

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Post-fire Riparian Forest Restoration and Arundo and Tamarisk Eradication Project

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

The project area encompasses a total of 123,230 acres in a rural agricultural zone of northern California, between Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area (refer to Figure 2, project area map). Tree removal will be focused in the Pleasants Valley area within the easternmost reach of the LNU Lightning Complex in Solano County. Pleasants Creek flows north into Putah Creek, while the Ulatis, Alamo and Sweany creeks comprise the 150-square-mile Ulatis watershed. Tamarisk and arundo removal will be focused in the Ulatis watershed, which drains into the Sacramento-Bay Delta Watershed. This is vital area for water quality protection and improvement.

The purpose of the Project is to address impacts from both the LNU Lightning Complex wildfires in 2020 and over a century of noxious weed invasion in riparian corridors. This project aims to remove priority trees identified in SRCD-conducted surveys that poses a threat to riparian habitats and to remove populations of invasive Arundo donax (Arundo) and Tamarisk spp. (tamarisk). The Project proposes to remove fire-killed trees in watercourse zones that threaten stream bank integrity and aquatic habitat; and to remove invasive Arundo and tamarisk to improve watershed function, water quality, and riparian habitat.

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 result in no impacts to Agriculture and Forest Resources, Air Quality, Energy, Land Use Planning, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, and Transportation. The project would have impacts below a level of significance for Aesthetics, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire. Mitigation Measures will be implemented to reduce potentially significant impacts to less-than-significant levels for Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology & Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology & Water Quality. Mitigations for effects in different areas are summarized as follows:

**Biological:** Surveys of suitable habitat for special status species will be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of work. Any individuals found will be given special treatment or buffer zones and/or biological monitor presence, seasonal work restrictions, or CDFW consultation. Work timeframes are established to avoid impacts to nesting animals.

**Cultural Resources & Tribal Cultural Resources:** Archaeological records checks and surveys will be conducted prior to work and sites flagged, avoided, or given special treatment as needed. Ground-disturbing work will require Cultural Resource Sensitivity Training by all workers and any discovery of previously unevaluated cultural resources or human remains will result in work stopping and appropriate assessments and notifications conducted.

**Geology and Soils:** Heavy equipment will not be used in unstable areas, on excessively steep slopes, or when soil is saturated. New trails will have waterbreaks installed.

**Hazards & Hazardous Materials:** hazardous material mixing and refueling of equipment will not occur in sensitive areas.

Herbicide will be applied with all safety precautions and cleanup requirements. Seasonal restrictions and equipment requirements apply during declared fire season.

**Hydrology & Water Quality:** bare soil will be stabilized, equipment will not be staged in sensitive areas, and debris will be felled away & removed from stream channels. Restrictions are in place for stream crossings.

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

Solano RCD knows of no areas of controversy at the time the draft IS/MND was approved.

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

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife