

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: River Road over San Joaquin River Bridge Replacement (aka Hills Ferry Road Bridge Replacement)

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Project Location: Newman Stanislaus/Merced
City *County*

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

The County of Stanislaus, Department of Public Works (County) in cooperation with the County of Merced, Department of Public Works, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to replace the River Road over San Joaquin River Bridge (aka Hills Ferry Road over the San Joaquin River) (Br No. 39C-0001) and to construct the necessary approach roadway improvements to accommodate the bridge replacement. The project involves demolishing the existing Hills Ferry Road bridge and replacing it with a new 5-span structure slightly north of the existing alignment that would accommodate 2 lanes of traffic similar to the existing 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 could have potentially significant impacts the following resource categories: Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise, Transportation. The following mitigation measures would reduce impacts associated with these resource categories to less than significant:
 AG-1 (conflict with existing zoning or Williamson Act Contract). AIR-1 (Best management practices to minimize dust and construction emissions during construction). BIO-1 through BIO-14 (Measures to minimize potential impacts to bats, San Joaquin pocket mouse, tricolored blackbird, San Joaquin kit fox, burrowing owls, Swainson's Hawk, northern harriers, loggerhead shrike, western pond turtle, Central Valley Steelhead, Valley elderberry longhorn beetle, black willow community, riverine habitat, wetlands, and waters of the U.S.). CULT-1 and CULT-2 (Measures to provide direction for the unanticipated discovery of subsurface cultural resources or human remains). GEO-1 (Measures to provide direction in the event of encountering unanticipated paleontological resources). HAZ-1 and HAZ-2 (Measures to reduce the potential for spill of hazardous materials during construction and exposure to lead based paint). HYD-1 through HYD-3 (Measures identifying preparation of a SWPPP or incorporating BMPs into the project specifications). NOI-1 (Measures to reduce construction noise). TRANS-1 and TRANS-2 (Measures to require preparation of a Traffic Management Plan and coordination with emergency service providers).

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

Not applicable.

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

Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 10
United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
National Marine Fisheries Service
State Lands Commission
U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service