

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

 Project Title: Ivanhoe Public Utility District Well No. 9 and Conveyance Pipeline Project

 Lead Agency: Ivanhoe Public Utility District

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 Project Location: Ivanhoe
*City*
Tulare
*County*

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

The project would upgrade the Ivanhoe PUD water supply system to increase the water supply capacity to help it meet existing and projected future water demands and satisfy water quality requirements, and upgrade the water distribution and delivery system to eliminate an existing substandard pipeline. In order to achieve these objectives, the Ivanhoe PUD is proposing the following: (1) construction of a new water supply well (Well No. 9); (2) installation of an 8-inch diameter conveyance pipeline that connects to the Ivanhoe PUD's existing water distribution system; and (3) installation of 26 water services connected to the new pipeline.

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

The Project construction could adversely affect, either directly or through habitat modifications, the burrowing owl, which is listed as a Species of Special Concern by the CDFW. The Well No. 9 site could provide foraging habitat for the burrowing owl. The Project construction could also impede the use of nursery sites for native birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The following Mitigation Measures would reduce these potentially significant impacts to a less-than-significant level: (1) Conduct focused burrowing owl surveys to assess the presence/absence of the burrowing owl. If a burrowing owl or sign of burrowing owl use is detected on or within 500 feet of the Project area, and the qualified biologist determines that Project activities would disrupt the owl(s), a construction-free buffer, limited operating period, or passive relocation shall be implemented in consultation with the CDFW. (2) To the extent practicable, construction shall be scheduled to avoid the nesting season, which extends from February through August. If it is not possible to schedule construction between September and January, preconstruction surveys for nesting birds shall be conducted to ensure that no active nests will be disturbed. If an active nest is found close enough to the construction area to be disturbed by these activities, the qualified biologist shall determine the extent of a construction-free buffer to be established around the nest. If work cannot proceed without disturbing the nesting birds, work may need to be halted or redirected to other areas until nesting and fledging are completed.

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 areas of controversy.

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