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Project Title: Carmel Lagoon Ecosystem Protective Barrier, Scenic Road Protection Structure and Interim Sandbar Management Plan Project

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Project Location: Carmel River State Beach/Scenic Road & Carmelo Street (Unincorporated) Monterey  
*City* *County*

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

A Revised Draft EIR has been prepared for the proposed Carmel Lagoon Ecosystem Protective Barrier, Scenic Road Protection Structure, and Interim Sandbar Management Plan Project (REF120051, SCH# 2014071050). In response to public comments on the Draft EIR, the County of Monterey elected to conduct additional technical studies and environmental analyses associated with project alternatives, which resulted in revisions to the following chapters of the Draft EIR: Introduction; Summary; Alternatives; CEQA Considerations; List of Preparers; Environmental Setting (topical sections Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Transportation and Energy); and Appendices. No changes have been made to the proposed project description or footprint, or the remaining sections of the Draft EIR.

The proposed project would involve implementing three project components: 1) Ecosystem Protective Barrier (EPB); 2) Scenic Road Protective Structure (SRPS); and 3) Interim Sandbar Management Program (ISMP), with the primary objective of implementing a solution to improve the functions and values of the ecosystem in and around the Lagoon by restoring the Lagoon's historic hydrologic, pre-management conditions to the extent feasible to protect and improve habitat for fish and wildlife while maintaining flood protection.

The proposed EPB project component would maintain existing flood protection to low-lying homes and public infrastructure along the northern edge of the Lagoon, while the frequency of mechanical management of the sandbar is reduced in compliance with regulatory requirements. The proposed SRPS project component would provide protection from erosion along the northern sand cliffs and from the undermining of Scenic Road, which may result from northerly river flows or large ocean swells. The proposed ISMP project component is intended to provide a short-term (i.e., until the design, environmental review, permitting, and construction of the proposed EPB and SRPS project components are completed) solution to potential flooding issues by implementing select sandbar management actions that allow additional natural function in the Lagoon while still protecting properties and infrastructure.

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

Attached is **Chapter 2, Summary of the Environmental Impact Report. Table 2-1** summarizes the impacts of the proposed project. A summary of the cumulative impacts and the proposed project contribution to those impacts, as applicable, is presented in **Table 2-2**. For each impact considered to be significant or potentially significant, the table summarizes the recommended mitigations. **Tables 2-1 and 2-2** are intended to provide a summary of the proposed project impacts and mitigation measures that are described in detail in **Chapter 4, Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures**; please refer to that section for complete discussion.

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

Based on the comments received during the Notice of Preparation scoping period and comments on the Draft EIR, the following key topics and areas of controversy have been identified:

- the EPB project component is not supported by State Parks and the placement of the EPB on State Parks property would require legislative action
- alternatives to the proposed project
- impacts to water quality
- technical feasibility of the SRPS and EPB project components
- aesthetic impacts
- flooding impacts on- and off-site
- cultural resources impacts
- wetland and other habitat impacts
- impacts to steelhead
- encroachment into State Parks property
- consistency with applicable planning policies and regulations
- hazardous materials
- public access.

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

- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California Coastal Commission
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California State Lands Commission
- Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Carmel Unified School District