

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Lake Tahoe Comm College Early Learning Center and Timber Conversion Permit/Timber Harvest Plan

Lead Agency: Lake Tahoe Community College District

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Project Location: City of South Lake Tahoe El Dorado County
City *County*

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

The LTCC proposes to construct a new Early Learning Center (ELC) facility at the District's main campus at One College Drive in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The ELC facility would house the Tahoe Parents Nursery School (TPNS) and associated District early childhood education programs. The Project also includes applicaton for a Timber Conversion Permit (TCP) and Timber Harvest Plan (THP) for the ELC and future development across up to 19.5 acres of the Campus as the need for new facilities proposed under the Facilities MP arises.

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

The ELC would result in the removal of 12 trees within the ELC project area. The TCP/THP conversion areas could result in the future removal of up to 511 trees, including the 12 trees proposed for removal to construct the ELC. Many of the trees in the forested areas contain structural anomalies such as dead leaders, rotten portions of boles and deformities due to mistletoe or other infectious growths. These characteristics are attractive to many bird species. In addition, older trees often contain deadwood that is suitable for excavation by cavity nesters. Tree removal and construction activities associated with construction of the new buildings/structures associated with expansion may result in direct removal of active nests for migratory birds and/or raptors and may result in disturbance or abandonment of nesting, roosting, or breeding sites in adjacent habitat. To ensure protection of potential nesting birds within conversion areas, mitigation measures are required to reduce the potential impact to less than significant.

BIO-1: Active Raptor and Migratory Bird Nest Site Protection Program.

The Program shall include surveys, consultation, and protective actions. Pre-construction surveys, occurring during the nesting season immediately prior to initial project construction (e.g., excavation, grading and tree removal), shall be conducted to identify any active raptor or migratory bird nest sites within the Project area. Specifically, prior to initial construction activities (tree removal and excavation for construction), a qualified biological monitor shall visit the construction area to evaluate whether any raptors or migratory birds are occupying trees or whether any wildlife den/nursery sites are located within the Project disturbance area. If nest sites are identified, the biological monitor will have the authority to stop or reschedule construction activities near occupied trees or nursery sites if continued work could have negative impact on nesting raptors or migratory birds or their young. If construction activities must be stopped, the monitor shall consult with TRPA and/or CDFW staff within 24 hours from the discovery to determine appropriate actions to restart construction while reducing impacts to identified raptors or migratory bird nests.

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

NA

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

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection