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Form F

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SCH #: 2023110616

Project Title: Madera High Speed Rail (HSR) Station Full-Build Project (Phase 3)

Lead Agency: San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA)

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Project Location: Madera Madera County
City *County*

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

The Project would construct a westside station platform approximately 1,410 feet, an extension of the existing eastside station platform to 1,410 feet, station siding track approximately 14,600 feet on the westside of the station, three bridges (new single-track over Cottonwood Creek; pedestrian overpass connecting the new westside platform from the eastside of the station; and modifications to the existing roadway bridge over Avenue 12 and the siding track). An overhead contact system (CCS) would be constructed matching the OCS poles being constructed as part of the CHSRA Project. A traction power substation (TPSS) would be located in an area in the vicinity of the northern end of the western platform. Surface parking would be expanded to accommodate 943 parking spaces. The station building would be expanded, and 10 existing culverts and 2 wildlife crossings would be extended. Poles 003 and 004 from the BGTLRP would need to be relocated slightly to the west. The proposed Project is located in Madera County.

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

Agriculture - The Project would result in a significant impact related to the conversion of Important Farmland during construction. MM AG-1 would be implemented during construction to avoid construction staging in areas used for agriculture, and MM AG-2 would be implemented during construction to identify suitable agricultural land for mitigation of impacts and to fund the purchase of agricultural conservation easements from willing sellers. However, the Project would require the conversion of Important Farmland; therefore, construction of the Project would be significant and unavoidable even with implementation of mitigation measures.

The following environmental topics would result in potentially significant impacts, and would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation:
Agriculture (MM AG-1 through MM AG-3); Air Quality (MM AQ-1); Biological Resources (MM BIO-1 through MM BIO-14); Cultural Resources (MM CUL-1 through CUL-3); Geology, Soils, Seismicity, and Paleontological Resources (MM GEO-1 through MM GEO-4); Hazards and Hazardous Materials (MM HAZ-1); Transportation (MM TR-1); Tribal Cultural Resources (MM CUL-1 through CUL-3).

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

Areas of controversy: During the scoping period, comments were received from the public that raised issues of concern. These comments were used to determine the areas of potential controversy and issues to be resolved and are included in Appendix F of this Draft EIR. These issues of concern from the public are discussed within the technical sections of this Draft EIR and are summarized below: project funding and timeline, impacts to agriculture, habitat and wildlife impacts to Cottonwood Creek, public perception and concern about the impact of the California high-speed rail project.

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

- California High Speed Rail Authority
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Toxic Substances
- California Department of Transportation, Region 10
- California Public Utilities Commission
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- BNSF
- Madera County
- City of Madera
- San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
- Madera County Transportation Commission