



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED SoCal Gas Dig 10Anomaly Repair and Case No. 22CDH-00000-00002

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SoCal Gas proposes to inspect and remediate anomalies found along an existing high pressure natural gas Line 247 under Dos Pueblos Creek. The repair process will include exposing approximately 215-feet of L247 and replacing the section of pipeline containing the anomalies. Once the repair is completed, the pipeline will be backfilled, and the area returned to pre-project contours to the extent feasible.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located within Dos Pueblos Creek, located northeast of U.S. Highway 101 and east of Dos Pueblos Canyon Road, on APNs 079-140-056, 079-140-027, 079-080-039, & 079-140-034 in the Gaviota Coast Area in the 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-00005. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on June 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

PROJECT DETAILS: The applicant, SoCal Gas, is requesting a Coastal Development Permit, Case No. 22CDH-00000-00002, for the inspection and repair of a 215-foot long section of Line 247 (L247) running within the bed of Dos Pueblos creek, which contains anomalies detected in previous investigations. Repair will include installation of stopple fittings and the temporary 12-inch diameter bypass line for isolation of the inspection/replacement segment, dewatering of the creek, excavation and replacement of the 215-foot section of L247 under the creek, followed by backfilling of the trench, and restoration of the site. The area will return to pre-project contours and vegetation will be restored. Equipment and staging will occur within two laydown yards on either side of the excavation site. Access is provided from Highway 101 and existing travel routes to the SoCal Gas easement on Calle Real and private roads. Excavation will occur within SoCal Gas easement and all impacts will be temporary. No new roads are proposed. The Project is necessary to comply with U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration, Office of Pipeline Safety and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regulations to conform with the Pipeline Safety and Improvement Act of 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) (24NGD-00005) 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: **Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, and Water 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 [Active Projects | Powered by Box](#).

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, Katie Nall, at nallk@countyofsb.org or 805-884-8050, prior to the close of public comment on June 24, 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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.