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SCH #: 2026070760

Project Title: Arastradero Creek Restoration and Pipeline Relocation

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Project Location: Arastradero Creek, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County

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

In March 2023, the City was informed of an exposed eight-inch diameter steel gas pipeline in the Arastradero Creek in the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve. The City received approval from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under an emergency permit to conduct a temporary creek stabilization project to protect the gas pipeline from damage caused by future storms. As part of the project, the City installed a combination of cobbles and boulder revetments in the eroded channel bed to protect the gas pipeline and prevent the upstream potable water transmission and sewer pipelines from being exposed. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is requiring the City to address a six-foot headcut that resulted in the need for the emergency repair and remove all temporary fill placed under the USACE emergency permit. Therefore, the purpose of the Project is to comply with the RWQCB's permit conditions by restoring a portion of Arastradero Creek and relocating the existing water and wastewater utilities in Arastradero Trail and the gas utility further underneath the creek. In addition, downstream of the emergency repair would be treated with woody material to encourage natural processes to deposit sediment, widen the incised sections of creek, and prevent further potential for headcut formation. The Project also proposes minor grading to Arastradero Trail, which runs along the left bank of the creek, to return functionality to an existing culvert, reducing sedimentation into the creek, and improve trail conditions.

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 have potentially significant effects related to air quality (fugitive dust), biological resources (candidate, sensitive, and special-status plant and wildlife species, maternity roosts, special-status and nesting birds, Northwestern Pond Turtle, amphibians, Crotch's bumble bee, monarch butterfly, San Francisco Dusky-footed Woodrat, American Badger, native and riparian vegetation, water quality), cultural and tribal cultural resources (archaeological resources, human remains); geology and soils (erosion, paleontological resources), hydrology and water quality (water quality standards, tsunami inundation and flood zones), utilities and service systems (relocation and replacement of utilities), and mandatory findings of significance.

Mitigation measures include fugitive dust control measures (AIR-1), Implementation of Programmatic Biological Opinion protection measures (BIO-1), pre-construction surveys for, biological monitoring of, compensation for loss of special-status plant species (BIO-2a, BIO-2b, BIO-2c), consultation for impacts to federal and State-listed plant species (BIO-2d), protections for maternity roosts (BIO-3a, BIO-3b), protections for nesting birds, Northwestern Pond Turtle, special-status amphibians, Crotch's bumble bee, monarch butterfly, San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat, and American badger (BIO-4, BIO-5a, BIO-5b, BIO-5c, BIO-5d, BIO-5e, BIO-5f, BIO-6a, BIO-6b, BIO-7, BIO-8. BIO-9, BIO-10), vegetation protection during construction and a revegetation plan (BIO-11, BIO-12), water quality protection measures (BIO-13a, BIO-13b, BIO-14), a cultural sensitivity training (CUL-1), sub-surface monitoring (CUL-2), procedures in the event that unknown cultural resources or human remains are encountered (CUL-3, CUL4), and protection measures for paleontological resources (GEO-1).

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

There are no areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency.

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

- Air Resources Board
- Caltrans District #4
- California Department of Fish and Game Region #3
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Public Utilities Commission
- Regional Water Quality Control Board #2
- State Water Resources Control Board: Water Quality