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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Sediment and Wood Augmentation along the Trinity River Restoration Reach

Lead Agency: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Project Location: On the Trinity River near Junction City, CA (*City*) Trinity (*County*)

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

The project would allow for wood placement to occur at the proposed winter-spring augmentation sites and at the existing augmentation sites to enhance the efficacy of sediment augmentation activities and improve aquatic resources, during the winter-spring augmentation period of December 1 and May 1, to coincide with synchronized flow releases and winter elevated baseflow releases. Winter-spring augmentation activities may occur as early as November 1 during extremely wet precipitation periods. These four proposed sediment and wood augmentation sites are located within the channel rehabilitation project environmental study limits at Dark Gulch, Trinity House Gulch, Steel Bridge, and Vitzthum Gulch. The purpose of the project is to add suitable-sized sediment and wood through manual augmentation at up to four new potential sites. Sediment and wood augmentation would: Provide sediment and wood to the river that would help create natural bar, riffle, and pool sequences; Promote scour and fill processes that form bars and pools in the river channel; Provide juvenile rearing habitat in the active channel, including refugia from predators, as opposed to floodplain rearing habitat that is only available during high flows; Create and maintain areas suitable for adult salmon to lay eggs (also known as spawning beds for redd construction); Increase the topographic complexity of the river channel; Increase habitat for salmon prey, including macroinvertebrates associated with in-channel wood; Address the deficit of woody material in the Trinity River, which would increase the availability of organic matter in the channel and floodplain, help to develop and support diverse habitat; and Increase total natural occurring salmon population within the restoration reach.

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

A Master EIR was published in 2009 to evaluate the potential impacts of the Trinity River Restoration Program's channel rehabilitation and sediment management program. All mitigation measures to reduce impacts to less than significant, as described in the Master EIR's Mitgation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) have been incorporated into the present Chapman Ranch Phase A Project. Appendix D of the Chapman Ranch Phase A Project Environmental Assessment/Initial Study is the MMRP for the proposed project.

The 2009 Master EIR (North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. 2009. Channel rehabilitation and sediment management for remaining Phase 1 and Phase 2 sites. Master environmental impact report, environmental assessment/ environmental impact report. Trinity River Restoration Program. August 2009. SCH#2008032110) is found at: http://www.trrp.net/library/document/?id=476

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

None

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

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (the State Project Lead) and Trinity County will act as CEQA responsible agencies. The Army Corps of Engineers will also permit the project for the federal government under their Nationwide Permit 27 - for Aquatic Habitat Restoration activities.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) serves on the TRRP's governing board, the Trinity Management Council, and has provided project input. The CDFW serves as a trustee agency for the project. In addition, the following agencies (and tribes) have provided project guidance as member agencies of the TRRP: the California Department of Water Resources, the National Marine Fisheries Service, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, The Bureau of Reclamation, Trinity County, the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes.

In addition, the Bureau of Land Management is a project co-lead for NEPA and manages the proposed project lands for multiple public uses.