



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN VITAL MISSION PLAN (Case #72-CP-116 RV01, 99-DP-043; SCH #2006041027, 07EIR-00000-00001)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Santa Barbara Botanic Garden proposes to revise its existing CUP and improve and expand its existing facilities and uses.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located north of Foothill Road along Mission Canyon Road, commonly known as 1212 Mission Canyon Road, APN 023-340-013, -014, -015; 023-052-001, -002, -003, -004, -008, -011, -012; 023-060-018, -022, -023, -024, -025, -038; 023-350-006; 021-030-001, in the Mission Canyon area, First Supervisorial District.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT:** Santa Barbara County P&D is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the recirculated sections of the DEIR, 07EIR-00000-00001. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on January 27, 2009 at 5:30 PM at the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 East Anapamu Street and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on February 2, 2009 at 5 p.m.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** The applicant is proposing to revise their existing CUP and approve a Development Plan to allow the development of approximately 25,884 square feet of net additional building area for administrative, research, educational, and residential uses. The project also proposes to add a newly acquired 13.15-acre parcel to the CUP (approximately 78 acres total), improve its internal circulation and parking, install fencing, improve and expand its trail system, improve fire protection for all existing and proposed development, and extend municipal sewer and water service to serve the entire project site. Increases in staff, visitors, classes, and special events are proposed and anticipated. Upon completion of the project, the Garden would include a total of 65,442 square feet of development, with a net increase of three residential units.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D has prepared a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (07EIR-00000-00001) pursuant to requirements 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. The Recirculated DEIR prepared for the project includes a revised project description, and identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas, and has been revised in response to public and agency comments on the original Draft EIR (June 2007). Significant effects on the environment included in the Recirculated DEIR include: **Cultural Resources and Fire Protection**. 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 Recirculated sections of the DEIR is not attached, the original DEIR, the recirculated sections, and all documents referenced in the DEIR may be reviewed at Planning & Development offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara and on our website at <http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/projects/02NEW-00138/index.cfm>. Draft documents are also available for review at the Santa Barbara Public Library, Central Branch located at 40 E. Anapamu Street. The administrative draft of the environmental impact report and P&D's formal comments to the preparer are also available for review at our offices.

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**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the project planner, Alex Tuttle at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101; Phone # (805) 884-6844; Fax # (805) 568-2030; email: [atuttle@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:atuttle@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) prior to the close of public comment on February 2, 2009 at 5 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above. Please limit comments to environmental issues included in the Recirculated DEIR. Please note that comments received on the original DEIR will be responded to as part of the Final EIR as appropriate. 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 this 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.

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