

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Talbert Regional Park Master Plan

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Project Location: Costa Mesa, Orange County

City

County

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

The proposed project is a Master Plan document intended to guide the future improvement and maintenance of existing Talbert Regional Park. The proposed project includes access improvements, infrastructure improvements, and habitat restoration activities. The proposed key improvements include expanding the existing restroom facilities to a 500-square foot space which will include a nature center in North Talbert, Balboa Boulevard Entrance Improvements consisting of a new emergency access and maintenance vehicle ramp (constructed of compacted natural soil with decomposed granite) and access restricted gate, and infrastructure improvements primarily comprised of a system of raised trails. Lighting would also be installed at the existing maintenance yard facility.

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 would result in potentially significant impacts to biological resources and cultural resources during construction due to ground disturbance and vegetation removal. Biological impacts could affect special-status species, sensitive habitats, wetlands, and nesting birds and would be reduced to less than significant levels through pre-construction surveys, avoidance buffers, habitat restoration at required ratios, compliance with the OC Central-Coastal Subregion NCCP/HCP, and implementation of a Habitat Restoration Plan. Ground-disturbing activities could also result in inadvertent discoveries of archaeological or Tribal Cultural Resources; these impacts would be reduced to less than significant through worker training, stop-work procedures, monitoring, and consultation requirements. All other environmental issue areas were evaluated and found to result in no impact or less-than-significant impacts without mitigation.

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

Comments received from agencies, tribes, and the public during project planning and environmental review focused on biological resources, habitat protection, and cultural resources, all of which are addressed through project design features and mitigation measures incorporated into the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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

Responsible and trustee agencies for the project include the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board; California Coastal Commission; South Coast Air Quality Management District; and California Native American Heritage Commission.