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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the County of San Mateo (County) Planning Department has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project: **Ascension Heights Subdivision Project** (Proposed Project). The DEIR is available for public review and comment beginning on **April 25, 2014** and continuing for 45 days through **June 9, 2014** at the locations listed below.

The project site consists of approximately 13.32 acres located within the unincorporated community of San Mateo Highlands, at the northeast corner of Bel Aire Road and Ascension Drive, east of Interstate 280 and northwest of State Route 92. The Proposed Project entails the subdivision of six parcels (041-111-130, 041-111-160, 041-111-270, 041-111-280, 041-111-320, and 041-111-360) into 21 lots for development of 19 single-family residences and a new access roadway (the water tank/cell site parcel, 041-111-020, is not part of the Proposed Project). The remaining two lots (approximately 7.8 acres) would be maintained as open space. Potable water would be provided by connection to the Bayshore District of Cal Water, and wastewater collection would be provided by the Crystal Springs Sanitation District with treatment at the City of San Mateo Wastewater Treatment Plant. Development would require approximately 46,500 cubic yards of grading, of which approximately 26,500 cubic yards would require exportation from the site.

The Proposed Project is a re-design of a previous project which proposed a subdivision of the project site into 27 parcels, of which 25 would have been developed. The San Mateo County Planning Commission denied the applications for a Major Subdivision and Grading Permit and declined to certify the Final EIR in 2009.

The DEIR evaluates potentially significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Project, including those associated with aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, population and housing, noise/vibration, traffic and circulation, recreation, public services and utilities, and growth-inducing and cumulative effects.

The DEIR will be available for public review at the following locations on **April 25, 2014**:

- Online at: <http://planning.smcgov.org/ascension-heights-subdivision-project>
- County of San Mateo Planning and Building Department, 455 County Center, 2nd Floor, Redwood City
- San Mateo County Library-Belmont Branch, 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont
- San Mateo Public Library, 55 West 3rd Avenue, San Mateo

The County will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the DEIR. The public hearing will be conducted by the County Planning Commission on **May 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** at the College of San Mateo Theater, 1700 West Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94402. A decision on the Proposed Project will not be made at this hearing, and will occur at a future hearing.

Comments may be submitted both in written form and/or orally at the public hearing on the Draft EIR. Written comments will be accepted until **June 9, 2014**. All comments or questions regarding the Draft EIR should be addressed to:

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