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Project Title: Harper Canyon (Encina Hills) Subdivision Project

Lead Agency: County of Monterey Housing and Community Development

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Project Location: North of San Benancio Road, approximately 0.8 miles east of Highway 68, Salinas (Unincorporated) Monterey
City *County*

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

The proposed project is a 17-lot residential subdivision on approximately 164 acres, with a remainder parcel, approximately 180 acres in size, to remain as open space in unincorporated Monterey County. The Supplemental Draft EIR examines wildlife movement between the Fort Ord National Monument, Santa Lucia Ranges, and Toro Creek via under-crossing of State Route 68, overpasses along Portola Drive, and local/onsite drainages and culverts and includes the review of previous research, including but not limited to, the Central Coast Connectivity Project and the 2008 WRA Environmental Consultants memorandum developed for the Ferrini Ranch EIR [SCH2005091055]. In response to the court of appeal ruling, the document focuses solely on analyzing the wildlife corridors in the vicinity of the proposed project and evaluates the potential impacts the proposed project may have on these corridors. The Supplemental Draft EIR identifies, where necessary, mitigation to avoid, eliminate, or reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level, where feasible.

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

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines §15163) a Supplemental Draft EIR has been prepared to evaluate the potential physical and environmental impacts of the proposed project on wildlife corridors. The Supplemental Draft EIR identifies mitigation that avoids, eliminates, or reduces impact to a less-than-significant level, where feasible. It is anticipated that the County will rely on the Draft EIR and SDEIR for subsequent project phases and development as deemed appropriate and consistent with the requirements of CEQA by the County as the Lead Agency.

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

The 2015 Board of Supervisor's decision was challenged and ultimately resulted in the Sixth District Court of Appeal's opinion that the EIR lacked analysis concerning the proposed project's potential impacts to the Toro Creek wildlife corridor (*Landwatch Monterey et al. v. County of Monterey et al., Case No. H046932*). As a response to the court of appeal ruling, a supplemental draft EIR was requested to evaluate the proposed project's potential impacts on the wildlife corridors in the vicinity of the proposed project site.

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

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