

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

The City received seven responses to the NOP including three responses from State, local and non-profit agencies and four responses from public commenters. Topics raised in the NOP responses, included in Appendix A of the Draft EIR, include: Caltrans review, project alternatives, open space, transportation & circulation, City and State parks, agriculture, biological resources, ESHA, and land use changes.

These responses are addressed, as appropriate, in the analysis contained in the various subsections of the Draft EIR. The City also held a public scoping meeting for the EIR on November 21, 2017 in the Facility Room of the Veteran's Memorial Building, located at 209 Surf Street in Morro Bay.

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

The California Coastal Commission would be a responsible agency for certification of the General Plan and LCP Update, Zoning Code Update, and Coastal Implementation Plan included in the project.

Although not responsible agencies under CEQA, several other agencies have review authority over aspects of the proposed project or approval authority over projects that could potentially be implemented in accordance with various objectives and policies included in the General Plan and LCP Update. These agencies and their roles are listed below.

* The State Geologist is responsible for the review of the City's program for minimizing exposure to geologic hazards and for regulating surface mining activities.

* The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has responsibility for approving future improvements to the state highway system, including State Route 1 (SR 1) and State Route 41 (SR 41) West.

* The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has responsibility for issuing take permits and streambed alteration agreements for any projects with the potential to affect plant or animal species listed by the State of California as rare, threatened, or endangered or that would disturb waters of the State.

Trustee agencies have jurisdiction over certain resources held in trust for the people of California but do not have a legal authority over approving or carrying out the project. CEQA Guidelines Section 15386 designates four agencies as trustee agencies:

1. CDFW with regard to the fish and wildlife of the state, to designated rare or endangered native plants, and to game refuges, ecological reserves, and other areas administered by the department;
2. The State Lands Commission with regard to state owned "sovereign" lands such as the beds of navigable waters and state school lands;
3. The California Department of Parks and Recreation, with regard to units of the State park System; and
4. The University of California, with regard to sites within the Natural Land and Water Reserves System.