

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: South Laguna Fuel Modification Project

Lead Agency: City of Laguna Beach Fire Department

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Project Location: Laguna Beach Orange County  
*City County*

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

The City of Laguna Beach Fire Department proposes to conduct vegetation removal in FMZ 20 and FMZ 21 (project site) to reduce fire hazards in South Laguna. Fuel modification would provide a defensible space adjacent to homes and commercial development to enhance residents' ability to evacuate and survive a severe fire event. All fuel modification activities would be conducted in accordance with the approved Treatment Protocols for Fuel Modification Zones Subject to Coastal Development Permitting (Treatment Protocol) prepared by the Laguna Beach Fire Department. Hand crews would reduce or clear vegetation load in 100-foot wide sections within these FMZs to reduce the risk of wildfire threat to residential and public structures. The majority of perennial root systems would remain, and native vegetation waste would be mulched and left on-site to minimize erosion. Non-native vegetation waste would be transported to a green waste recycling facility or landfill if not recyclable. Exclusion areas within both FMZs would be established to avoid disturbance of known cultural resources and sensitive biological resources, specifically big-leaved crownbeard and Coulter's Matilija poppy.

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

The project would have potentially significant effects on biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, wildfire, and hazards and hazardous materials.  
Biological resources mitigation measures (BIO-1 through BIO-5) include assigning a qualified biologist, conducting preconstruction surveys, implementing nesting bird avoidance, monitoring project activities, and conducting worker training.  
Cultural resources mitigation measures (CUL-1 through CUL-4) include retaining a professional archaeologist to provide on-call monitoring services, training workers on recognizing cultural resources, excluding and avoiding known cultural resources, and providing protocols in the event of the discovery of human remains.  
Geology and soils and wildfire mitigation measure (GEO-1) includes adherence of fuel modification protocols in landslide-prone areas.  
Hazards and hazardous materials mitigation measure (HAZ-1) includes provisions for refueling of power tools in areas clear of fire hazards and prevention and clean-up of fuel spills.

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

There are no known areas of controversy.

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

CDFW  
USFWS  
SCAQMD  
California Coastal Commission  
California Department of Natural Resources  
San Diego RWQCB