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SCH #: **2019029054**

Project Title: San Vicente Redwoods

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Project Location: Unincorporated County northwest of Bonney Doon

Santa Cruz County

City

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

The project consists of two main components: 1) the approval and implementation of the proposed San Vicente Redwoods Public Access Plan, and 2) the construction and operation of an approximately 38-mile multiple use trail system over approximately 8,500 acres and a parking area in the San Vicente Redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The trail system and the parking area (with approximately 90 parking spaces) would be developed in phases. The proposed trails would be available for: hiking, biking, horse riding, dog walking (on-leash only), small group gatherings, as well as nature observation.

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

The Initial Study identified potentially significant impacts to biological resources and cultural resources.

The project is located in a biologically sensitive area. Species/habitats that are present include: Anderson's manzanita (*Arctostaphylos andersonii*), designated critical habitat for the California Red Legged Frog (*Rana aurora*), San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat (*Neotoma fuscipes annectens*), oak titmouse (*Baeolophus inornatus*). Another 13 special-status wildlife species were determined to have moderate to high potential to occur on the property, including the following: Bats. Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*), pallid bat (*Antrozous pallidus*), western red bat (*Lasiurus blossevillii*), silver-haired bat (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*), fringed myotis (*Myotis thysanodes*). Birds and other Avian Species. Vaux's swift (*Chaetura vauxi*), Nuttall's woodpecker (*Picoides nuttallii*), Allen's hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*), olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*), purple martin (*Progne subis*), and marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), mountain lion (*Felis concolor*). Mitigation measures, including flagging, avoidance and minimization, avoidance of mating/nesting periods, pre-construction surveys, biologist inspections/monitoring, exclusion zones, trash control, timing of construction, educational signage, worker training, restoration, invasive weed control, and annual monitoring, among other best management practices.

Impacts to unknown archaeological and cultural resources could occur during project construction. Mitigation measures include avoidance, ceasing construction and notification of the County, a qualified archaeologist, and coroner in the event artifacts or remains are discovered, worker training, construction monitoring, and educational signage.

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

The project does not have any known areas of controversy. The project will result in a recreational amenity for the community and visitors.

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

Permits/consultation would be required from Santa Cruz County, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (1602 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement), the Regional Water Quality Control Board (401 Water Quality Certification), and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Clean Water Act Section 404 permit), as well as the California Coastal Commission.