



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEIR) FOR THE PROPOSED PILOT CONCERT SERIES AND NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (SCH #2014031011)

The City of San Buenaventura (Ventura), as lead agency, announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed pilot concert series and noise ordinance amendment that assesses the environmental impacts, recommended mitigation measures, and the level of significance of impacts after mitigation.

**Document Availability:** The FEIR, including printed copies of all appendices, is available for review at the San Buenaventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Room 218, Ventura. An electronic version can be downloaded from the City of Ventura website:

[www.cityofventura.net/cd/planning/EIRs](http://www.cityofventura.net/cd/planning/EIRs)

**Public Hearing:** The Final EIR, together with the proposed noise ordinance amendment, will be presented to the City of Ventura City Council to certify as a complete and adequate analysis of the environmental effects of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City of Ventura City Council will hold a public hearing concerning this matter on:

Date: Monday, July 21, 2014  
Time: 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible  
Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA

More information and notices can be found at [www.cityofventura.net/page/public-meetings](http://www.cityofventura.net/page/public-meetings).

**Project Location:** The Pilot Concert Series project site is located above Ventura City Hall, within the City of Ventura's 2007 Downtown Specific Plan area. The project site is located within the southern boundary of Grant Park and the proposed Ventura Botanical Gardens (VBG). Undeveloped hillsides are located north of the project site. Ventura City Hall and its associated parking areas are located immediately to the south. Commercial, multi-family residential, and single-family residential uses are located south, east, and west of the project site.

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves (1) the Pilot Concert Series to be held at the Ventura City Hall upper parking lot; and (2) an amendment to the City's Noise Ordinance to exempt the Pilot Concert Series from current Noise Ordinance standards.

The proposed Pilot Concert Series is a one-time pilot project that would include a maximum of twelve (12) events during one calendar year (anticipated to occur over a period of about six months). City staff would gather data regarding the success and impacts of the Pilot Concert Series and share this information with the City Council following completion of the series. Based in part on this data, the City Council would decide whether or not to authorize the

concert in future years. Any approval of future concerts beyond the Pilot Concert Series would require subsequent discretionary approval by the City Council.

The Pilot Concert Series would take place in the upper parking lot behind Ventura City Hall. A temporary fabric tent of approximately 20,000 square feet would be installed within the upper parking lot area. The concert tent would provide seating for up to 1,900 individuals and would include a stage, office building, restrooms, concession stand, VIP parking area, and an open picnic area. Adjacent slopes would be cleared of vegetation to establish a 100-foot fire clearance area.

In conjunction with the Pilot Concert Series, the promoter has requested an amendment to the City of Ventura Noise Ordinance (Municipal Code Section 10.650.170 Exemptions). The amendment would add the Pilot Concert Series to the list of exemptions in the Noise Ordinance.

This exemption would allow noise exceeding the Noise Ordinance limits during concert events at the project site. The proposed exemption would not provide any specific noise restrictions on neighboring properties, but would limit sound levels associated with concerts to an hourly average of 95 dBA as measured at the "front of house" mixing board onsite. This exemption would apply only to the Pilot Concert Series.

**Significant Environmental Effects:** The Pilot Concert Series would involve sound levels that exceed the levels currently allowed under the City's Noise Ordinance. The potential to generate sound levels that would cause temporary disturbance to nearby residences is identified as a significant and unavoidable impact of the proposed project. However, the proposed exemption from the Noise Ordinance sound restrictions would allow for this impact for the 12-event series. In addition, it should again be noted that the exemption only applies to one 12-event concert series. The City Council would need to approve another agreement with the promoter to allow a future concert. Consequently, although significant, the proposed project's noise impact would be reversible.

All interested persons are invited to be present and be heard. Written communications may be directed to: City Council, P.O. Box 99, Ventura, CA 93002-0099. For more information please contact Lilly Rudolph, AICP, Senior Planner, at City of San Buenaventura, Community Development Department, 501 Poli Street, Room 218, P.O. Box 99, Ventura, CA 93002-0099 or by e-mail at [lrudolph@cityofventura.net](mailto:lrudolph@cityofventura.net).