

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Huff's Corner Levee Raise and Channel Reconfiguration Project

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Project Location: Unincorporated Yolo County

City

County

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

The proposed project would restore a 2,700 foot reach of the Cache Creek levee system by 4 to 6 feet to meet 1957 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers design profile. To accomplish this required evaluation, the design includes widening the base on of the levee on the land side by approximately 12 to 15 feet, and will include a revised Operations & Maintenance easement corridor extending an additional 15 feet beyond the new land side toe of the levee. County Road 18 is located on the levee crown over the western 1,100 feet of the proposed levee raise. The Project includes the removal and replacement of the affected section of road. The remaining portion of this reach will be completely degraded to level earth and a new levee will be built in the same location.

The proposed project would also reconfiguration of the Lower Cache Creek channel. Sediment from the large sediment island that has developed in the creek will be removed and hauled off-site; vegetation stabilizing the island will be removed; and a sacrificial terrace will be constructed along the right bank.

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

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

Nearby landowners have expressed concerns to the County (Lead Agency) regarding removal of ornamental trees along levee toe; encroachment of the expanded levee prism on adjacent agricultural fields; and issues surrounding general flooding of the area.

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

Federal: United States Army Corps of Engineers

State: CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, CA Department of Transportation, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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1) Potential impacts to Aesthetics:

Mitigation Measure AES-1 would require the County to provide landowners impacted by tree removal with three different options within a written agreement during the land acquisition process.

2) Potential impacts to Biological Resources:

Mitigation Measures BIO-1 and BIO-4 would require the County to implement relevant provisions of the Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan / Natural Communities Conservation Plan to mitigate impacts to covered species and other wildlife.

Mitigation Measures BIO-2, BIO-3, BIO-5, BIO-6, BIO-7, BIO-8, BIO-9, BIO-10, and BIO-11 would require the County to implement various Avoidance and Minimization Measures to reduce the impacts to various species and natural communities.

3) Potential impacts to Cultural Resources:

Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would require the County to retain a qualified professional archaeologist to disseminate a contractor awareness training program to all construction supervisors prior to the start of construction.

Mitigation Measure CUL-2 would require archaeological monitoring for all vegetation removal, soil excavation, and activity that has the potential to disturb more than six inches of original ground by a qualified professional archaeologist working under the direction of a professional archaeologist that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for archaeology.

Mitigation Measure CUL-3 would require the retention of a qualified professional archaeologist, meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for pre-contact and historic archaeologist, to evaluate any subsurface deposits believed to be cultural or human in origin discovered during construction.

4) Potential impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:

Mitigation Measure TCR-1 would require a qualified tribal monitor representing a consulting tribe to monitor all vegetation removal, soil excavation, or activity that has the potential to disturb more than six inches of original ground.

5) Potential impacts to Mandatory Findings of Significance:

Implementation of the above Mitigation Measures would reduce any significant impacts on aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources.