



# San Luis Obispo County

## Department of Planning and Building Environmental Division

**TO:** Interested Party  
**DATE:** December 16, 2011  
**FROM:** Bill Robeson, Project Manager  
**VIA:** Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Agricultural Cluster Subdivision Program (LRP2008-00010) - Notice of Availability of Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report Chapters

The following recirculated chapters of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Agricultural Cluster Subdivision Program are complete and available for public review and comment: Chapter 4.2 (Air Quality), Chapter 4.6 (Greenhouse Gas Emissions), Chapter 6.0 (Alternatives Analysis), and the Executive Summary. The recirculated chapters reflect updated calculations for air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and contain new and revised mitigation measures as recommended by the San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District. These changes are based on new information that became available subsequent to the completion of the DEIR (September 2, 2011). The original project description, which has not changed, is as follows: the proposed project consists of amendments to existing Land Use Ordinance standards and General Plan policies pertaining to agricultural cluster subdivisions. Specifically, the proposed program will amend Section 22.22.150 (Agricultural Lands Clustering), Section 22.22.152 (Major Agricultural Cluster), and Section 22.22.154 (Minor Agricultural Cluster) of the County Land Use Ordinance (LUO) and Policies 20, 22, and 23 of the Agriculture Element of the County General Plan. The proposed program will also add a new section to the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance (CZLUO), which would allow for agricultural cluster subdivisions in specified areas of the Coastal Zone.

The proposed amendments to the LUO would affect Agriculture-designated parcels within five road miles of the following Urban Reserve Lines (URLs): Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, San Luis Obispo, San Miguel, Nipomo, Templeton, and Paso Robles. The proposed amendments to the CZLUO would affect Agriculture-designated parcels in the North Coast and Estero planning areas.

Copies of the recirculated chapters and the original DEIR and all documents referenced in the recirculated chapters and the original DEIR, are available for review from the County Environmental Coordinator, 976 Osos St., Rm 300, San Luis Obispo. Copies of the recirculated chapters and the original DEIR are also available for review at the following locations: County libraries at the Cal Poly Library and the SLO City/ County Library. The recirculated chapters and the original DEIR is on the Planning Department's website at: [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org) under "Environmental Information and Natural Resources" and then to "Environmental Notices, Proposed Negative Declarations, EIRs and other Documents".

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The recirculated chapters address the project's potential impacts related to air quality and greenhouse gases. The original DEIR addresses the proposed program's potential impacts on agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geologic hazards, hydrology/water quality, noise, public services and utilities, transportation and circulation, visual resources, water quality, and growth inducing effects. The DEIR also considers four alternatives in addition to the required "No Project" alternative.

## **HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:**

Anyone interested in commenting on the recirculated chapters should **submit a written statement by 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2012**, to me at:

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Per CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5(f)(2), the County's responses to public comments received will be limited to the issues analyzed in the recirculated chapters (i.e., Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions). Any previous comments made on the original DEIR will be addressed as part of the Final EIR.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A tentative public hearing before the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission has been tentatively scheduled for March 2012, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo. If you plan to attend, please call two weeks before this date to verify.