

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Coastal Rail Trail Project (Oceanside Boulevard to Morse Street, spanning the Loma Alta Creek)

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Project Location: Oceanside

City

San Diego

County

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

The Project consists of Class I path from Oceanside Boulevard to Morse Street, spanning the Loma Alta Creek and running adjacent to the City of Oceanside La Salina Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Buccaneer Park. A 255-foot long, two-span cast-in-place concrete deck has been chosen as the preferred bridge type. The Project will close the remaining gap of the Coastal Rail Trail, as well as provide connectivity to Buccaneer Park, and a connection to a future parking lot planned to the north of Loma Alta Creek adjacent to the WWTP. The City intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project. The City's decision to prepare a MND should not be construed as a recommendation of either approval or denial of this Project. Following the public circulation and review period of the Initial Study (IS), the City Council will consider the proposed Project alignment, any comments received during the public review process, its MND and its associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). The City Council will then approve the Project alignment, adopt the proposed MND and adopt the MMRP, only if it finds on the basis of the whole record that there is no substantial evidence that the Project alignment will have a significant effect on the environment.

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

Potential impacts have been identified related to Biological Resources (Section 4.4), Cultural Resources (Section 4.5), Geology and Soils (Section 4.7), Hazards and Hazardous Materials (Section 4.9), Hydrology and Water Quality (Section 4.10), Noise (Section 4.13), Tribal Cultural Resources (Section 4.18), and Utilities and Service Systems (Section 4.19). All potentially significant impacts have been reduced to a less than significant level by implementing standard City mitigation measures related to individual resource-specific impacts.

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

Regarding potential cumulative impacts, there are currently four proposed projects in the general project vicinity's Buccaneer Park Facilities Project, La Salina WWTP Decommissioning Project, Loma Alta Slough Wetlands Enhancement Project, and the proposed Coastal Rail Trail Project. While all these projects are occurring within close proximity to each other and involve development of recreational components, each of these projects have their own independent utility, funding sources, and schedule. Implementation of any of these projects does not change the scope, nature, or impacts of the other projects. Each project will provide an independent and complete facility, meaning that none of the projects are dependent on the others to be completely functional and used by the public. As they are independent of each other, all the projects can be developed based on their specific needs and community input to create truly useful and community enhancing facilities. Therefore, the Project is considered to have a less than significant impact relating to cumulatively considerable effects.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Region 5)
Native American Heritage Commission
Regional WQCB (Region 9)
Department of Toxic Substances Control