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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Salinas Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project

Lead Agency: City of Salinas Department of Public Works

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Project Location: Salinas, Monterey County
City *County*

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

The City of Salinas (City) Public Works Department is proposing to implement improvements to its industrial wastewater treatment system (proposed project), which treats wastewater from local agriculture-based industries. The proposed project is comprised of the following four Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects identified in the Industrial Wastewater System Analysis and Revised Rate and Connection Fee Study: (1) the Aeration Lagoon Improvements Project; (2) the Pond Automation/Distribution and Pond 3 Pump Station Project; (3) the Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) and Backup Power Project; and (4) the Airport Lift Station Project. The proposed project would address existing operational, treatment efficiency and disposal capacity issues to provide sufficient treatment and disposal capacity to accommodate existing and planned agricultural industrial activities within the City.

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

Construction of the proposed project has the potential to adversely impact migratory birds and raptors protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) if construction occurs during the nesting season. In addition, construction of the proposed project has the potential to adversely impact adjacent riparian areas if there is an increase or change in off-site runoff, erosion, noise/vibration, and spread of invasive species. To avoid or minimize indirect impacts during construction, Mitigation Measures BIO-1, BIO-2 and BIO-3 would be implemented to avoid impacts to nesting birds and to address proper erosion control and storage of construction equipment and the spread of invasive plant species. With implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1, BIO-2 and BIO-3, impacts to biological resources would be reduced to less than significant. The proposed project also has the potential to impact unknown buried archaeological resources and human remains. To avoid or minimize impacts to previously unidentified archaeological resources that may be determined significant per CEQA, archaeological monitoring would be conducted at the IWTF site, as specified in Mitigation Measure CUL-1. In addition, in the event that cultural materials are encountered at either the IWTF or Airport LS site, all work shall cease until the find has been evaluated and mitigation measures put in place for the disposition and protection of any find, as specified in Mitigation Measure CUL-1. With implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1, impacts to cultural resources would be reduced to less than significant. Potentially significant impacts related to seismic ground shaking would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of Mitigation Measures GEO-1 and GEO-2 requiring compliance with the California Building Code and preparation of a final geotechnical report.

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

The Lead Agency is not aware of any areas of controversy for the project.

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

- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Monterey Bay Air Resources District