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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Panoche Road over Tres Pinos Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Lead Agency: County of San Benito

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Project Location: Unincorporated (*City*) San Benito (*County*)

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

The San Benito County Department of Public Works proposes to replace the existing two-lane Panoche Road Bridge (bridge), Bridge No. 43C-0027, over the Tres Pinos Creek in San Benito County, California (proposed project). The new bridge would be constructed south of the existing bridge. The roadway approach from the east would be realigned to allow construction of the new bridge in one stage while maintaining traffic flow on the existing bridge during construction. Additionally, shifting the alignment of the eastern roadway approach would improve roadway geometry by eliminating the slight “S” curve over the existing bridge. Upon completion of the new bridge, the existing bridge would be demolished. The proposed project would also widen the roadway approaches on the east and west ends of the bridge to conform to the new bridge width and profile. After construction, both the bridge and roadway approaches would contain two 12-foot (ft) lanes (one in each direction) and two 4 ft shoulders, and would meet current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) minimum design speed standards.

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

The IS/MND concluded that the proposed project could have the following environmental impacts: aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities/service systems, and wildfire. Mitigation measures include avoidance measures for nesting Cooper's Hawk and other migratory birds; revegetation and restoration to preconstruction contours; preconstruction surveys for special-status species; invasive plant species measures; avoidance measures for California Red-Legged Frogs; revegetation of areas with rock slope protection installed; limiting the live channel work period; avoidance measures for South Central California Coast Steelhead; use of environmentally sensitive area fencing; use of a protective structure during bridge demolition; appropriate placement of staging, access, and construction areas; obtainment of any required regulatory permits; compensatory habitat mitigation for arroyo willow riparian vegetation, mulefat riparian vegetation, and mixed oak vegetation; compensatory mitigation for riverine and riverine wetlands; prehistoric or historic archaeological discovery protocols; preparation of a Final Geotechnical Report; paleontological resources discovery protocols; preparation of an emergency response and cleanup plan; appropriate construction equipment maintenance, refueling, and washing activities; paint striping protocol; completion of a lead based paint abatement program; completion of a soil investigation; implementation of a risk management plan; fire prevention best management practices; compliance with the Construction General Permit; limiting construction hours; muffler compliance; preparation of a Transportation Management Plan.

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 areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency.

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

Air Resources Board
Caltrans District #5
Fish & Game Region #4
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Native American Heritage Commission
Regional WQCB #3
Department of Toxic Substances Control