

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Scotts Valley General Plan Update

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Project Location: Scotts Valley

Santa Cruz

*City*

*County*

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

The City of Scotts Valley is in the process of preparing an update to its existing General Plan. The update will guide the City's development and conservation for the next 20+ years. The General Plan Update addresses the current needs and preferences of the community and identifies and prioritizes opportunities to preserve the character of the community, conserve natural resources, and direct land use policies that enable sustainable growth in and around Scotts Valley. The General Plan is the long-range plan or roadmap for the City as a whole. Updates to the General Plan include changes to various policies directing land use amendments, addressing land use compatibility and development intensities, establishing impact thresholds for future development projects, and implementing various programs that will help meet its goals

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

A significant and unavoidable impact was identified for Impact AQ-2 regarding a cumulatively considerable net increase in criteria pollutants. The most recent AMBAG 2018 Population, Housing Unit, and Employment Forecasts project population growth in five-year increments to the year 2040. The 2040 population forecast for the City of Scotts Valley by AMBAG is 12,418 persons. Since the General Plan assumes a population buildout of 15,400 (see Table LU-1: General Plan Buildout Summary), the General Plan would be inconsistent with the AQMP. This inconsistency in population forecasts is considered a result in a cumulatively considerable significant air quality impact. Due to the project population growth, regional emissions would remain significant, and the General Plan would likely remain inconsistent with the AQMP. No further mitigation is feasible to reduce this impact. Therefore, this impact would remain significant and unavoidable.

A significant and unavoidable impact was identified for Impact T-1 regarding the exceedance of VMT thresholds. While Impact T-1 identifies goals and policies in the Mobility Element, and the City's VMT Implementation Guidelines identifies strategies to reduce VMT, impacts associated with implementation of the General Plan would not be reduced to less than significant due to the increased development, new roadways, and increased use of the City's and regional transportation system. While project-level impact mitigation shall be analyzed to reduce the significance of VMT-related impacts and the City VMT Implementation Guidelines will be continually improved and innovated to require VMT reduction to the extent feasible, this impact would be significant and unavoidable.

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

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted a letter (8/11/2020) during the scoping process for the EIR requesting the CEQA document address issues associated with special-status plant, fish, and wildlife species, including all rare, threatened, or endangered species.

CA Department of Transportation (CalTrans) submitted a letter (8/11/2020) during the scoping process for the EIR regarding the use of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the basis for the transportation analysis, encouraging the use of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies, and General Plan consistency with the Caltrans Highway 17 Access Management Plan.

CA Native Heritage Commission submitted a letter (7/20/2020) during the scoping process for the EIR regarding CEQA compliance requirements with AB 52 and SB 18, as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.

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

N/A