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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Chalk Mountain Communications Tower and Facilities Replacement Project

Lead Agency: California Dept. of General Services on behalf of California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection

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Project Location: Santa Cruz County, CA

City *County*

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

CAL FIRE proposes to construct and operate the Chalk Mountain Communications Tower and Facilities Replacement Project (proposed Project or Project), which would install an up to 80-foot tall telecommunications tower with Mimomax technology equipment, very high frequency (VHF) antennas, and supporting facilities at the existing CAL FIRE Chalk Mountain communications facility. The new tower and facilities would replace an existing wood pole and associated facilities and would support new microwave technology. CAL FIRE would remove existing outdated supporting facilities, as well as a 35-foot-tall emergency repeater that was temporarily installed when the existing 60-foot wood pole burned in the CZU August Lightning Complex fire. The proposed Project would be on State land within the Big Basin Redwood State Park and within the designated Coastal Zone in Santa Cruz County.

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

The Initial Study found that the proposed Project could potentially have significant impacts in the following issue areas: Aesthetics, Biological Resources, and Land Use and Planning, and these potential impacts will be evaluated further in the EIR. For all other impacts, the proposed Project's potential effects were determined to be either less than significant or no impact would result.

The EIR analysis of different issue areas may vary based on the complexity of the issues, public and agency input to the Notice of Preparation (NOP), and/or refinements to the Project description that may occur subsequent to the publication of the NOP. For impacts that are significant, mitigation measures will be proposed to alleviate or avoid the significant impact(s).

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

The Department of General Services and CAL FIRE have consulted with the following agencies to discuss the Project: California Coastal Commission, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Santa Cruz County, and San Mateo County. Major revisions to tower height and design have been made by CAL FIRE to address visual concerns and zoning height restrictions within the Coastal Zone. Courtesy notification letters were sent to tribes regarding Assembly Bill 52 tribal consultation. The EIR will address input and concerns received during consultations and the public scoping period.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife will be a CEQA trustee agency for the Project.
The Project requires a Coastal Zone Permit (Level 5 development permit) from Santa Cruz County.