

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project (County File CP#22-17)

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Project Location: Richmond, San Pablo, North Richmond
City

Contra Costa County
County

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

The purpose of this project is to improve habitat connectivity for aquatic species, including Central California Coast steelhead trout, improve stormwater conveyance through Wildcat Creek, and provide community amenities. Project activities include retrofitting an existing fish ladder within the Lower Wildcat Creek Flood Control Channel to create a more natural fish passage corridor. Downstream of the fish ladder, the existing sediment basin will be expanded and desilted to increase sediment storage capacity. Training berms and maintenance access ramps will be constructed within the sediment basin to stabilize the low flow channel of Wildcat Creek to enhance fish passage. Upstream of the fish ladder, the Wildcat Creek channel will be modified by removing riprap to improve sediment transport. In the parcel adjacent to the fish ladder, community amenities will include trail improvements, overlook areas, interpretive features, and potential recreational and educational areas. Utility relocations and right of way transactions may be necessary.

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

- Air Quality: mitigations include implementing BAAQMD basic construction best management practices during construction.
- Biological Resources: mitigations include worker awareness training, preconstruction surveys for all special status plant and wildlife species including passerine birds, raptors, and bats, bumble bees, western pond turtles, and fish; installation of environmentally sensitive area (ESA) fencing, preparation and implementation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) and erosion control, preventing invasive species introduction to project site, protecting existing riparian vegetation and reestablish any impacted vegetation.
- Cultural Resources/Paleontological: mitigations include stopping work and requiring a qualified archaeologist or the County Coroner to examine the site/materials if any prehistoric/historical materials, human remains, or paleontological materials are encountered during ground disturbance activities.
- Hazardous Materials: prepare and implement a hazardous materials dewatering and management plan, and pollutant and hazardous materials handling plan, perform soil sampling/investigation prior to commencing with sediment excavation.
- Noise: mitigations include implementing best management practices and hours to limit construction noise, informing nearby schools and residents if work within 200 feet will last longer than one week, limit haul routes to commercial/industrial areas except for emergency access.

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

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

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Section 404 Clean Water Act permit requirements, Section 408 Rivers and Harbors Act), San Francisco Bay District of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Section 401 Clean Water Act permit requirements), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Lake and Streambed Alteration Program), State Water Resources Control Board (Section 402 Clean Water Act- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities), West County Wastewater District plant (temporary real property agreement). Coordination and/or approval from the City of Richmond may be necessary due to the Project partially taking place within the City of Richmond as a CEQA-responsible agency.

Other agencies may include:

- Contra Costa County Public Works Department
- Contra Costa County Building Inspection Division
- Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
- Contra Costa County Health Services Department, Environmental Health Division
- Contra Costa Water District
- EBMUD