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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Lake Merced West Project

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Project Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County
City *County*

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

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department proposes the Lake Merced West Project, which would create a recreational facility on approximately 11 acres located at 520 John Muir Drive, on the southwest side of Lake Merced, in southwestern San Francisco, California. The Lake Merced West recreation facility would offer an array of activities open to the public, such as trail use, picnicking, paddleboarding, kayaking, fishing, fitness activities, a ropes course, bird watching, space for outdoor exercise, skateboarding, multi-use courts for basketball and other activities, as well as restaurant dining, and indoor space for gatherings such as community meetings and birthday parties. A new community building, restaurant and outdoor plaza would be built at the center of the site. A boathouse and floating dock would be placed along the lakeshore. A city arborist office and storage yard would also operate at the site. Special events up to 500 people could occur 12 times per year at the project site and may involve exceptions to normal operating hours and temporary use of amplified sound in compliance with San Francisco permit requirements.

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 site is a cultural landscape that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historic Resources. The project would demolish the buildings and structures that are contributors to the cultural landscape. Even with proposed mitigation measures, the historic resources impact would be significant.

Project components along the shoreline of Lake Merced would require cut or fill within wetlands and Lake Merced, and would remove areas of vegetation along the shoreline. Mitigation measures are anticipated to reduce impacts on wetlands, special-status species, and water quality.

The project would include targeted soil remediation in accordance with the Pacific Rod and Gun Club Upland Soil Remediation case closure approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The San Francisco Planning Department will prepare an initial study and EIR in accordance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The EIR (including the Initial Study) will consider all topics listed on the city's initial study checklist, identify mitigation measures and alternatives, as appropriate.

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

This summary form is associated with the Notice of Preparation prepared by the Lead Agency. The city has not yet received any public comments regarding concerns or areas of controversy specific to the project. However, typical concerns for projects of this nature or in the area include the following:

• Effects of construction and operations on project area transportation and circulation and noise, particularly during special events
• Effects of the project on the cultural landscape (a historical resource)
• Support for site access for recreational purposes, while continuing to protect water quality, biological resources, and other natural resources
• Effects of the project on scenic quality of Lake Merced
• Concerns regarding remediation and reuse of former contaminated site

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

• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
• California Coastal Commission
• State Water Resources Control Board
• California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 3
• California Office of Historic Preservation
• Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2