

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2024080368**

**Project Title:** Santa Maria River Levee Trail

Lead Agency: County of Santa Barbara Contact Person: Kalani Durham  
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 City: Santa Barbara Zip: 93101 County: Santa Barbara

**Project Location:** County: Santa Barbara City/Nearest Community: Guadalupe, Santa Maria  
 Cross Streets: Peralta St, Santa Maria (N. Blosser Road & Atlantic Place), Bonita School Rd at midpoint Zip Code: 93458

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 35 ' 52.3 " N / 120 ° 17 ' 51.2 " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1, 101, 166 Waterways: Santa Maria River

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: Union Pacific Schools: Tommy Kunst Junior High, Mary Buren Elementary

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Conceptual Trail Plans

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: 6.7-mile bicycle/pedestrian trail on an existing levee facility  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Land Use: A-II-40 and A-I, Zoning: AG-I-10 and AG-II-40

**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The Santa Maria River Levee Trail ("project") is being proposed to meet County of Santa Barbara ("County") objectives. The proposed project consists of a 6.7-mile portion ("project site") of the 17-mile Santa Maria River Levee System in unincorporated Santa Barbara County, between the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe. The purpose of the project is to expand and improve public access and provide an alternative east-west active transportation corridor for pedestrians and cyclists through the development of a portion of the existing Santa Maria River Levee System as directed by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and outlined in the 2022 Santa Maria River Levee Trail Study. The project would improve an informal trail in the existing right-of-way along the top of the levee and extend the existing Tom Urbanske Multi-Purpose Trail in the City of Santa Maria to the City of Guadalupe and would include to-be-determined design improvements.

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>3</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 15, 2026 Ending Date July 14, 2026

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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