

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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

Project Title: Use of Copper to Control Algae and Aquatic Animal Invasive Species in Lake Casitas

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Project Location: Oakview and Ojai, Ventura County

*City*

*County*

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

The District proposes to use U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)-registered copper-containing aquatic algacides and/or molluscicides in compliance with Water Quality Order No. 2013-0002-DWQ (General Permit No. CAG990005) Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Residual Aquatic Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications ("Aquatic Weed Control NPDES General Permit") and Water Quality Order No 2016-XXXX-DWQ (General Permit No. CAG990006) Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Biological Pesticides and Residual Chemical Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control Applications ("Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control NPDES General Permit") to control algae and aquatic animal invasive species that threaten to degrade existing and potential beneficial uses of water if not properly controlled.

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 involves the use of copper-based algacides and/or molluscicides applied to Lake Casitas at concentrations that temporarily exceed the CTR water quality objectives for dissolved copper. Significant evidence suggests that, when used according to label directions by qualified personnel, CTR exceedance is short-term and impacts of these algacides and/or molluscicides are less than significant. However, the District will implement mitigation to reduce any potential future impacts to the extent feasible.

Proposed mitigation measures involve preventing the discharge of treated water from Lake Casitas until dissolved copper concentrations in have diminished to below the background concentration or to a level where exceedances of the freshwater and saltwater RWL would not occur.

Additionally, as required by the SIP and the SWRCB general permits for the application of aquatic pesticides, the District has prepared and submitted an Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan (APAP) and Notice of Intent (NOI), and obtained coverage under the Aquatic Weed Control NPDES General Permit, and will prepare and submit an APAP and NOI and obtain coverage under the Aquatic Animal Invasive Species Control NPDES General Permit concurrent with the SIP exception request. The APAPs call for surface water sampling and analysis before, during, and after project completion to assess the impact, if any, that the Project may have on beneficial uses of water. Consistent with SIP exception requirements, the District will arrange for a qualified biologist to assess receiving water beneficial uses.

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.

The SWRCB and RWQCB (Region 4) are the responsible agencies. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Region 5) may be the trustee agency.