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Project Title: Montara Mountain Rainfall Prediction and Radio Replacement ProjectLead Agency: San Francisco Planning DepartmentContact Name: Julie MooreEmail: julie.moore@sfgov.orgPhone Number: 415-575-8733Project Location: Montara (nearest)
*City*San Mateo
County

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

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing the Montara Mountain Rainfall Prediction and Radio Replacement Project to improve the accuracy of rainfall forecasts for the Bay Area Region and to replace an outdated land mobile radio system, providing reliable communications and enhancing safety. The advanced quantitative precipitation information system would install an X band radar to improve early warning systems with better predictions of precipitation, streamflow, and storm surges through research and climatic monitoring. The radio replacement would install a 45-foot-tall monopole with antennas and a small dish. Components also would include supporting structures and foundations, a short access road, security fencing, and power and communication lines. The project site is located on Montara Mountain in the SFPUC Peninsula Watershed in San Mateo County. Construction activities would begin in the summer or fall of 2019 and take approximately two to three months per season, and would likely require two construction seasons.

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

Potentially significant impacts on unanticipated cultural resources would be reduced with implementation of accidental discovery measures for archeological resources, human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects, and tribal cultural resources interpretive program.

Potentially significant impacts on biological resources would be reduced with the following: 1) General mitigation measures during construction; 2) Rare plant avoidance and minimization of impacts to sensitive communities during construction; 3) Nesting bird survey and protection during construction; 4) Avoidance and protection for special-status butterflies; 5) Preconstruction survey and midden relocation for San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat; 6) Avoidance of bat roosts during construction; 7) Worker environmental awareness program training for construction; and 8) Onsite biological monitoring during construction activities

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

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Scenic Easement over SFPUC peninsula watershed lands - concerns regarding visual character of the landscape

Project site is within the range of two federally endangered butterfly species, the mission blue butterfly and the San Bruno elfin butterfly, and supports their host plants. The USFWS has reviewed the biological assessment and discussed follow-up project details and concurs with the determination that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect these species.

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

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission