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SCH #

Project Title: Santa Maria River Levee Trail
Lead Agency: County of Santa Barbara **Contact Person:** Kalani Durham
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City: Santa Barbara **Zip:** 93101 **County:** Santa Barbara

Project Location: County: Santa Barbara City/Nearest Community: Guadalupe & Santa Maria
Cross Streets: Between the cities of Guadalupe (Peralta Street) and Santa Maria (N. Blosser Road & Atlantic Place; Bonita School Road at midpoint **Zip Code:** 93458
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 59 ' 7.85 " N / 120 ° 29 ' 7.55 " W **Total Acres:** _____
Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple **Section:** _____ **Twp.:** _____ **Range:** _____ **Base:** _____
Within 2 Miles: **State Hwy #:** 1, 101, 166 **Waterways:** Santa Maria River
Airports: _____ **Railways:** Union Pacific **Schools:** Tommie Kunst Junior High, Mary Buren Elementary

Document Type:

CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
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Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Development Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational: <u>6.7-mile bicycle/pedestrian trail on an existing levee facility</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:
 Existing unpaved trail on top of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Levee; AG-I-10, AG-II-40 (County Zoning); AC, A-I, A-II-40 (County Land Use Designation)

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

The proposed project consists of a series of to-be-determined design improvements to an existing 6.7-mile-long segment of the south bank of the Santa Maria River Levee that stretches from the eastern terminus of the Tom Urbanske Multi-Purpose Trail in the City of Santa Maria to the western terminus in the City of Guadalupe at Peralta Street (proposed project). The entire 6.7-mile stretch of trail is within unincorporated Santa Barbara County. An alternative connection under consideration at the Guadalupe access point would extend the trail under the railroad crossing connecting to 12th Street near State Route 1. Based on the outcome of the 2022 trail study referenced above, the goal of proposed project is to expand and improve public access and provide an alternative east-west active transportation corridor. The trail will provide an alternative to State Route 166, which is heavily used by freight, farming, and commercial vehicles and not a good alternative for bicycles and pedestrians. Extending the levee trail and completing the City's beach route would provide a safe, alternative route for pedestrians and bicyclists from Santa Maria all the way to the beach. The project will consider a crossing at Bonita School Road and a connection point to a new bridge with bicycle and pedestrian facilities to be constructed across the river, better connecting to nearby cities in southern San Luis Obispo County. It would serve to enhance regional connectivity by providing a safe separated route to the Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1), a popular route used by recreational cyclists traveling throughout California. The final design details of the trail improvements, including trail surface materials, security lighting and fencing, and other trail user amenities, will be developed in coordination with the County's consultant team, as well as County Public Works staff, the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, the County Sheriff's Office, the County Flood Control District, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, the County will continue its community engagement efforts on the project. The County seeks to ensure a safe, equitable, and user-friendly trail design that limits conflicts with private property owners and avoids environmental effects to the extent feasible.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
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<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.