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SCH #: _____

Project Title: ParkIT! Shuttle Program and Reservation System Project

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Project Location: Carmel-by-the-Sea
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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Proposed Project consists of two (2) primary project components: 1) the ParkIT! Shuttle Program and associated subcomponents; and 2) State Park's proposed Day-Use Reservation System for visitors to Point Lobos. The ParkIT! Shuttle Program consists of three (3) distinct elements: 1) construction of an alternative parking facility located at a portion of vacant land commonly known as Marathon Flats; 2) temporary use of the Blue Roof Office Buildings' parking lot and/or Palo Corona Regional Park parking lot while the Marathon Flats parking facility is under construction; and 3) shuttle service between Marathon Flats (or temporarily from the Blue Roof Office Buildings' parking lot), Rancho Canada, Point Lobos, and access for the public to San Jose Creek trailhead when it opens to the public. State Parks would implement a Day-Use Reservation System to address the rapid, unsustainable visitation growth at Point Lobos. To enter Point Lobos, all visitors other than State Parks staff, Point Lobos Foundation staff, and docents on duty will need a reservation. State Parks will implement a public outreach program to inform visitors that a reservation will be necessary to access Point Lobos. Outreach will include updated signage, information on State Park's website, and other methods.

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 in the areas of "biological resources" and "cultural and tribal resources", " Hazards and Hazardous Materials", "Noise and Vibration". These effects would be reduced to a less-than-significant level through the implementation of mitigation measures identified in the IS/MND. Please see the attached pages containing an excerpt of the mitigation measures proposed as part of the project.

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 associated with the project to date.

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

California Coastal Conservancy - Responsible Agency
California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Responsible Agency
County of Monterey - Responsible Agency

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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ParkIT! Shuttle Program

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Day-Use Reservation System

State Parks would implement a Day-Use Reservation System to address the rapid, unsustainable visitation growth at Point Lobos. To enter Point Lobos, all visitors other than State Parks staff, Point Lobos Foundation staff, and docents on duty will need a reservation. Reservations will be made for one (1) of four (4) locations: in-reserve parking; offsite parking at the Marathon Flats Facility; Palo Corona, or walk-in. Visitors can request a reservation for any of the four (4) locations online or in person. If, during Park operations, State Parks observes adverse impacts because of visitor overuse, State Parks would implement adaptive management strategies to mitigate and minimize the impacts consistent with current practices. State Parks will implement a public outreach program to inform visitors that a reservation will be necessary to access Point Lobos. Outreach will include updated signage, information on State Park's website, press releases, and other similar methods.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Mitigation Measures – Biological Resources

4.4-1: State Parks will ensure that the following measures are implemented during all phases of construction (i.e., pre-, during, and post-construction).

- A qualified biologist will conduct an Employee Education Program for the construction crew prior to construction activities. A qualified biologist will meet with the construction crew at the onset of construction at the Project site to educate the construction crew on the following: 1) the appropriate access route in and out of the construction area and review project boundaries; 2) how a biological monitor will examine the area and agree upon a method which will ensure the safety of the monitor during such activities, 3) the special-status species that may be present; 4) the specific mitigation measures that will be incorporated into the construction effort; 5) the general provisions and

protections afforded by the USFWS and CDFW; and 6) the proper procedures if a special-status species is encountered within the Project site.

- Trees and vegetation not planned for removal or trimming immediately adjacent to the Project site will be protected prior to and during construction. This includes the use of exclusionary fencing, such as hay bales, protective wood barriers, or orange construction fencing. Only certified weed-free straw will be used to avoid the introduction of non-native, invasive species. A biological monitor will supervise the installation of protective fencing. The monitor will remain on-site during the initial grading activities and vegetation removal. After these activities are completed, the biological monitor will check at least once per week until the construction is complete that the protective fencing remains intact, and that all construction work is maintained within the limits of construction.
- Grading, excavating, and other activities that involve substantial soil disturbance shall be planned and carried out in consultation with a qualified hydrologist, engineer, or erosion control specialist, and will utilize standard erosion control techniques to minimize erosion and sedimentation to native vegetation.
- No firearms will be allowed on the Project site at any time, with the exception of State Parks Peace Officers.
- To reduce the attractiveness of work areas to predators, food-related trash must be kept in closed containers and removed regularly, wildlife must not be fed, and pets are prohibited at the construction site at all times.

4.4-2: Construction activities that may affect nesting raptors and other protected avian species (e.g., migratory birds, bank swallow, and western snowy plover) can be timed to avoid the nesting season. Specifically, vegetation and/or tree removal can be scheduled after September 16 and before January 31. Alternatively, a qualified biologist will conduct pre-construction surveys for nesting raptors and other protected avian species within 500 feet of proposed construction activities if construction occurs between February 1 and September 15. Pre-construction surveys should be conducted no more than 15 days prior to the start of construction. If raptors or other protected avian species nests are identified during the preconstruction surveys, the qualified biologist will notify State Parks and an appropriate no-disturbance buffer will be imposed within which no construction activities or disturbance should take place (generally 500 feet in all directions for raptors; other avian species may have species-specific requirements) until the young of the year have fledged and are no longer reliant upon the nest or parental care for survival, as determined by a qualified biologist and/or State Parks.

Mitigation Measures – Cultural and Tribal Resources

4.5-1: In order to minimize potential impacts to previously unknown or subsurface archaeological resources, all ground-disturbing work shall be monitored by a qualified archaeologist. Work shall stop in the event that a cultural resource is discovered during the course of construction. Archaeologist will notify California State Parks Archaeologist to evaluate the resource to determine whether the finding is significant. If the finding is a historical resource or unique archaeological resource, avoidance measures or appropriate mitigation shall be implemented.

Work will cease in the immediate vicinity of the find until mitigation can be implemented. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(f) work may continue in other parts of the Project Site during the implementation of potential resource mitigation (if necessary). The California Department of Parks and Recreation will be responsible for reviewing and approving the mitigation plan in consultation with the qualified professional prior to the resumption of ground-disturbing activities.

4.5-2: Prior to the operation of the San Jose Creek shuttle stop, State Parks shall develop a Cultural Resource Management Plan. The plan shall address the use of the shuttle stop, as well as potential indirect effects associated with future public use of the San Jose Creek Trail. The plan shall identify resource protective measures to address potential secondary effects due to increased visitation and associated use. Applicable resource protective measures may include:

- Trail delineation in high trafficked areas using rod & cable and other types of fencing with signs;
- Regular patrols by staff and volunteers;
- Docent-led tours and educational contacts;
- Signing closed areas;
- Law Enforcement contacts and citations;
- On-going monitoring; and,
- Adaptive management strategies to minimize resource related impacts.

State Parks shall coordinate with Native American representatives during the preparation of the Cultural Resource Management Plan to solicit input and comment on appropriate resource protective measures. As part of the Cultural Resource Management Plan, State Parks will implement Best Management Practices and adaptive management strategies to minimize resource related effects.

Mitigation Measures – Hazards and Hazardous Materials

4.9-1: Prior to the commencement of construction-related activities, the California Department of Parks and Recreation or Contractor will prepare a Spill Prevention and Control Plan (“Plan”) that addresses potential impacts associated with hazardous material used during construction. The Plan shall, at a minimum, consist of the following:

- Identify applicable safety and clean-up procedures in the event of a spill.
- Designate construction staging areas where hazardous materials may be stored. All staging areas shall be located outside of sensitive biological areas. Staging areas shall be designed to contain runoff to prevent contaminants (e.g., oil, grease, fuel products, etc.) from draining towards receiving waters and sensitive areas.
- Identify appropriate emergency notification procedures and emergency contacts (e.g., Monterey County Health Department, Cal Fire, etc.).

- Designate a location where a spill kit shall be maintained on-site throughout construction.
- State Parks or Contract entity will be responsible for maintaining the Plan on-site for the duration of construction, and all personnel working on the site will be notified of its location.

4.9-2: Final design of the parking area shall include methods to ensure that incidental release of contaminants from vehicles does not adversely affect the environment. Appropriate methods may include the installation of filtering media, bioswales, or other similar methods. State Parks shall routinely monitor these areas throughout the duration of operation.

Mitigation Measures – Noise and Vibration

4.12-1: The California Department of Parks and Recreation or Contractor will implement the following measures throughout the duration of construction in order to reduce potential significant noise increases during construction activities to less-than-significant.

- Impact tools used for Project construction shall be hydraulically or electrically powered wherever possible. However, where use of pneumatic tools is unavoidable, an exhaust muffler on the compressed-air exhaust shall be used; this muffler can lower noise levels from the exhaust by up to 10 dBA. External jackets on the tools themselves shall be used where feasible, which could achieve a reduction of 5 dBA. Quieter procedures shall be used, such as drills rather than impact equipment, whenever feasible.
- Noise control measures shall be applied to construction equipment. Equipment and trucks used for Project construction shall utilize normal noise control techniques (e.g., mufflers in good working order).
- Construction equipment may not be operated during sensitive times of the day. Seasonal time constraints may also need to be implemented.
- Plan construction activities so that additive noise is minimized (e.g., avoid concurrent use of loud construction equipment) that minimizes the duration in which a sensitive receptor is affected by noise.
- Take appropriate measures to control pedestrian access to active construction areas. Recreational users should be kept at a safe distance from the operation of construction equipment.
- Limit the proximity of construction noise to sensitive receptors. Stationary noise sources, such as diesel generators, shall be located as far from sensitive receptors as possible. Haul-trucks and other construction equipment shall be restricted to routes that practicably avoid sensitive receptors.
- Noise-generating activities at the construction site or in areas adjacent to the construction site shall be restricted to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction shall be prohibited on weekends and holidays, unless otherwise approved.

- 'Quiet' models of air compressors and other stationary noise sources, where technology exists, shall be utilized.
- All internal combustion engine-driven equipment shall be equipped with mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment.
- All stationary noise-generating equipment, such as air compressors and portable power generators, shall be located to maximize distances to residences/noise sensitive uses.
- Allow for construction truck activity only between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM in order to minimize noise outside of these hours.
- All unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines shall be prohibited.