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SCH #

Project Title: South County Habitat Restoration Program

Lead Agency: County of Santa Cruz — Contact Person: Mark Connolly

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City: Santa Cruz — Zip: 95060 — County: Santa Cruz

Project Location: County: Santa Cruz — City/Nearest Community: Aptos Hills–Larkin Valley / Corralitos / Day Valley

Cross Streets: N/A — Zip Code: N/A

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36° 58′ 00 ″ N / 121° 52′ 00 ″ W Total Acres: 11,585

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

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: HW 1 — Waterways: Corralitos Creek, Valencia Creek

Airports: — Railways: — Schools: Pajaro Valley Unified School District

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ■ Mit Neg Dec ☐ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Other:

NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other:

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Community Plan
☐ Specific Plan ☐ Master Plan ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Site Plan
☐ Rezone ☐ Prezone ☐ Use Permit ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
☐ Annexation ☐ Redevelopment ☐ Coastal Permit ■ Other: Habitat Restoration Program

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
☐ Mining: Mineral
☐ Power: Type — MW
☐ Waste Treatment: Type — MGD
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
■ Other: Habitat Restoration Program

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

■ Aesthetic/Visual
■ Agricultural Land
■ Air Quality
■ Archeological/Historical
■ Biological Resources
☐ Coastal Zone
☐ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs
☐ Fiscal
■ Flood Plain/Flooding
■ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
■ Geologic/Seismic
■ Minerals
■ Noise
■ Population/Housing Balance
■ Public Services/Facilities
■ Recreation/Parks
■ Schools/Universities
☐ Septic Systems
■ Sewer Capacity
■ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
■ Solid Waste
■ Toxic/Hazardous
■ Traffic/Circulation
■ Vegetation
■ Water Quality
■ Water Supply/Groundwater
■ Wetland/Riparian
■ Growth Inducement
■ Land Use
■ Cumulative Effects
☐ Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: R-R, R-UVL, AG, C-C, C-N, C-O, O-R, P, O-C, O-I, O-U

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

The Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCD) proposes the implementation of the South County Habitat Restoration Program (the Program). The comprehensive program includes the large-scale removal of eucalyptus within the 11,585 acre Program Area in South Santa Cruz County (South County) to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and property damage and the restoration of native habitat to aid the recovery of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (SCLTS) and other endemic wildlife.

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____	Boating & Waterways, Department of	____	Office of Public School Construction
____	California Emergency Management Agency	X	Parks & Recreation, Department of
____	California Highway Patrol	____	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
____	Caltrans District # ____	____	Public Utilities Commission
____	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB # 3 ____
____	Caltrans Planning	____	Resources Agency
____	Central Valley Flood Protection Board	____	Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
____	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	____	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
____	Coastal Commission	____	San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
____	Colorado River Board	____	San Joaquin River Conservancy
X	Conservation, Department of	____	Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
____	Corrections, Department of	X	State Lands Commission
____	Delta Protection Commission	____	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
____	Education, Department of	X	SWRCB: Water Quality
____	Energy Commission	____	SWRCB: Water Rights
S	Fish & Game Region # 3 ____	____	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
____	Food & Agriculture, Department of	____	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
X	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	X	Water Resources, Department of
____	General Services, Department of		
____	Health Services, Department of	____	Other: ____
____	Housing & Community Development	____	Other: ____
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

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

Starting Date 1/29/26 Ending Date 2/28/26

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