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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Cotta Road Bridge Replacement Project

Lead Agency: San Joaquin County Public Works Department (SJCPWD)

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Project Location: East of City of Lodi in unincorporated San Joaquin Co.
City *County*

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

San Joaquin County is proposing to replace the deteriorating two-span Cotta Road bridge over the Upland Canal, constructed in 1974, with a new single-span voided-slab bridge. The new bridge will be approximately 26 feet long, including two 9-foot-wide traffic lanes with 2.25-foot shoulders, and two one-foot, nine-inch wide Type 80 concrete barriers on each exterior edge of the bridge. The proposed project also includes bridge approach work including impact attenuators on the two western approaches and guardrails on the eastern approaches. The existing bridge will be removed in its entirety, and the debris will be transported off-site for disposal at a suitable location. Note: The NEPA process has been completed for this project under Caltrans District 10 (Federal Project No. BRLO 5929(234), for the 2015 Federal State Transportation Improvement Program, p. 93.

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

Project construction in and around Upland Canal could affect individual Giant Garter Snakes (GGS), western pond turtle, western red bat, and other protected species and their habitats. Numerous environmental-protection measures are incorporated into the project design and workflow, as required under permits from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other regulatory agencies. These measures are summarized in the IS-ND discussions and detailed in the project's approved Preliminary Environmental Study with supporting Technical Studies performed in 2016 for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Biological Assessment performed for the project in 2018, the Biological Opinion Letter issued by the USFWS on November 15, 2018, the Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP) required for the project, and others.

Examples of incorporated measures include: construction shall occur between May 1 and October 1 during the active period for GGS; pre-construction surveys for protected species will be required, contractors will limit vegetation clearing within 200 feet of the banks of potential GGS aquatic habitat to the minimal area necessary and restrict heavy equipment movement within 200 feet of the banks of potential GGS aquatic habitat to existing roadways; prior to ground disturbance, all on-site construction personnel shall be given instruction regarding GGS and the importance of avoiding impacts; temporary fencing will be installed at the edge of the construction area and adjacent to the areas where wetlands, irrigation ditches, marsh areas or other potential GGS habitats are being retained on the site; construction runoff into wetland areas will be limited through the use of hay bales, filter fences, vegetative buffer strips, or other acceptable equivalents; areas disturbed by the action will be restored to pre-construction conditions and topography that promotes upland and aquatic habitats for GGS and other protected species.

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

No areas of controversy are known to San Joaquin County.

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

Caltrans District 10 (Federal funding)
California Fish and Wildlife Region 3
California Resources Agency
California Water Resources Control Board Region 5