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SCH #: 2023030046

Project Title: Southern Region Emergency Operations Center Project

Lead Agency: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

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Project Location: Costa Mesa (*City*) Orange (*County*)

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

The project involves development of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on a 15-acre site within the Fairview Developmental Center (FDC) in Costa Mesa, which is currently being decommissioned. The FDC is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources as a Historic District (Fairview State Hospital Historic District). The project includes two main structures, a 35,000-SF office building and a 20,000-SF support warehouse. Other improvements include outbuildings, landscaping and fencing, paved staff and visitor parking areas, a 100-foot microwave tower with 20 feet of equipment on top, a helipad, and various other infrastructure improvements such as utilities, stormwater, intersections, and roadways. The project would also include energy infrastructure such as PV panels, battery energy storage, and emergency generators and would be designed to be Zero Net Energy. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2024 and the EOC is anticipated to open for operation in 2027.

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

No significant and unavoidable impacts were found. The following resource areas require mitigation to reduce impact to less than significant:

1. Air Quality- Mitigation requiring Tier 4 Final emergency generators would reduce the impact to less than significant.
2. Biological Resources- Mitigation requiring pre-construction burrowing owl, special status species and nesting bird surveys would reduce the impact to less than significant.
3. Cultural Resources- Mitigation requiring enhanced recordation of contributing elements to the historic district, development of a Cultural Resources Monitoring and Discovery Plan and Workers Environmental Awareness Program, retention of an on-call archaeologist and archaeological monitor and procedures for the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources would reduce the impact to less than significant.
4. Hazards and Hazardous Materials- Mitigation requiring pre-demolition hazardous materials abatement would reduce the impact to less than significant.
5. Paleontological Resources- Mitigation requiring the preparation of a Paleontological Resources Impact Mitigation Program and paleontological monitoring would reduce the impact to less than significant.
6. Tribal Cultural Resources- Mitigation requiring Native American monitoring, management strategies for the encounter of tribal cultural resources and procedures for the unanticipated discovery of Native American human remains ad/or associated grave goods would reduce the impact to less than significant.

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

The primary areas of controversy identified by the public and agencies included the following potential issues:

- Helicopter activity and noise
- Communication tower aesthetics
- Future development of the rest of FDC/City Housing Element
- Alternative project sites

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

- Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4 (Los Angeles)
- Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
- Division of the State Architect
- Office of the State Fire Marshal
- Office of Historic Preservation