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SCH #**Project Title:** Buck Gulch Falls Creek Restoration and Trail Improvement ProjectLead Agency: Marin County Open Space DistrictContact Person: Jason HoornMailing Address: 1600 Los Gamos Drive, Suite 275Phone: 415-320-4610City: San RafaelZip: 94903County: Marin**Project Location:** County: MarinCity/Nearest Community: NovatoCross Streets: Fairway Dr and Spyglass DrZip Code: 94949Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 04 ' 44 " N / 122 ° 35 ' 14 " W Total Acres: 2Assessor's Parcel No.: 160-010-50, 160-852-06, -07, -08, -14, -15, -16, -17, -18, 164-300-07Section: 36 Twp.: 3N Range: 7W Base: Not MappedWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: NAWaterways: Arroyo de San Jose CreekAirports: NARailways: NASchools: College of Marin, San Jose Middle School**Document Type:**CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

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☐ 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 trail improvements, habitat protection☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☒ Other: Creek Restoration**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:**

Open Space, Planned District, City of Novato; Low-Density Residential, Planning District, City of Novato; Planned Residential, Residential Multiple Planned District, County of Marin

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

The proposed project would restore Arroyo de San Jose Creek and associated ephemeral streams and to provide safe and sustainable year-round all-abilities access along Spyglass Trail and Buck Gulch Falls Trail leading to Buck Gulch waterfall at Ignacio Valley Open Space Preserve. The proposed project would install two bridges to remove visitor access from the creek; install one puncheon and one boardwalk over unnamed ephemeral streams along the trail; improve conditions along nearly 2,240 feet of existing trail; realign nearly 850 feet of trail segments away from eroding streambanks; change use of the Buck Gulch Falls Trail from hiker/equestrian only to hiker only use; install four fill slope walls to retain the trail alignment near the waterfall viewing area; install new fencing and signage at the waterfall viewing area; decommission and restore nearly 850 feet of trail; and restore nearly 19,500 square feet of eroding streambank and riparian area along Arroyo de San Jose Creek. These actions would meet the project purpose and objectives by reducing the environmental impacts of current visitor access, improving the user experience, safety, and accessibility for all trail users, and enhancing the sustainability of the trail consistent with the RTMP policies, applicable BMPs, and MCOSD's trail design standards and MCOSD's Inclusive Access Plan where feasible. Implementation of the proposed project would substantially reduce the potential for accelerated erosion and sedimentation into the Arroyo de San Jose Creek that could adversely impact water quality and listed aquatic species and their habitats. The proposed project would incorporate erosion control techniques, including placement of straw wattles at the base of realigned trail segments, surfacing the approaches to the proposed bridges with aggregate base rock, and placing of seed and mulch on disturbed ground.

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☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>2</u>
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
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☐ Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date June 23, 2026 Ending Date July 24, 2026

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