

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: State Route 68 Drainage Improvements

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 5

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Project Location: Monterey County, along State Route 68 between post miles 0.2 and 15.7

City

County

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

Caltrans proposes drainage and lighting improvements and the installation of Transportation Management System monitoring equipment at various locations along State Route 68 in Monterey County from post mile 0.2 to post mile 15.7. Improvements to 25 drainage culvert systems are proposed, specific to the needs and conditions of each location, including joint repairs and/or complete pipe replacements, and addition of new inlets, flared end sections, concrete collars, and rock slope protection.

Lighting system improvements are proposed on State Route 68 near Fairground Road at post mile R4.04, including replacement of underground electrical conduits, electrical panels, service connection cabinets, and light bulbs. In addition, the proposed project would install two new traffic census stations on State Route 68 at post mile L4.14 and at post mile R4.28 where there is a gap in traffic monitoring equipment.

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 potentially significant effects on biological resources, including temporary and permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters, potential California tiger salamander upland and breeding habitat, Monterey pine trees, and Coast live oak trees. Mitigation measures to reduce these potentially significant effects to less than significant include restoration (replacement plantings) of wetland and jurisdictional waters habitat at a 1 to 1 ratio for temporary impact areas and at a 3 to 1 ratio for permanent impact areas, in addition to measures specified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the coastal development permitting authorities for required permits for the project. Additional mitigation measures include replacement of any removed Monterey pine trees and coast live oak trees at ratios specific to jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional habitat areas and the sizes of the trees to be removed, as well as provision of compensatory habitat mitigation acreage and permanent protection and management of California tiger salamander habitat in accordance with specifications of the Section 2081 Incidental Take permit.

The proposed project would not have a significant effects on aesthetics/visual resources, air quality, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire risk with implementation of prescribed avoidance and minimization measures, Caltrans' standard specifications, and standard special provisions.

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 areas of controversy associated with the project known to Caltrans at this time.

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

Responsible Agencies:

California Coastal Commission

County of Monterey

City of Pacific Grove

California Transportation Commission

Trustee Agencies:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Regional Water Quality Control Board