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SCH #: 2019120469

Project Title: Shirk Road Widening and Mill Creek Culvert Modification Project

Lead Agency: City of Visalia

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Project Location: Visalia (*City*) Tulare County (*County*)

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

The City of Visalia is proposing to widen Shirk Road from two lanes to four lanes between a point approximately 750 feet north of the intersection of State Route 198 and the culvert at North Mill Creek, just north of School Avenue. The Project is located in western Visalia in Tulare County, California. The section of roadway subject to construction activity is ~0.33 miles long (north to south). The entire Area of Potential Effect is ~4.45 acres.

To accommodate the Project, the existing culvert at South Mill Creek will be extended approximately 330 feet north and east from its headwall at Hillsdale Avenue. Shirk Road will be widened, extending the existing road surface east to an existing sidewalk, curb, and gutter, and connecting that sidewalk to one on the north side of North Mill Creek. The new road surface will then be built on top of the newly extended culvert. The City plans to complete the Project in two stages. In the first stage, Shirk Road will be widened in the existing right of way (ROW). The street will be wide enough to accommodate four lanes but will not include an island or raised median. The second stage will be completed after a full 110-foot ROW is acquired and will include an island or raised median, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along both northbound and southbound lanes. Construction is expected to begin in late 2020.

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

Although no significant impacts are anticipated, the following mitigation measures have been imposed on the Project to ensure impacts are reduced to, or remain less than significant.

Biology:
BIO-1 - Protect nesting Swainson's Hawk (requirement for preconstruction survey, restrictions on timing, etc.)
BIO-2 - Protect Northwestern pond turtle (requirement for preconstruction survey, restrictions on timing, etc.)
BIO-3 - Protect pallid bat (requirement for preconstruction survey, restrictions on timing, etc.)
BIO-4 - Protect nesting birds (requirement for preconstruction survey, restrictions on timing, etc.)
BIO-5 - Protect valley oak trees (City-imposed restrictions on oak tree removal procedures)

Cultural Resources:
CUL-1 - Archaeological Resources (outlines requirements if cultural/historical resources are uncovered during ground work)
CUL-2 - Human Remains (outlines requirements if human remains are uncovered during ground work)

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

Controversy known to the Lead Agency:

No known areas of controversy are known regarding this project. This project was identified in the City's General Plan as being a necessary roadway improvement in the area. The public and surrounding land owners will be provided with the appropriate CEQA notices in order to have an opportunity to review and comment on the project.

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

Regional Water Quality Control Board (for permitting only)
CA Department of Fish & Wildlife (for permitting only)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (for permitting only)