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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN VITAL MISSION PLAN (Case #72-CP-116 RV01, 99-DP-043, 99-RZ-011, 99-GP-010)

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 07EIR-00000-00001. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on July 26, 2007 at 6:00 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 August 18, 2007 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 37,716 square feet of net additional building area for administrative, research, educational, and residential uses (incorrectly stated as 37,796 s.f. in the SB News Press). 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 77,798 square feet of development (incorrectly stated as 77,851 s.f. in the SB News Press), with a net increase of eight residential units.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a 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. P&D has prepared an EIR for the proposed project due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects to result from project implementation. The EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Fire Protection, Geologic Processes, Noise, Public Facilities, Traffic and Circulation, and Water Resources/Flooding**. 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 Environmental Impact Report is not attached, the draft EIR may be obtained and all documents referenced in the EIR may be reviewed at Planning & Development offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. 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 prior to the close of public comment on August 18, 2007 at 5 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above. 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 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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