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SCH #: TBD

Project Title: Montecito Debris Nets Maintenance Project

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Project Location: Montecito (*City*) Santa Barbara (*County*)

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

Six existing Geobrugg flexible debris nets were installed - under an Emergency Permit and subsequent Development Plan - in Cold Springs Canyon, Buena Vista Canyon, and San Ysidro Canyon following a major debris flow in early 2018. The Emergency Permit authorized installation, 1 year of monitoring and maintenance, as well as subsequent removal of the debris nets after 1 year. The subsequent Development Plan authorized an additional year of monitoring and maintenance. The previously issued Emergency Permit and Development Plan set forth detailed monitoring and maintenance requirements for removal of accumulated debris necessary to maintain the low-flow stream channel, while protecting special-status species and sensitive habitats. However, following the original installation of the debris nets, no major maintenance activities have been required due to a lack of accumulated debris. In order to provide additional time for the recovery of the watershed affected by the Thomas Fire, the Applicant has submitted a new Development Plan application proposing continued monitoring and maintenance of the six debris nets, as needed, for an additional 3 years, for a cumulative total of 5 years of maintenance activities.

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

The proposed Project would result in potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Fire Protection, and Recreation. These potentially significant impacts would be reduced to less than significant with:
- MM BIO-1: Pre-Maintenance Vegetation Surveys and Avoidance of Special-Status Plant Species
- MM BIO-2: Tree Damage or Removal
- MM BIO-3: Wildlife Surveys and Avoidance or Relocation
- MM BIO-4: Nesting Birds
- MM BIO-5: Work Orientation
- MM BIO-6: Staging Areas
- MM BIO-7: Spill Prevention and Water Quality Management
- MM BIO-8: Sediment and Rocky Materials
- MM CUL-1: Cultural Resource Monitors
- MM CUL-2: Stop Work at Encounter
- MM CUL-3: Encountering Human Remains
- MM FP-1: Fire Protection
- MM REC-1: Trail Access
- MM REC-2: Construction Parking

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

During the filing and processing of the original Emergency Permit as well as the subsequent Development Plan no issues of public controversy were raised. Similarly, there are no known areas of public controversy with the proposed Project. The key environmental issues analyzed in this Initial Study include Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazardous Materials, Air Quality, Fire Protection, Noise, Recreation, and Water Resources, which have been evaluated in detail.

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

Responsible Agencies:
- N/A

Trustee Agencies:
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Montecito Trails Foundation and Parks Division