



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED SoCal Gas Line 247 Segment 2 Replacement Case No. 23CDH-00003**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** SoCal Gas Company proposes to replace a 2,356-foot segment of an existing 16-inch high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline (Line 247). The replacement pipeline will maintain the same 16-inch diameter. The proposed Project will not result in any changes to Line 247's capacity but will upgrade the line to a Class 3 safety rating.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located south of El Capitan Canyon Resort and north of Highway 101, commonly known as 100 El Capitan Terrace Lane and 11180 Calle Real in the Gaviota area, APNs 081-250-014; -015; -016 & 081-230-035, in the Gaviota 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-00004. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on September 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** The project will allow for the in-kind replacement of a 2,356-foot segment of an existing 16-inch high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline (Line 247) which runs through El Capitan Creek. The project will include three phases: (1) Jack and bore 176-feet of replacement pipeline under the creek; (2) Install a temporary bypass line located on the eastern side of the line, running approximately 56 linear feet along the existing line. Install 80-feet of replacement pipeline between the western tie-in and the bore entry hold, and 2,100-feet of replacement line between the receiving pit and the eastern tie-in; and (3) Connect the replacement line to the existing line at the eastern tie-in. Hydrotest the replacement line and allow for continued operation of the Line 247.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) (24NGD-00004) 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, Noise, Recreation, 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 under Active Projects. Draft documents are also available for review at the Planning Counter and the Santa Barbara Library.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the project planner, Katie Nall, at [nallk@countyofsb.org](mailto:nallk@countyofsb.org) or 805-884-8050, prior to the close of public comment on September 28, 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.