

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**Form F**

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Project Title: West Covina Medical Center Behavioral Health Building AdditionLead Agency: City of West CovinaContact Name: Jo-Anne Burns, Deputy Community Development DirectorEmail: jburns@westcovina.org Phone Number: (626) 939-8422Project Location: 725 South Orange Avenue, City of West Covina Los Angeles County
City County

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

The proposed project would construct a 4-story 42,000-square-foot behavioral health facility on the east side of the 2.83-acre West Covina Medical Center property in the City of West Covina (725 S Orange Ave, APN 8474-001-022). The proposed facility would have 71 licensed beds, a patient drop off area at the southeast side of the facility, an ambulance drop-off area at the north side near Interstate 10, and a kitchen service area that would serve the existing 46 patient beds in the existing medical facility and the 71 patient beds for the proposed facility. The proposed facility would be up to 70 feet in height. All patients would be transported to the proposed facility for treatment via emergency service vehicles from another facility. The existing 38 trees on the eastern portion of the project site, of which 25 trees are classified as significant trees per Section 26-258 of the West Covina Municipal Code, would be removed to accommodate the proposed project. The existing 55 parking spaces at the eastern portion of the project site would be removed and 4 parking spaces would remain. The carport and parking spaces to the west of the existing building would be removed with only 2 parking spaces remaining.

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 a significant impact on biological resources (migratory birds), archaeological resources, paleontological resources, construction noise, transportation-related policies and hazards, and tribal cultural resources. These impacts would be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures. Mitigation Measure BR-1 would require a nesting survey be conducted if tree removal or trimming activities occur during the nesting season (February 1 to August 31). The nesting survey would be conducted prior to tree removal or trimming activities to ensure that no active nests are present.

No archaeological resources are known to exist on the project site, and ground-disturbing activities are not expected to disturb native soil. However, encountering unanticipated archaeological and paleontological resources during ground disturbance is a possibility. Mitigation Measures CR-1 and GS-1 consist of procedural steps to take in the event of unanticipated archaeological and paleontological resource discovery, respectively, during construction. These mitigation measures would reduce the potential for the destruction of any significant archaeological resource or unique paleontological resource.

The existing medical facilities on the project site may experience short-term disruptive noise events during construction. Mitigation Measure N-1 requires the preparation of a Noise Control Plan to minimize construction noise exposure at these existing medical facilities.

Mitigation Measure T-1 would provide greater visibility and safety to pedestrians and motorists at the existing crosswalk at the Orange Ave/Cameron Ave intersection. Mitigation Measure T-2 would improve the line-of-sight at the on- and off-site parking lots. These mitigation measures would improve safety along Orange Ave and at the Orange Ave/Cameron Ave intersection and would support Policies 4.2, 4.3, 4.5 of the City's General Plan Circulation Element.

No significant tribal cultural resources have been identified on the project site, but it is possible that tribal cultural resources could be discovered during ground disturbing activities. Mitigation Measures TR-1 through TR-3 would ensure that any inadvertent discovery of tribal cultural resources encountered during ground-disturbing activities are properly documented, salvaged, and protected.

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

No known areas of controversy are known to the Lead Agency.

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

No responsible or trustee agencies are known for the project.