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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Golden Meadows Parkway Tanks

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Project Location: Menifee Riverside
City *County*

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

The Golden Meadows Parkway Tanks Project (project) is located on a 5.6-acre portion of a larger 206.8-acre residential development project, Tract 31194, known as "Golden Meadows." The project site is located in the city of Menifee, which is in the southwestern region of Riverside County, California. The project site is bounded by Daniel Road to the north, Ascot Way to the east, Wickerd Road to the south, and Evans Road to the west. Site access would be from the proposed road, Golden Meadows Parkway. The project site is located within the San Jacinto watershed portion of the Santa Ana River.

The project would result in the construction of two water storage tanks each measuring 2.0 million gallons in size. Phase 1 of the project consists of site grading to accommodate both tank sites, and the construction of an access road, one 2.0-million-gallon tank and associated supply pipeline to service the Golden Meadows Development project. Phase 2 would result in the construction of a second 2.0-million-gallon tank and associated supply pipeline as part of a District Capital Improvement Project (CIP). The tanks would be painted a buffalo or camel shade of tan to blend with the surrounding landscape per Section 09900 of the District's Maintenance Manual Requirements. Details for each component of the project are provided below.

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

Western burrowing owls were not observed during biological surveys within the project site; however, this species was observed approximately 1,500 feet off-site in 2018. Impacts to western burrowing owl could result from project activities within the California buckwheat scrub and disturbed habitat, both of which provide suitable nesting and foraging habitat for this species. Direct impacts to this species if present at the time of project construction would be significant and require mitigation (mitigation measure BIO-1).

The project has potential to result in direct impacts to migratory or nesting birds within the project site if vegetation removal and/or project grading occurs during the general bird breeding season (February 1 to September 15). Direct impacts to nesting and migratory birds if present at the time of project construction would be considered significant and require mitigation (mitigation measure BIO-2).

As identified in mitigation measure BIO-3, payment of mitigation fees for impacts to 5.6 acres for the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Stephens' Kangaroo Rat Habitat Conservation Plan would be required prior to the issuance of grading permits.

Site CC-04, a bedrock milling site, was recorded within the APE and will be impacted by the project. Site CC-04 is not associated with a significant event or person important to our past (Criteria A and B). Because CC-04 qualifies as a significant contributing element to the cultural landscape for a village site and due to the positive results of the Native

American Heritage Commission Sacred Lands File search, construction activities would have the potential to unearth previously unknown cultural resources, the discovery of which would be considered a significant impact.

Implementation of mitigation measures CUL-1 through CUL-5 would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

There are no formal cemeteries or recorded burials in the vicinity of the project site. Therefore, the potential for encountering human remains during construction is very low. However, construction activities would still have the potential to unearth previously unknown human remains, the discovery of which would be considered a significant impact. Implementation of mitigation measures CUL-6 and CUL-7 would reduce impacts to a level less than significant.

Construction of the project may potentially result in temporary traffic obstructions. However, implementation of mitigation measure WILD-1 would require detailed traffic control plan to coordinate lane closures, access, and construction work hours in order to minimize potential impacts associated with emergency response. Thus, the project would not substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

Implementation of mitigation measure WILD-1 would reduce emergency response related impacts to a level less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

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

1. Eastern Municipal Water District – Approval of the Golden Meadows Water Tank Project and adoption of this Mitigated Negative Declaration.
2. Grading Permit from the City of Menifee.