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Kate Gordon
Director

Memorandum

Date: April 26, 2019
To: All Reviewing Agencies
From: Scott Morgan, Director
Re: SCH # 2019049143
Ponti Fire Road to Trail Project

The Lead Agency has corrected some information regarding the above-mentioned project. Please replace the **Notice of Intent** page, you received on **April 25, 2019** with the attachment. All other project information remains the same.

cc: Michelle Julene
Marin County Open Space District
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 260
San Rafael, CA 94903

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

PONTI FIRE ROAD TO TRAIL PROJECT PACHECO VALLE AND IGNACIO VALLEY OPEN SPACE PRESERVES NOVATO CALIFORNIA

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

April 29, 2019

The Marin County Open Space District (MCOSD) is proposing a trail project at Pacheco Valle and Ignacio Valley Open Space Preserves and has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Declaration (IS/MND) to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The purpose of this Notice of Intent to Adopt an MND (NOI) is to initiate the 30-day public review and comment period on the MND, which begins on April 29, 2019 and ends on May 31, 2019 at 5:00pm. Comments can be submitted online using the comment form <https://www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/our-work/os-main-projects/rtmp-projects>, under the section titled "Ponti Ridge." Comments can also be submitted by email or USPS as follows:

Jon Campo, Senior Resource Planner; jcampo@marincounty.org

Marin County Open Space District; 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260; San Rafael, CA 94903

PROJECT TITLE: Ponti Fire Road to Trail Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Pacheco Valle and Ignacio Valley Open Space Preserves, Novato, CA

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. The purpose of the proposed Project is to implement the MCOSD Road and Trail Management Plan (RTMP) to provide the public with a safe multi-use trail system to enhance the visitor experience, reduce the environmental impacts of the road on sensitive resources by reducing sedimentation and erosion, and establish a sustainable system of roads and trails that meet design and management standards and would provide year-round access along the trail alignment. The project includes the following elements, which are summarized below and fully described in the Project Description section of the IS/MND:

- **Realign the Upper Segment of the Ponti Fire Road.** Realign the existing 1.2-mile long, 14-foot wide upper segment of the Ponti Fire Road with an average slope of 20 to 35 percent into a 2.8-mile long, 5-foot wide sustainable multi-use trail with an average grade of 10 percent. Change fire road designation to multi-use trail.
- **Maintain and Improve the Lower Segment of the Ponti Fire Road.** Improve the existing 0.5-mile long, 14-foot wide lower segment of the Ponti Fire Road within the existing footprint to improve stability, drainage, and the overall sustainability of the fire road for visitor use and to maintain access for emergency vehicles.
- **Construct a New Connector Trail from Ponti Fire Road to Pacheco Hill Pathway.** Construct a new connector trail from the lower segment of the Ponti Fire Road to the Pacheco Hill Pathway, which is an existing paved trail adjacent to State Highway 101. The connector trail would be 0.4 mile in length, 5 feet wide, earthen surface, and a grade of less than 10 percent.
- **Decommission Non-Designated Trail and Redundant Road and Trail Segments.** Decommission 1.02 miles of non-designated Trail 18645 in the Ignacio Valley Open Space District, approximately 3 miles of trails associated with the Ponti Fire Road that would include non-designated trails parallel to the existing Ponti Fire Road and sections of the existing Fire Road that would become redundant after the upper segment of the Ponti Fire Road is realigned.

The IS identified potentially significant environmental impacts in the areas of Biological Resources and Hydrology/Water Quality. Mitigation measures to reduce the significance of these impacts to a less-than-significant level are included in the IS. The IS concludes that, with implementation of the mitigation measures, the proposed project will not have significant environmental impacts. The document is available for review at Marin County Parks headquarters at the Marin Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260, San Rafael CA; on the Marin County Parks website at <https://www.marincountyparks.org/depts/pk/our-work/os-main-projects/rtmp-projects> under the section titled "Ponti Ridge;" and at the South Novato Library, 931 C Street, Novato, CA.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Jon Campo at (415) 473-2686.

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal 2019049143

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #

Project Title: Pontil Fire Road to Trail Project

Lead Agency: Marin County Open Space District Contact Person: Michelle Julene
Mailing Address: 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 260 Phone: (415) 473-5283
City: San Rafael Zip: 94903 County: Marin

Project Location: County: Marin City/Nearest Community: City of Novato
Cross Streets: Not Applicable Zip Code: 94945

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 02 ' 48 " N / 122 ° 33 ' 29 " W Total Acres: see attached
Assessor's Parcel No.: Several, see attached Section: N/A Twp.: N/A Range: N/A Base: _____
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 101 Waterways: Pacheco Creek
Airports: San Rafael Airport Railways: SMART Tracks Schools: Mary Silveira Elem.

Document Type: State Clearinghouse
CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Other: Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other: _____
 Mit Neg Dec Other: _____

Local Action Type:
 General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Trail Improvement

Development Type:
 Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational/Improvements to an Existing Trail
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:
 Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:
Marin Countywide Plan (General Plan): Open Area Zoning. City of Novato General Plan: Open Space/Publicly Owned Open Space

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)
(1) Realign the 1.2-mile long, 14-foot wide Upper Segment of the Pontil Fire Road into a 2.8-mile long, 5-foot wide sustainable multi-use trail with an average grade of 10 percent; Change fire road designation to multi-use trail. (2) Maintain and improve the 0.5-mile long, 14-foot wide Lower Segment of the Pontil Fire Road, within the existing footprint to improve stability, drainage, and the overall sustainability of the fire road for visitor use and to maintain access for emergency vehicles. (3) Construct a New 0.4-mile long, 5-foot wide Connector Trail from Pontil Fire Road to Pacheco Hill Pathway. Construct a new connector trail from the lower segment of the Pontil Fire Road to the Pacheco Hill Pathway. (4) Decommission approximately 4 miles of Non-Designated Trail and Redundant Road and Trail Segments.

State Clearinghouse Contact: _____
(916) 445-0613
State Review Began: 4-25-2019
SCH COMPLIANCE 5-31-2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources | Cal EPA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways | ARB: Airport & Freight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Prot. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARB: Transportation Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Comm | ARB: Major Industrial/Energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado Rvr Bd | Resources, Recycl. & Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDFW # <u>3</u> | SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr # _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cal Fire | SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation | SWRCB: Wtr Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Rec | SWRCB: Wtr Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay Cons & Dev Comm. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg. WQCB # <u>2</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DWR | Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC |
| | Yth/Adlt Corrections |
| | Corrections |
| | Independent Comm |
| CalSTA | Delta Protection Comm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aeronautics | Delta Stewardship Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHP | Energy Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans# <u>4</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAHC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trans Planning | Public Utilities Comm |
| Other | Santa Monica Bay Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | State Lands Comm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture | Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HCD | Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OES | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State/Consumer Svcs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services | |

NOTE: Review Per Lead

Please note State Clearinghouse Number (SCH#) on all Comments

SCH#: 2019049143
Please forward late comments directly to the Lead Agency

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