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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Coastlands II Retaining Wall

Lead Agency: Caltrans District 5

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Project Location: Approximately 4 miles south of Big Sur, CA Monterey County
City *County*

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

Caltrans proposes to replace the failed Coastlands II Retaining Wall and add barrier systems for traveler safety on State Route 1. Other work would include the removal of the existing soil nail wall, reconstruction of the drainage inlet and culvert located near the southern terminus of the existing wall, restoration of the roadway, and removal of vegetation and trees within the area where the wall and rails would be constructed. Project activities would occur on State Route 1 at post mile 44.34 in Monterey County, roughly 1.1 miles south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge near Big Sur.

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

Avoidance and minimization measures are included to protect natural communities, the California red-legged frog, nesting birds/bats, including environmentally sensitive area fencing, replacement planting, restriction of vegetation removal during the typical nesting bird season, and more measures outlined in Section 2.1.4 Biological Resources of the environmental document. In accordance with the Federal Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Coverage under the Programmatic Biological Opinion for Projects Funded or Approved under the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Aid Program, the project would include all applicable measures from the Programmatic Biological Opinion.

The potential for visual impacts would be reduced with implementation of visual minimization measures, including preservation of existing vegetation where feasible, revegetation, aesthetic treatments for all visible metal and concrete components of the project, and more measures outlined in Section 2.1.1 Aesthetics of the environmental document.

Temporary impacts associated with construction affecting air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous waste, invasive species, special status plant species, noise and traffic would not have significant effects due to the use of avoidance and minimization measures like implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, California Division of Safety and Health – Fire Protection and Prevention Guidance, construction Best Management Practices, Standard Measures included in all projects, and Caltrans Special Specifications.

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.

California Transportation Commission
Monterey County