

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019120560

Project Title: Central Coast Blue Project

Lead Agency: City of Pismo Beach

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Project Location: Oceano and Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo County
City County

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

The project area, which encompasses the known locations of project components as well as the extent of potential sites for project components with unknown locations, is in the city of Grover Beach and portions of unincorporated San Luis Obispo County, including the community of Oceano, which is a census-designated place.

The proposed project consists of an advanced treatment facility complex (including an equalization basin, an advanced purified water storage tank, and a pump station), water distribution pipelines, injection wells, monitoring wells, one new production well, and potential agricultural irrigation pipelines. The project would also include groundwater injection via the proposed injection wells and would facilitate increased groundwater pumping from existing production wells.

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

The project would result in potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, environmental justice, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, and transportation. Mitigation measures include standard control measures and best available control technology for construction equipment; avoidance and minimization measures for special status species, sensitive plant communities, and environmentally sensitive habitat areas; jurisdictional delineation, restoration to offset impacts to drainages and wetlands, and drainages and wetlands best management practices during construction; native tree inventory, protection, and replacement; worker's environmental awareness program; archaeological and Native American monitoring; provisions for unanticipated discovery of cultural resources; archaeological resource studies; energy efficiency and renewable energy measures; greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures (solar photovoltaic system, recycling receptacles); hazardous materials management and spill prevention and control plan (construction) and hazardous materials business plan (operation); initial quarterly radioactivity testing and additional treatment as needed; construction noise reduction measures (timing, mufflers, sound barriers, etc.); acoustical analysis of ATF complex operations; and construction transportation management plan.

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

The EIR scoping process identified one area of known controversy for the proposed project related to whether there is evidence of ongoing or potential seawater intrusion in the Northern Cities Management Area portion of the Santa Maria Groundwater basin. Detailed information regarding this topic can be found in the 2019 Northern Cities Management Area 2019 Annual Monitoring Report prepared by GSI Water Solutions, Inc., available at: <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/adjudbasins/report/preview/171>. However, the purpose of this EIR is not to evaluate the necessity or merits of the project but rather to analyze the physical impacts of the project on the environment as proposed. Responses to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR and input received at the EIR scoping meetings held by the City are summarized in Section 1, Introduction, of the Final EIR.

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

Other agencies whose approval is potentially required include the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Aviation Administration, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Funding Assistance and the Division of Drinking Water, the California Department of Water Resources, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Transportation, South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, the County of San Luis Obispo, the City of Arroyo Grande, the City of Grover Beach, and Oceano Community Services District.

Several partner agencies, potentially including the City of Pismo Beach, South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, the County of San Luis Obispo, the City of Arroyo Grande, and the City of Grover Beach, may form a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) at a future time. Should a JPA be formed for the purposes of project funding, management, and operation, that JPA likely would serve as a CEQA Responsible Agency for the proposed project.