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SCH #

Project Title: Steele Peak Inaugural Trail

Lead Agency: Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) Contact Person: Riana Fisher, Program Manager
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 City: Riverside Zip: 92501 County: Riverside

Project Location: County: Unincorporated Riverside County City/Nearest Community: Perris/ Good Hope, Gavilan Hills
 Cross Streets: Forrest Road and San Jacinto Avenue Zip Code: 92570

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 47 ' 1583 " N / -117 ° 16 ' 5947 " W Total Acres: 1.80

Assessor's Parcel No.: 323-040-005 &-006,323-050-004,323-060-014 Section: 27 Twp.: 4 South Range: 4 West Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-15 and SR-74 Waterways: N/A

Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: Hope Elementary School

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: 1.2-mile sustainable trail loop Other: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Conservation Area/R-R Rural Residential

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

RCHCA proposes to establish a 1.2-mile sustainable trail loop on existing dirt roads within the Steele Peak Reserve for the public to enjoy, while also preserving and restoring disturbed areas outside the proposed trail. The Project would narrow disturbed existing 10-12 feet wide roads to approximately six (6) feet using composite split rail fencing. The Project also includes other amenities including wayfinding, interpretive signage, seating boulders and trash receptacles. The new fencing will help prevent existing unauthorized off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and illegal dumping within the Preserve and keep trail users on the designated paths. The narrowing of the roads would result in approximately 0.48 to 0.73 acre of area that can revegetate to become viable Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) habitat. Parking for up to 10 cars will be established outside of the Preserve on a portion of the landfill site owned by the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources. A full-time patrol will be present during operational hours, from sunrise to sunset to encourage appropriate use and discourage vandalism and OHV use. The gate to the parking area, which provides access to the trail, will be locked outside of operational hours. Installation of the fencing and other amenities is anticipated to take approximately 2 months, and only require limited mechanical equipment and primarily hand tools.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>US Fish and Wildlife Service</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 8, 2021 Ending Date November 8, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 10/7/21

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