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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Bonita School Road Bridge (51C-0230) Replacement

Lead Agency: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Transportation Division

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Project Location: Bonita School Road over the Santa Maria River (N 34.986219° & W 120.513637°) Santa Barbara
City *County*

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

The Santa Barbara County Public Works Department proposes the replacement of the Bonita School Road bridge and embankment fill with a full span bridge. Project components include a new 2,321 foot-long, full span bridge. Roadway approaches to conform to the new bridge profile and existing access roads. Modifications as required to levee ramps to maintain County Flood Control District access. Bio-retention basins to collect and treat post-construction storm water associated with project components. Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant separated pedestrian path on the bridge deck. Appropriate roadway signage and pavement markings. The proposed project involves a new bridge and deck would be up to nine feet higher than the existing crossing and up to 21 feet above the riverbed (north end). The total length of proposed improvements would be approximately 4,060 feet, including the new bridge and approach roadway modifications. The bridge superstructure would be constructed of pre-cast, pre-stressed wide-flange concrete girders. The bridge deck would be approximately 48.5 feet-wide and provide two 12-foot-wide traffic lanes (one each direction), two 8-foot-wide shoulders and one 5-foot-wide pedestrian path.

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

BIO-1: Riparian Habitat and Wetlands Restoration, and Specimen Tree Replacement. An approximately 5-acre mitigation area comprised of the riverbed within the PIA along the southern levee shall be restored, including the following actions.
BIO-2: Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts to Arroyo Chub and Steelhead. To avoid conflicts with fish, construction activities within the riverbed shall be conducted when the project site is dry or surface flow is directed away from work areas using berms. The following measures, subject to approval during acquisition of regulatory permits shall be fully implemented to prevent impacts to arroyo chub and steelhead:
BIO-3: Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts to California Red-legged Frog. The following measures have been approved by the Programmatic Biological Opinion for Projects Funded or Approved under the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Aid Program (8-8-10-F-58) (USFWS, 2011) and will be implemented.
BIO-4: Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts to Least Bell's Vireo. The following conservation measures provided by USFWS in the Biological Opinion prepared for the proposed project shall be implemented.
BIO-5: Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts to Western Spade-foot Toad. The following measures shall be implemented to minimize impacts to western spade-foot toad.
BIO-6: Avoidance and Minimization of Impacts to Western Pond Turtle. The following measures shall be implemented to minimize impacts to western pond turtle.

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

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

United States Army Corps of Engineers
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
National Marine Fisheries Service
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Santa Barbara County Flood Control Department
Santa Barbara County Public Works
San Luis Obispo County Public Works