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SCH #: TBD

Project Title: Robles Diversion and Fish Passage Facility Annual Maintenance and Repair Program

Lead Agency: Casitas Municipal Water District

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Project Location: Ventura River, near Ojai (*City*) Ventura (*County*)

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

The primary objective of the Casitas routine maintenance and repair program is to ensure the proper operation of the Facility. By maintaining the Facility consistent with its original design, Casitas reduces or prevents ineffective operation of the water diversion and fish ladder. The Facility allows a portion of Ventura River flows to be diverted into the Robles Canal, which transports the water to Lake Casitas for storage and ultimately municipal and agricultural use. Casitas provides drinking water for approximately 70,000 western Ventura County residents (City of Ventura, City of Ojai and unincorporated Ventura County areas). Additionally, Casitas provides irrigation water for roughly 5,000 acres of mostly permanent agricultural crops. Lake Casitas is the only reservoir from which Casitas supplies its customers, and adequate lake levels are dependent on receiving sufficient inflows from the Robles Canal. The proposed maintenance and repair activities preserve the conveyance capacity of the Facility by preventing the accumulation of obstructing vegetation and sediments that could impede Facility fish passage and water diversion operations.

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

The IS-MND identifies potential impacts to air quality as less than significant with mitigation incorporated, with mitigation to require the use of Tier 4 equipment, increase dump truck capacity, and time haul trips to limit emissions.

The IS-MND also identifies potential impacts to cultural resources and tribal cultural resources as less than significant with mitigation incorporated, with mitigation to: conduct archaeological monitoring; conduct appropriate procedures in the event of an unanticipated discovery; avoid tribal cultural resources.

The IS-MND identifies potential impacts to geology and soils as less than significant with mitigation incorporated, with mitigation to conduct a worker's environmental training program with training on the procedures for the unanticipated discovery of paleontological resources.

The IS-MND identifies potential impacts to biological resources as less than significant with no mitigation measures required; the project itself includes a suite of best management practices (BMPs) to minimize or avoid potential impacts to biological resources, that will be implemented as part of the project design.

With the implementation of mitigation measures identified in the IS-MND, the project would not result in significant impacts.

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

One Native American tribe has requested government-to-government consultation under AB 52 regarding the potential for the project to encounter and/or disturb previously unidentified tribal cultural resources.

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

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB); Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) – Los Angeles Basin Region; California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); County of Ventura ; City of Ojai; Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD).