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SCH #: _____

Project Title: South SWP Hydropower Relicensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2426

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

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Project Location: Castaic and Gorman (*City*) County of Los Angeles (*County*)

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

The California Department of Water Resources and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Licensees) own and operate the South SWP Hydropower, an existing power recovery project that includes hydroelectric facilities, access roads, maintenance areas, recreation areas, rights-of-way, and other appurtenant facilities. The Licensees operate South SWP Hydropower under an existing FERC license that expires in 2022. The Licensees are undergoing the Integrated Licensing Process to renew their license with FERC pursuant to the Federal Power Act. The proposed Project is the continued operation of the South SWP Hydropower together with the proposed terms and conditions as described in the Final License Application as amended. The proposed Project includes administrative changes that do not involve any physical changes to the environment, and protection, mitigation and enhancement measures that may involve minor ground disturbance. The proposed administrative changes include modification to the FERC boundary; designation of Primary Project Roads; addition of an existing lake level gage, Quail Detention Embankment, and Los Alamos Campground; and removal of the Warne Transmission Line from the license Project description.

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

In addition to the potential FERC-required protection, mitigation and enhancement measures, which are environmental enhancement measures that include such measures as upgrades to existing recreation facilities, vegetation management, wildlife and aquatic species protections, cultural resources protection and management, and other environmental measures, the Licensees propose to continue implementing existing mitigation measures relative to natural inflow releases into Piru Creek below Pyramid Dam that were identified in a prior CEQA document. Those mitigation measures are as follows:

- Mitigation Measure GEO-1: Prevention of Erosion Damage to Infrastructure
- Mitigation Measure MAND-1: Development of Flood Warning Signage

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

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

The State Water Resources Control Board is a responsible agency under CEQA for their decision to issue a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for this proposed Project.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is the co-applicant and future co-licensee for the proposed Project, and is a responsible agency under CEQA for their decision to carry out or approve the proposed Project.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is a trustee agency under state statutes and regulations for plant and wildlife resources located within the proposed Project boundary.