

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: El Caballo Park Master Plan Project

Lead Agency: City of Escondido

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Project Location: El Caballo Park; North of Beven Drive and East/West of Save-a-Life Way San Diego County
City *County*

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

El Caballo Park is located west of East Valley Parkway, north of Beven Drive, and to the west/east of Save-A-Life Way in the City of Escondido. The El Caballo Park Master Plan is intended to provide a framework for future improvements to the existing El Caballo Park. The park would serve as a public facility that accommodates equestrian-oriented activities, along with other amenities designed for a range of visitors. The Project is intended to provide recreational facilities that would attract a mix of users such as the Charros Association, horse riders, dog lovers, therapeutic equestrian groups, local residents and visitors, businesses, educational institutions, and charitable organizations. The proposed improvements would provide a central, open, passive recreational lawn area surrounded by a variety of natural play opportunities, picnic groves, an equestrian center, and a pedestrian path linking Mayflower Dog Park with El Caballo Park to facilitate improved access and create one cohesive park. The Project would also naturalize Escondido Creek within the park boundaries, providing improvements to change the channel from a concrete channel to a vegetated channel. Special events may be held at the park and may include equestrian events or shows, or events held by private parties or organizations that would rent the facilities. A community hall building would offer a multi-use space that can be used for public community events or meetings, or rented to private parties for special events (e.g., weddings, educational field trips, retreats, meetings). The park improvements identified in the Master Plan would be implemented in phases as funding becomes available and with flexibility to accommodate community needs over time.

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 no impact to agricultural and forestry resources, mineral resources, and population and housing.

The proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts to aesthetics; air quality; energy; greenhouse gas emissions; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; noise; public services; transportation; utilities and service systems; and wildfire.

Mitigation measures are proposed to reduce Project impacts on biological resources; cultural and tribal cultural resources; geology and soils (paleontology); and recreation to less than significant.

Mitigation measures are proposed to reduce Project impacts to critical habitat and special-status plant and wildlife species (BIO-1 to BIO-9), riparian or other sensitive natural habitat (BIO-1; BIO-8 and BIO-9), state-or federally-protected wetlands (BIO-10), wildlife movement (BIO-7 to BIO-9), and conflicts with local policies or ordinances or an adopted habitat conservation plan (BIO-1 to BIO-9; BIO-11); unknown historical or cultural resources or human remains (CUL-1 to CUL-3); geology and soils (undiscovered paleontological resources) (GEO-1 and GEO-2); recreation as a result of adverse physical, environmental effects (BIO-1 to BIO-11 and CUL-1 to CUL-3); and, unknown tribal cultural resources (CUL-1 to CUL-3).

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

None.

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

Responsible agencies for the proposed Project include: 1) San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board; 2) California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); 3) US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).