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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Ambrose Debris Screen Project

Lead Agency: Contra Costa Water District

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Project Location: Pittsburg (*City*) Contra Costa County (*County*)

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

The proposed project would replace the existing trash rack (also known as a bar screen) within the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) fee-owned right-of-way at Milepost 19.5 of the Contra Costa Canal (the " Canal ") with a similar bar screen at the same location. The proposed project also would add a screen upstream of the existing bar screen and modernize debris handling functionality with a mechanical system known as a trolley rake. A trolley rake is a hydraulic system that would remove vegetation and debris from the added screen. The rake travels on a rail across the width of the Canal.

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

The District will obtain National Environmental Policy (NEPA) coverage for this project from Reclamation following completion of the CEQA review and before construction start. The NEPA review will include analysis of Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Project Enhancements

The District has included in its project description enhancements or provisions for superior environmental results.

1. Replacement of Existing Fence. An existing galvanized steel chain link fence topped with 3-strand barbed wire along the south side of the Canal will be replaced. The black vinyl coated replacement is intended to match the appearance of the existing fence at Ambrose Park.
2. Pruning or Removal of Trees. The proposed project may need to prune or remove a few trees or shrubs overgrowing the existing fence. Pruning or replacement of trees will be performed in accordance with the District ' s tree policy.
3. Pre-Construction Survey. As is routine practice by the District, a pre-construction bird nesting survey will be performed within 14 days of the start of construction. If any nesting or foraging BUOW is identified, appropriate non-disturbance buffers will be established and monitored by a qualified BUOW biologist.
4. CRLF Exclusion Fence. Assuming potential presence of CRLF, the District will require a qualified contractor to install up to 500 feet of black exclusion fence that will be trenched and placed along the District ' s existing chain link fence on the north side of the Canal, east of the construction zone (see Figure 5). The exclusion fence will be removed upon completion of the construction.

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

Project is adjacent to the Ambrose Park Recreation Area. The District will plan its construction and maintneance to avoid the busy times of the year as well as busy times of day.

For safety reasons, trolley rake systems often use audial alarms during operation to alert personnel to move off the debris collection pad. CCWD has considered potential intermittent disturbance caused by an audial alarm to Ambrose Park/Pool users, Delta De Anza Trail users, and existing and future residential neighbors. CCWD would substitute flashing safety lights, removable safety guard chains around the debris pad, and warning signage for audial alarms.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife