



# San Luis Obispo County

## Department of Planning and Building Environmental Division

**TO:** Interested Party  
**DATE:** December 11, 2008  
**FROM:** Steven McMasters, Project Manager  
**SUBJECT:** San Miguel Ranch General Plan Amendment - Notice of Availability of Draft EIR (LRP2004-00007)

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the San Miguel Ranch General Plan Amendment is complete and available for public review and comment. The DEIR addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with the request to rezone and subdivide approximately 550 acres in the Agriculture land use category to allow for a variety of residential, commercial, recreation, and open space land uses.

The proposed project is within the Agriculture land use category and is located adjacent to and west of Highway 101, extending north from the Highway 101/10<sup>th</sup> Street interchange to the Highway 101/Mission Street interchange, near the southern boundary of Camp Roberts, and west and northwest of the community of San Miguel.

Copies of the DEIR are available at the following locations: San Miguel Library, Paso Robles City Library, Cal Poly Library and City/ County Library of San Luis Obispo. Copies are also available on loan and for review at the Environmental Division of the Planning Department, located at the 976 Osos St., Room 300, San Luis Obispo, 93408-2040. The EIR is on the Planning Department's web site at: [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org) under "Environmental Information and Natural Resources", then "Environmental Notices, Proposed Negative Declarations, EIRs and other Documents".

A separately published Executive Summary is also available for distribution. This document summarizes the findings of the DEIR and Alternatives evaluation and includes a full version of the DEIR on CD. Due to the level of interest in the proposed project from the Spanish speaking segment of the community, a Spanish language version of the Executive Summary has been produced and is also available.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The EIR focuses on the following issues: Land Use, Traffic, Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology & Soils, Hazards, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Water & Wastewater, Hydrology & Water Quality, and Growth Inducing impacts. The EIR also considers six alternatives in addition to the "No Project" alternative.

### HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:

Anyone interested in commenting on the DEIR should submit a written statement by 5:00 p.m. on February 11, 2009 to:

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If you need more information about this project, please contact Steven McMasters at (805)781-5096 (or e-mail: [smcmasters@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:smcmasters@co.slo.ca.us)), or Elizabeth Kavanaugh at (805) 788-2010 (or e-mail: [ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us)).

### PUBLIC MEETING:

A meeting will be held on the DEIR on January 13, 2009, from 7:00 – 9:30 pm, at Lillian Larsen School Gymnasium, 1601 L St., San Miguel. Staff and consultants will be available to discuss the DEIR and its findings. The purpose of the meeting is to assist the public with the process of reviewing and commenting on the document. For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Elizabeth Kavanaugh at (805) 788-2010 (or e-mail: [ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us)).

### PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing before the Planning Commission to certify the EIR and consider the project for approval has been tentatively scheduled for July 2009, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo. If you plan to attend, please call at least two weeks before this date to verify.