



County of Santa Barbara

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation and Scoping of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

PROJECT NAME: Sandyland Shoreline Protection Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is comprised of an existing approximately 3,700-foot-long rock shore protection device (“Seawall”) located in unincorporated Santa Barbara County South Coast, approximately 0.7 miles west of the City of Carpinteria. The Sandyland Seawall is located seaward of the residential homes and accessory structures along Sand Point Road, between the residences and the beach.

LEAD AGENCY: The County of Santa Barbara (County) is the Lead Agency preparing the EIR with the purpose of informing decision-makers and the public regarding the environmental effects related to the proposed Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

As the Lead Agency, the County has prepared the enclosed Initial Study / Environmental Scoping Document in accordance with the Santa Barbara County Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082. The County has identified a potential for significant environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed Project. The EIR will address the potential effects for each of the environmental resource areas described in the enclosed Environmental Scoping Document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project would repair and restore the 1983 design of the existing 3,700-foot-long Sandyland Seawall (Shoreline Protection in the form of a rock revetment) located between Sand Point Road residences and the coastline. Specifically, the proposed Project would involve repairing the revetment by placing up to 15,000 tons of 3- to 5-

ton armor rocks to achieve the 1983 design of the revetment with a 16.4-foot crest elevation (relative to NAVD88 vertical datum), a 2:1 (horizontal:vertical) seaward slope, and a crest width of 10 feet. The repair would involve minor re-working of the revetment, using new (imported) armor rocks to fill voids in the revetment, correct low points and reduced width in the revetment crest, and address areas where existing armor stone has been dislodged. Where possible, existing displaced armor rock would be salvaged and re-used.

In addition, the proposed Project would provide dune vegetation enhancement along the landward splash wall. Existing non-native vegetation would be removed and native dune vegetation would be planted to create additional habitat area. Construction of the dune feature may require the import of a small amount of sand for dune vegetation establishment in locations where sand cover does not exist.

Lastly, of the 23 existing private access stairways constructed along the revetment to serve residents of Sand Point Road, under the proposed Project, 12 private access stairways would be demolished, and the design rock revetment would be restored in their place. The remaining 11 existing access stairways would be rebuilt with publicly accessible stairways in their place.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING: A scoping meeting will be held virtually on January 16, 2025, at 5:30pm. Please register in advance for this Zoom webinar at: [CivicEngage Evolve \(https://www.countyofsb.org/4402/28667/Sandyland-Shoreline-Protection-Project\)](https://www.countyofsb.org/4402/28667/Sandyland-Shoreline-Protection-Project). After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining, including a Zoom link and a call-in number.

The scoping meeting, which is part of the EIR scoping process, is intended to provide an opportunity for agencies and interested members of the public to provide oral comments on the scope and content of the environmental analysis.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENTS: The County requests that responsible agencies provide input on the scope of the EIR to reflect any relevant statutory responsibilities related to the proposed Project. Interested members of the public are also encouraged to provide comments on the scope of the EIR.

All written agency and public **comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2025**. Please send your comments and the name of a contact person in your agency to the Environmental Project Manager, Morgan M. Jones, at the address provided below.

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Additional information regarding the proposed Project will be posted to the County's webpage at:
[<https://www.countyofsb.org/4402/28667/Sandyland-Shoreline-Protection-Project>].

cc: County of Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board

Enclosure: Environmental Scoping Document