

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Lower Hobo and Diamond Crestview Fuel Modification Project

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Project Location: Laguna Beach

City

Orange

County

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

The City of Laguna Beach Fire Department proposes to apply fuel management practices within the City of Laguna Beach, California. FMZ 16 (Lower Hobo) and FMZ 19 (Diamond Crestview) would consist of approximately 100-foot-wide zones of reduced vegetation. Removal and/or thinning of heavy vegetation would reduce potential wildfire ignition of primarily residential properties, increase evacuation time for residents, and improve access for firefighters to protect structures. The project would reduce fire line intensity, reduce wildfire rates of spread, and improve occupant safety. Lastly, it would protect High/Very High Value Habitat containing special-status plant species. Fuel modification activities would be conducted in accordance with the City's Treatment Protocols for Fuel Modification Zones Subject to Coastal Development Permitting. Fuel management methods would rely on hand crews due to the presence of special-status species and steep topography. Fuel loads would be reduced or completely removed depending on species composition. Non-native vegetation would be transported to a green waste recycling facility or landfill if not accepted. Exclusion areas would be established to avoid disturbance to High/Very High Value Habitat and drainage courses.

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

The project would have potentially significant effects on biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, and hazards and hazardous materials without the inclusion of the following mitigation measures.

Biological resources mitigation measures (BIO-1 through BIO-5) include assigning a qualified biologist, conducting preconstruction surveys, implementing nesting bird avoidance, monitoring project activities, and conducting worker training.

Cultural resources mitigation measures (CUL-1 through CUL-3) include retaining a professional archaeologist to provide on-call monitoring services, training workers on recognizing cultural resources, and providing protocols in the event of the discovery of human remains.

Geology and soils and wildfire mitigation measure (GEO-1) includes adherence to fuel modification protocols in landslide-prone areas.

Hazards and hazardous materials mitigation measure (HAZ-1) includes provisions for refueling of power tools and prevention and clean-up of fuel spills.

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 known areas of controversy.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Coastal Commission
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
South Coast Air Quality Management District
California Department of Natural Resources
San Diego RWQCB