



San Luis Obispo County

Department of Planning and Building Environmental Division

TO: Interested Party
DATE: June 6, 2008
FROM: Trevor Keith, EIR Manager
SUBJECT: Santa Margarita Ranch Agricultural Cluster Subdivision Project and Future Development Program -- Notice of Availability of Final EIR (Tract 2586)

The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Santa Margarita Ranch Agricultural Cluster Subdivision Project and Future Development Program is complete and available for review. The FEIR document is composed of two (2) volumes, each bound separately, and one (1) compact disc (CD).

- Volume 1 consists of the Final EIR analysis, with changes from the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR, January 2007) and Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR, February 2008) incorporated.
- Volume 2 consists of comments and responses on both the DEIR and RDEIR.
- The CD is enclosed in Volume 1 and consists of Appendices to the FEIR.

Changes made to the EIR analysis as a result of the RDEIR and comments received on both the DEIR and RDEIR are included in the FEIR text (Volume 1). Changes are signified by strikeouts (~~strikeouts~~) where text is removed and by bold font (**bold font**) where text is added. If text is added where the font is already bold, additions are noted using underlined bold font (**underlined bold font**).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The FEIR includes the following issues: agricultural resources; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; drainage, erosion and sedimentation; geologic stability; land use; noise; public safety; public services and utilities; recreation; transportation and circulation; visual resources; and water and wastewater. The FEIR also considers 14 alternatives, including a "No Project" alternative. The proposed project is within the Agriculture land use category and is located south of the community of Santa Margarita southwest of West Pozo Road.

HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

Hard copies and CDs of the FEIR are available at the following locations: Santa Margarita 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** under "Environmental Information and Natural Resources", then "Environmental Notices, Proposed Negative Declarations, EIRs and other Documents".

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PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing before the Planning Commission to certify the EIR and consider the project is scheduled on **July 7th, 2008**, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo.