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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Okieville Recharge Basin Project

Lead Agency: Tulare Irrigation District

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Project Location: Tulare County

City

County

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

The Okieville Recharge Basin Project involves the construction of a 20-acre recharge facility and supporting infrastructure, adjacent and up-gradient of the Community of Okieville (a Disadvantaged Community). The Project's purpose is two-fold: one, to increase the availability of wet-year recharge capacity and, two, to provide water quality benefits to the residents of Okieville. The Project is anticipated to provide 630 acre-feet per year (AF/YR) of average annual benefits and 1,400 AF of maximum recharge in wet years of high-quality Sierra watershed surface supplies dedicated to recharging up-gradient of the community, which should improve the quality of local groundwater pumped by the Okieville-Highland Acres Mutual Water Company well and delivery system. TID also intends to implement a Monitoring Program, including monitoring wells, to determine the empirical benefits of groundwater recharge on the quantity and quality of groundwater available to the community.

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

See Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program attachment.

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.

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

None.

CHAPTER 5 MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PROGRAM

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Tulare Irrigation District – Okieville Recharge Basin Project (Project) in Tulare County. The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

Table 5-1 Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program presents the mitigation measures identified for the Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, AIR-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Air Quality analysis of the IS/MND.

The first column of **Table 5-1 Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program** identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “When Monitoring is to Occur,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, “Frequency of Monitoring,” identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, “Agency Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns will be used by the Lead and Responsible Agencies to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored

Table 5-1 Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program

Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program						
Item	Mitigation Measure	When Monitoring is to Occur	Frequency of Monitoring	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Method to Verify Compliance	Verification of Compliance
Biological Resources						
BIO-1	(Avoidance): The Project's construction activities would occur, if feasible, between September 16 and January 31 (outside of nesting bird season) in an effort to avoid impacts to nesting birds	Between September 16 and January 31	During Construction	TID		
BIO-2	(Pre-construction Surveys): If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to September 15), a qualified biologist would conduct pre-construction surveys for Swainson's hawk nests onsite and within a 0.5-mile radius. This survey would be conducted in accordance with the Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys in California's Central Valley (Swainson's Hawk Technical Advisory Committee, 2000) or current guidance. The pre-construction survey would also provide a presence/absence survey for all other nesting birds within the APE and an additional 50 feet, no more than 7 days prior to the start of construction. All raptor nests would be considered "active" upon the nest-building stage	No more than 7 days prior to the start of construction	One survey	TID		
BIO-3	(Establish Buffers): On discovery of any active nests near work areas, the biologist would determine appropriate construction setback distances based on applicable CDFW and/or USFWS guidelines and/or the biology of the species in question. Construction buffers would be identified with flagging, fencing, or other easily visible means, and would be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nestlings have fledged and are no longer dependent on the nest	On discovery of any active nests near work areas	During Construction	TID		
Cultural Resources						
CUL-1	In the event that archaeological remains are encountered at any time during development or ground-moving activities within the entire project	During excavation	Nine months	TID		

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	area, all work in the vicinity of the find shall halt until a qualified archaeologist can assess the discovery. The District shall implement all recommendations of the archaeologist necessary to avoid or reduce to a less than significant level potential impacts to cultural resource. Appropriate actions could include a Data Recovery Plan or preservation in place					
CUL-2	If human remains are uncovered, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the Tulare County Coroner will be notified to arrange proper treatment and disposition. If the remains are identified—on the basis of archaeological context, age, cultural associations, or biological traits—as those of a Native American, California Health and Safety Code 7050.5 and Public Resource Code 5097.98 require that the coroner notify the NAHC within 24 hours of discovery. The NAHC will then identify the Most Likely Descendent who will determine the manner in which the remains are treated.	During excavation	Nine months	TID		
Tribal Cultural Resources						
TCR-1	Prior to construction, a Cultural Awareness Training Program shall be provided to all construction managers and construction personnel prior to commencing ground disturbance work at the project site.	Prior to construction	One training	TID		