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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Mapes Road Residential Project

Lead Agency: County of Riverside

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Project Location: Romoland (Unincorporated) Riverside County

City *County*

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

The Mapes Road Residential Project would develop 157 single-family detached homes on approximately 39.09 gross acres of previously graded, vacant land in unincorporated Riverside County (Romoland), south of Mahogany Lane, east of Tradewinds Drive, north of Mapes Road, and west of Palomar Road. The County is considering GPA250018 (Low Density to Medium Density Residential), CZ2500031 (Rural Residential [R-R] to Planned Residential [R-4]), TTM39316 (a Schedule A subdivision creating 157 numbered residential lots and 15 lettered nonresidential lots), TPM39455 (a Schedule J conveyance and finance map establishing four parcels), and PPT250045 (design standards for the residences). Nonresidential lots would accommodate right-of-way dedication, open space and landscaping, storm drain maintenance, a community park, a drainage basin, and interim HOA maintenance/future RCFCD right-of-way. Associated improvements include water, sewer, drainage and roadway facilities, landscaping and walls.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The IS/MND identifies potentially significant effects involving biological, cultural, tribal cultural, and paleontological resources, as well as mandatory findings of significance. With the measures below, potential impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

Biological Resources (BIO-1 and BIO-2): Preconstruction burrowing owl surveys and avoidance measures; nesting bird surveys and protective buffers when vegetation removal occurs during nesting season.

Cultural Resources (CUL-1 through CUL-5; PPP CUL-1): Procedures for unanticipated discoveries, including a 100-foot work stoppage; a professional archaeological monitoring program; identification of a protected reburial area; artifact disposition and final monitoring documentation; and statutory procedures for discovery of human remains.

Paleontological Resources (PAL-1): A County-approved qualified paleontologist, preparation of a Paleontological Resources Impact Mitigation Program, and monitoring/recovery and curation procedures during applicable earthmoving activities.

Tribal Cultural Resources (TCR-1 through TCR-5): A confidential reburial area, Native American monitoring and cultural sensitivity training, culturally appropriate artifact disposition, procedures for human remains, and a 100-foot work stoppage and evaluation procedures for unanticipated finds.

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

During AB 52 and SB 18 consultation, consulting tribes identified cultural sensitivity in the Project area and expressed concerns about potential discoveries of previously unidentified subsurface tribal cultural resources during ground-disturbing activities. The IS/MND includes Mitigation Measures TCR-1 through TCR-5 to address these potential impacts. No additional specific areas of controversy are documented in the materials reviewed.

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

Responsible Agency:
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCD)

Trustee Agency:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)