

Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # _____

Lead Agency: Saucelito Irrigation District

Project Title: Deer Creek – Friant Kern Canal Water Bank Project

Project Location: Unincorporated

City

County

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

The proposed project will involve construction on approximately 3 acres in an unincorporated area of Tulare County, California, approximately four miles north-west of the Terra Bella Community and 15 miles north of the southern Tulare County Border. The site is currently operated as a groundwater recharge basin and is designated for agricultural use by the Tulare County General Plan and Tulare County Zoning Code.

The proposed project will involve the construction and operation of four water recovery wells, approximately 0.2 miles of two-way 48" pipeline, and approximately 1.3 miles of collection pipelines ranging from 12" to 24". The purpose of the proposed project is to bank water that is periodically available above current needs from the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project (Friant), and to make that water available to lawful recipients during times when it is needed. The project will incorporate 69 acres of existing recharge basin and one existing irrigation well into project operations. The project does not entail any modifications to the Friant Kern Canal (FKC) and does not include pump-in of recovered water into the FKC.

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 following is a summary of the potential impacts and mitigation proposed to reduce potentially significant impacts.

Biological Resources - Preconstruction surveys, Construction timing to avoid potential impacts to pallid bat, Townsend's big-eared bat maternity roosts, Swainson's hawk nests, tri-colored black bird, and avian nest colonies, eviction protocols if a non-breeding bat roost is found in disturbance area, passive relocation of resident burrowing owls, disturbance free buffers or avoidance if bat maternity colony, Swainson's hawk nest, Burrowing Owl nest burrows, avian nest colonies, or Kit fox den is detected during preconstruction survey, Biological monitoring during construction, Coordination with CDFW and USFWS, Employee education program, Tree survey to determine if any native trees were removed during project construction, revegetation program to replace removed native trees

Cultural Resources & Tribal Cultural Resources - Cease construction activities upon discovery of a relevant find, contacting relevant parties

Geology and Soils - Comply with the project Monitoring and Operational Constraints Plan, which includes Subsidence monitoring and reporting procedures.

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.

No known areas of controversy have been raised by public or agencies.

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

None