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SCH # 2022100348

Project Title: Gaviota Creek Improvement Project

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City: 50 Higuera Street — Zip: 93401 — County: San Luis Obispo

Project Location: County: Santa Barbara County — City/Nearest Community: Gaviota

Cross Streets: US 101 — Zip Code: 93117

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 29 ′ 05.49 ″ N / 120 ° 13 ′ 46.76 ″ W Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel No.: — Section: — Twp.: — Range: — Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 101 — Waterways: Gaviota Creek, Las Canovas Creek

Airports: — Railways: Southern Pacific Railroad — Schools: Vista de Las Cruces

Document Type:

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

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 Fish Passage, Drainage Improvement/Stablization
☐ Mining: Mineral
☐ Power: Type MW
☐ Waste Treatment: Type MGD
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☐ Other:

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
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☒ Coastal Zone ☐ Noise ☐ Solid Waste ☐ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance ☐ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☐ Public Services/Facilities ☐ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Highway

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

The Gaviota Creek Improvement Project is proposed by Caltrans to address fish passage barriers in Gaviota Creek in Santa Barbara County, improve and restore drainage conditions in and adjacent to Gaviota Creek, and stabilize the structures that support the U.S. 101 highway shoulder and embankment. Scour has undermined several existing grade control structures, culverts, sack-concrete bank protection, and retaining walls in Gaviota Creek. A culvert system at post mile 49.6 has several deficiencies with the potential to undermine its structure, including substantial scour at the culvert's outlet. These conditions create barriers for the endangered southern California steelhead population and threatens the stability of U.S. 101 if left unaddressed. The project will address deficiencies of several existing grade control structures and culverts that present barriers to fish passage. Five grade control structures from post mile 46.9 to post mile 47.2 would be removed and replaced with a roughened channel. Additional retaining structures or modifications to existing structures will be built to strengthen and stabilize the creek bank and highway shoulders. Eight grade control structures from post mile 47.5 to post mile 47.9 would be removed and replaced as well. Foundation work could be required at some locations to strengthen the existing concrete retaining system. Lastly, fish passage barriers associated with existing concrete box culverts at post miles 48.55 and 49.6 would be remediated. At post mile 49.6, a single-span bridge would replace the existing concrete box culvert. This would require removing or relocating two additional adjoining culverts and realigning an existing private driveway.

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____	California Emergency Management Agency	X	Parks & Recreation, Department of
____	California Highway Patrol	____	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
X	Caltrans District # 5	____	Public Utilities Commission
____	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB # 3
X	Caltrans Planning	X	Resources Agency
____	Central Valley Flood Protection Board	____	Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
____	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	____	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
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X	Native American Heritage Commission		

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 18, 2022 Ending Date December 16, 2022

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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