

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Living Desert Expansion Project

Lead Agency: City of Palm Desert

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Project Location: Palm Desert, Riverside County
City *County*

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

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is proposing an expansion project (Project) that includes the addition of an event center, entry pavilion, lion habitat, and associated facilities. The Project is an amendment to the previous entitlement for the Living Desert (PP/CUP 15-370), which included a smaller lion habitat and event center. In addition to the lion habitat and event center, the Project introduces a new entry pavilion on the north side of the existing Chase building. The Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Precise Plan (PP), and Environmental Assessment (EA). The CUP is to allow construction of a "Recreation Facility, Commercial" use in the "Public" zone.

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

Biological Resources: The site is fully developed, and will be demolished to accommodate the project. Trees occur in the area to be demolished. Mitigation requires pre-construction nesting surveys to assure that they are not impacted.

Tribal Cultural Resources: The site is fully development. No cultural resources are expected to occur. Under Tribal Consultation, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians requested the presence of a monitor during earth moving activities to assure that buried resources, if any, are not impacted. Mitigation is included to require the presence of the Tribal monitor during earth moving.

Geology: Final development plans will require the preparation of a project-specific geologic survey to assure that adequate soil compaction, over-excavation and similar measures are implemented to assure building stability. Mitigation is provided to that effect.

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 known at this time.

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

City of Indian Wells
Regional Water Quality Control Board