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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Santa Ana River Trail Project, Segment 3B

Lead Agency: Riverside County Transportation Commission

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Project Location: Corona, Riverside County
City County

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

The Proposed Project involves installing a multi-use trail in SART Phase 3B which is located within the Prado Dam Flood Control Basin area of the Santa Ana River in unincorporated Riverside County, California. The Proposed Project will construct a 0.66-mile gap in the 110-mile planned alignment, connecting to or narrowing the distance from existing constructed portions of the trail upstream and downstream of Prado Basin. The Proposed Project include construction of a Class I asphalt/concrete bicycle path with decomposed granite pedestrian and equestrian path with a general design, as follows: Ten-foot bicycle path travel way with two-foot shoulders, five percent maximum slope, two percent maximum cross fall path and shoulder slopes, minimum 2 to 1 foot slope ratio for cut/fill slopes, and signage and striping along the trail. The construction phasing and activities are expected to take approximately eight months to complete for this trail phase. Construction is anticipated to be initiated and completed in 2026, though the estimated date may be subject to change.

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

Biological Resources - One special-status plant species is known to be present (paniculate tarplant). In addition, there are special-status wildlife species and include least Bell's vireo (LBV) and coastal California gnatcatcher (CAGN). The Project site is also part of the Western Riverside County Multit-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and is designated as Critical Habitat by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service LBV and CAGN. There are also sensitive habitats (i.e., coastal sage scrub) that would be removed to construct the trail. Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO 7 would reduce these impacts to less than significant.

Cultural Resources - The analysis indicated that there are three historic-period cultural resources intersect with the Project site. However, these resources would not be directly affected by the proposed Project as the proposed trail alignment avoids them entirely or they have since been demolished. The Project site was also investigated for archaeological resources, although none were identified. Nevertheless, the presence of such resources cannot be entirely discounted. As such, Mitigation Measure CUL-1 was identified and would reduce impacts to less than significant.

Geology and Soils - The analysis indicated the Project Area has a low-to-high paleontological potential, increasing with depth. Therefore, impacts to potential paleontological resources is considered potentially significant. Mitigation Measures GEO-1 through GEO-4 would reduce these impacts to less than significant levels.

Recreation - The proposed Project was determined to result in adverse physical impacts on the environment but would be mitigated to less than significant levels with the mitigation measures noted above.

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.

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

United States Army Corps of Engineers
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Regional Water Quality Control Board
City of Corona