

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that staff of the California Wildlife Conservation Board will hold a public informational hearing, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 37012 (d), to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on a proposal for the donation of a land conservation easement to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County under the California Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act.

Project Description: The landowner proposes to donate a conservation easement on 400.67 acres of the Careaga Canyon Ranch property, of one of the last undeveloped wildlife corridors of riparian, oak woodland, grassland, and scrub habitat between coastal Vandenberg Air Force Base and the inland Solomon Hills and Sisquoc River watershed. The proposed conservation project is intended to create permanent protection of known and potential California Tiger Salamander breeding ponds and upland habitat; as well as protected corridors for other special status species and wildlife occurring on and in the vicinity of the property. Retaining this land in grazing and other agricultural use will also support the goals of the Conservation Element and Agricultural Element of the County of Santa Barbara Comprehensive Plan (May 2009).

Project Location: The conservation easement being donated will be placed upon 400.67 acres of land located between Vandenberg Air Force Base and the Solomon Hills and Sisquoc River Watersheds in the County of Santa Barbara (APN: 101-080-96).

HEARING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 3:00pm

HEARING LOCATION: Los Alamos Senior Center
690 Bell Street, Los Alamos, CA

This informational hearing will be followed by public meeting of the Wildlife Conservation Board on August 28, 2014, in Sacramento, to consider authorizing the tax credit and funding to reimburse the General Fund. For more information, contact Teri Muzik at the Wildlife Conservation Board at 916 445-1716, 1807 13th St., Suite 103, Sacramento, CA 95811 or Carla Frisk at The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County at 805 966-4520, P.O. Box 91830, Santa Barbara, CA 93190-1830. This notice is also available on the following websites: www.sblandtrust.org and www.wcb.ca.gov.

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- I. Welcome and Open the Hearing**
- II. Explanation of the Tax Credit Act**
- III. Description of the Proposed Donation**
- IV. Questions/Comments from the public**
- V. Close the hearing**

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