

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Via Verdi Slope Stabilization Project

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Project Location: Richmond

City

Contra Costa County

County

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

The proposed Via Verdi Slope Stabilization Project (project) would reconstruct a segment of the Via Verdi roadway that was damaged by a landslide in 2017; the road was closed at that time and a temporary emergency roadway currently provides access to the Sobrante Glen neighborhood. Reconstruction of the roadway requires installation of a concrete box culvert within San Pablo Creek, backfilled with engineered fill, to buttress the landslide and provide a stabilized footing for the roadway embankment. An offsite mitigation area is included as part of the project.

The project encompasses a total of 7.2 acres at two distinct project locations: the primary project area and the proposed mitigation site on Rheem Creek. The project area covers approximately 6.2 acres, and includes a portion of Via Verdi, a section of San Pablo Creek, a soil stockpile staging area, an existing temporary emergency access road, and a landslide slope area north of Via Verdi. The mitigation site includes a segment of Rheem Creek and associated banks, covering an approximately 1.0-acre area, adjacent to the Contra Costa College parking lot and college facilities near Mills Avenue and Shane Drive.

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

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated on Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

- Mitigation Measure AQ-1: Requires implementation of all Basic Construction Mitigation Measures from the BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines to reduce construction emissions near sensitive receptors.
- Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Requires a pre-construction migratory bird nesting survey and avoidance measures to reduce potential impacts to migratory birds.
- Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Requires the City to obtain permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State of California Water Resources Control Board and implement all agency-required mitigation to reduce impacts to streams and associated habitats to less than significant.
- Mitigation Measure GEO-1: Requires the City to retain a professional qualified paleontologist to determine paleontological resource potential at the project area. If the project area contains high potential, follow procedures to establish an adequate program for mitigating impacts from development, including a paleontological monitor on-site during construction.
- Mitigation Measure TCR-1: Requires Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources Sensitivity and Awareness Training Program prior to ground-disturbing activities to train construction workers in the proper identification and treatment of unanticipated discoveries.
- * Mitigation Measure TCR-2: Requires actions to be taken in the event of inadvertent discovery of archaeological and/or TCR resources which implement avoidance and minimization measures and procedures to evaluate and protect resources.
- * Mitigation Measure TCR-3: Requires implementation of certain performance standards in the event of inadvertent discovery of human remains.

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 areas of controversy. Ongoing discussions with the permitting agencies continue regarding the mitigation ratio.

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service