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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Greenbelt Fuel Reduction Project

Lead Agency: City of Monterey, 570 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940

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Project Location: Monterey (*City*) Monterey (*County*)

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

The objective of the proposed project is to reduce the risk of wildfire in seven greenbelts through fuel reduction actions undertaken by the City. Managed reduction of fire fuel hazards would include, but is not limited to the following actions: thinning of vegetation to reduce woody biomass and to break-up horizontally- and vertically-continuous fuels; removal of trees, focusing primarily on dead and dying trees; trees or large tree-form shrubs (reaching 4 feet or taller at maturity) that are to be retained in defensible spaces would be trimmed or pruned to reduce both vertical and horizontal fuel continuity; removal of exotic/invasive plants to help reduce the presence of undesirable species and enhance thinning efforts aimed at reducing overall biomass levels; and prescribed grazing, utilizing goats and sheep, to thin and remove vegetation in difficult to access areas and in areas where high fire hazard conditions exist due to dry conditions. Mechanical thinning and removal of vegetation would be implemented using string and blade trimmers (i.e., weed eaters), mowers, and chainsaws. Treated fire fuel materials would either be removed from the greenbelts and disposed of in a landfill with a green waste composting program, or would be chipped and used as mulch within the greenbelts.

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

Biological Resources:
Pre-construction and construction surveys and monitoring, environmental awareness training, and fueling and work area restrictions.
Cultural Resources:
Work area restrictions and contact with the Native American Heritage Commission if resources are discovered.
Geology/Soils:
Work area restriction if resources are discovered.
Hazards & Hazardous Materials:
Fueling and work area restrictions.
Hydrology/Water Quality:
Fueling and work area restrictions.
Mandatory Findings of Significance:
Mitigation measures are identified for potential impacts of the project on biological and cultural resources, geology, hazards and hazardous materials, and hydrology to reduce effects to a less-than-significant level.

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

N/A

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

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
CA Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board