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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RECIRCULATION DOCUMENT FOR THE 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 described in the recirculated sections of the DEIR, 07EIR-00000-00001. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the Alex Tuttle prior to the close of public comment on **June 8, 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 second Recirculation Document to 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 DEIR Recirculation Document prepared for the project includes a revised project description, and updated Air Quality, Public Facilities, and Alternatives Sections. Significant effects on the environment identified in this Recirculation Document include: **Public Facilities**. 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 Recirculation Document 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.

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 prior to the close of public comment on **June 8, 2009** at 5 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues included in this Recirculation Document. Please note that comments received on the original DEIR and first Recirculation Document 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.

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