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SCH #: 2025010342

Project Title: Recreation Master Plan and Related Amendments to Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances

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Project Location: Santa Barbara County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project includes the proposed Recreation Master Plan, a long-term strategy to fund and build new public parks and trails to meet countywide recreation needs. It identifies needs in five regions and proposes improvements, programs, funding, and strategies for the next 10 to 20 years. The Project also introduces the Recreation Benefit Project (RBP) Program, allowing private developments to contribute to the public recreation system with incentives for eligible projects. To support this, the Project involves a General Plan Amendment and updates to the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), Montecito LUDC, and Coastal Zoning Ordinance. It also includes targeted rezoning of public park properties to improve zoning map accuracy and support the plan's implementation.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft Program EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant and unavoidable effects on the environment identified in the Draft Program EIR include: agricultural resources and transportation. Significant but mitigable effects on the environment identified in the Draft Program EIR include: air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, recreation, and utilities and water supply. Mitigation measures identified in the Draft Program EIR to reduce or avoid impacts include MM AQ-1 (PM10 and Dust Control); MM AQ-2 (Exhaust Emissions); MM BIO-1 (Species-Specific and Sensitive Habitat Avoidance and Minimization Measures); MM BIO-2 (General Construction Avoidance and Minimization Measures); MM CTCR-1 (Objective Development Standards for Addressing Historic and Archaeological Resources); MM CTCR-2 (Avoidance of Disturbance to Native Soils); MM CTCR-3 (Location-Specific Phase 2 Testing); MM CTCR-4 (Extended Phase 1/Phase 2 Testing Program); MM CTCR-5 (Post-Discovery Tribal Consultation); MM GEO-1 (Paleontological Resource Assessment and Monitoring); MM GEO-2 (Stop Wok at Encounter); MM HAZ-1 (Hazards Management for Public Parks); MM HAZ-2 (Incidental Discovery of Contamination); MM HWR-1 (Recycled Water in Parks and Recreation Facilities); and MM NOI-1 (Recreation Noise Standards).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Based on comments received during the scoping public meetings and NOP/IS comment period, the following issues are known to be of concern and may be controversial.
• Direct and indirect impacts on biological resources, including sensitive habitats and species, wildlife corridors, and natural communities;
• Loss of trees and vegetation;
• Adverse effects on agricultural land, crops, and viability;
• Recreation impacts;
• User safety on trails and in public parks, including equestrian users and off-leash dog recreation;
• Improved multi-modal access;
• Visual impacts in rural and natural areas;
• Discovery of cultural and/or tribal cultural resources during construction;
• Water use and conservation, including recycled water;
• Noise and light impacts on sensitive receptors;
• Air quality and GHG emissions from new recreation facilities; and
• Energy demands of new recreation facilities.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The County is the Lead Agency as it is the agency with principal responsibility for implementing the proposed Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15367). Additional agencies with approval authority over aspects of the proposed Project include the California Coastal Commission (CEQA Guidelines Section 15381). State agencies with general management authority over specified natural resources of the State of California when the resources may occur within the Project area, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15386). Additional agencies that may be interested in the proposed Project and its impacts may include the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and Santa Barbara County special districts.