



County of Santa Barbara
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED
TRANQUILLON RIDGE PROJECT**

(SCH #2006021055; County EIR #06EIR-00000-00005)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Plains Exploration and Production Company (PXP) is requesting a permit modification (County Case #06RVP-00000-00001) to allow introduction of Tranquillon Ridge oil and gas production from State waters into the existing Point Pedernales Project. The existing Platform Irene, its associated offshore and onshore oil and gas pipelines, the Surf electrical substation, and the Lompoc Oil and Gas Plant (LOGP) would be used to produce, process and transport the Tranquillon Ridge production which would be commingled with current Federal production. These existing facilities have been in operation since 1987. The proposal analyzed in the EIR would require minor modifications to existing equipment, increase production levels above existing levels, and extend the operating life of the original Point Pedernales Project by about 30 years. The project location is offshore Vandenberg Air Force Base and onshore from Wall/Surf Beach to the LOGP, north of Lompoc and west of Santa Maria, in northern Santa Barbara County (Third and Fourth Supervisorial districts).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: As Lead Agency, the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department (P&D) prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment from November 1, 2006 through January 16, 2007. Santa Barbara County P&D held a workshop on the Draft EIR on November 15, 2006 and a public comment hearing on December 11, 2006. Written comments, comments made at the December 2006 hearing, and responses to the comments are included in Section 9.0 of the Final EIR. In addition, revisions to the EIR text were made in several places. These revisions are noted by ~~striketrough~~ and underline text in the Final EIR. (Minor edits, such as corrections of typographical or spelling errors, are not shown.)

The EIR identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: marine and terrestrial biology, marine and onshore water resources, fishing, recreation, cultural, agricultural, visual, and geological resources, and public safety.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Final EIR will be considered by the County Planning Commission in its deliberations on the proposed project at a public hearing. This hearing is currently scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008 at the Betteravia Government Center in Santa Maria, beginning at 9:00 a.m. You are invited to comment on the merits of the proposed project prior to or at this hearing. Separate notice of the hearing will be sent by April 11, 2008 and posted on the Energy Division's website: www.countyofsb.org/energy/projects/PlainsPedernales.asp. If you received this notice in the mail, you will also receive a mailed notice of the Planning Commission hearing.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Final Environmental Impact Report may be reviewed at the P&D offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara and at the Energy Division website. The Final EIR is also available for review at these public libraries: Lompoc (501 E. North Ave.), Vandenberg Village (3755 Constellation Rd.), Santa Maria (420 S. Broadway), and Santa Barbara (40 E. Anapamu St.).

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