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SCH #: _____

Project Title: City of Corning Community Recreation Center and Plaza Project Initial Study & MND

Lead Agency: City of Corning

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Project Location: Corning (*City*) Tehama (*County*)

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

Primary access to the proposed Project from Interstate 5 (I-5) to the west, is via the Solano Avenue/I-5 interchange proceeding east, a distance of approximately 0.9 miles. The proposed Project encompasses approximately 2.298-acres comprised of 11 privately owned parcels and an alleyway which is City right-of-way. These parcels comprise the core area of approximately 1.89-acres that can be readily defined as being "blighted" property. Currently, the parcels contain a series of buildings varying in degrees of substandard condition. All of the buildings are proposed to be demolished. Also included as part of the proposed Project is a 0.373-acre parcel located across the street to the west of the core area at the intersection of 4th Street and Marin Street. This parcel is currently envisioned to provide parking for Project users.

Currently proposed active recreation areas, include a City Plaza and Amphitheater (5,000 sf), Recreation Center Building (12,000 sf), Splash Pad (6,500 sf), Outdoor Walkways and 6-8 Fitness Stations (100-150 sf each), ADA accessible/ Inclusive Play Area, and a Parking Area (16,500 sf)

The property is one of the first significant grouping of buildings and associated concrete parking/loading areas one observes when entering the downtown corridor and central business district from the east along Solano Street. Not only would the revitalization of this property into a community recreation center and plaza significantly improve the eastern gateway into the community but would also serve to provide much needed recreational opportunities and a sense of place for residents and businesses. The Project also serves to address the recreation needs of children, at-risk youth, and seniors, many of who live at poverty or low-income levels – a condition that persists within the community. .

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

Biological, cultural, tribal cultural resources and ambient noise levels could be potentially affected by the proposed Project; however, mitigation measures will be incorporated into the proposed Project so that potentially significant impacts will be reduced to Less Than Significant levels with the implementation of mitigation measures. Imposition of City, State and Federal regulations and oversight are an integral part of the Project that also reduces potential impacts.

Impacts on nesting migratory birds and/or raptors will be reduced by limiting tree removal to between September 1 - January 31, otherwise surveys and the preparation of reports with compliance measures will be submitted to CDFW and USFWS for review.

In coordination with the Corning Museum, displays containing information and photos of the history of a building to be demolished will be placed at the Corning Museum and Recreation Center Building. Notification will be provided to the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians should they wish to provide monitoring during initial ground-breaking activities in undisturbed areas. Should cultural resources be found all earth-disturbing work shall stop within 50-feet of the find until a qualified archaeological assesses the discovery and recommends/implements mitigation measures. If human remains are found, all earth-disturbing work within 50-feet shall stop and the county coroner and possibly the Native American Heritage Commission and representatives of the the people of most likely descent shall be contacted and measures/ recommendations by a qualified archaeologist shall implemented.

All outdoor activities shall cease by 10:00 PM unless an exception is obtained. Residents affected shall be notified and the exception could be denied if a majority objects. Site improvement/building plans shall note that all construction activities from May 15-September 15 will be limited to 6:00 AM & 7 PM during the week and 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM on weekends and from September 16-May 14 to 7:00 AM & 7:PM during the week and 9:00 AM & 5:00 on weekends.

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

There are no known Project areas of controversy. The majority of the Conceptual Site Plan was designed based on input received at seven community meetings/workshops held with attendees reflecting socioeconomic characteristics of the community. Additional input was provided throughout the process leading to the application submission to the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The community meetings/workshops were advertised on social media, door-to-door canvassing, through the Corning Chamber of Commerce, posted in school newsletters, and promoted within the City Recreation Program through announcements to parents. In addition, coordination with the recreation oriented groups including, but not limited to; the Corning Union High School and Elementary School Districts, local businesses, health services agencies, Chico Woman's Club (predominantly seniors), the Corning Senior Center, and other service groups has been ongoing throughout the process.

If Proposition 68 grant funding is obtained, the City with overwhelming support from the community and the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians, will be able to construct and operate a recreation-oriented facility to not only host currently scheduled classes, but to also offer a wider variety of classes in addition to performing arts. The facility will serve all ages of the community.

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

California Air Resources Board
California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 5
California Department of Fish & Wildlife Region 1
California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services
California Department of Public Health, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management
California Department of Transportation Region 2
California Native American Heritage Commission
California State Office of Historic Preservation
Tehama County Air Pollution Control District
Tehama County Department of Environmental Health