

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: City of Arcata Arcata Ridge Trail - Fickle Hill Segment

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Project Location: Arcata

City

Humboldt

County

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

The City of Arcata (City) proposes to complete improvements to a trail segment in the Arcata Community Forest Sunnybrae Tract in Arcata, California. The project site is immediately south of Fickle Hill Road, within parcel APN 500-022-004, a 6.17-acre parcel owned by the City of Arcata. The proposed Project will construct approximately 1,600 linear feet of recreational trail. The project involves construction, use, and maintenance of the recreational trail segment. The project also includes a crossing of Fickle Hill Road to facilitate recreational use connectivity. The trail segment connects two tracts that are part of the greater Arcata Community Forest and is part of the Arcata Ridge Trail.

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

It has been determined the project could not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

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 project does not have any areas of concern or controversy raised by public agencies. The project included scoping with the County of Humboldt, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. All comments received during scoping were incorporated into the project and/or addressed in the Initial Study.

The project is located in a watershed basin that also includes a small domestic water sources. The project did raise concerns among some users of the water source regarding potential water quality impacts and slope stability post project. A subset of the concerned users of the water source sued the City alleging that the environmental analysis which previously led to a Categorical Exemption did not address concerns about water quality, geology, biology, and cultural resources. The suit was filed in the Humboldt County Superior Court, and the parties entered into a stipulated temporary restraining order (TRO) in which the City agreed to delay project work until a new CEQA determination is made by the City after a noticed public hearing, which is based on additional environmental analysis. This IS/ND was developed in satisfaction of the stipulated TRO.

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

Humboldt County Public Works, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.