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SCH #: 2022020106

Project Title: Town of Moraga Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative

Lead Agency: Town of Moraga

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Project Location: Town of Moraga, Contra Costa County
City *County*

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

The Planning Initiative includes an update to the Town's Housing Element, rezoning of key sites within the Town's jurisdiction, and amendments to the 2002 General Plan. The Planning Initiative would provide a cohesive long-term framework for future growth and development in the Town. The Initiative was catalyzed by the RHNA allocation, as well as Plan Bay Area 2050 and other initiatives that support denser housing in "Priority Development Areas" around the region. The Planning Initiative is meant to ensure the Town has a sufficient number of appropriately zoned sites to meet its housing allocation. It is also intended to provide supportive housing goals, policies, programs, and quantitative objectives to meet the Town's future housing needs. It is further intended to provide objective design and development standards so that projects may be approved more quickly and efficiently, thus reducing development costs and making housing easier to build.
The Town of Moraga is consolidating long range planning efforts through this initiative, namely the Housing Element Update and corresponding rezoning of the Moraga Center Specific Plan and Rheem Park areas, rezoning of the Bollinger Canyon Study Area, and 2002 General Plan amendments to achieve internal consistency and meet recent State requirements. Refer to Figure 2-3 for the location of the three study areas: Moraga Center Specific Plan area, Rheem Park area, and Bollinger Canyon Study Area. The Planning Initiative would ensure a refreshed vision for growth throughout the Town that meets the community's needs.

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

Approval of the proposed Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative would not approve any physical development (e.g., construction of housing or infrastructure). However, the EIR assumed that such actions are reasonably foreseeable future outcomes of the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative. As such, the EIR would evaluate the potential physical environmental impacts that could result from future actions for implementing the policies proposed under the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative at a programmatic level, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168.

The Draft EIR found that the proposed would have no physical environmental impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources, mineral resources, or noise (airport related). Impacts related to aesthetics, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, population and housing, public services and recreation, and tribal cultural resources would be less than significant. Impacts related to noise, tribal cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, geology and soils, cultural resources, biological resources, and air quality would be significant but mitigable to less than significant. Impacts to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, biological resources, noise, transporation, utilities, and wildfire would be significant and unavoidable.

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

No areas of controversy were discovered in the project scoping process.

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

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) are responsible agencies which approve the housing element and safety element respectively.

There are no Trustee agencies for the project at this time.