

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: **2019049137**

Project Title: Zone 7 Trail Project

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Project Location: Unincorporated, Alameda County

*City*

*County*

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

The proposed project consists of construction a new 1.97-mile multi-use trail through Zone 7 Water Agency property in unincorporated Alameda County, approximately 0.8 miles south of the City of Livermore. Consistent with the objectives listed in the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's (LARP) Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan, the path would connect existing trails within LARP's Sycamore Grove Park. This regional trail system provides recreational opportunities for hikers, equestrians, runners, and cyclists from throughout the East Bay, making network connectivity a high priority for stakeholders who manage and use the system.

To construct the proposed trail, various actions would be required such as vegetation clearing, grading, and slope stabilization, most of which would be performed by volunteers with hand tools. Such actions would take place at various locations along the 1.97 mile route throughout two dry seasons. The proposed trail would be an approximately three to five-foot wide pedestrian path approximately 1.97 miles in length. New visitor amenities including benches would be installed intermittently along the pathway. The trail would be aligned to minimize vegetation removal and grading requirements, following existing cattle trails and access roads for much of its path. The new trail would connect Valley View Loop in Sycamore Grove Park to the trail adjacent to the Arroyo Road entrance parking lot and be designed to accommodate multiple recreational uses.

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

The project has the potential for significant impacts to special-status species which are mitigated to a less-than-significant level through the mitigation measures summarized below:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1 provides general avoidance and minimization measures for special-status species such as volunteer environmental awareness training, hand tool maintenance, and contacting USFWS upon take of federally protected species.

Mitigation Measure BIO-2 requires a pre-construction survey for special-status plant species followed by flagging and avoidance of any identified species.

Mitigation Measure BIO-3 provides avoidance measures for Alameda whip snake and California red-legged frog such as pre-construction surveys, working during dry weather, biological monitoring, and erosion control measures.

Mitigation Measure BIO-4 calls for avoidance of nesting birds through pre-construction surveys and buffers around active nests.

The project has potential for significant impacts to cultural and tribal cultural resources through accidental disturbance. This potential is mitigated to a less-than-significant level through the mitigation measure summarized below.

Mitigation Measure CULT-1 requires that work stop in the vicinity of any accidentally unearthed archaeological or cultural resources or human remains. In the former two cases, evaluation by a qualified archaeologist is required before work may continue. For the latter, the county coroner must be contacted and proper procedures followed in the remains are Native American.

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

No areas of known controversy have been identified. The project's potential environmental impacts are well-defined and localized, and are all less than significant with implementation of appropriate mitigation measures. No issues have been raised by agencies or the public.

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

The project is not anticipated to require any permits, agreements, or consultations by agencies other than LARPD. As such, LARPD is the Lead Agency and no responsible or trustee agencies have been identified.