

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: South Coast 101 Drainage

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Project Location: City of Carpinteria, City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta, County of Santa Barbara

City

County

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to restore 38 culvert locations within a total of 22 drainage systems and install new Transportation Management System (TMS) elements at two locations along U.S. Route 101 in Santa Barbara County. The culverts are at various locations along the 52-mile stretch from the Santa Barbara-Ventura County line to the Old Coast Highway, approximately four miles south of Buellton. Transportation Management System elements are located within the first two miles of the Santa Barbara-Ventura County line. Tree removal and temporary access roads may be needed for culvert construction at some project locations. Tree removal locations will be refined throughout project development and conducted according to proposed measures. Mitigation will be included to offset loss of trees and/or habitat vegetation. The project will require a Traffic Management Plan to minimize and manage traffic delays during construction. Some night work is anticipated.

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

Impacts to biological resources and sensitive habitats, including coastal Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas, resulting from the project would be significant without mitigation. Project construction activities would cause temporary and/or permanent impacts to some Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas. Mitigation measures are required to restore impacted areas and replant native trees for impacts to Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas. Compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts shall be at a minimum of 3:1 ratio (acreage), or other ratio as determined by regulatory agencies during permitting. Impacts to native riparian trees that have a greater than 6-inch diameter at breast height (DBH) would be offset with replacement planting within the project limits. Impacts are likely to require a minimum 3:1 replacement ratio by the California Coastal Commission, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Impacts to non-native trees will likely require at minimum a 2:1 replacement ratio. With the implementation of these mitigation measures as well as avoidance and minimization measures, impacts will be less than significant.

Impacts to cultural resources resulting from the project would be significant only if cultural resources are discovered in construction areas on land parcels not currently accessible for evaluation. When permission to enter private lands is acquired, and avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures are implemented, impacts would be reduced to either no impact or less than significant impact.

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

None known.

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

Responsible Agencies: California Transportation Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Coastal Commission/Santa Barbara County Local Coastal Program, State Historic Preservation Office, City of Carpinteria, City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara

Trustee Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife