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To: Santa Cruz Area

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**
Special Projects Section

File No.: 063.A10212.A14630.Noc.Doc

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE
SCH# 2020060620

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced "Notice of Completion" environmental impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH).

Due to the project's geographical proximity to the Santa Cruz Area, please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. If it is determined that departmental input is advisable, your written comments referencing the above SCH number must be sent to the lead agency and emailed to state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov. Your written comments must be received by SCH no later than **July 31, 2020**. For reference, additional information can be found in General Order 41.2, Environmental Impact Documents.

For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Santa Cruz Area's assessment of the project (including negative reports). Please e-mail a copy of Area's response to Associate Governmental Program Analyst Leah Mora at LeMora@chp.ca.gov. For questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Mora at (916) 843-3370.

L. NARVAEZ, SSM III
Commander

Attachments: Checklist
Project File

cc: Coastal Division



Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #

Project Title: Upper Drainages Erosion Control Improvements

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation Contact Person: Paula Huddleston

Mailing Address: 50 Higuera Phone: 805-549-3063

City: San Luis Obispo Zip: 93401 County: San Luis Obispo

Project Location: County: Santa Cruz; San Mateo City/Nearest Community: Ben Lomond; Boulder Creek

Cross Streets: multiple Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 9 Waterways: San Lorenzo River and tributaries

Airports: none Railways: none Schools: none

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec | (Prior SCH No.) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mit Neg Dec | Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> FONSI | _____ |

Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Development Type:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type <u>highway drainage repair</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

residential; commercial; rural

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

See attached page.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>3</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 1, 2020 Ending Date July 31, 2020

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: June 25, 2020

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Upper Drainages Erosion Control Improvements
Highway 9 in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties
California Department of Transportation

Project Description:

The project would replace or modify drainage systems that are deteriorated and/or undersized and that are plugging, overtopping, or flooding and thereby causing erosion. The main component of these drainage systems is the cross-culvert, which is a pipe or other opening that runs under the road from one side to the other. In some locations, there are other culverts that run longitudinally off the highway shoulder, either as a subsurface pipe or a surface ditch. A few locations have downdrains, which are usually black corrugated plastic pipes that lay on the surface of a slope, directing runoff downhill. Larger culverts usually include a headwall (a short concrete wall securing the opening) at the entrance and occasionally also at the exit, although runoff enters most of the systems via an inlet grate level with the surface of the road.

The project would plug and fill the old pipe culverts; install new, larger pipe culverts; place rock slope protection at outlets where needed; replace substandard inlets; and add minor paving where open ground is causing excessive sediment in the drainage system. An existing retaining wall would be rebuilt and lengthened. The Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail would be repaired where erosion has created a slipout. Guardrail would be repaired where necessary.

Most locations would be constructed via "cut and cover," a technique that involves removing a narrow section of the road surface and excavating to the necessary depth to lay the new pipe, then backfilling the trench to the road surface. Most of this work could be performed from the roadway and Highway 9 would remain open to traffic through one-way traffic control. At four locations, due to the extreme depth, the new pipes would be jacked through the hill after first drilling a hole from one side to the other. This technique requires equipment to operate off the roadway; large areas of grading would be necessary, and access roads might be needed. Construction access would be limited by establishing environmentally sensitive areas, shown on the plans and delineated on the ground where practical.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
EVALUATION/RESPONSE CHECKLIST
FOR AREA/SECTION**

Reference: General Order 41.2

	Action	Reference GO 41.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review memorandum for the due date(s).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine if the proposed project might impact local operations and/or public safety. Examples include: housing developments, large commercial projects, large recreational developments or expansions, landfill or quarry operations, hazardous materials storage and/or dump sites, highway construction/improvement projects, new schools, airport improvements, annexations/incorporations, off-highway vehicle facilities, and Indian gaming facilities.	Page 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review environmental impact documents to identify issues or concerns with possible impact to departmental operations (i.e., increased response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, telecommunications, public safety).	
Responses		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If comments are advisable:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence should focus primarily on traffic safety, congestion, or other impacts to the CHP's mission; however, Areas shall not indicate to the lead agency that additional personnel, facilities, vehicles, etc., are a means to mitigate departmental service issues.	Page 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the State Clearinghouse number (SCH#) is included in all correspondence.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments shall be provided directly to the lead agency and emailed to State Clearinghouse at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov no later than the designated due date. Provide a copy to Special Projects Section (SPS) via electronic mail (e-mail).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Area/Section's assessment of the project. After mailing your comments to the SCH or lead agency, send a scanned copy via e-mail to SPS.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>If no impact is determined:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Via e-mail, please respond "no impact to _____ Area's local operations and/or public safety by SCH# _____ was identified," by the designated SCH due date to the SPS analyst listed on the Environmental Document Review and Response memorandum. Ensure the SCH# is included.	