

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Sewer Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project

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Project Location: Colfax Placer  
*City* *County*

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

The project consists of three components:

- (1) A 750 kW solar facility, which would produce 1 million kWh per year to offset energy consumption costs at the WWTP. The solar facility would be constructed on approximately 2 acres within the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) site.
- (2) A new aeration flotation system to reduce algae contamination at the WWTP.
- (3) Upgrade of up to 4 miles of existing sewer pipelines, manholes and services. These segments would be replaced using "cured in place pipe" (CIPP) lining where feasible, which does not require trenching to access the existing pipeline, but does require some excavation to replace connections to existing customers. Where CIPP is not advisable, the existing line will be excavated and replaced. All replacement pipelines would be placed in the same location as existing pipelines. The majority of sewer pipelines that would be upgraded are located within City streets, or adjacent to City streets within the City right-of-way. There are several potential segments that would cross private property in developed areas, and three potential segments that are located in areas that are undeveloped.

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

Significant impacts were identified in 4 areas, but mitigation would reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level.

**Biological:** Plants--Potential habitat for two CNPS plants is within the project area. Mitigation calls for pre-construction surveys, avoidance if possible if plants are present and relocation if avoidance is not feasible. Wetlands--Depending on which segments are upgraded, drainages and/or wetlands could be affected. Mitigation calls for avoidance if possible, a wetland delineation if drainages not, and no net loss through restoration, enhancement and/or purchase of mitigation credits, plus a 404 permit and/or SAA, as warranted. Nesting birds--Tree removal would occur for the solar facility. Mitigation requires preconstruction surveys if tree removal and/or ground disturbance would occur during the breeding season, and establishment of exclusion zones, designed in consultation with CDFW, around any nests that are found.

**Cultural Resources:** No prehistoric or historic sites or artifacts were identified during field surveys of the pipeline alignments, algae control facility site and solar facility site. Mitigation requires training of construction workers in the identification of cultural resources, and provides steps to be taken if such unanticipated resources, including human remains, are discovered during project construction.

**Paleontological Resources:** Because most project construction would occur in areas that have been previously disturbed, it is not expected to encounter fossils. Mitigation requires a worker education program to train workers in identification of such resources, and identifies steps to be taken if fossils are discovered.

**Hazards:** No active contaminated sites in the project area were identified in records searches. Mitigation identifies steps to take should previously unidentified contamination is discovered during construction.

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 known.

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

- State Water Resource Control Board: Approval of Clean Water State Revolving Fund construction grant application and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance documents. In addition, issuance of a State General Construction Activity Storm Water Permit for construction disturbing more than one acre.
- US Army Corps of Engineers: 404 permit if any waters of the US would be filled.
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement if there would be disturbance to the bed or bank of jurisdictional waters.
- Regional Water Quality Control Board: Section 401 certification if a federal 404 permit is issued.
- Placer County Air Pollution Control District: Acceptance of Dust Control Plan.
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire): Timber Harvest Plan or exemption for the solar facility.
- City of Colfax: Encroachment permit for replacement of sewer lines within the City's right-of-way.
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans): Encroachment permit for replacement of sewer lines within the Caltrans right-of-way.