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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility Geotechnical Exploration Project

Lead Agency: United Water Conservation District

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Project Location: Ventura County
City *County*

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

The United Water Conservation District (District) is proposing the Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility Geotechnical Exploration Project (project or proposed project) to investigate the geotechnical site characteristics which would inform final design and construction of the future fish passage facility alignment at the Freeman Diversion facility. The Freeman Diversion facility is located on the Santa Clara River approximately 4 miles southwest of the city center of Santa Paula, and approximately 10 river miles upstream of the Pacific Ocean in Ventura County, California. The proposed geotechnical explorations would occur along the alignment of the future fish passage facility. The Freeman Diversion facility includes a Denil fish ladder that was designed to provide upstream passage for adult steelhead, however, as a result of litigation, the United States District Court for the Central District of California determined the current facility is inadequate and the District is required to analyze alternative fish The currently proposed geotechnical explorations would supplement the previously collected data with borings to greater depths and at more specific locations needed to better characterize the subsurface conditions along the proposed alignment, as well as test pits and a seismic refraction survey.

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 project would have a potentially significant effect on Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic and Soil, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality. However, implementation of the following mitigation measures would reduce potential impacts to less than significant.
Mitigation Measure AQ-1: Best Management Practices to Reduce Fugitive Dust, Reactive Organic Compound, and Nitrogen Oxide Emissions.
Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Implement Measures to Minimize Potential for Direct Impacts on Steelhead and Steelhead Habitat.
BIO-2: Minimize Potential for Destruction of Western Pond Turtle Nests and Injury or Death of Special-status Reptiles.
CR-1: Address Previously Undiscovered Historic Resources, Archaeological Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources.
CR-2: Avoid Potential Effects on Undiscovered Burials.
GEO-1: Prepare and Implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, if required, Implement Erosion Control Best Management Practices, and Comply with Ventura County Standards for Grading and Erosion Control.
GEO-2: Implement Construction Worker Personnel Training, Stop Work if Paleontological Resources are Encountered During Earthmoving Activities and Implement a Recovery Plan, if Appropriate.
HAZ-1: Implement Best Management Practices to Minimize the Potential Release of Hazardous Materials.

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

N/A

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

United States Fish and Wildlife Services
National Marine Fisheries Services
United States Army Corps of Engineers
State Historic Preservation Office
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife