

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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Project Title: Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

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Project Location: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Los Angeles County  
*City* *County*

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

The Portuguese Bend Landslide began moving in 1956, and continued land movement has resulted in significant damage to homes, infrastructure, utilities, roadways, and impacts to native vegetation and project area drainage courses. The Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex (PBLC) is located along the south section of the Palos Verdes Peninsula within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (Project Site). The terminus of the active landslide complex, and generally the southwest boundary of the PBLC, is the Pacific Ocean as seen in Figure 1, Project Site Location. The proposed project is intended to significantly minimize movement in the existing landslide area by implementing a series of recommended geotechnical engineering solutions that will include relief of artesian pressure below the landslide basal surface and minimize stormwater infiltration into the subsurface. Thus, the proposed improvements include infilling surface fractures to reduce infiltration of surface water into the ground; constructing surface swales and retention areas to collect, slow, and convey surface water to the ocean; and installing a subsurface water extraction system (hydraugers) by means of directional drilling to alleviate artesian pressure and also lower groundwater levels within the landslide mass.

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

Implementation of the proposed project would not result in any impacts that are considered significant, adverse, and unavoidable. All environmental issues analyzed in this Draft EIR were determined to result in less than significant impacts, or can be reduced to less than significant levels with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

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

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15123, this EIR acknowledges the areas of controversy and issues to be resolved that are known to the City or that were raised during the scoping process. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for an EIR was circulated and public comments on the Initial Study were solicited for a period exceeding the required 30 day comment period, starting on November 12, 2020, and ending on January 15, 2021. A scoping meeting was held on December 19, 2020. Areas of concern raised during the NOP process included: (1) concerns from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service/California Department of Fish and Wildlife (USFWS/CDFW), the California Native Plant Society, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC), and members of the general public regarding the impacts that the proposed project would have on the aesthetic value of the Portuguese Bend Reserve (Preserve) area; (2) suggestions for the project to avoid, minimize, and mitigate project-related impacts to biological resources (including Coastal Sage Scrub) and to ensure that the project is consistent with the requirements of the NCCP/HCP; (3) concerns related to erosion control and the loss of topsoil; and (4) concerns raised by the Palos Verdes Horsemen's Association (PVHA), the PVPLC, and the general public regarding recreation and trail accessibility, and maintaining current trail routes to the maximum extent possible.

This Draft EIR addresses each of these areas of concern or controversy in detail, examines project-related and cumulative environmental impacts, identifies significant adverse environmental impacts, and proposes mitigation measures designed to reduce or eliminate potentially significant impacts of the proposed project.

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

Reviewing Agencies include the following:

Federal Agencies:

United States Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

State Agencies:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
California Department of Water Resources  
California Coastal Commission

Regional Agencies:

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy  
Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District  
Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District  
Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Los Angeles County Flood Control District  
Sanitation District of Los Angeles County



FIGURE 1

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 Project Location



SOURCE: USGS The National Map (2018)

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