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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Public Access Improvement Project

Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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Project Location: San Jose, Santa Clara County
City *County*

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

The Authority proposes to develop the Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve Public Access Improvement Project, which includes resurfacing the existing 0.25-mile Heart's Delight Trail to provide an accessible connection from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking area and restrooms to other visitor use areas within CVAL. The project includes reconfiguring entry areas into the preserve by replacing existing shade structures, adding seating, decommissioning redundant trails, and updating preserve informational and wayfinding signage; developing two small overlooks along the Heart's Delight Trail to provide additional seating for interpretation and nature viewing; improvements to an existing pedestrian bridge along Heart's Delight Trail; and regrading the ADA parking area. Improvements would require localized excavation for footings and minor regrading of trails to meet accessibility guidelines. Trail and visitor amenity areas would be designed to meet United States Access Board Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas standards.

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

An Initial Study (IS) has been prepared to assess the project ' s potential effects on the environment and the significance of those effects. Based on the IS, it has been determined that the project would not have any significant effects on the environment once mitigation measures are implemented. With the inclusion of revisions to the project directed by the mitigation measures, all potentially significant effects on the environment would be clearly reduced to a less-than-significant level. Mitigation is required to reduce potentially significant impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources to less-than-significant levels. Mitigation measures involve best management practices to reduce fugitive dust, avoidance and minimization measures specific to special-status species, and protocols on what to do in the event of discovering archaeological or tribal cultural resources.

See the Initial Study for details on each of the mitigation measures.

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.

Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency
Santa Clara County
Santa Clara Valley Water District