

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Blythe Border Protection Station Replacement Project
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Lead Agency: _____

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Project Location: Blythe Riverside
City *County*

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

The California Department of General Services (DGS), in conjunction with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), proposes to demolish the existing California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Blythe Border Protection Station (BPS) and replace it with an updated facility on Interstate 10 (I-10) that is sufficiently sized and equipped to accommodate necessary CDFA inspection operations, required quarantine enforcement, and other border safety/protection activities. The new BPS will be constructed approximately 0.66 mile west of the existing station (Project). In addition to developing a new BPS facility, the Project would re-align the existing westbound I-10 lanes to divert vehicles to inspection booths and widen the lanes within the limits of the relocated BPS to accommodate five lanes for passenger vehicles and four additional lanes for commercial trucks. The additional lanes would be for inspections only and would not provide additional I-10 westbound through-lanes. The Project would also relocate Hobsonway to the north of its existing alignment and remove the existing Hobsonway ramps at I-10 and relocate them west of their existing location. The existing BPS facility would remain operational during Project construction. Once the new BPS facility is constructed and operational, the existing BPS facility would be demolished. The Project would include 2 two inspection buildings, a main vehicle inspection building and a commercial truck inspection building; 3 inspection canopies; 25 parking stalls including two accessible stalls, and two electric vehicle [EV] stalls; a solar array, which will offset 100 percent of the Project's energy consumption; a watercraft washing area; an apiary bee spray area; and an incinerator. Other improvements include installation of utilities (water, sewer, and power,

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

Potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources were identified and the following measures incorporated:

Biological Resources:

- BIO-1: preconstruction survey for special-status plant species shall be conducted within suitable habitat within the Project footprint.
- BIO-3: Qualified Biologist/Biological Monitor.
- BIO-4: qualified biologist shall identify locations for the placement of ESA fencing along the limits of the work area.

- BIO-5: A qualified biologist shall conduct a survey of the work area for special-status animal species.
- BIO-7: Determine the number of access routes and the total area of construction activity prior to construction.
- BIO-8: A qualified biologist shall conduct preconstruction burrowing owl survey Between February 15 and July 15 and no less than 14 days prior to vegetation removal and/or ground disturbance activities.
- BIO-9: Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan
 - BIO-10: Prior to construction, all temporarily impacted acreages of Arrowweed Scrub – Disturbed, Bush Seepweed Scrub and Goodding’s Willow Riparian Forest shall be mitigated on and/or off-site
- BIO-11: Construction Best Management Practices
- BIO-12: Work within the Drainage 1 streambed shall be restricted to the low-flow season between June 15 and October 15.
- BIO-13: The temporarily impacted areas of Drainage 1 shall be returned to its original contour and condition to the greatest extent feasible
- BIO-14: Construction Equipment Maintenance, Refueling, and Storage

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

There are no known areas of controversy

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 6

Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board

State Water Resources Control Board

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD)