

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

SCOPING MEETING NOTICE

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Vital Mission Plan
(Case # 72-CP-116 RV01, 99-DP-043, 99-GP-010, 99-RZ-011)**

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2006

Planning & Development (P&D) invites you and other interested persons and organizations to comment on our preliminary assessment of the environmental issues to be evaluated as we proceed with environmental review of the proposed Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Vital Mission Plan project. **The public environmental scoping meeting will be held on April 3, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, County Engineering Building, 123 E. Anapamu Street in Santa Barbara.** The scoping meeting discussion will be limited to environmental concerns, the focus of the project environmental document, feasible ways in which project impacts may be minimized to less than significant levels (mitigation measures), and potential alternatives to the proposed project. Potential environmental impacts associated with this project have been identified by P&D staff and include impacts to: visual resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, fire protection, geological processes, historical resources, land use, noise, public facilities, recreation, transportation/circulation and water resources/flooding. These issue areas are discussed in greater detail in a Scoping Document which will be used as a starting point for discussion during the meeting. This Scoping Document will be available prior to the meeting upon request or at <http://www.countyofsb.org/plandev> (see "featured projects" on the right side of the web page) as well as being available at the meeting. Any other environmental concerns may be raised by the public at the meeting. P&D staff encourages your participation in this process; please pass on this information to others you feel would be interested in attending this meeting. P&D will be accepting comments on the scope of environmental review until April 14, 2006.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located at 1212 Mission Canyon Road, on both the east and west sides of Mission Canyon Road in the area of the existing Botanic Garden development. The site is located in the unincorporated Mission Canyon Area of the County of Santa Barbara.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposal is for a revision to its current Conditional Use Permit (72-CP-116) and approval of a Development Plan to incorporate a recently acquired 13.15-acre parcel into the active CUP and expand development at the Garden by approximately 28,326 square feet of building area. The proposal also includes a rezone and general plan amendment of two parcels from 1-E-1 and AG-I-10 to Recreation zone district and residential and agriculture to recreation/open space land use designation, respectively. The project would involve the construction of 20 new structures totaling 35,357 square feet, demolition of seven structures totaling 6,965 square feet, remodel of the Gane House reducing 1,140 square feet, and additions to three existing structures totaling 1,074 square feet. Total development at the Botanic Garden would be 67,356 square feet of building area upon buildout of the proposed project. The project also proposes the extension of sewer service to all new and existing development, improvements to existing parking and circulation within the project site, and an additional trail system on the newly acquired 13.15-acre parcel. Uses of the Garden for classes, special events, and general public visitation are anticipated to increase as a result of buildout of the proposed project.

PROJECT PLANNER: For more information, please call Alex Tuttle at (805) 884-6844.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2058. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.