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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Desert Island Hotel

Lead Agency: City of Rancho Mirage

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Project Location: Rancho Mirage, Riverside County
City *County*

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

The project will repurpose approximately 17.2 acres of the existing Desert Island golf course with a new 34-key boutique hotel comprised of four (4), 1-story buildings totaling 33,940 square feet, 11 private residences totaling 56, 844 square feet, hotel grounds for guest use with tennis, pool, 852 square foot café, lounge area and 2,572 square foot yoga pavillonpavilion, along with additional onsite parking.376 parking spaces. A new golf training park, and 7,818 square foot golf maintenance building will replace the existing driving range and old maintenance building that will be eliminated to make room for the new facilities. The proposed residences will be privately owned, but fully managed and maintained by the hotel operator. The proposed hotel and residences will be located west of the existing clubhouse . General Plan Zoning Map Amendment (GPZMA22-0002) will change the underlying zoning designation from “Open Space-Private (OS-PV)” to “Resort Hotel (Rs-H)” for 9.3 acres where the proposed hotel and residences will be located. The Specific Plan Amendment (SPA22-0002) will introduce the hotel use to the Desert Island Specific Plan.

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

BIO-1: Burrowing Owl Surveys
No less than 60 days prior to the start of Project-related activities, a burrowing owl habitat assessment shall be conducted by a qualified biologist according to the specifications of the Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (Department of Fish and Game, March 2012 or most recent version).

BIO-2: Avoidance of Nesting Birds
Nesting bird surveys shall be performed by a qualified avian biologist no more than (3) days prior to vegetation removal or ground-disturbing activities. Pre-construction surveys shall focus on both direct and indirect evidence of nesting, including nest locations and nesting behavior. The qualified avian biologist will make every effort to avoid potential nest predation as a result of survey and monitoring efforts.

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 Department of Fish and Wildlife
State Water Resource Control Board
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Coachella Valley Water District