

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Merced River Robinson Reach Maintenance Project

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Project Location: Snelling, Merced County

City

County

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

The proposed project is maintenance of the Merced River Salmon Habitat Enhancement Project Phase III-Robinson Reach (MRSHEP-Robinson) completed in 2002. DWR proposes to design, permit, and implement the following improvements to restore salmon spawning and rearing habitat in the floodplain and channel of the Robinson Reach of the Merced River:

- Stabilize seven hundred feet of eroded bank.
- Improve the capacity of 1,600 feet of channel by excavating deposited sediment and relocating a tree in the channel.
- Install a nine-hundred-foot shallow floodplain ditch to route low flows into the main river channel.
- Augment spawning habitat in two riffles in the downstream end of the reach.

The project will address impacts caused by the 2017 flood flows and restore habitat that has degraded since the MRSHEP-Robinson was completed.

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 did not identify any significant and unavoidable impacts. The IS analysis determined that the Project would result in potential adverse impacts associated with Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Noise, but that these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures.

- Prior to construction, all personnel will participate in mandatory worker environmental awareness training.
- Biological surveys will be conducted prior to construction to ensure no species will be impacted.
- All disturbed areas will be stabilized for dust emissions using water, and covered with a tarp or suitable cover.
- All on-site unpaved roads and off-site unpaved access roads will be stabilized for dust emissions using water.
- In-channel work will occur no earlier than July 1 and no later than September 30 to avoid impacts to spawning native fish species.
- To reduce the spread of invasive plants, imported materials will be weed-free certified.
- To limit or reduce the spread of invasive species within the project area, excavated fill contaminated with invasive plants will be prevented from being used in other areas.

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 controversy has been identified.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California State Lands Commission
Central Valley Flood Protection Board
State Water Resources Control Board- Regional Water Quality Control Board