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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Eucalyptus Pruning

Lead Agency: Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)

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Project Location: Carmel (*City*) Monterey County (*County*)

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

Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) proposes to prune existing eucalyptus trees at the CAWD Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The pruning is being done to control the growth of the trees and to mitigate falling branches. The existing eucalyptus trees have the potential to fall or drop debris which could damage existing wastewater treatment plant infrastructure. Where eucalyptus trees are spreading new seedlings, new eucalyptus trees would be removed as part of the work to avoid propagation of this non-native species. There are a total of approximately ninety (90) full grown eucalyptus trees surrounding the WWTP. The existing eucalyptus trees were planted during the 1980's to create a visual screen around the existing wastewater treatment plant. Many of the existing trees have grown to be much higher than they need to be to screen the existing facility. Existing eucalyptus trees around the WWTP range from about 75 to 90 feet tall. CAWD plans to prune the trees to 42 feet tall along the Southern boundary of the WWTP, and 52 feet tall along the Westerly side of the Northern property line.

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

Aesthetic effects of tree trimming will be avoided by minimizing the tree trimming to a finished tree height of 42 ft along the South property line and 52 ft along the North property line.

Biological effects will be mitigated to less than significant by: Performing a bird survey by a qualified biologist prior to work and not trimming trees where bird nests are present. Work will be scheduled to avoid the breeding and nesting seasons (after September 16 and before January 31). Furthermore, during work all heavy equipment will be kept inside the fence of the existing wastewater treatment plant.

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

None

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

California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Parks and Recreation