

Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Wavecrest Coastal Trail Phase 2

CEQA Document: Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

State Clearinghouse Number:

Lead Agency: City of Half Moon Bay

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Project Location (City and County): Half Moon Bay in San Mateo County

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

The Coastside Land Trust (CLT), the project proponent, is proposing the Wavecrest Coastal Trail Phase 2 project (proposed project) to construct a total of 2.8 miles (12,032 linear feet) of trails; 0.4 miles (1,892 linear feet) of service road improvements; and two sets of stairs totaling 0.05 miles (267 linear feet). The proposed project would occur on an approximately 87-acre site comprised of lands owned by CLT, other privately-owned parcels, and undeveloped City right-of-way located within the city of Half Moon Bay. The proposed project would reduce informal footpaths and provide formal public access through the area, protecting coastal resources by directing foot and bicycle traffic away from or safely through wetlands and other sensitive resources and reducing coastal erosion. The proposed project would result in a California Coastal Trail segment that would connect to the existing California Coastal Trail segments located to the north and south of the project site and develop spur trails to overlooks (vista points) and beach access points. The proposed service road improvements would occur along the paper street referred to as "Park Avenue," and the two sets of stairs would provide beach access by connecting the trail and beach. The proposed project would also develop three trailhead staging areas with an estimated capacity to accommodate up to 72 vehicle parking spaces and two trucks with horse trailers within the two new parking lots, and one restroom building with two flush toilets. All of the staging areas will be enclosed with a split rail wooden fence. The proposed project would also restore roughly 1 acre (46,663 square feet) of the project site, which is currently eroded, by regrading and reseeding these areas with native plant seed. The proposed project components would only occur on 5.91 acres of CLT-owned parcels and areas designated as public rights of way and would not result in disturbance on the entire 87-acre project site. CLT will maintain the project, including conducting weed abatement to ensure establishment of native plants. CLT will also schedule volunteer workdays to monitor trail conditions, including general cleanup of the project area, and note and any potential erosion, along the trails.

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

The Mitigated Negative Declaration describes significant-but-mitigable impacts, and the associated mitigation, regarding air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, transportation, and tribal cultural resources.

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 the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

N/A