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SCH #: _____

Project Title: The 2023 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program's MND Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Project Location: Various coastal cities and counties

City *County*

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

This project uses grant funds approved by the California Legislature to initiate activities that are designed to restore salmon and steelhead habitat in coastal and Central Valley streams and watersheds. The 2023 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program's Mitigated Negative Declaration Project activities occur in watersheds that have been subjected to significant levels of logging, road building, mining, grazing, and other activities that have reduced the quality and quantity of stream habitat available for native anadromous fish. Restoration activities include fish passage improvement at stream crossings, instream barrier modification for fish passage, instream habitat restoration, riparian restoration, upslope watershed restoration, cooperative rearing, and water conservation measures. The techniques used for these restoration activities have proven successful on many coastal streams and are detailed in the current version of the California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual 4th edition and other approved manuals (appendix B). These manuals describe in detail how the work shall be performed in the field.

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

It is the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's objective to implement this project while not causing a significant adverse effect on the environment, or reducing the number or restricting the range of an endangered, threatened, or rare species. The project, however, does have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory. However, the potential is reduced to less than significant by implementing the mitigation measures in Appendix B: Mitigation Measures, Monitoring, and Reporting Program. The project shall be implemented in a manner that will avoid short-term adverse impacts to rare plants and animals, and cultural resources during construction. The project activities are designed to improve and restore stream habitat; thereby providing long-term benefits to both anadromous salmonids and other fish and wildlife.

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

N/A

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

N/A