

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: Not yet assigned **2019039032**

Project Title: Regional Lift Station Force Main Replacement Project

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Project Location: Laguna Niguel

Orange

City

County

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

The project would replace existing sewage force mains with new dual 24-inch force mains, each approximately 8,500 linear feet in length, in a new alignment. The force mains would begin at the Regional Lift Station near Alicia Parkway, and head east and travel alongside the main access road for the Laguna Niguel Regional Park. The force mains would then head south following a service path on the east side of the Sulphur Creek Reservoir. The alignment would end at the Joint Regional Treatment Plant operated by the South Orange County Wastewater Authority (SOCWA). Sewer service would be maintained through the existing pipes during construction. MNWD would install the new force mains utilizing open-cut trenching and trenchless installation methods. Trenchless installation methods may include microtunneling or jack and bore construction. One or both of the existing force mains will be repurposed for secondary effluent from the Regional Treatment Plant.

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

1. Biological Resources: Southern Pond Turtle and Two-Striped Garter Snake - mitigation includes pre-construction surveys and training programs; Nesting Birds - mitigation includes pre-construction surveys and a biological monitor; Tricolored Blackbird - mitigation includes pre-construction surveys and a biological monitor; Burrowing Owl - mitigation includes a take avoidance survey and avoidance measures; Least Bell's Vireo - mitigation includes compensatory mitigation and a biological monitor; Jurisdictional Resources - mitigation includes compensatory mitigation and the use of standard Best Management Practices.
2. Cultural Resources: Worker Environmental Awareness Program - mitigation includes an awareness program conducted by qualified archaeologist and TCA Native American monitor; Cultural Resources Monitoring - mitigation includes monitoring of ground disturbing activities by qualified archaeologist and TCA Native American monitor; Cultural Resources Monitoring Report - mitigation includes documenting methods and results of monitoring program; Human Remains - mitigation includes contacting County Coroner if human remains are discovered.
3. Paleontological Resources: Paleontological Resources Mitigation and Monitoring Plan - mitigation includes preparation of a mitigation and monitoring plan prior to construction carried out and managed by a qualified paleontologist.

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

There are no specific areas of known controversy known to the District, however the project area contains sensitive biological resources and has a high sensitivity for the presence of cultural resources.

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

OC Parks; State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB); California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).