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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Whale Rock Stilling Basin Dewatering and Inspection Project

Lead Agency: City of San Luis Obispo

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Project Location: Cayucos, San Luis Obispo County
City *County*

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

The project includes dewatering, sediment removal, & visual inspection of the spillway basin below Whale Rock Reservoir. The City of San Luis Obispo is required by the Division of Safety of Dams to inspect the integrity of the spillway basin below Whale Rock Reservoir. In order to conduct the visual inspection, the City must first dewater the lower section of the basin, then remove accumulated sediments and vegetation from the area for an engineer to gain & see the basin bottom. The project would result in approximately 0.10-acre and 160 linear feet of temporary impacts to waters of the state & waters for the U.S. No permanent impacts are currently proposed. Submersible pumps will be used to dewater the area, discharging the water to the adjacent disturbed upland terraces, 50 feet or greater from the spillway & top of bank. Temporary sediment catchments and dissipation devices (e.g. straw bales & plastic sheeting), will be used to slow down and settle turbid water before it is allowed to run overland. Additional devices (e.g., sandbags, silt fence, straw wattle, hay bales) will be used to ensure no erosion or sedimentation occurs. Once the area is dewatered, equipment such as a backhoe or skid steer and a container will be lowered down from the 13th Street/access road bridge above the spillway. Sediment & vegetation will be scooped up and placed in the container, and it will be pulled back up to the bridge and spread onto the disturbed upland terraces, 50 feet or greater from the spillway and top of bank (approx. 0.84 acre area) where the materials will not wash back into the spillway or downstream to the creek. Once the area is accessible & the concrete channel visible, an engineer or engineers will conduct the required inspection.

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

The following environmental factors would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources. Mitigation measures required to reduce each of these impacts to a less-than-significant level include: fugitive dust reduction; equipment idling restrictions; compliance with naturally-occurring asbestos regulations; worker environmental awareness program (biological resources); jurisdictional delineation; staging areas, materials storage, and waste management; best management practices (BMPs) to protect water quality; pre-construction surveys for special-status plant species; avoidance and minimization measures for special-status species such as California red-legged frog, southwestern pond turtle, steelhead, and other aquatic wildlife; steelhead re-location if present prior to activities; pre-construction survey for special-status birds and other nesting birds; onsite biological monitoring; worker environmental awareness program (cultural resources); BMPs for unanticipated discovery of cultural resources; BMPs for discovery of human remains; noise-reducing BMPs; and archaeological monitoring. The specific mitigation requirements and monitoring requirements are described in detail in the Draft IS-MND.

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

None identified.

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

Permits will be required from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Additional approvals may be required from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).