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SCH #: _____

Project Title: SBD I-15 Replace Rock Slope Protection (RSP) for 6 Bridges

Lead Agency: California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans District 8)

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Project Location: Barstow; Baker; Mountain Pass (*City*) San Bernardino (*County*)

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to remove the existing rock slope protection (RSP) and installing partially grouted RSP underneath the Mescal Ditch Bridge (Left & Right) Br. No. 54-0303 L&R at PM 166.8, and Ivanpah Ditch Bridge (Left & Right) Br. No. 54-0316 L&R at PM 179.4. Traditional RSP would be installed underneath Telephone Wash Bridge (Left) Br. No. 54-0233 L at PM R110.4, and Cenda Ditch Bridge (Left) Br. No. 54-1308 L at PM 172.1L on Interstate 15 (I-15) between post mile (PM) R110.4 and PM 179.4 in San Bernardino County. The project would also include the upgrading of Metal Beam Guardrail (MBGR) to Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) and constructing vegetation control underneath the guardrail. The existing bridge rail at Mescal Ditch Bridge and Telephone Wash Bridge would be replaced to concrete barrier and sign panels would be upgraded at Mescal Ditch Bridge. In addition, re-striping would occur from Mescal Ditch Bridge to Ivanpah Bridge.

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 less than significant effect to Biological Resources with the following measures incorporated:
BIO-General-1: Equipment Staging, Storing and Borrow Sites
BIO-Plant-1: Rare Plant Surveys, Flagging, and Fencing.
BIO-Arthropod-1: Rare Insect Host Plant Preconstruction Clearance Survey, Flagging, and Fencing.
Bio-Reptile-1: Equipment Flagging; Bio-Reptile-2: Injured or Dead Desert Tortoise.
Bio-General-4: Preconstruction Surveys.
Bio-Reptile-4: Speed Limits in Desert Tortoise Habitat.
Bio-Reptile-5: Desert Tortoise Predation Prevention.
Bio-Reptile 6: Temporary Demarcation
Bio-Reptile 7: Permanent Fencing
Bio-General-7: Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP).
Bio-General-8: Biological Monitor.
Bio-General-9: Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA).
Bio-General-10: Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Fence Monitoring.
Bio-General-11: Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Fence Removal.
Bio-General-12: Animal Entrapment.
Bio-Avian-1: Preconstruction Nesting Bird Survey.

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

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 6

US Army Corp of Engineers

United States Fish and Wildlife Service