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SCH #: 2025020308

Project Title: Halsey House Project

Lead Agency: City of Los Altos

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Project Location: Los Altos (*City*) Santa Clara (*County*)

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

The Halsey House was built in 1923 and used as a private residence until the property was purchased by the City of Los Altos in 1974 to serve as a park. The building was then converted to a nature center for educational and recreational programming. Since 2008, the Halsey House has remained vacant and unused. The Halsey House is a local Historic Landmark and is eligible for the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR). As a result, it is considered a historic resource under CEQA. The project proposes to demolish the Halsey House building. Demolition activities would occur within an approximately 15,000 square foot (or 0.3 acre) area of disturbance surrounding the building and would last roughly three months. Demolition equipment, such as an excavator, a bulldozer, and a track loader, would be utilized throughout the demolition period. Equipment and workers would access the site via the Redwood Grove Nature Preserve entrance on University Avenue. Equipment staging would occur within the proposed area of disturbance. After demolition of the building, the site would be cleared and replanted with native plant landscaping that matches the existing vegetation. All building materials would be hauled to an appropriate off-site disposal location.

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

Biological Resources: The project would have potentially significant impacts on special-status species (specifically nesting woodrats and Townsend's big-eared bats). Impacts would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures MM BIO-1.1 through 1.3 and BIO -2.1 requiring pre-activity surveys, avoidance buffers and/or nest relocation (if required), and installation of bat exclusion devices.

Cultural Resources: The project would have a significant and unavoidable impact on a historic resource. This impact would be mitigated with implementation of mitigation measures MM CUL-1.1 and 1.2 requiring a historic resources mitigation action plan (consisting of documentation of the historic building to be demolished and installation of an interpretive display) and salvage of historic building materials.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials: The project would have potentially significant impacts from demolition of the existing building exposing construction workers or residents in the vicinity of the project site to asbestos-containing materials or lead-based paint. Impacts would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures MM HAZ-1.1 through 1.3 requiring a pre-demolition survey and removal of asbestos-containing materials or lead-based paint (if required).

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

Areas of public concern identified during the NOP scoping process included: request for a public scoping meeting, reconsider feasibility of equipment access because the eight-ton bridge has potentially deteriorated, potential existing creekbank soil contamination from septic tank, potential existing lead contamination from water pipes, consultation with Native American tribes, whether proposed native plant landscaping meets aesthetic or ecological restoration needs, project should not impact Valley Water's native plant mitigation site on Adobe Creek, and potential impacts to redwood forest and riparian woodlands.

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

California Air Resources Board, Caltrans District 4, Native American Heritage Commission, Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 2, Department of Toxic Substances Control