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Project Title: Leavens Ranches GP

Lead Agency: County of Monterey Housing and Community Development-Planning

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Project Location: Corner of River Road and Escolle Road, Soledad Monterey
City *County*

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

Removal of 22 Oak trees to accommodate installation of a solar panel array

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

Less than significant impacts have been identified for aesthetics, hydrology/water quality, and wildfire. However, with adherence to existing regulations and compliance with applied conditions, mitigations were not necessary for potential impacts to be reduced to less than significant. Potential impacts with regard to biological resources and geology/soils would be reduced to less than significant with mitigations incorporated. Mitigation measures are applied that require a contract with a certified arborist or professional forester to oversee tree removal, protection, replanting, reporting, and monitoring along with best management practices for site disturbance near trees close to construction areas; and contribution to the state Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund. Another mitigation is applied that requires a note on demo and grading sheets to cease all work in the event a previously unknown fossil is uncovered during project-related ground disturbance, until a certified professional paleontologist can investigate the finds and make appropriate recommendations. Potential impacts to the quality of the environment and potential cumulative impacts of reasonably foreseeable project proposals would be reduced to a less than significant level with these mitigations incorporated.

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 responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner’s Office