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SCH # 2012071090

Project Title: Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project

Lead Agency: California Dept of Fish and Wildlife

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City: Topanga

Zip: 90290

County: Los Angeles

Project Location: County: Los Angeles

City/Nearest Community: Marina del Rey

Cross Streets: Hwy 1 & Fiji Way

Zip Code: 90292

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 58 ' 33.82 " N / 118 ° 26 ' 20.20 " W Total Acres: 600

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____

Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1 & 90

Waterways: Ballona Creek, Santa Monica Bay

Airports: Los Angeles Int'l

Railways: _____ Schools: Multiple

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) _____ Other: _____
 Early Cons Neg Dec Mit Neg Dec
 NEPA: NOI EA Draft EIS FONSI
 Other: Joint Document Final Document Other: _____

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: Restoration

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Wetland restoration

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: Issues identified by LA County Sup. Ct

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Ecological reserve

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

The Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve is located in Southern California, south of Marina del Rey and east of Playa del Rey. It extends roughly from the Marina Freeway (State Route 90) to the east, the Westchester bluffs to the south, Playa del Rey to the west, and Fiji Way to the north. The project site is held by the State of California (by CDFW and the State Lands Commission). The site is bisected by and includes a channelized span of Ballona Creek. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works—Flood Control District (collectively, LACFCD) owns and operates the Ballona Creek channel and levee system, which are features of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) project authorized by Congress in 1990. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the LACFCD, constructed the Ballona Creek channel and levees within the Ballona Reserve as part of the LACDA project. Seeking to restore degraded wetland habitat and functions within the Ballona Reserve, CDFW is proposing a large-scale effort to restore, enhance, and establish native coastal wetland and upland habitats on approximately 566 acres within the Ballona Reserve; these efforts would require incidental work on adjacent property.

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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 type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>7</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>4</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
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<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
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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 October 25, 2023 Ending Date November 27, 2023

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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