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Project Title: Cold Spring Debris Basin Expansion						
Lead Agency: County of Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Cons	servation District Contact Person: Maureen Spencer					
Mailing Address: 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 200	Phone: (805) 568-3440					
City: Santa Barbara	Zip: 93108 County: Santa Barbara					
Project Location: County: Santa Barbara	City/Nearest Community: Montecito					
Cross Streets: East Mountain Drive	Zip Code: 93108					
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds):°	_'" N /°'" W Total Acres: approx. 0.9					
Assessor's Parcel No.: 013-220-001, 013-060-033	Section: Twp.: Range: Base:					
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 192, US 101	Waterways: Cold Springs Creek					
Airports:	Railways: UPRR Schools: Cold Springs Elementary, Montecito Union School					
Document Type: CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Mit Neg Dec Other:	Draft EIS					
☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Developmer ☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan	Rezone 1 6 2019 Prezone Use Permit Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Annexation Redevelopment Coastal Permit Other: Flood Control Improvement					
Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Educational:	☐ Power: Type MW ☐ Waste Treatment: Type MGD ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type					
Water Facilities:Type MGD	Other: Debris Basin Expansion, approx. 0.9 acres					
Project Issues Discussed in Document: ■ Aesthetic/Visual	■ Recreation/Parks □ Schools/Universities □ Septic Systems □ Sewer Capacity □ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading □ Solid Waste □ Toxic/Hazardous □ Traffic/Circulation □ Vegetation □ Water Quality □ Wetland/Riparian □ Growth Inducement □ Land Use □ Cumulative Effects □ Other:					
Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Montecito Land Use & Development Code Chapter 35.423, Residential Zones; (3-E-1) One Family Residential, 3-acre minimum parcel size/Montecito Community Plan Area, Residential (SRR-0.33), 0.33 dwelling units/acre, 3-acre minimum parcel size/Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)						

Attached.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S". Office of Historic Preservation Air Resources Board Boating & Waterways, Department of Office of Public School Construction California Emergency Management Agency Parks & Recreation, Department of Pesticide Regulation, Department of California Highway Patrol Public Utilities Commission Caltrans District # Caltrans Division of Aeronautics Regional WOCB # Caltrans Planning Resources Agency Central Valley Flood Protection Board Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. ____ Coastal Commission San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy San Joaquin River Conservancy Colorado River Board Conservation, Department of Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy Corrections, Department of **State Lands Commission** SWRCB: Clean Water Grants Delta Protection Commission Education, Department of SWRCB: Water Quality SWRCB: Water Rights Energy Commission Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Fish & Game Region # ___ Food & Agriculture, Department of ______ Toxic Substances Control, Department of _ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Water Resources, Department of General Services, Department of Health Services, Department of Other: Housing & Community Development Other: Native American Heritage Commission Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency) Starting Date December 17, 2019 Ending Date January 17, 2020 Lead Agency (Complete if applicable): Applicant: County of Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District Consulting Firm: Wood Environment and Infrastructure Address: 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 200 Address: 104 West Anapamu St. Suite 204A City/State/Zip: Santa Barbara, CA 93101 City/State/Zip: Santa Barbara, CA 93101 Contact: David Stone Phone: (805) 568-3440 Phone: (805) 962-0992 X 229

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: david.f.stone

__ Date: 12/12/19

Cold Springs Debris Basin Expansion Project Description

The County of Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) proposes to expand the existing Cold Spring Debris Basin (Basin) from approximately 1.5 acres to approximately 2.4 acres in order to increase flood protection for downstream properties. The Cold Spring Debris Basin Improvements Project (Project) in the Montecito area of Santa Barbara County would increase the area of the basin westward. The expanded Basin would be subject to existing facility Maintenance permits issued to the District by state and federal regulatory agencies. The Project site consists of the existing approximately 1.5-acre Cold Springs Debris Basin maintained by the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, which is roughly bisected in a north-south direction by Cold Springs Creek. Identical equipment and activity used to conduct maintenance desilting would be used to excavate the expansion area and haul the material away. The approximate amount of basin excavation and export would be 19,000 cubic yards (cy). Basin construction would begin in the summer or early fall, occur over 35 to 45 working days, and would be completed prior to the rainy season (November 15). Activity would commence as early as 2020, and would occur Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No construction would occur on weekends and federal holidays. Grading and excavation would occur within the existing Basin, west of the current low-flow pilot channel. Approximately 1,900 dump truck round trips (10 cy/truck load) would occur along the haul route using East Mountain Drive to Hot Springs Road, to Olive Mill Road and to U.S. Highway 101. A final export destination has not been identified, such that the excavated material may be transported north or south on U.S. 101.

Once excavation and grading of the expanded debris basin is completed, the existing basin pilot channel would be restored to pre-project conditions as part of the routine maintenance program along its current alignment. Approximately 0.4 acres of native riparian vegetation would be planted along the Basin slopes. Additional area southwest of the expanded Basin on District-owned property would also be available for mitigation. Restoration species would include oak (acorns from existing trees onsite would be collected and replanted), sycamore, elderberry, sugarbush, toyon, lemonade berry, blackberry, giant rye, sumac, ceanothus, etc.