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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Redondo Beach Avenue A Access Ramp Project

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Project Location: Redondo Beach Los Angeles County
City *County*

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

The Redondo Beach Avenue A Access Ramp Project proposes to replace and modernize an existing, deteriorated beach access ramp at 811 and 1109 Esplanade in Redondo Beach, California. The project includes demolition of the existing access path, retaining wall, and pedestrian railing, and construction of a new ADA-accessible concrete path and a concrete staircase. Additional improvements include bluff grading, replacement of landscaping and irrigation, and installation of lighting, seating, guardrails, handrails, drainage features, and bicycle amenities. The project site encompasses approximately 1.64 acres at the western terminus of Avenue A adjacent to the coastal bluff. The project is intended to improve public safety, accessibility, and coastal access while maintaining the existing footprint and use. Long-term consequences include enhanced accessibility, improved bluff stability, and upgraded public recreational infrastructure.

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

The project has the potential to result in significant impacts to coastal bluff environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) due to grading, demolition, and construction activities associated with replacement of the existing access ramp. Without mitigation, these activities could degrade native bluff habitat and affect sensitive biological resources. To reduce this impact, Mitigation Measure BIO-3 requires restoration of disturbed bluff areas in accordance with the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project Master Plan. Restoration would include installation of native coastal plant species, incorporation of required host plants for sensitive species such as the El Segundo blue butterfly, and implementation of monitoring and reporting requirements to ensure restoration success. With implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-3, impacts to coastal bluff ESHA would be reduced to less than significant. Potential impacts to biological species of special concern, including the Trask shoulderband snail, were evaluated and determined to be less than significant due to the limited extent of disturbance, availability of adjacent suitable habitat, and long-term habitat improvements from restoration. Temporary construction-related impacts related to air quality, noise, greenhouse gas emissions, aesthetics, and vibration were evaluated and determined to be less than significant with implementation of standard best management practices. These measures include dust control, proper equipment maintenance, compliance with City noise regulations, construction scheduling controls, daily trash removal, and post-construction site cleanup. No significant impacts were identified for cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, land use consistency, transportation, utilities, public services, or population and housing.

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

At the time of preparation of the Draft IS/MND, no specific areas of controversy are known to the Lead Agency. The project has not generated documented opposition from agencies or the public. Assembly Bill 52 consultation was initiated with eight Native American tribes, and no requests for consultation or concerns were received. The project is consistent with applicable City and Coastal Commission plans and policies. Any public comments are anticipated to be addressed during the formal review period. As such, no substantial controversy has been identified to date.

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

The City of Redondo Beach is the Lead Agency for the project. The County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors is a Responsible Agency and project sponsor. Other agencies with approval authority include the California Coastal Commission and the City of Redondo Beach for Coastal Development Permits. Trustee and reviewing agencies may include the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, as applicable. Coordination with these agencies ensures compliance with coastal, biological, and environmental regulations.