



# County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE REVISED DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED New Cuyama Community Center Master Plan**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Santa Barbara County General Services Department, Capital Projects Division is proposing to adopt a Master Plan for the development of a Community Center / Civic Center in the town of New Cuyama, within unincorporated Santa Barbara County. The proposed New Cuyama Community Center Master Plan would preserve existing service facilities including County Fire Station and County Sheriff Substation; it would also replace and expand the existing library branch and community health office; last, the Master Plan proposes to develop a new aquatic center, new locker room/restroom building, and a new gymnasium / multi-purpose building. The total new structural development (enclosed floor area) under the Master Plan would be 21,700 square feet, including the following: Gymnasium/Multi-Purpose Building (15,000 square feet); Library (1,200 square feet); Community Health Center (1,800 square feet); and Community Aquatic Center (3,700 square feet, including locker rooms/restrooms and pool equipment room). The proposed New Cuyama Master Plan would complement and enhance the usability of existing athletic fields on a parcel immediately adjacent to the west of the Master Plan Area, which is operated by the Cuyama Recreation District. Existing Cuyama Recreation District facilities include football field, softball fields, and outdoor basketball courts.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed New Cuyama Community Center Master Plan is composed solely of County-owned properties, identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 149-040-001, -003, -010, and -011. The New Cuyama Community Center Master Plan site location may be generally described as lying east of Hubbard Avenue, south of State Highway 166, west of Newsome Street and north of Morales Street.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON REVISED DRAFT:** Santa Barbara County P&D has accomplished revisions to the Draft MND in response to comments received during an initial public review period for the document. You are now invited to comment on the revisions that have been made to 07NGD--000000-00019, with respect to their accuracy and completeness. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the Project Environmental Coordinator identified below prior to the close of the public comment on **January 31, 2008** at 5 p.m. Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** P&D prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (07NGD--000000-00019) for public review 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. Comments received during an initial public review period evidenced the need for additional environmental analysis which resulted in the identification of further impacts and mitigations. According to CEQA (Section 15088.5), a Mitigated Negative Declaration shall be re-circulated for additional public review if additional impacts or mitigations are revealed as a result of responding to comments. Also according to CEQA, comments need be solicited only on the revised portions of the document. P&D's issuance of this Revised Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration affirms our opinion that any significant adverse impacts associated with the 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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: **Night-lighting, Air Quality,**

**Biological Resources, Geologic Processes, Hazardous Materials, Noise, Traffic, and Water Resources.** If the project description changes, P&D will require a re-evaluation to consider the changes. 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 hearings on the proposed project.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** If a copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is not attached, the Revised Draft MND may be obtained at Planning and Development offices located at 624 West Foster Road, Santa Maria.

**ON-LINE/WEB ACCESS TO DOCUMENT:** The Revised Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be viewed / downloaded at the following URL:

<http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/projects/07NGD-00019/index.cfm>

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the Project Environmental Coordinator, Jonathan Leech at (805) 963-0651, x-3527; by FAX (805) 963-2074; or in writing: Dudek, 621 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101; or via email at: JLeech@Dudek.com. Submit comments prior to the close of public comment on **January 31, 2008** at 5 p.m. Please limit comments to revised portions of the document, which are identified with underlining of the revised text in the document.