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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Merced Pavement Anchor Project

Lead Agency: California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans) Dist. 10

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Project Location: Merced- State Route 59 from Post Miles R0.0 -R12.1
City

Merced
County

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to perform roadway improvements along State Route 59 between post miles R0.0 and R12.1 in Merced County. The existing pavement has deteriorated, resulting in poor ride quality and requiring elevated maintenance efforts. A cold plane and overlay strategy would be used to preserve the pavement. The scope of work for the project would include repairing and replacing the existing pavement and replacing identified damaged culverts and end treatments.

There are four bridges within the project area. Three of the bridges—Owens Creek Bridge, Miles Creek Bridge, and Deadman Creek Bridge—would require barrier and block extensions, replacement of existing metal beam guardrails to the Midwest Guardrail System, and replacement of nonstandard end treatments and terminal systems. The fourth bridge, Mariposa Creek Bridge, would be removed and replaced with a higher bridge to eliminate the continuous flooding that occurs at this location. Caltrans has identified six locations where utility poles would need to be relocated.

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

On the basis of this study, it is determined that the proposed project will have no effect on aesthetics, air quality, agriculture, and forest resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, paleontological resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

The proposed project would have no significant effect on greenhouse gas emissions or hazards and hazardous materials.

On the basis of this study, it is determined that the proposed action with the incorporation of the identified mitigation measure would have a less than significant effect on biological resources for the following reason:

- Compensate for the Permanent Loss of Waters of the U.S. and Waters of the State. The proposed project would have a permanent loss of up to 0.041 acres of Waters of the U.S. and Waters of the State associated with the placement of rock slope protection along the banks of Mariposa Creek. To compensate for this loss, Caltrans would purchase credits at an approved mitigation bank or contribute to an agency-approved in-lieu fee program to ensure no net loss of wetland functions and values.

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 known areas of controversy for this project.

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

California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
National Maries Fisheries Service
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers