

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Cottonwood Creek Bridge ReplacementLead Agency: CaltransContact Name: Som Phongsavanh - Senior Environmental PlannerEmail: som.phongsavanh@dot.ca.govPhone Number: 559-445-6447Project Location: Madera*City*Madera*County*

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

The project would replace the two existing mainline bridges on State Route 99 and one on the northbound off-ramp to Avenue 12/Road 29 from State Route 99. The purpose of the project is to replace three aging bridges on State Route 99 over Cottonwood Creek in Madera County. The Build Alternative offers two bridge construction type options. Option 1 would replace the two existing mainline bridges with a single four-span Cast-In-Place/Prestressed Concrete Box Girder Bridge. Option 2 would replace the two existing mainline bridges with a single four-span Precast/Prestressed I-Girder Bridge.

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 have no significantly adverse effect on biological resources because the following mitigation measures would reduce potential effects to insignificance:

* Bridge construction may have impacts to the channel or the riparian habitat. Only temporary impacts to the channel and riparian habitat are anticipated. Mitigation will be required for these temporary impacts; mitigation would involve replanting any riparian trees impacted by the project at a ratio of 1:1.

* Before construction, Caltrans would assess the impact area and establish an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) consisting of orange mesh fencing, for riparian trees that will be avoided by construction. The Environmentally Sensitive Areas would constitute a dripline protection area for each tree, which would consist of a radius measurement from the trunk of the tree to the tip of its longest limb, where feasible. In addition, the limits of the construction area would be flagged, and all activity would be confined within the marked area.

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

There is no known controversy surrounding this project.

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

California Transportation Commission, Regional Water Quality Board, and San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Board