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SCH #: _____

Project Title: East Pico Blanco Fuelbreak Project

Lead Agency: Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

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Project Location: Unincorporated *City* Monterey *County*

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

This treatment will cover approximately 30 acres east of Pico Blanco Mountain and will create a new shaded fuelbreak that will serve to connect two Forest Service fuelbreaks- the Skinner Ridge Fuelbreak to the north and the Post Summit to Little Sur Fuelbreak to the south. This fuelbreak will be approximately 300 feet wide and will run an estimated 6,200 feet (1.17 miles) from the Little Sur River south to the northern terminus of the Post Summit to Little Sur Fuelbreak. The majority of the fuelbreak will follow a ridgeline between the two end points but will have segments that follow smaller ridges or geographical features. This area is remote and cannot be accessed by vehicles or machinery, therefore the treatments for this fuelbreak be done only with tools that can be carried by hand (loppers, chainsaws, other hand tools).

Within the boundaries of the 300’ by 6200’ shaded fuelbreak, trees will be limbed/pruned to a height of ten feet from the highest ground level whenever possible using chainsaws or loppers. Other non-tree woody vegetation will be lopped or cut to achieve a horizontal mosaic pattern of no more than 25% cover of woody vegetation within a given acre (excluding

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

Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials and Hydrology have the most significant impacts from this project.
Cultural Resources will have culturally important trees identified and flagged before work to reduce impacts to cultural resources, in conjunction with the Esselen tribe.
Biological Resources potentially significant effects include possibility of impact to Smith's blue butterfly and it's habitat-If appropriate plant habitat for Smith’s Blue butterfly is found in the project area, it will be mapped and flagged for avoidance.
San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat may be impacted-woodrat nests will be mapped and flagged for avoidance.
Santa Lucia fir may be impacted by project activities- A survey before implementation begins will be done, and any Santa Lucia fir trees found in the project area will be marked with flagging and have a small no-work buffer around them (25 feet).
Geology and Soils may receive some impact from implementation as soils have high erosion potential- Waterbars will be installed as needed to reduce this impact.
Hazards and Hazardous Materials- there is some potential for low-level contamination without mitigation from gasoline- Measures will be adopted to contain potential spill areas.
Hydrology impacts could result from work altering runoff patterns- mitigation to reduce erosion potential has been added.

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

Known areas of controversy are limited to cultural and tribal resources in the fuelbreak area. After doing AB 52 consultation with the Esselen tribe, we have added measures to mitigate these impacts by mapping and flagging culturally sensitive trees.

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

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Fish and Wildlife