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SCH #: TBD

Project Title: Tahoe Valley Stormwater and Greenbelt Improvement Project

Lead Agency: City of South Lake Tahoe

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Project Location: City of South Lake Tahoe, CA (*City*) El Dorado (*County*)

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

The Project is located in the southwest portion of the City of South Lake Tahoe, California and consists of a 320-acre Project drainage area that is bisected by the US Highway 50 and State Route 89 corridors. The Project proposal includes multi-benefit stormwater quality, stream environment zone (SEZ), bicycle and pedestrian, and recreational improvements. Stormwater improvements and SEZ enhancements include improving existing drainage-ways and storm water systems to spread, treat, infiltrate, and retain flows from roadways, commercial areas, and other high-priority, directly connected urban areas. Stormwater improvements are designed to enhance the existing stormwater management system from an area-wide drainage area perspective. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements include improving connectivity of the regional network with pedestrian pathways and a Class I shared-use trail. Recreational improvements include open space, view corridors, and passive seating areas, along with opportunities to enhance natural play areas and engage public art. Opportunities for Tahoe Regional Planning Agency threshold attainment identified for this Project are water quality, recreation, soil conservation and air quality. Importantly, the Project is included in the City's Pollutant Load Reduction Plan (PLRP) and will help meet pollutant load reduction milestones required under the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load Program.

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

In addition to the design features, construction measures, BMPs and resource protection measures that are incorporated into the Project, Mitigation Measure BIO-1, Complete Jurisdictional Wetland Delineation and Determination, will be implemented to inform the final Project location and design to avoid, reduce, and minimize the potential environmental impacts of the Project to jurisdictional waters of the US to a less-than-significant level.

The Project transects forested lands and provides access, but would result in no loss of areas designated as forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use by nature of passing through such areas. The analysis for CEQA IVa (Biological Resources) provides the discussion of tree removal from areas zoned Mixed Use, Town Center, and Tahoe Valley Area Plan (TVAP) Open Space within the Project Area. The Project will require the removal of trees and may affect more than three (3) acres of forestland. The Project Applicant shall file for a Public Agency Right-of-Way exemption from the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) to comply with requirements for conversion of Timberland for installation of public service projects. Mitigation Measure AGR-1, Public Agency Right-of-Way Exemption with CalFire, will be implemented to ensure compliance with exemption and noncommercial disposal requirements to reduce potential impacts to forest land to a level of less than significant.

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

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and California Tahoe Conservancy staff have reviewed several administrative drafts of the Project's Initial Study/Initial Environmental Checklist and submitted comments and edits to the City and the City's consultant. The Project is identified as a TRPA Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) project, and although not controversial, agency comments helped inform the CEQA and TRPA impact analyses. Agency staff comments received to date are documented in the administrative record with the responses to such comments that are presented in the Public Draft IS/MND/IEC submitted for public circulation. TRPA specifically commented on land coverage and soil stability analyses.

City of South Lake Tahoe staff continue to communicate with the business community and stakeholders that have been involved in the planning and design of the Project.

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

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Caltrans District 3
California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 2
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire)
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 6
Native American Heritage Commission
California Tahoe Conservancy
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California