

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Malech Road Public Access Improvement Project

Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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Project Location: Morgan Hill/Unincorporated Santa Clara County

City

County

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

The proposed project includes the development of a parking area and staging area, and new public access features within the boundary of the Malech Road property. The project would establish a formal entrance with a paved access road and public parking areas; an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible central gathering area and restroom; two walking/hiking trails compliant with the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas (ABA); and associated picnic areas, benches, and overlooks equipped with shade structures and interpretive signage. Additional features would include a small service vehicle parking area; bicycle racks; fencing; retaining walls; and stormwater capture improvements. The project will be sited on approximately 5 acres on a 29-acre property referred to as Malech Road Property within the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority's Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve, located within unincorporated Santa Clara County. The Project will be permitted and mitigated through the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency. The project would not have any significant effects on the environment once mitigation measures are implemented.

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

An Initial Study (IS) has been prepared to assess the project's potential effects on the environment and the significance of those effects. Based on the IS, it has been determined that the project would not have any significant effects on the environment once mitigation measures are implemented. With the inclusion of revisions to the project directed by the mitigation measures, all potentially significant effects on the environment would be clearly reduced to a less-than-significant level. The conclusion is supported by the following findings:

1. The project would have no impact related to population and housing.
2. The project would have a less-than-significant impact on aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, public services, recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.
3. Mitigation is required to reduce potentially significant impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and tribal cultural resources to less-than-significant levels.

Mitigation measures will reduce potential impacts to nesting birds; any potential American Badger dens in the project vicinity; and to potential cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, and paleontological resources.

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

None.

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

Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency (plus USFWS and CDFW)
Santa Clara County Building Department
Santa Clara County Fire Marshal's Office
Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health (DEH)
Santa Clara County Land Development Engineering Division
Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department
State Water Resources Control Board