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DATE: February 14, 2024
PROJECT TITLE: Fox Lane Trail Improvement Project
PROJECT LOCATION: Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Open Space Preserve
ASSESSORS' PARCEL: 175-010-93, 177-041-03, 177-041-05, 177-071-09

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the existing trail to multi-use standards as defined in the Marin County Open Space District's Road and Trail Management Plan. This will entail widening the trail, improving tread condition, and improving site lines. The Fox Lane Trail extends from the end of Fox Lane in San Anselmo to the Mission Pass Bike Path and traverses the northside of the Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Divide ridgeline through non-native grassland and oak/bay woodland vegetation types. It is approximately 1,000 feet in length with an average gradient of 9 percent. The geomorphic location of the trail is best described as ridgetop to upper convex slope. Existing trail width is approximately 1 to 2 feet.

The proposed project would widen Fox Lane Trail to a maximum of six feet. The trail tread would be improved by grading to achieve a 5 percent outslope and installing draining improvements including rolling dips, grade reversals, and an outboard wall that would consist of cut material from the trail improvement supplemented by riprap. Sections of the trail would be topped with Mayacama Red or similar tread material to protect tree roots and to raise the trail tread. The total project area is approximately 0.1 acre.

The non-native grassland and oak/bay woodland vegetation types in the project area are delineated in MCOSDs Vegetation Management Zone map as Highly Disturbed Zone and Sustainable Natural System Zone, respectively. No watercourses intersect the trail. Vegetation removal would include annual non-native grasses, forbs, and eight bay trees with diameter at breast-height (DBH) of less than 8-inches and three 2-inch DBH oaks would be selectively removed for trail widening and site line improvements. The MCOSD would implement applicable RTMP policies and Best Management Practices to protect habitat, wildlife, bird, and bat species during project implementation. Implementation and use of the proposed project would not impact special status plant, wildlife, nesting birds, protected habitats, or jurisdictional waters. For these reasons, no regulatory permit authorizations are required.

Equipment would include a trail dozer, mini excavator, tracked carrier, water tender, and soil compactor. Standard trail construction Best Management Practices will be implemented for dust control, sediment transport from the work site, and spill containment precautions. The project is anticipated to start April 1, 2024, depending on soil conditions and is expected to take one month to complete.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks and Open Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Marin County Parks and Open Space District

Reasons for Exemption: The MCOSD has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

Section 15301: Existing Facilities. The proposed project consists of improvements to the existing Fox Lane Trail at Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Open Space Preserve. No expansion of existing or former use would result from implementation of the proposed project. The proposed project is not located in a sensitive environment such as wetlands or on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The project area is not located within an officially designated state scenic highway and nonetheless would not affect scenic resources including trees, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resource. The removal of eleven small diameter tree would not affect overall scenic resources or habitat because of the density of remaining trees in the project area. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in cumulative impacts; result in a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances; or change the significance of a historical resource.

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