

Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # _____

Lead Agency: Porterville Irrigation District

Project Title: Tule River - Friant Kern Canal Water Bank

Project Location: Unincorporated Tulare County

City

County

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

The proposed project will involve construction on approximately 130 acres in an unincorporated area of Tulare County, California, approximately 1 mile west of the City of Porterville. 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 six water recovery wells, a turnout from the Woods Central Canal, a pump station, 0.5 miles of canal, one mile of pipeline, an overflow monitoring and alarm system, and 125 acres of permanent groundwater recharge basin to replace 90 acres of existing temporary basins. 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 from the Tule River, and to make that water available to lawful recipients during times when it is needed. 26 acres of existing permanent recharge basins 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 Swainson's hawk nests, tri-colored black bird, and avian nest colonies, passive relocation of resident burrowing owls, disturbance free buffers or avoidance if 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.

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.