

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Global Wildlife Discovery Museum - EA25-0003 & PDP25-0003

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Project Location: Rancho Mirage

Riverside County

City

County

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

The project proposes to construct a new single-story 21,967 square foot museum located on the corner of Mirage Cove Drive and Highway 111. The project contains three parcels that will be merged into one parcel totaling 6.78 acres, which includes a rock outcrop that rises to an elevation of 370 feet. One of the parcels was previously the site of the 1978 Chart House Restaurant, which was demolished in 2013 due to fire damage. The proposed building design incorporates the rock outcrop and requires removal of a small portion of the adjoining hillside, which was previously modified to accommodate the previous restaurant. The museum will include a lobby, a coffee shop, a gift shop, storage spaces, office spaces, restrooms, an outdoor plaza with a fountain, a main parking lot, and an overflow parking lot with separate access from Mirage Cove Drive. The museum includes a bus drop off in front of the building and an overflow parking lot for buses, special events, and groups. The Global Wildlife Discovery Museum will provide interactive exhibits, virtual habitats, conservation labs, and live educational events. Display areas will include representations of the animals, birds, reptiles, flora, and fauna in their natural environment.

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 Mitigation Measure - The Project biologist shall provide reports of findings regarding nesting birds, roosting Western yellow bats, roosting pocketed free-tailed bats, and monarch butterfly pupae. The reports shall be attached to the grading permit. BIO-1: Bat clearance survey; BIO-2: Nesting Bird Survey; BIO-3: Milkweed Survey

Cultural Resources/Tribal Cultural Resources Mitigation Measure- The Project archaeologist will provide a report of findings within 30 days of completion of monitoring activities. If resources are found, the report shall include a description of their disposition. The final report shall be provided to the City and monitoring tribe, and filed with South Coastal Information Center. CUL-1: A qualified archaeologist and tribal monitors shall be on-site during all ground disturbing activities CUL-2: If resources are identified during monitoring activities, the qualified archaeologist and tribal monitor shall determine whether they should be reburied on site.

Geology and Soils Mitigation Measure - The City shall review the Geotechnical Investigation for the Proposed Project prepared by Sladden Engineering, March 31, 2025. GEO-1: Project shall adhere to the recommendations provided by Geotechnical investigation prior to issuance of grading and building permits.

Additional Biological Resource Mitigation Measures are included in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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

N/A

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

California Department of Fish & Wildlife