures totaling 53,260 square feet (sq. ft.), demolition of an accessory structure (barn), and on-site improvements including a new 97,000-gallon water tank, driveway, access road, parking lot with 122 spaces, new landscaping, sewage collection lines, septic tanks, effluent collection lines, wastewater pre-treatment system (circulating textile filter system), pressure delivery effluent pipelines, pump stations, and subsurface drip disposal areas. Total development would consist of approximately 10 acres of the 54.59-acre site. Grading consists of 4,689 cubic yards (cy) of cut and 4,644 cy of fill.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 1, 2024 Ending Date April 1, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 2/29/24

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