

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Piedras Blancas California Coastal Trail Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Parks and Recreation

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Project Location: 14 miles north of Cambria at Piedras Blancas

San Luis Obispo County

*City*

*County*

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

The Piedras Blancas California Coastal Trail Project (PBCT) consists of 4.2 miles of accessible trail including boardwalks, bridges, and compacted gravel surfaces. The trail width will vary between 4 and 5 feet (5 feet wide on bridges and boardwalk structures and 4 feet wide on improved aggregate trail surfaces) and cover approximately 2.5 acres in area. The PBCT would be located west of Highway 1 and would extend north from the elephant seal boardwalk at Caltrans Vista Point 4 parking lot to the Arroyo de la Cruz parking lot and trailhead. The project will include 9 boardwalks and vista points and 4 bridges along the trail. The PBCT will be an accessible, multi-use trail for hikers and cyclists.

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 wetlands, riparian habitat, and associated listed species, and elephant seal haul-out beaches would be mitigated by: installation of bridges and raised boardwalks over sensitive habitat; installation of elephant seal fencing and viewing platforms to separate visitors from haul-out beaches; on-site & off-site mitigation / out-planting of wetland and sensitive plant species; scheduling construction during summer months to avoid sensitive species; incorporation of best management practices including erosion control measures such as straw wattles and fiber rolls & covering piles of material with tarps & surrounding piles with straw wattle; reseeding and revegetating disturbed areas adjacent to the trail; staging of materials & equipment at existing parking lots; biological monitoring and pre-construction surveys for listed species & nesting birds.

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

Known issues of controversy include proximity to elephant seal haul-out beaches, visitation impacts, adequacy of parking and related facilities, impacts to riparian and wetland species.

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

California Department of Parks and Recreation  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
California Coastal Commission  
California Department of Transportation  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
U.S. Department of Commerce - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District