Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title:!	Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute		
_ead Agency:	County of Monterey Housing & Community Development	ent - Planning	
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Project Location	: 7600 Sandholdt Road, Moss Landing	Monterey	
	City	County	

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

Proposed redevelopment of an existing parcel in a light industrial area. The existing 16,740 square foot restaurant and marine research lab building would be demolished, and a new 32,900 square foot marine research lab building would be constructed. The project also entails restoration of approximately 0.18 acres of sand dune habitat and a coastal development permit to allow a reduction in parking standards.

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

Biological Resources: Dune habitat and sandy beach areas adjacent to the project site may be suitable habitat for the western snowy plover, a Federally threatened species and species of California Concern. A mitigation measure requiring a bird survey to ensure there is now plover activity in the vicinity of the project is included which would ensure no plovers are harmed by construction activities. If plover activity is found during the bird survey, construction would be delayed until the young have fledged. The sand dune habitat that exists onsite, although degraded, is environmentally sensitive habitat area. The project proposes construction adjacent to this sensitive habitat, and proposes restoring the habitat area as one of the project activities. To ensure that the habitat is not harmed during construction, a mitigation measure requiring exclusionary fencing established under the supervision of a qualified biologist would be required. A restoration plan prepared by a qualified biologist is also being proposed as a mitigation measure, which would both mitigate for any inadvertent damage done to the habitat over the course of construction, and ensure the proposed restoration activities will not inadvertently damage the habitat.

<u>Hazards & Hazardous Materials; Hydrology & Water Quality:</u> The project is in an area where sea level rise is threatening shoreline properties. While various models show varying degrees of rise, a medium to high risk scenario (as discussed by the project Geologist) places the sea level rise at 10.64 feet at 2060. To ensure that the future see level does not inundate the proposed marine research lab and risk releasing pollutants, a mitigation requiring the applicant to place the finish floor one foot above the projected sea level is being proposed.

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

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N/A	
Provide a list of responsible or trustee agencies for the project.	
California Department of Fish & Wildlife – Region 4	