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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project

Lead Agency: Butte County, Department of Water and Resource Conservation

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Project Location: Palermo (*City*) Butte County (*County*)

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

The community of Palermo is located approximately 5 miles south of the City of Oroville. The majority of the parcels within the community are served by individual water wells for their potable water supply. Flooding, high ground water levels and continued septic system failures have resulted in cross contamination of the existing wells and possibly contamination of the groundwater aquifer. Butte County would like to resolve the drinking water quality issues faced by the community by reorganizing the remainder of the community into the South Feather Water and Power Agency (SFWPA) surface water treated system. There are a total of 490 parcels within the Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project footprint of which 110 parcels currently receive treated surface water from the SFWPA. The remainder of the community within the proposed project limits relies on groundwater for residential use. The consolidation project would bring all parcels Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliant clean treated potable water to the community and eliminate any future potential health and safety issues.

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

Potentially significant impacts have been identified in the areas of Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources. These potential environmental impacts can be reduced to Less Than Significant through application of the required mitigation measures provided in those sections and summarized in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) contained in Appendix H of the Initial Study.

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

There are no project areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency including no significant issues raised by agencies or the public at a November 17, 2021 Town Hall meeting held in Palermo. The County has also developed a project website at http://buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Palermo_Clean_Water that contains additional project information for public and agency use.

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

South Feather Water and Power Agency
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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