

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2022090231

Project Title: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Water Reclamation Facility Project

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Project Location: San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo

City

County

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

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) is proposing to construct and operate an on-campus water reclamation facility (WRF) and recycled water storage and distribution system to produce and deliver disinfected tertiary recycled water meeting the requirements of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations for unrestricted reuse, including safe application to agricultural crops, pastures, and recreation fields on campus. The nonpotable water demands of the campus that are currently met via untreated water from Whale Rock Reservoir (approximately 15 miles to the northwest) would be transitioned over time to nonpotable recycled water supplied by the on-campus WRF. The campus would then use the Whale Rock Reservoir water freed up by operation of the WRF to meet future potable water demand associated with campus growth proposed under the Campus Master Plan. Cal Poly would continue to pump groundwater for agricultural purposes. Nonpotable water demands associated with agriculture are not anticipated to increase with implementation of the Campus Master Plan.

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

No significant and unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from the project were identified. The following impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with mitigation incorporated:

Impact 3.2-3: Create a New Source of Substantial Light or Glare Which Would Adversely Affect Day or Nighttime Views.

Impact 3.3-2: Cause a Substantial Adverse Change in the Significance of a Unique Archaeological Resource.

Impact 3.3-4: Cause a Substantial Adverse Change in the Significance of a Tribal Cultural Resource.

Impact 3.4-1: Have a Substantial Adverse Effect, Either Directly or through Habitat Modifications, on Special-Status Plant Species.

Impact 3.4-2: Have a Substantial Adverse Effect on Special-Status Wildlife.

Impact 3.4-3: Have a Substantial Adverse Effect on Sensitive Natural Communities and Riparian Habitat.

Impact 3.4-4: Have a Substantial Adverse Effect on State or Federally Protected Wetlands or Other Waters.

Impact 3.5-2: Substantially Alter the Existing Drainage Pattern of the Site or Area Such That Substantial Erosion, Siltation, Flooding, Polluted Runoff, or an Exceedance of the Capacity of Storm Drainage Systems Would Occur.

Impact 3.5-3: Be Located within Flood Hazard, Tsunami, or Seiche Zones, and Risk Release of Pollutants Due to Project Inundation.

Impact 3.6-1: Cause Disruption to or Require Relocation of Existing Utility Infrastructure.

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

Key concerns and issues that were expressed during the scoping process include:

- need for a comprehensive project description;
- consideration of a project alternative that involves amendment of the existing sewer agreement with the City and could include the City's treatment of Cal Poly-generated wastewater (increased capacity) and purchase of an equal amount of recycled water to offset nonpotable demand; and
- impacts on biological resources, including California red-legged frog, South-Central California Coast steelhead, monarch butterfly, western pond turtle, special-status plants, nesting birds, and waters of the State and United States.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Division of State Architect
California Office of the State Fire Marshal
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
City of San Luis Obispo
Native American Heritage Commission
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries
Office of Historic Preservation
San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District
State Water Resources Control Board
Union Pacific Railroad
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Fish and Wildlife Service