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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Walnut Creek Flow Trail Project

Lead Agency: City of Walnut Creek Public Works

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Project Location: Walnut Creek (*City*) Contra Costa (*County*)

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

The City proposes the Walnut Creek Flow Trail Project to construct a recreational flow trail for mountain bikers in the Lime Ridge Open Space. The recreation area is currently used for cattle grazing, horseback riding, hiking, and biking. Mountain bikers have been creating informal trails through sensitive habitats to create a flow trail experience, thus the proposal is to create a mountain bike flow trail in less sensitive habitat that meets the terrain-induced, biking experience with little pedaling and braking necessary that mountain bikers are seeking. The proposed trail would be designated as one way down only for bikes and would remain open for all users. Mountain bikers would be directed to travel uphill on existing trails to start at the eastern trail head, which would begin near the Paraiso Trail's junction with the Manzanita Trail. The dirt trail would measure a minimum of 2-feet and a maximum of 4-feet in width with a 5-10 foot wildfire buffer on either side and constructed primarily with hand tools and volunteers.

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

Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated on biological resources, geology and soils (paleontological resources), and tribal cultural resources. The project will implement mitigation measures as described herein to reduce potential impacts to a Less Than Significant level.

- Mitigation Measure BIO-1 – Protection Measures for Special-Status Insect Species
- Mitigation Measure BIO-2 – Protection Measures for Migratory Bird Species and Raptors
- Mitigation Measure BIO-3 – Protection Measures for Bat Species
- Mitigation Measure BIO-4 – Protection Measures for American Badger
- Mitigation Measure BIO-5 – Protection Measures for Special-Status Amphibians
- Mitigation Measure BIO-6 – Protection Measures for Special-Status Reptiles
- Mitigation Measure BIO-7 – Protection Measures for Special-Status Wildlife Species During Trail Usage
- Mitigation Measure GEO-1 – Fossil Discovery
- Mitigation Measure TCR-1 – Workers Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP):
- Mitigation Measure TCR-2 – Archaeological Monitoring
- Mitigation Measure TCR-3 – Inadvertent Discoveries
- Mitigation Measure TCR-4 – Human Remains
- Mitigation Measure TCR-5 – Continue Consultation with Responding Tribes

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

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

• Regional Water Control Board, General Construction permit