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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Walker Creek Ranch Distaff Thistle Control Project

Lead Agency: Marin County Office of Education

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Project Location: Unincorporated Tomales (*City*) Marin (*County*)

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

The proposed project involves aerial (helicopter) and manual (backpack and side-by-side boom on ATV) application of herbicides to control the invasive Wooley Distraff Thistle on approximately 402 acres of grasslands at the Marin County Office of Education's Walker Creek Ranch Outdoor School and Conference Center in northern Marin County. The aerial spraying would occur over a one-to-three-day period during the late winter/spring growing season for the thistle, typically between January and April. Follow-up treatments also would occur. The Initial Study found that project would have less-than-significant biological resources, water quality, and health risks impacts with implementation of Best Management Practices that were incorporated into the project design.

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

No potentially significant impacts are identified in the IS. The project was designed to avoid any inadvertent impacts to special-status species and habitats after extensive rare plant mapping and pre-and-post survey consultation with CDFW staff.

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 know areas of controversy. The project is an ecological enhancement project.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife