

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: TBD

Project Title: Ojai Water System Improvements Project

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Project Location: City of Ojai and unincorporated Ventura County
City

Ventura
County

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

The Ojai Water System Improvements Project (proposed project) involves the replacement of pipeline segments to improve fire flow and/or pipeline segments approaching the end of their service life. The general purpose of the proposed project is to improve fire flow and replace aging mains, not to increase pipeline capacity to serve additional customers. The proposed project replaces approximately eight miles of pipeline segments throughout the Ojai system service area, and includes plans to rehabilitate two tanks, demolish three existing tanks, and construct one new tank; rehabilitate one booster pump station, upgrade an additional pump station, demolish and construct two new pump stations, and abandon one pump station; and rehabilitate or replace six active wells in the Ojai system. Tank, booster pump station, and well rehabilitation involves replacing existing infrastructure with similar capacity infrastructure. Booster pump station upgrades would occur at the Heidelberger pump station and involve activities similar to pump rehabilitation, such as replacement of existing pumps, but also include installation of an additional pump. The proposed project also includes potential construction of a new well in the Ojai system.

The majority of the project alignment would be located in public rights-of-way (roadways) in the city of Ojai and unincorporated Ventura County, including but not limited to East and West Ojai Avenue (State Route 150), Grand Avenue, Aliso Street, Montgomery Street, Ventura Street, and Foothill Road.

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

The findings of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) indicate the proposed project could result in potentially significant effects to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, transportation, wildfire, and mandatory findings of significance. Based on the findings of the IS/MND, all potential impacts of the proposed project would be reduced to a less than significant level with implementation of the following mitigation measures (MM): MM BIO-1 through BIO-17, which include requirements to implement a Worker Environmental Awareness Program, pre-construction wildlife surveys, nesting bird season avoidance and surveys, site management and water quality best management practices, and tree protection measures; MM CUL-1 through CUL-3, which require archaeological monitoring, Native American monitoring, and protocols to be followed in the event of unanticipated discovery of cultural resources; MM GEO-1, which requires paleontological monitoring during ground disturbing activities; MM HAZ-1, requiring a Hazardous Materials Management and Spill Control Plan; MM HAZ-2, establishing protocols in the event of unanticipated discovery of contaminated soil or groundwater; MM TRA-1, which requires preparation of a Traffic Control Plan; and MM TRA-2, which requires notification to emergency service providers within 0.5 mile of the project alignment prior to the start of construction.

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 areas of controversy known the the Lead Agency at this time.

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

Trustee Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)