

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: State Route 25 Curve Alignment Restoration

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Project Location: San Benito, San Benito

City

County

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

The proposed project is located in San Benito County on State Route 25, about 32 miles south of the city of Hollister, from 0.7 miles north of Old Hernandez Road (post mile 8.8) to 2.3 miles south of State Route 146 (PM 19.2). The proposed project would provide a permanent solution to the failed 2015 State Route 25 Curve Realignment Project by flattening the cut slopes to 2:1 (horizontal to vertical dimensions) to reduce erosion, promote revegetation regrowth, and prevent repeated slope failure. The horizontal curves and superelevation will allow vehicles to travel more safely. The project will also improve access to private driveways within the project limits.

It is estimated that 17 blue oak trees and 1 valley oak tree with a diameter greater than 4 inches may need to be removed to accommodate the proposed project. Impacts to trees will be offset by replacement planting within the project limits. Oaks with a diameter between 4 and 23 inches that require removal will be replaced using a 3:1 ratio. A 10:1 replacement planting ratio will be implemented for each removed oak tree greater than 24 inches in diameter.

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 road restoration project would result in permanent impacts to 4.16 acres of upland habitat as well as temporary impacts to 0.49 acres of upland habitat. To compensate for the loss of habitat the following measures are being proposed:

1. To compensate for loss of permanent impact to upland habitat, mitigation credits at a minimum ratio of 3:1 will be purchased at an approved California tiger salamander mitigation bank.
2. To compensate for temporary impacts to upland habitat, mitigation credits at a minimum ratio of 1.1:1 will be purchased at an approved California tiger salamander mitigation bank.
3. Caltrans shall also restore 0.49 of temporarily impacted California tiger salamander habitat on site.

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 public has expressed concens with failure of the original project and the amount of money needed to restore the roadway.

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