

Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # pending

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Title: Culvert Rehab and Fish Passage

Project Location: Hiouchi Del Norte
City *County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

Caltrans proposes to replace or rehabilitate four deteriorating culverts (from postmile (PM) 1.11 to 2.56) and improve fish passage through Clarks Creek culvert (PM 2.56) on U.S. 199 in Del Norte County. The project is needed because the deficient drainage facilities are compromising the structural integrity of the roadway and preventing up stream fish migration at the Clarks Creek culvert crossing.

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

The proposed project would have less than significant impacts to visual/aesthetics, biological resources, hydrology and water quality, recreation, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions. All other resource impacts would be minimal as a result of the project. No mitigation measures are being proposed. Caltrans standard measures would be deployed to lessen already "less than significant" impacts. The project would have an overall net benefit to water quality as drainage facilities would be improved and a fish passage barrier would be remediated.

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

Clarks Creek (PM 2.56) is a high priority fish passage remediation site. Regulatory agencies have expressed interest in the design and fish relocation plan at this location. Listed fish and amphibian species are present at this location and close coordination with the agencies would take place. The project also takes place within Jedediah Smith Redwood State Parks and among large diameter Redwood trees and sensitive species habitat. Close coordination with State Parks has taken place and would continue for the life of the project.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California State Parks
North Coast Region Water Quality Control Board
National Marine Fisheries Service
National Park Service
U.S Forest Service
U.S Army Corps of Engineers
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service