

# Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: City of Laguna Beach Fire Department

Project Title: Fuel Breaks in Fuel Modification Zone 23 – Canyon Acres and Fuel Modification Zone 24 – Laguna Canyon

Project Location: Laguna Beach Orange County  
*City* *County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project would create fuel management zone (FMZ) 23 (16 acres) and FMZ 24 (38 acres) in Laguna Beach. FMZ 23 would start immediately east of Laguna Beach Parking Lot 10 and proceed behind the Sawdust Art Festival and Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach and along both sides of Canyon Acres Drive. FMZ 24 would proceed from Canyon Acres Drive north to just past the Anneliese School near El Toro Road, remaining generally on the east side of Laguna Canyon Road (State Highway 133) behind homes and businesses, with a short portion on the west side around Laguna College of Art and Design.

Goat-grazing and hand crew treatment in more biologically sensitive areas would reduce vegetation load in 100-foot wide sections in FMZ 23 and FMZ 24 to reduce the risk of wildfire threat to commercial and residential structures. The majority of perennial root systems would remain to minimize erosion in erosion-prone areas. Native vegetation waste would be mulched and left on-site to minimize erosion. Non-native vegetation waste would be transported to a green waste recycling facility or landfill if not recyclable.

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

During fuel modification activities, the proposed Project would result in potentially significant impacts related to disturbance of sensitive species and habitats, interference with the movement of wildlife, and conflict with local biological resources policies; discovery of buried cultural resources, paleontological resources, and/or human remains; increased risk of slope instability including landslides and liquefaction; and increased potential for hazardous material contamination. The following mitigation measures would be implemented to reduce all impacts to less-than-significant levels.

Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-7 would require a qualified biologist to survey for sensitive species; monitor for nesting birds; train all workers and be present during vegetation clearing to ensure compliance with all biological mitigation measures; buffer drainages; and the City of Laguna Beach shall restore coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitat in nearby Rattlesnake Canyon to offset the loss of habitat associated with fuel modification activities in FMZ 23 and FMZ 24. Mitigation Measure CUL-1 through CUL-3 would require a qualified archaeologist to train workers; monitor for cultural resources; and halt work and take appropriate measures if human remains are to be found. Mitigation Measures GEO-1 and GEO-2 would require all fuel modification activities and erosion control measures in landslide-prone areas to be conducted in spring and summer; and paleontological resources to be assessed and reported if significant. Mitigation Measure HAZ-1 would require fueling of power tools and vehicles away from fire hazards and within containment systems; clean-up of any spills; and prohibit the use of engine fuel as a cleaning solvent.

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

There are no known areas of controversy.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Responsible Agency:

City of Laguna Beach Fire Department

Trustee Agencies:

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

CalTrans District #12

Southern California Association of Governments

California Coastal Commission

Airport Land Use Commission

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Native American Heritage Commission

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region #5

South Coast Air Quality Management District

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