

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2017101004

Project Title: Oakhurst Midtown Connector Project, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

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Project Location: Community of Oakhurst, Madera County

City

County

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

The proposed Project will include construction of a new, two-lane road (Midtown Connector) connecting SR 41 on the northwest with Indian Springs Road on the southeast. The Project will include a bridge approximately 365 feet in length over Nelder Creek (Fresno River). The roadway will include 12-foot wide travel lanes; a sidewalk, and separate bike lane on either side of the road. The Project will also include intersection improvements at SR 41 and Midtown Connector, including installation of a traffic signal, and widening of SR 41 from two to four travel lanes for a distance of 1,742 feet (from approximately Katie's Kountry Kitchen on the south to Hartwell Road to the north). The Project will include improvements at the intersection of Road 427 (High School Road) and Indian Springs Road, including installation of a three-way signal and two left-turn lanes on Road 427.

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

With implementation of the mitigation measures, impacts will be less than significant. See Section Four of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for a full matrix of the mitigation measures. They have been provided for the following impact sections:

Aesthetics (removal of trees), Biological Resources (botanical, zoological and wetlands), Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials (construction phase), and Noise (construction phase).

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 County experienced primarily positive feedback from the community to date. Nearby residents requested additional information regarding noise, removal of an unused well, stormwater runoff and potential safety issues from the nearby roadway. All questions were addressed by the County to the residents' satisfaction before the draft IS/MND was completed.

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

Air Resources Board, Caltrans District #6, California Fish & Game (Wildlife) Region # 4, Native American Heritage Commission, Office of Historic Preservation, State Lands Commission, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.