

## Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: Stockton East Water District

Project Title: Whittle's Ranch Crossings of Hoods Creek

Project Location: Eugene Stanislaus  
*City* *County*

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

Stockton East Water District (District or SEWD) is proposing to construct three (3) crossings over Hoods Creek for the Whittle family and/Whittle Ranch, Inc. (collectively Whittles). The properties are privately owned by the Whittles. The constructed facilities will install low water culvert crossings consisting of precast box culverts with foundations. All crossings will be up to 24 feet wide and have lengths of 65 feet long, 70 feet long, and 89 feet long. Each crossing will arrive on site as multiple precast box culvert section, each approximately 6 feet long. The full crossing width and length will be accomplished by securing multiple sections of precast box culverts together and adjacent to each other.

The proposed project is located in the northeast area of Stanislaus County, south of Highway 4 and east of Milton Road, near the town of Eugene.

With mitigation, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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

### Disturbance of American Badger (Special Status Specie)

BIO-01: Every individual working on the Project must attend a biological awareness training session delivered by a qualified biologist. This training program shall include information regarding sensitive habitats, special-status species and the importance of avoiding impacts to these species and their habitat.

BIO-02: No less than 14 days and no more than 30 days prior to the beginning of ground disturbance and/or construction activities, a qualified biologist will conduct a survey to determine if American badger den sites are present at the site. If dens are found, they will be monitored for badger activity. If the qualified biologist determines that dens may be active, the entrances of the dens will be blocked with soil, sticks, and debris for three to five days to discourage the use of these dens prior to Project disturbance activities. The den entrances will be blocked to an incrementally greater degree over the 3 to 5-day period. After the qualified biologist determines that badgers have stopped using active dens, the dens will be hand-excavated with a shovel to prevent re-use during construction. No disturbance of active dens will take place when cubs may be present and dependent on parental care, as determined by a qualified biologist.

### Disturbance of Migratory Birds

BIO-03: If vegetation removal is to take place during the nesting season (February 1–August 31), a pre-construction nesting bird survey must be conducted within 7 days prior to the start of construction. A minimum 100-foot no-disturbance buffer will be established around any active nest of migratory birds and a minimum 300-foot no-disturbance buffer will be established around any nesting raptor species. The contractor must immediately stop work in the nesting area until the

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appropriate buffer is established and is prohibited from conducting work that could disturb the birds (as determined by the Project biologist and in coordination with wildlife agencies) in the buffer area until a qualified biologist determines the young have fledged

### **Disturbance of Wetlands**

BIO-04: Prior to the start of construction activities, the Project limits in proximity to Shirley-Hoods Creek and the wetland will be marked with high visibility Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) fencing or staking to ensure construction will not further encroach into waters or any other biologically sensitive resources detected during preconstruction surveys.

### **Disturbance of Cultural Resources**

CR-01: If previously unidentified historical or cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find and develop a plan for documentation and removal of resources, if necessary.

CR-02: Prior to project construction, the District shall perform cultural sensitivity training for all employees, contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other District representatives that will be present during construction. The cultural sensitivity training shall be administered by a qualified archaeologist.

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.

N/A

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

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