

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Four New Coachella Valley Trails Project

Lead Agency: Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy

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Project Location: Coachella Valley in Riverside County, California

City

County

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

The Project consists of designating four new recreational trails in Coachella Valley for pedestrian use, as well as other non-motorized uses such as equestrian, dog walking, or mountain biking where these other uses are allowed under local ordinance or landowner regulations. These proposed recreational trails are on lands owned by various public or nonprofit entities, Metropolitan Water District (MWD), California State Parks (CASP), Cathedral City, City of Rancho Mirage, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, Friends of the Desert Mountains (FODM), and private owners. The West Deception Canyon Trail is located on the northern edge of the unincorporated community of Sky Valley, north of I-10, and in the vicinity of the boundary of the Joshua Tree National Monument (JTNP). The Biskra Palms Trail, located near the middle of Coachella Valley, is north of the Indio City limits and on the southern slopes of the Indio Hills. The Chuckwalla-Overlook Connector Trail is located on the eastern boundary of the City of Rancho Mirage and on the lower slopes of the Santa Rosa Mountains. The Cathedral Cove Connector Trail is located on the western boundary of the Cathedral Cove within the City of Cathedral Cove.

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

Potential impacts to Biological Resources and Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources would be less than significant with the implementation of:

MM BIO-1: CVMSHCP Compliance. MM BIO-2: Limit Disturbance Areas. MM BIO-3: Assign Project Biologist. MM BIO-4: Preconstruction Surveys. MM BIO-5: Construction Monitoring. MM BIO-6: Special-Status Species Avoidance and Minimization Measures. MM BIO-7: Worker Training. MM BIO-8: Wildlife Avoidance. MM BIO-9: Trash, Refuse, Concrete, and Other Construction Materials. M BIO-10: Minimize Standing Water. MM BIO-11: Water Storage. MM BIO-12: Speed Limit. MM BIO-13: Streambed Avoidance. MM CR-1: Cultural Resource Public Education. MM CR-2: Inadvertent Discovery of Archaeological Resources. MM CR-3: Assess and Treat Inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains.

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

There are no areas of known controversy.

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

None.