

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019099084

Project Title: Tule River Spillway Enlargement Road Realignment and Right Abutment Spillway Cut

Lead Agency: Lower Tule River Irrigation District

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Project Location: near Porterville, Tulare County
City County

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

The Lower Tule River Irrigation District (Lead Agency) and the United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (Federal Sponsor) are proposing a spillway cut to widen the Success Dam Emergency Spillway and to realign a portion of an existing road (Worth Drive / Avenue 146) from the spillway to a bench on the right abutment of the spillway. The existing spillway has a current width of 200 feet with a public access road within the footprint. To accommodate the modified spillway, the paved access road that currently passes through the spillway would need to be relocated/realigned. The new alignment will also be useful in allowing for the use of sandbags or other temporary measures that have historically been undertaken to temporary increase the elevation of the existing spillway, and thereby increase the storage capacity of Success Reservoir for flood protection purposes. The existing USACE road through the spillway allows public access to the Rocky Hill Recreation Area and two residences when the reservoir is not at full capacity. This road is currently located between the right abutment slope of the spillway and the spillway channel. USACE is proposing to relocate the road onto a bench cut into the right abutment above the projected new gross pool level, removing the road from the spillway and avoiding most future road closures due to high water encroachment with the current maximum water elevations under the existing spillway configuration, as well as increased water elevations that could be achieved with spillway enlargement. The road would become a public access USACE road and remain open up to the 100-year event.

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 results less than significant impacts with mitigation incorporation for construction emissions. No other impacts requiring mitigation were identified.

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

None so far. A public informational meeting will be held October 8, 2019 and a public hearing will be held on November 12, 2019.

In addition, the public, local agencies, and stakeholders will be informed via newspaper noticing and direct mailing.

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

The proposed Project will include, but not be limited to, the following regulatory requirements:

- The adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Air District Permits
- Compliance with other federal, state and local requirements.