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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Villas at Sierra Meadows 4&5 Residential Project

Lead Agency: City of Porterville

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Project Location: Porterville (*City*) Tulare (*County*)

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

The proposed Project consists of the construction of up to 80 single-family residential units and a neighborhood park on an approximately 20-acre parcel. To facilitate the development, the Project also includes a General Plan Amendment, a Tentative Subdivision Map, a Conditional Use Permit, and Annexation to the City of Porterville. The City of Porterville General Plan designates the northern part of the site as Public Institutional and the southern part as Low Density Residential; the Project would amend the land use designation of the northern portion to Low Density Residential as well. Under previous action in 2014, the City prezoned the Project site and much of the surrounding area to RS-2 (Low Density Residential). The Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission would act on the annexation component following application by the City. Project components include:

• A General Plan Amendment changing the land use designation of the northern area of the site from Public Institutional to Low Density Residential, A Conditional Use Permit to accommodate creation of lots smaller than the 6,000-square-foot RS-2 minimum, A Tentative Subdivision Map to allow for creation of 80-single-family lots with a minimum size of 5,000 square feet, Annexation of APN 269-060-020 (20.23 acres) into the City of Porterville, Construction of 80 single-family residences, Development of an approximately 37,530 sq. ft. neighborhood park, Construction of streets and public utilities infrastructure within and adjacent to the subdivision, including the southerly extension of Jaye Street south of W. Gibbons Avenue.

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

Biological Resources: The project area provides habitat for protected nesting birds. A combination of preconstruction surveys, avoidance of nests, creation of construction buffers and implementation of take minimization measures during construction are proposed to avoid and/or reduce impacts to these protected species.

Cultural Resources: While no historic resources were discovered during the investigations, subsurface construction activities associated with the proposed Project could potentially damage or destroy previously undiscovered historic resources. This is considered a potentially significant impact; however, implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1 and CUL-2 will ensure that significant impacts remain less than significant with mitigation incorporation. Mitigation includes worker education, construction monitoring by the construction supervisor, and stopping all construction and contacting authorities in the event of uncovered resources.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions: The project applicant will incorporate BPS strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by the project.

Traffic Resources: The project applicant shall pay improvement fees to reduce project-related VMT.

Tribal Resources: The City engaged in consultation with the Tule River Tribe during the tribal consultation period. The Tule River tribe requested tribal monitors on-site to monitor construction ground disturbing activities.

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

Controversy known to the Lead Agency:

No known areas of controversy are known regarding this project.

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

CalTrans
Water Quality Control Board
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Department of Conservation
Tulare County LAFCo