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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Aquaterra Groundwater Bank Project

Lead Agency: McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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Project Location: Kerman (*City*) Fresno (*County*)

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

The McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MAGSA) is proposing to develop infrastructure to receive water from, and convey water to, the James Bypass and the Mendota Pool. Received waters will be conveyed to recharge basins during wet periods and returned to the Mendota Pool during dry periods as part of operations of the Project. The Project will be located in Fresno County and the Kings Subbasin, all within the +/- 120,000 acre MAGSA management area. Farmers will voluntarily participate in this program and agricultural fields will also continue to remain active as the banking program is compatible with farming practices (e.g., planting, fallowing, harvesting).

-Conveyance Infrastructure and Temporary Construction Easements: 63.5 linear miles by 200 feet horizontal width (approximately 1,804 acres total) and includes the main canals levees, lateral levees, pump stations along the main canals with pumps, recovery wells, staging areas, and road crossings.

- 3,294 acres of farmland would be used for recharge basins.
- Construction will take approximately 3.5 years.

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 would have potentially significant impacts on air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, hazards and hazardous materials, and traffic and transportation that would be mitigated from potentially significant to less than significant. The project would have less than significant impacts on aesthetics, greenhouse gases, noise, utilities and service systems, and public services. The project would have no impact on population and housing, recreation, agriculture and forest resources, land use and planning, and mineral and energy resources.

The project's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) includes 28 mitigation measures to reduce impacts associated with air quality, water resources, cultural and tribal resources, biological resources, transportation features, hazardous materials, and soils. The MMRP is found in Appendix 8 of the IS/MND.

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

MAGSA has performed initial public outreach including holding a scoping meeting and 30 day public scoping period, coordinating with tribes, and meeting with area landowners and adjoining water management agencies. Although no particular areas of controversy have been identified, stakeholders have expressed concerns about potential effects to tribal and cultural resources, groundwater management, water quality, monitoring, use of King's River water, and bank operations. These areas of concern have been addressed in the IS/MND and the supporting studies that were performed to characterize existing and proposed conditions. Most of the studies are attached as appendices to the IS/MND.

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

MAGSA is the solely responsible local or state agency for this project and is responsible for CEQA compliance and permit acquisition. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will provide formal recognition of Aquaterra as a groundwater bank upon completion of a NEPA evaluation, which is being prepared under separate cover.