

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Russian River Parkway

Lead Agency: Sonoma County Regional Parks

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Project Location: Geysers Road, north of Cloverdale, unincorporated Sonoma County

City

County

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

The Russian River Parkway Project (project) is proposed by Regional Parks to create three new formal access areas to the Russian River with new public amenities between Cloverdale and the Sonoma County/Mendocino County line. The project would include the construction of trailheads and new and improved trails accessing the Russian River, as well as formal parking areas, picnic facilities, restrooms, garbage and recycling receptacles, interpretive features, a connector path along Geysers Road connecting the three new access areas, and invasive vegetation management.

The overall goal of the project is to create new formal public access to the Russian River north of Cloverdale along Geysers Road, where heavy recreational use has degraded the environment and caused community conflicts. By formalizing and managing the new river access, the project is anticipated to reduce trespassing, pollution, illegal dumping, and vandalism resulting from unregulated heavy use; and increase safety and accessibility by providing delineated parking and formalized trail access to the Russian River.

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 III. b) potential cumulatively considerable net increase of criteria pollutants

Biological Resources IV. A-c: potential impacts on special-status species, riparian habitat, and protected wetlands

Cultural Resources V. b, c: Site and literature surveys have not revealed resources, potential for accidental discovery during construction

Geology and Soils VII. F. Site and literature surveys have not revealed paleontological resources, potential for accidental discovery during construction

Hydrology and Water Quality X.a, e potential to violate water quality standards or conflict with water quality plan during construction

Tribal Cultural Resources – Tribe has declared interest in consultation. Sonoma County Regional Parks is working with Tribal Entities to ensure resource protection in addition to mitigation for cultural resources.

Wildfire XX. Located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as high fire hazard severity zones

Mitigation Measure AQ-1: Implement Construction Dust Reduction Measures - Contractor shall implement 11 different construction BMPs to reduce particulate emissions.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Avoid and Minimize Runoff from Trail Construction on the Bank of the Russian River – BMPs and staying out of the River

Mitigation Measure BIO-2a: Conduct Worker Environmental Awareness Training

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

Existing use in the project area has created conflicts between Russian River users, unhoused population, and neighbors. The project is intended to address and reduce these conflicts while protecting natural resources.

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

County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Public Infrastructure
California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region 3
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 1

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