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SCH #: 2019049100

Project Title: Nelson Sloan Quarry Restoration and Beneficial Reuse of Sediment Project

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Project Location: San Diego *City* San Diego *County*

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

The Project consists of the beneficial reuse of excess sediment excavated from flood control facilities and disturbed habitats in the Tijuana River Valley towards the reclamation of previously quarried slopes and restoration of the Nelson Sloan Quarry site to close to historic (i.e., pre-quarry operations) topography and habitat. Over an approximately 10-year period, up to 1,000,000 cubic yards of excess sediment extracted from flood control facilities and habitatrestoration projects managed by federal, state, and local agencies in the river valley that are currently hauled off site toarea landfills or construction projects would instead be characterized and hauled to the Project site for sorting andplacement. The sediment would be used to (1) reclaim the oversteepened slopes associated with previous quarryoperations and remove Surface Mining and Reclamation Act regulatory jurisdiction over the site and (2) restore the site toclose to historic topography and habitat. In a phased approach, suitable sediment would be deposited and regraded to astable condition on the eroded slopes of the eastern portion of the Project site and, in later phases, placed and stabilizedon site to create new terrain and habitat. Erosion and drainage control measures and revegetation of regraded areas withappropriate native plant material would also be implemented.

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

--The operation of diesel equipment/vehicles and fugitive dust generated during construction would result in exposure of sensitive receptors to toxic air contaminant emissions. Implementation of measures including (but not limited to) requiring Tier 4 Final (or better) diesel engines for engines 75 horsepower or greater, idling restrictions, and a Construction Traffic Control Plan (Mitigation Measure AQ-1) would reduce the construction impact to less than significant.
--Proposed site preparation, sediment placement, and grading activities would result in direct impacts to coastal sage scrub (identified by the City of San Diego as Tier II habitat) and disturbed coastal sage scrub vegetation within the City's MHPA. These potentially significant impacts would be reduced through restoration provided at a minimum 1.5:1 ratio (a typical development impact within the MHPA would require 1:1 mitigation through the preservation of like habitat within the MHPA; the 1.5:1 ratio is provided to offset the temporal loss of coastal sage scrub vegetation).
- -Direct impacts to special-status wildlife would occur through the loss of habitat and potential mortality of individual species, particularly special-status reptiles and small mammals that may not be able to escape impacts during construction. Special-status species take avoidance surveys and implementation of a relocation and exclusion plan (MM-BIO-2) would reduce the potential impact to less than significant.
--Potential impacts to coastal California gnatcatcher and Quino checkerspot butterfly could occur due to permanent impacts to habitat through vegetation removal (i.e., coastal sage scrub) or damage to host plants. Coastal California gnatcatcher avoidance and pre-construction surveys (MM-BIO-3) and host plant mapping, flagging and avoidance (MM-BIO-1), and consultation with USFWS (MM-BIO-3) would reduce impacts to less than significant.
--Potential impacts to nesting birds due to removal of habitat supporting active nests would occur; impacts would be reduced through nesting season avoidance and pre-construction surveys (MM-BIO-5).
--See DEIR Executive Summary for full list of potentially significant effects and proposed mitigation measures.

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

--Potential impacts to biological resources including sensitive vegetation communities, and special-status plants and wildlife species (and the City's Multiple Habitat Planning Area) due to construction activities (including vegetation removal and noise) and the up to 15 year duration of the Project
--Potential incompatibility of the Project pursuant to Compatible Land Uses identified in the City's MSCP Subarea Plan
--Potential noise impacts to sensitive receptors along sediment haul routes
--Potential impacts to unknown cultural and tribal cultural resources associated with disturbance of terrain located outside the footprint of previous mining/quarry operations
--Potential impacts to downstream water quality resulting from use of managed sediments for new terrain on the Project site.
--Potential air quality impacts associated with fugitive dust created during sediment sorting and hauling activities

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

City of San Diego Planning Department
County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board