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SCH #**Project Title:** Bowman Canyon Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvement Project

Lead Agency: Marin County Open Space District

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City: San Rafael

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County: Marin

Project Location: County: Marin

City/Nearest Community: Novato

Cross Streets: Novato Blvd and Bowman Canyon Road

Zip Code: 94947

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 07 ' 51.36 " N / 122 ° 36 ' 57.06 " W Total Acres: 409

Assessor's Parcel No.: 125-150-31, -32, -35, -37

Section: Not Mapped Twp.: Not Mapped Range: Not Mapped Base: Not Mapped

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: NA

Waterways: Novato Creek

Airports: NA

Railways: NA

Schools: San Marin High, San Ramon Elementary

Document Type:CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

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Other: _____

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: Project Approval**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Educational:☒ Recreational: Implement road and trail improvements, habitat protection☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☐ Other: _____**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☐ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☐ Recreation/Parks☐ Vegetation☐ Agricultural Land☐ Flood Plain/Flooding☐ Schools/Universities☐ Water Quality☐ Air Quality☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☐ Septic Systems☐ Water Supply/Groundwater☐ Archeological/Historical☐ Geologic/Seismic☐ Sewer Capacity☐ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☐ Minerals☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☐ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☐ Noise☐ Solid Waste☐ Land Use☐ Drainage/Absorption☐ Population/Housing Balance☐ Toxic/Hazardous☐ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☐ Public Services/Facilities☐ Traffic/Circulation☐ Other: _____**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

A60 Agriculture and Conservation (Marin County), COS (Conservation), OS (Open Space), and ROS (Restricted Open Space) (City of Novato)

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

Implementation of the proposed project would meet the project purpose and objectives by protecting sensitive habitats while providing recreational opportunities on a sustainable network of trails and fire roads, informed by five biological resource assessments. This would be accomplished by reducing the overall road footprint through the decommissioning of some road and trail segments in sensitive habitat, relocating trails out of sensitive habitats, converting some roads to trails, improving some road and trail segments, development of new sustainable trails, installation of drainage and watercourse improvements, and passive restoration of sensitive habitats supplemented by additional seeding and planting of native shrubs consistent with the policies and best management practices included in the MCOSD's Road and Trail Management Plan. The proposed project would include fire roads, multi-use trails, hiking and equestrian trails, and hiking and cycling trails. Of the trails that are proposed for cycling access, four will be directional, allowing for one-way bicycle travel only. These directional trails will be designed to increase visitor comfort, recreational safety, and heighten the Open Space experience for all user groups. This is a new feature for MCOSD open space preserves that is expected to reduce user conflicts on the trail system. These actions would meet the proposed project purpose and objectives by protecting sensitive resources, reducing habitat fragmentation, improving trail sustainability by reducing road and trail erosion and minimizing sediment delivery into surface waters, and providing an improved and sustainable trail network for visitors.

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☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans District # _____	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>2</u>
☐ 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
☐ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☐ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>3</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	☐ Other: _____
☐ Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date June 15, 2026 Ending Date July 17, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Kelly Hyde

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