

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2022090276

Project Title: Santa Cruz Downtown Plan Expansion Final Subsequent EIR

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Project Location: Santa Cruz

City

Santa Cruz

County

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

The project consists of a series of amendments to the City's Downtown Plan by extending the boundary of the existing Downtown Plan to incorporate the approximately 29-acre project area south of Laurel Area into the City's Downtown Plan boundary, to incorporate development standards and design guidelines for the project area and add other policies and standards to the City's Downtown Plan that will facilitate future redevelopment of the project area. The project also includes amendments to the City's General Plan 2030, the Local Coastal Program, the Beach and South of Laurel Comprehensive Area Plan, and the Municipal Code to provide updates consistent with the currently proposed amendments to the Downtown Plan, including land use designation amendments for some parcels and zone district amendments for all parcels in the project area. Implementation of the project would facilitate additional development as a result of various circulation, land use and infrastructure revisions. The Downtown Plan amendments could facilitate additional development of approximately 1,800 dwelling units, 60,000 square feet of commercial area, and construction of a new approximately 180,000 square foot permanent sports and entertainment arena to replace the existing temporary arena.

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

Identified significant and potentially significant impacts include: exposure of sensitive receptors to pollutants during construction (AQ/GHG-3); indirect impacts to nesting birds as a result of future development (BIO-3); impacts to historical resources (CUL-1); and potential substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource (CUL-3).

Mitigation measures include: require construction equipment exhaust control to be zero-emissions or equipped with California Air Resources Board Tier 4 compliant engines or CARB Level 3 Verified Diesel Emissions Control Strategy (VDECS) filters (MM AQ/GHG-3.1); require future development to conduct pre-construction nesting bird surveys as required in the Downtown Plan Amendments EIR (DPA EIR Mitigation 4.3-3); require preparation of historic resources assessment with project-Level mitigation for future development that would alter or demolish buildings over 50 years in age (MM CUL 1.1); require documentation of any identified historical resource prior to alteration or demolition (MM CUL 1.2); and require Native American construction monitoring of future development projects and cultural sensitivity training for construction workers (MM CUL 3.1).

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

Aesthetics; biological impacts to San Lorenzo River habitats; flood hazards, climate change and drainage; noise impacts; population and housing; traffic; and alternatives.

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

California Coastal Commission