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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Goleta Sanitary District Energy Storage Project

Lead Agency: Goleta Sanitary District

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Project Location: Goleta, Santa Barbara County

City

County

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

Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) owns and operates the Goleta Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) located at One William Moffett Place, near the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport, in an unincorporated coastal area of Santa Barbara County, California. In order to achieve its long-term goal of energy neutrality and enhanced energy resilience, GSD proposes to install and operate a solar microgrid and battery energy storage system at the Goleta Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) in Goleta, Santa Barbara County, California. The proposed microgrid system includes 807 kW of solar arrays (comprising approximately 45,680-square-feet), a 1,632 kWh/408 kW 4-hour Eos Z3 battery cube on a newly constructed 900-square-foot concrete pad, and approximately 600 feet of electrical ductbank routing. The solar installation, comprised of 1,552 photovoltaic modules, would be installed in three separate areas throughout the WRRF. The proposed system is expected to generate 1,414,000 kWh annually for the WRRF, meeting approximately 36% of its electrical needs.

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 have substantial adverse effect on native nesting birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the California Fish and Game Code. Mitigation Measure MM-BIO-1 would require pre-construction nesting bird surveys and, if necessary, biological monitoring during construction. Mitigation Measure MM-BIO-2 would require an erosion and sediment control plan be prepared to minimize erosion during construction activities. Both mitigation measures would reduce potential impacts to biological resources to less than significant levels. As the proposed project site is located within an archeological resource, CA-SBA-46, the proposed project would also cause potentially adverse change in the significance of a historic and/or archaeological resource, as well as potentially disturb human remains. Mitigation Measures MM-CUL-1, MM-CUL-2, MM-CUL-3, MM-CUL-4, MM-CUL-5, and MM-CUL-6 would develop a data recovery program, an inadvertent discovery plan for cultural and archaeological resources and human remains, a workers environmental awareness program (WEAP), and archaeological monitoring during construction activities. These mitigation measures would reduce potential impacts to cultural, historical and archaeological impacts to levels of less than significant. The proposed project is located in an area with varied potential for encountering and impacting paleontological resources. As such, mitigation measure MM-GEO-1 would require a paleontological resource impact mitigation program and construction monitoring to reduce potentially significant effects to less than significant levels. Tribal cultural resources (TCRs) have been preemptively identified within the proposed Project site. Implementation of MM-TCR-1 would ensure involvement of consulting tribe(s) in the WEAP training of all Project personnel to ensure awareness of the appropriate procedures and protocols they must follow in the event of an inadvertent discovery of tribal cultural resources; MM-TCR-2 would ensure that consulting tribe(s) are retained to monitor all initial ground disturbing activities and archaeological excavations; and MM-TCR-3 would ensure the proper treatment and protection of any inadvertent discovery of TCRs.

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

N/A

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

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
California Coastal Commission
County of Santa Barbara Planning Department
Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
Native American Heritage Commission
California Fish and Wildlife Region #5
California State Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board #3
Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
State Lands Commission
California State Office of Historic Preservation