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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Neary Lagoon Vegetation Management and Sediment Removal

Lead Agency: City of Santa Cruz

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Project Location: Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County
City *County*

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

The proposed project is to conduct annual marsh vegetation removal and sediment dredging in Neary Lagoon to reduce sedimentation and increase lagoon depths in order to: 1) improve water circulation and flow rates; 2) improve water quality; 3) reduce the proliferation of vegetative (tule) growth; 4) improve habitat; 5) provide access for the tule removal equipment and to prevent the lagoon from “ filling ” up. Vegetation removal will be done to achieve a 1:1 ratio of open water to marsh with locations and extent of work to vary annually, based on vegetation conditions and growth rates. Depending upon the accumulation of sediment over the winter months and resulting lagoon depths, up to 2,000 cubic yards of sediment may be removed each year that dredging is conducted. Dredging may be conducted annually if necessary for a period of five years which is the duration of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and all other applicable permits.

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 – Nesting Birds. The proposed construction may cause significant impacts to nesting birds if nesting species are present during construction.

MITIGATION MEASURE #1: Conduct future vegetation management/tule removal and sediment removal activities outside of the bird nesting season, which is generally February through July. If the vegetation management/tule removal and dredging project commences during the nesting season, require that a pre-dredging project survey for special-status nesting avian species (and other species protected under the Migratory Bird Act) be conducted by a qualified biologist at least 30 days prior to the beginning of dredging activities to assure that this area is not actively being used. If nesting special-status birds are not found, no further action would be necessary. If a nesting special-status bird were found, dredging within 100 feet of the nest site should be postponed until after the bird has fledged or consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is conducted to determine alternative 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.

NA

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

Air Resources Board
Caltrans, District 5 - San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara
Coastal Commission
Fish and Wildlife, Region 3 - Bay Delta, Fairfield
Parks and Recreation, Department of
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3 - Central Coast, San Luis Obispo
SWRCB, Division of Water Quality
United States Army Corps of Engineers