

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Dangermond Preserve Water Wells

Lead Agency: County of Santa Barbara

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Project Location: Gaviota Coast, Santa Barbara County
City *County*

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

The proposed project is a request of Patsy Price, agent for The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the applicant, for a Coastal Development Permit with Hearing (CDH) to legalize 41 existing water wells drilled on the Dangermond Preserve (Preserve) between 1985 and 2021 to support the existing cattle operation on the property and to further the overall conservation and science goals of the Preserve. Nineteen (19) of the wells are proposed to operate as production wells and twenty-two (22) are proposed to be monitoring wells. The project will also install approximately 63,360 feet (about 12 miles) of wildlife friendly cattle exclusionary fencing to prevent cattle access to approximately 6.5 miles of creek and riparian areas (approximately 271 acres). It will also strategically revegetate four (4) plots totaling eight (8) acres within the fenced riparian area to increase riparian diversity and canopy width in areas where cattle have historically had negative impacts on riparian resources.

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

The proposed project would result in potentially significant impacts on Biological Resources (Section 5.4), Cultural Resources (Section 5.5), Fire Protection (Section 5.7), Land Use (Section 5.10), Noise (Section 5.11), and Water Resources (Section 5.15). However, implementation of the mitigation measures contained within this document would reduce residual impacts on these resources to an insignificant level. With implementation of the required mitigation measures, the proposed project would not have considerable contribution to cumulative impacts on these resources. Mitigation measures include limiting the work hours to the dry season, between April 1 and November 1, conducting environmental sensitivity training, and conducting nesting bird surveys and avoiding bird nests if found during the survey. The project also includes biological monitoring and implementing species specific avoidance measures. A Final Revegetation Plan is also required to be prepared and implemented after construction.

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

Potential impacts to biological resources have been raised by agencies during the processing of the case.

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