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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Climate Adaptation and Safety Element Update

Lead Agency: City of San Luis Obispo

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Project Location: San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County
City *County*

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

The primary Location: Citywide, City of San Luis Obispo, CA.

Project Description: Update to the Climate Adaptation and Safety Element (CASE) of the City's General Plan. The CASE updates and replaces the existing Safety Element, which was adopted in 2012. The CASE would serve as the City's Safety Element, which is a required element of a general plan under State law. It also implements State requirements for the Environmental Justice Element in accordance with State Guidelines. The purpose of the CASE is to reduce the potential short and long-term risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social disruptions resulting from wildfires, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, climate change, and natural and manmade hazards. The increasing severity of impacts of climate change is also a critical consideration in safety elements. State law requires that the safety element include a vulnerability assessment that identifies the risks posed by climate change and a series of adaptation goals, policies, and implementation measures designed to protect the community (Senate Bill 379, 2015).

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

The implementation of the CASE would result in minor physical changes in localized areas of the city. These changes would result from installation of green infrastructure improvements to manage stormwater and flooding, tree plantings, solar carports, home hardening against wildfires, emergency access roads, and improvements to building exteriors. These incremental effects of the CASE would be negligible when viewed in connection with the effects of part, current, and probable future projects implementing the General Plan, such as new residential and non-residential developments, or infrastructure improvements (e.g., Circulation Element roadways, WRRF capacity upgrades). Therefore, the impacts of the CASE would not be cumulatively considerable.

The implementation of the CASE would not directly or indirectly cause substantial adverse effects on human beings. In fact, it would benefit human beings through implementation of policies that protect people from the direct and indirect effects of climate change and other natural and manmade hazards, including wildfire flooding, extreme heat, fire, earthquakes and other geological hazards, hazardous materials, and electromagnetic fields. The CASE would improve the long-term resilience of the city's natural, physical, and social systems to climate and other hazards, and would not achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.

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

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