

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Interstate 15/State Route 74 Interchange Improvement Project

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Project Location: Lake Elsinore

*City*

Riverside

*County*

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

The City of Lake Elsinore (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to improve the Interstate 15 (I-15)/State Route 74 (SR-74) interchange, in the City of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California. The I-15/SR-74 Interchange Improvement Project (Project) proposes to improve traffic operations, reduce congestion, and accommodate current and future traffic volumes on the I-15 and SR-74 corridors, and support anticipated growth and local development projects. The Project will also improve mobility and access for all users and comply with current Caltrans and local agency design standards. Alternative 1 (No-Build) and two Build Alternatives, Alternative 2 (northbound [NB] hook ramps) and Alternative 3 (NB hook ramps with NB loop off-ramp to west bound SR-74) are being evaluated for the Project. The Project is located approximately 1.6 mile south of the existing I-15/Nichols Road interchange and 1.3 mile north of the existing I-15/Main Street interchange. Figures showing the Project location and Project limits are attached to this Summary Form.

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

The Project under Alternatives 2 and 3 would result in temporary and Permanent impacts to mulefat thickets during construction. However, these impacts to sensitive natural communities would be mitigated with Measure WET-1 (Compensatory Mitigation). Therefore, impacts to sensitive natural communities would be less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

Due to the presence of the fossiliferous Silverado Formation and late Pleistocene deposits within the Project limits, there is a high potential for paleontological resources to occur in excavation areas of the Arroyo Del Toro Channel detention basin, noise barriers, and freeway signage under Alternatives 2 and 3. However, temporary and permanent impacts associated with the destruction of paleontological resources would be mitigated with the implementation of Measure PAL-1 (Paleontological Mitigation Plan). Therefore, temporary and permanent impacts to paleontological resources would be considered less than significant with mitigation incorporated.

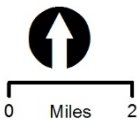
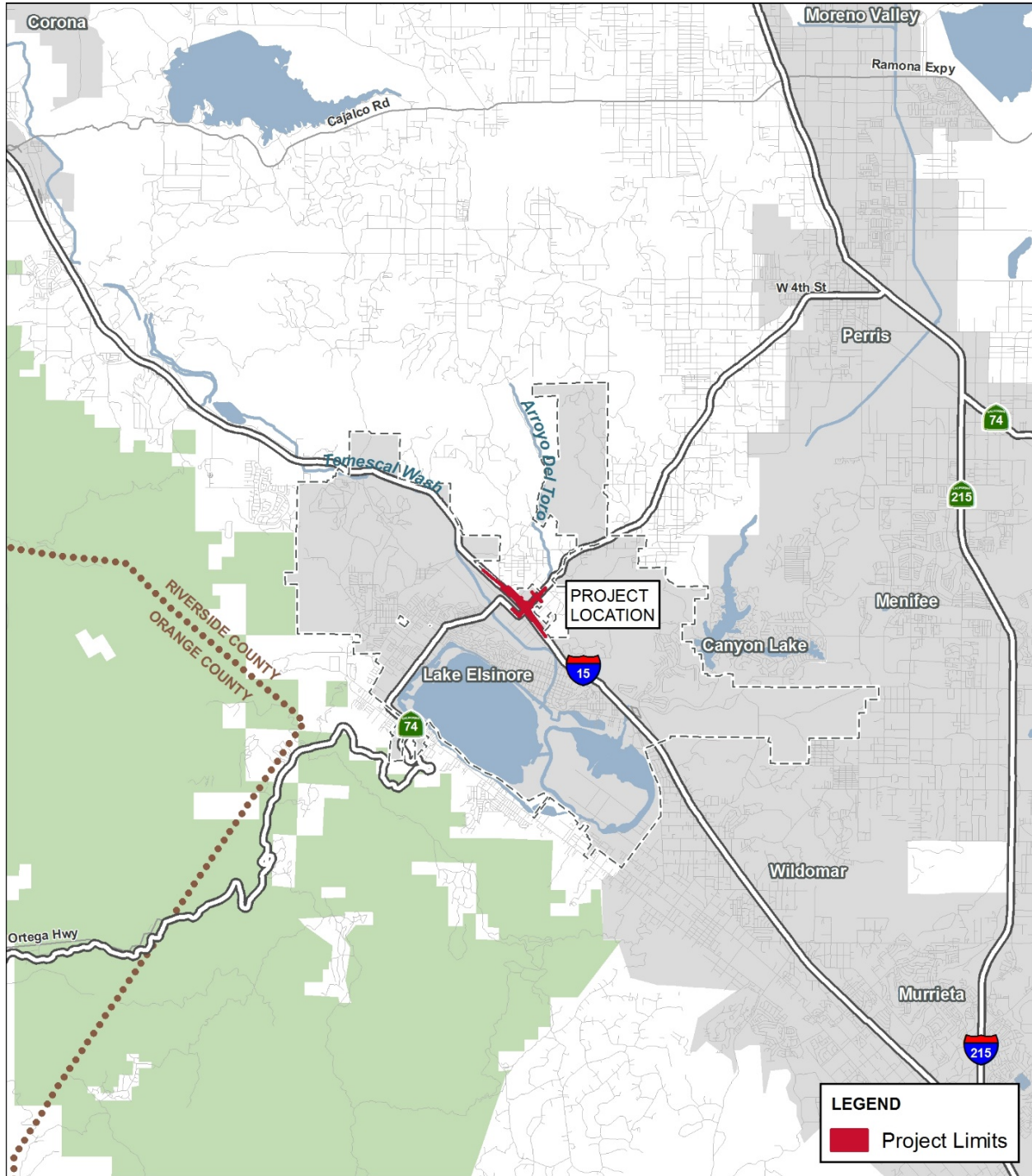
Build Alternatives 2 and 3 would both result in a reduction of GHG emissions below existing (2018) conditions; impacts are considered less than significant. Caltrans would implement reduction strategies and measures to further reduce GHG emissions during construction and operation.

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

No areas of controversy are known at this time.

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

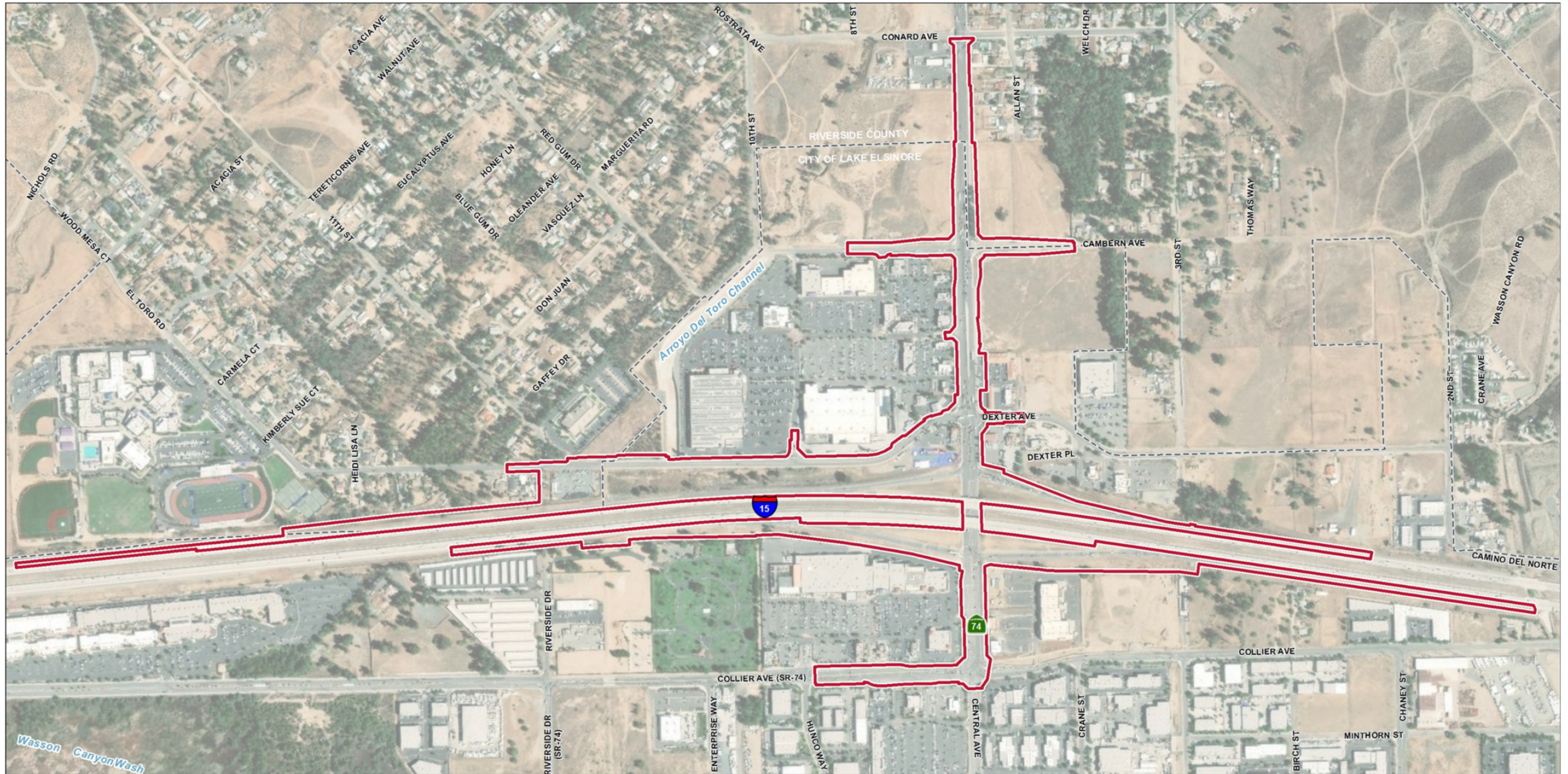
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Fish and Game Region #6)  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional WQCB #8)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Riverside County Flood Control District  
California State Water Resources Control Board



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**Figure 1-1. Regional Location and Project Vicinity**



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Figure 1-2. Project Limits