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SCH #: 2018121017

Project Title: Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan Environmental Impact Report

Lead Agency: San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

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Project Location: San Bernardino

City

San Bernardino

County

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

The proposed project is adoption and implementation of the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan, which is a species conservation plan that provides a habitat conservation and restoration framework to improve conditions for plant and animal species across 862,966 acres in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The proposed project provides conservation measures, to be implemented within a habitat preserve system, to offset adverse effects on species and their habitats. The proposed conservation framework will help streamline endangered species permitting for specific agency and other projects and provides a comprehensive conservation approach to benefit threatened and endangered species in the Upper Santa Ana River watershed.

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

The DEIR discusses the Proposed Project ' s impacts associated with implementation and management of the Proposed Project and identifies where significant environmental impacts may occur. The analysis outlines mitigation strategies to be implemented by the Valley District and Permittees to avoid or minimize impacts wherever feasible. The DEIR anticipates that the Proposed Project may have significant and unavoidable effects on the environment in the following resource areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hydrology, and Tribal Cultural Resources. In addition, the HCP would not have any direct growth-inducing impacts because no development that would increase the demand for water and wastewater services would be specifically authorized. The Proposed Project would not confer or imply authorization of specific activities or projects and all Covered Activities and projects would be subject to the approval authority of the individual Permittee Agencies in whose jurisdiction the activity or project would occur. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in direct or indirect growth-inducing impacts.

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

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15123(b)(2), a lead agency is required to include in the EIR areas of controversy raised by agencies and the public during the public scoping process. Issues of concern and issue areas include Santa Ana sucker, cultural and tribal resources, biological resources, water resources availability, air quality, greenhouse gases, cumulative effects, recreational uses and activities within the Santa Ana River area, public access, impacts on existing infrastructure projects, long-term restoration success, property acquisition impacts, timing of implementation and maintenance of activities, alternatives, and homeless encampments.

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

Responsible agencies include the: California Air Resources Board, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Conservation, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Native American Heritage Commission, Office of Historic Preservation, and Regional Water Quality Control Board 8.