

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**Form F**

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III and Trailhead ProjectLead Agency: Mariposa CountyContact Name: Steve Engfer, Planning DirectorEmail: sengfer@mariposacounty.org Phone Number: (209) 742-1250Project Location: Mariposa Mariposa County
City *County*

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

See attached Project Description.

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

See attached MMRP.

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

No known areas of controversy.

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

Not Applicable.

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Project Location

The Project is located in within the unincorporated community of Mariposa in Mariposa County, California, approximately 110 miles southeast of Sacramento and 150 miles northwest of Bakersfield. The centroid of the Project site is 37° 29' 14.40" N, 119° 58' 11.91" W.

General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designation

The Project is located within Mariposa County. The General Plan Land Use Designation is: Planning Area, Mariposa – Town Planning Area Specific Plan. **Table 1** below describes the Project APNs, their zoning designation, and the owner and ownership type.

Table 1: Description of Project Parcels

APN	Zoning	Owner	Ownership
012-143-004-000	SR-20	County of Mariposa	County
012-143-001-000	MFR	County of Mariposa	County
013-130-045-000	GC	County of Mariposa	County
013-130-006-000	GC	County of Mariposa	County
013-240-022-000	GC	Bridges Lester & Barbara Tr	Private
013-130-077-000	GC	County of Mariposa	County
013-130-078-000	SPLIT	County of Mariposa	County
013-230-053-000	SFR-9K	County of Mariposa	County
013-230-046-000	SFR-9K	Shoor Brian & Jennifer	Private
013-230-054-000	SFR-9K	Clark Richard Tr	Private
013-230-021-000	SFR-9K	Jones Morris II	Private
013-230-047-000	P/Q-P	County of Mariposa	County
013-230-028-000	MFR	Act Holding Inc	Private
012-143-003-000	PO	Clark Richard Tr	Private
GC: General Commercial MFR: Multi-Family Residential P/Q-P: Public/Quasi-Public PO: Professional Office		SFR 9,000: Single-Family Residential (9,000 sq. ft. lots) SPLIT: Split Zoning SR-20: Scenic Resource (20-acre lots)	

Description of Project

Project Description

Mariposa County proposes to carry out Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan. The Project includes the development of a multi-use (bicycle and pedestrian) creek parkway trail and secondary (pedestrian only) trails and associated improvements that will interconnect existing segments of the Mariposa Creek Parkway with 8th Street, State Route (SR) 140/49 and the Joe Howard Bridge. Locally, it will extend the existing trail from the Mariposa County Arts Park to local businesses and a future transit center. Regionally, it will become part of several bicycle routes extending into the national forests and Yosemite National Park.

The Project will implement critical components of the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan, 11th Street Paseo Graphic Enhancement Project, and the Trailhead Project. Specifically, it will construct Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway, an approximately 0.5-mile-long parkway segment between 8th Street and Joe Howard Street; the 11th Street Paseo, an approximately 100-foot-long strategic active transportation linkage between SR 140/49 and Jessie Street; new pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Jessie Street to connect the aforementioned mobility resources and establish a safe bicycle and pedestrian network in this area of Mariposa; and the trailhead area and its associated amenities near Jessie Street and 8th Street.

Easements

The Project could require public access easements at the upstream end of the parkway near the Joe Howard Street bridge. The intent is to acquire public access easements from associated property owners over the parcels that are coincident with the existing dirt access road and MPUD sewer easement. If these rights of way are not acquired, the Project would not progress beyond the upstream limit of the county-owned right of way, and a new creek crossing and connection to Joe Howard Street would occur at this location. All project impacts associated with these scenarios have been evaluated in this document.

Zone Amendment

The Project would also require a zone amendment for the Project parcels that are currently not zoned Public Quasi-Public.

Construction Schedule

Construction of the Phase III parkway elements is anticipated to generally occur between June 2025 and September 2026. The time frame for the trailhead and destination park elements is unknown at this time. Generally, work along the creek and within riparian areas will be limited to late spring to early fall with considerations for critical periods of sensitive species. The work along Jesse Street and connections to SR 140/49 and local streets has less restrictions and will generally occur outside of the colder fall and winter months.

Operation and Maintenance

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the Project would be handled by the Mariposa County Public Works Department, Road and/or Parks and Recreation Divisions. O&M would include the following:

- Mowing – Mowing each side of trail where applicable.
- Pruning - Prune woody limbs and shrubs near sides of trail.
- Removal of Trees/Limbs - Evaluation/removal of unhealthy or dead trees and limbs. Fallen trees may remain as access control and to minimize disturbance.
- Signage - Maintain directional and informational signs.
- Trail Surface – Restore, regrade, clean and/or resurface when necessary.
- Drainage Structures - Clean inlets, keep swales clear of debris.
- Litter Pick Up - Trailside-litter pickup. Access area litter pickup. Encourage continued user "carry-in, carry-out" policy.
- Trash Collection - Removal of trash from receptacles at access areas.
- Bridge and structure Inspection - Maintenance of bridge, overlook and trailhead structures to ensure structural integrity and public safety.
- Lighting – maintain functional safety lighting (replace luminaires, repair outages)
- Restriping and Bollard Repairs – as necessary when pavement markings have faded or bollards are damaged.

CHAPTER 5 MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PROGRAM

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project in Mariposa County. The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

Table 5-1: Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program presents the mitigation measures identified for the Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, AIR-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Air Quality analysis of the IS/MND.

The first column of **Table 5-1: Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program** identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “When Monitoring is to Occur,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, “Frequency of Monitoring,” identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, “Agency Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns will be used by the Lead and Responsible Agencies to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored.

Table 5-1: Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program

Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program						
Item	Mitigation Measure	When Monitoring is to Occur	Frequency of Monitoring	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Method to Verify Compliance	Verification of Compliance
Aesthetics						
AES-1	All outdoor lighting shall adhere to International Dark Sky Association standards, including the requirement that all outdoor lighting shall be hooded or screened as to direct the source of light downward and focus onto the property from which it originates and shall not negatively impact adjacent properties or directly reflect upon any adjacent properties.	During construction activities	Once, near project completion	Mariposa County Public Works		
Biological Resources						
BIO-1A	(Pre-construction Survey): A pre-construction survey for western pond turtles will be conducted no more than 24 hours prior to the start of work in Mariposa Creek and the adjoining mixed riparian woodland habitat.	Prior to the start of construction activities	Once, prior to the start of construction	Mariposa County Public Works		
BIO-1B	(Relocation): A qualified biologist will capture and relocate any turtles found within areas planned for direct impact. Turtles will be relocated to suitable alternative habitat within the Mariposa Creek corridor, outside of project boundaries.	During construction activities, if western pond turtles are identified	Daily during construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		
BIO-1C	(Avoidance): If any turtles are observed on site while work is occurring, work in the immediate area will cease and turtles will be allowed to leave the construction zone of their own volition, if feasible. If necessary, a qualified biologist will capture and relocate such turtles as described above under Mitigation Measure BIO-2B .	During construction activities, if western pond turtles are identified	Daily during construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		
BIO-2A	(Avoidance): To avoid impacts to nesting birds and raptors, construction will occur, where possible, outside the February 1-August 31 nesting season.	Prior to the start of construction activities	Once, prior to the start of construction	Mariposa County Public Works		
BIO-2B	(Pre-construction Survey): If construction must occur during the February 1-August 31 nesting season, a qualified biologist will conduct pre-construction surveys for active bird and raptor nests within 10 days of the onset of these activities. Nest surveys will encompass the work area and	10 days prior to construction if construction activities that fall between February 1 to August 31	One time survey, 10 days prior to construction	Mariposa County Public Works		

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	surrounding lands within 250 feet. Nest surveys will be repeated whenever there is a lapse in construction of 10 days or more during the nesting season.					
BIO-2C	(Construction-Free Buffers): Should any active nests be discovered in or near proposed construction zones, a qualified biologist will identify suitable construction-free buffers around the nests. The buffers will be identified on the ground with flagging or fencing, and will be maintained until the biologist has determined that the young have fledged and are no longer reliant on the nest or parental care for their survival.	During construction activities upon discovery of active nests near work areas.	Daily, upon discovery of any active nests near work areas	Mariposa County Public Works		
BIO-3A	(Avoidance): To avoid potential impacts to maternity bat roosts, removal of mature trees and snags shall occur outside of the period between April 15 and August 31, the time frame within which colony-nesting bats in the vicinity generally assemble, give birth, nurse their young, and ultimately disperse.	During construction activities March 1 through September 30	Daily, during construction activities March 1 through September 30	Mariposa County Public Works		
BIO-3B	(Pre-construction Survey): If removal of mature trees and/or snags is to occur between April 15 and August 31, then within 10 days prior to their removal, a qualified biologist will survey them for the presence of bats. The biologist will look for individuals, guano, and staining, and will listen for bat vocalizations. If necessary, the biologist will wait for nighttime emergence of bats from roost sites.	10 days prior to construction if construction activities that fall between April 15 to August 31	One time survey, 10 days prior to construction	Mariposa County Public Works		
BIO-3C	(Construction-Free Buffers): Should any active maternity bat roosts be discovered in trees or snags to be impacted, the biologist will identify a suitable construction-free buffer around the maternity roost. The buffer will be identified on the ground with flagging or fencing, and will be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nursery is no longer active.	During construction activities upon discovery of active maternity bat roosts near work areas	Daily, upon discovery of any active maternity bat roosts near work areas	Mariposa County Public Works		

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Cultural Resources						
CUL-1	(Archaeological Remains): Should archaeological remains or artifacts be unearthed during any stage of project activities, work in the area of discovery shall cease until the area is evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. If mitigation is warranted, the project proponent shall abide by recommendations of the archaeologist.	During construction activities upon discovery of archaeological remains in the work areas.	Daily, upon discovery of archaeological remains in the work areas	Mariposa County Public Works		
CUL-2	(Human Remains): In the event human remains, artifacts, or potentially significant cultural resources are discovered during ground disturbance on the project site, a Native American monitor shall be on-site for the duration of ground disturbance. During any construction activity that involves ground disturbance, if any signs of prehistoric, historic, archaeological, paleontological resources are evident, all work activity within fifty feet of the find shall stop and the Mariposa County Planning Department shall be notified immediately. No work shall be done within fifty feet of the find until Planning has identified appropriate measures to protect the find and those measures have been implemented by the project proponent. Protection measures for the site may include, but not be limited to, requiring the project proponent to hire a qualified archaeologist who shall conduct necessary inspections and research, and who may supervise all further ground disturbance activities and make any such recommendations as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable regulations. In addition to the Planning Department, the Mariposa County Coroner and the Native American Heritage Commission shall be notified should human remains be discovered. If the remains are determined by the Native American Heritage Commission to be Native American, the NAHC guidelines shall be adhered to in treatment and disposition of the remains.	During construction activities upon discovery of human remains in the work areas.	Daily, upon discovery of human remains in the work areas.	Mariposa County Public Works		

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	Representatives of the Most Likely Descendant shall be requested to be on-site during disturbance and/or removal of human remains.					
CUL-3	<p>(Avoidance/Preservation): Since the location of site P-22-001393 could not be accessed due to vegetation overgrowth to confirm its presence or absence, the recorded site location shall be avoided and preserved in place. If avoidance is not possible, a qualified archaeologist shall monitor vegetation clearing in the area and update the site if it is identified. If the site is relocated and cannot be avoided, the site shall be subject to a formal evaluation for eligibility to the CRHR).</p> <p>The MARIPOSA-SITE-1 shall be avoided and preserved in place. To ensure the site is avoided, project activities shall not occur within 10 meters (33 feet) of the site boundary if possible. If avoidance by project design is not possible, the site shall be subject to a formal evaluation for eligibility to the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR).</p>	During construction activities.	Daily	Mariposa County Public Works		
Geology and Soils						
GEO-1	An engineered grading plan, erosion control plan, and stormwater drainage plan prepared and approved in accordance with applicable provisions of County Code shall be required for all grading, including road work, on slopes 15% or greater.	Prior to construction	One engineered grading plan prior to construction	Mariposa County Public Works		
GEO-2	A sedimentation control plan prepared and approved in accordance with applicable provisions of County Code shall be required for all grading requiring a grading permit and conducted between the November 1 and April 1.	Prior to construction	One sedimentation control plan prior to construction	Mariposa County Public Works		
GEO-3	All exposed and/or disturbed soils for grading which requires a grading permit shall be watered down or suppressed in other manners during grading operations to reduce the generation of fugitive dust.	Prior to construction	During grading activities	Mariposa County Public Works		

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	During non-grading periods, all stockpiles of debris, soil, sand, or other materials shall be protected from wind erosion.					
GEO-4	Should paleontological resources be encountered on the Project site, all ground disturbing activities in the area shall stop. A qualified paleontologist shall be contacted to assess the discovery. Mitigation may include monitoring, recording the fossil locality, data recovery and analysis, a final report. Public educational outreach may also be appropriate. Upon completion of the assessment, a report documenting methods, findings, and recommendations shall be prepared and submitted to Mariposa County for review, and (if paleontological materials are recovered) a paleontological repository, such as the University of California Museum of Paleontology.	During construction and ground disturbing activities	In the event paleontological resources are unearthed or exposed during any stage of Project construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		
Hazards and Hazardous Materials						
HAZ-1	See WLD-1 and WLD-2 .					
Noise						
NOI-1	The County shall ensure the construction contractor implement the following construction noise reducing measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The construction contractor shall ensure that all noise producing construction activities, including warming-up or servicing equipment and any preparation for construction, shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The construction contractor shall locate on-site equipment staging areas to maximize the distance between construction-related noise sources 	During construction activities	Daily, during construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		

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	<p>and noise sensitive receptors nearest the project site during construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The construction contractor shall ensure that all equipment will have sound control devices that are no less effective than those provided on the original equipment. Further, pavement breakers and jackhammers shall also be equipped with acoustically attenuating shields or shrouds recommended by the manufacturers thereof. In lieu of or in the absence of manufacturers' recommendations, the Director of Public Works shall have the authority to prescribe such means of accomplishing maximum noise attenuation as deemed to be in the public interest, considering the available technology and economic feasibility. 					
NOI-2	The County shall ensure that equipment and trucks used for construction of the Project utilize the best available noise control techniques (including mufflers, use of intake silencers, ducts, engine enclosures and acoustically attenuating shields or shrouds).	During construction activities	Daily, during construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		
NOI-3	The County shall ensure that impact equipment (e.g., jack hammers, etc.) used for construction of the Project be hydraulically or electrically powered wherever feasible to avoid noise associated with compressed air exhaust from pneumatically powered tools. Where use	During construction activities	Daily, during construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		

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	of pneumatically powered tools is unavoidable, use of an exhaust muffler on the compressed air exhaust can lower noise levels from the exhaust by up to about 10 dBA. When feasible, external jackets on the impact equipment can achieve a reduction of 5 dBA. Whenever feasible, use quieter procedures, such as drilling rather than impact equipment operation.					
Tribal Cultural Resources						
TCR-1	See CUL-1 and CUL-2 outlined above.					
Wildfire						
WLD-1	(Defensible Space). Pre-wildfire mitigation measures focus on the maintenance of defensible space and fire-focused landscaping, and may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Highly flammable vegetation near the Project will be maintained to reduce fire fuel, as appropriate. b) Dispose of debris, such as dry debris, leaves, and dead limbs near and within the Project. c) Design defensible spaces with fire breaks around the Project, as appropriate. 	During construction activities	Daily, during construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		
WLD-2	(Water Source). Adequate on-site water sources will be made available during high fire risk construction activities and will include, but not limited to, water truck, water backpacks, and/or fire extinguishers	During construction activities	Daily, during construction activities	Mariposa County Public Works		
<i>Table Notes</i>						