# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Soledad Canyon Relief Trunk Sewer Section 4 Project

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Project Location: Santa Clarita (*City*) Los Angeles County (*County*)

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

The Project involves the construction and operation of a new 27-inch sewer, and all associated connections, to provide hydraulic relief of the Soledad Canyon Trunk Sewer Section 4 (SCTS-4) between Manholes (MHs) 1103 and 1114. Sewer relief is necessary to accommodate an expected increase in flows tributary to SCTS-4 due to planned growth within the area. Construction of the alignment would begin on Hidaway Avenue at the intersection of Soledad Canyon Road, specifically at a junction MH. The alignment would continue southeasterly through the cul-de-sac at Hidaway Avenue into private right-of-way (ROW). From there, the sewer alignment would continue southeasterly beneath the Santa Clara River, and then turn easterly approximately 550 feet north of the Metro railroad tracks, where it would connect to existing City of Santa Clarita local sewers. The depth of the sewer would range from 11 feet to 30 feet below the ground surface, with the length of excavation at approximately 1,090 feet. The portion of the sewer crossing beneath the Santa Clara River would be encased with a minimum diameter of 54-inch steel casing. After placement of the sewer alignment, three MHs would be abandoned within the Santa Clara River. These include MHs 1113, 1114, and local MH “A”.

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 would have the potential to impact burrowing owls wintering or nesting at or near the Project site. Implementation of MM BIO-1, biological surveying, would reduce impacts to a burrowing owl wintering or nesting burrows to less than significant. Temporary impacts to the Santa Clara River riverbed would result from Project activities. The proposed Project would involve impacts to waters under the regulatory authority of the USACE, LARWQCB, and the CDFW and would require permitting from these agencies, as detailed in MM BIO-2. With implementation of MM BIO-2, acquisition of regulatory permits and minimum replacement mitigation ratios, there would be less than significant impacts to State or federally protected drainage features. Impacts to nesting birds during construction would be mitigated to less than significant with implementation of MM BIO-3, which requires nesting bird surveys and active nest protection.

Regarding cultural resources, excavation in native (i.e., previously undisturbed) soils would have the potential to encounter unknown resources, which would be considered a potentially significant impact. Implementation of MM CULT-1, which addresses monitoring and treatment of cultural resources, would reduce potential impacts to less than significant levels.

Because the Project would involve closed excavation via trenchless technology, MM GEO-1 would reduce impacts related to unstable or expansive soils to less than significant levels by requiring dewatering activities if groundwater is encountered at depths of 20 feet or less in the areas of pipeline construction. Regarding paleontological resource impacts during construction, MM GEO-2 would reduce impacts to a unique paleontological resource or unique geologic feature to less than significant.

Construction of the proposed Project would be managed with Best Management Plans (BMPs) implemented on the Project site as part of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) during construction activities in accordance with NPDES requirements, as required with MM HYD-1. MM HYD-1 would reduce impacts to erosion, water quality or groundwater management, and drainage pattern impacts to less than significant.

Implementation of MM TCR-1, MM TCR-2, and MM TCR-3, which addresses consultation with Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians and the monitoring, treatment and documentation of any tribal cultural resources, would reduce potential construction impacts to less than significant levels.

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

No known areas of controversy are known to the Lead Agency.

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

Responsible Agencies: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Water Resources Control Board, United States Army Corps of Engineers. Trustee Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife