

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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Project Title: Redwood Cabin Removal Project

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Project Location: Skylonda, San Mateo

*City*

*County*

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

The Redwood Cabin is situated within the upper portion of Midpen's La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, in a heavily wooded area that is currently not open to the public. The Cabin stands in a deteriorated state, posing a significant site safety hazard and has been the site of numerous trespassing and vandalism incidents (including fire ignitions) that raise concerns regarding overall public safety and fire risk within a very high fire severity zone.

The project would entail demolition of the Redwood Cabin and removal of associated features, including the stone retaining walls and barbeque and fire pits. Prior to demolition activities, lead-based paint present within the structure would be properly removed and disposed of. While it is expected that excavation of posts associated with the structure would be approximately 2 feet below grade, it is possible that maximum excavation could reach up to 5 feet. Tree removal will not be required to facilitate demolition activities, although some brush clearing along the access road may be necessary. Excavations that extend below finish grade would be backfilled, compacted, and would entail minor grading as necessary for drainage and erosion control. Midpen may also conduct soil decompaction activities, soil testing and spot application of amendments, and revegetation. No public access facilities would be constructed.

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

MMs 3.1-2a and 3.1-2b would reduce the impacts to special-status amphibians to a less-than-significant level by requiring surveys for the presence of special-status amphibians on a daily basis; monitoring for these species during project activities; stop work that may harm these species; and provide for other measures to address the protection of California red-legged frog. MM 3.1-3 would reduce the impacts to nests of marbled murrelets to a less-than-significant level because it would require surveys for the presence of nest trees and active nests and no-activity buffers around active nests to avoid disturbance during the nesting season. MM 3.1-4 would reduce the impacts to nests of common raptors and other common nesting birds to a less-than-significant level because it would require surveys for the presence of active nests and no-activity buffers around active nests. MM 3.1-5 would reduce the impacts to San Francisco dusky-footed wood rat to a less-than-significant level because it would ensure that nest removal does not occur during the rearing season and it would require the construction of debris piles that provide shelter for wood rats that are displaced by demolition of the structure. MM 3.1-6 would reduce the impacts to special-status and common bat species to a less-than-significant level because it would ensure that the project does not result in disturbance of hibernacula or maternity roosts and applies measures such as the timing of demolition and bat exclusion methods that would minimize the risk of injury or death of special-status and common bat species. MM 3.1-7 would reduce the impacts to ringtail and American badger to a less-than-significant level, because it would ensure that the project does not result in disturbance of natural dens that could result in the death of pups through pre-demolition surveys and the establishment of buffers where work would not occur. MMs 3.2-1a, 3.2-1b, and 3.2-1c would lessen the impacts related to the loss of the Redwood Cabin through structure documentation, creation of an interpretive resource, and salvage of useable materials. However, because the historically eligible structure would no longer exist, impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.

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

Key concerns and issues that were expressed during the scoping process included the following:

Historic value and significance of the Redwood Cabin;  
AB 52 consultation; and  
Construction traffic control plan

These issues are each addressed in this Draft EIR and accompanying Initial Study. With the exception of historical resource impacts, any impacts related to these issues are either identified as less than significant, or less than significant after mitigation.

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

The following agencies may serve as responsible agencies for the project:

State  
State Water Resources Control Board / San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Local  
County of San Mateo  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District