

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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

Project Title: Mattole Headwaters Drought Relief Project - Vanauken Ponds

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Project Location: Whitethorn, an unincorporated community within Humboldt County

*City*

*County*

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

A Special Permit (SP) for the construction of an approximately 2 million gallon water storage pond partially within the Streamside Management Area (SMA). The overall project will construct two ponds totaling 6 million gallons of capacity and associated plumbing infrastructure designed to deliver 25 gallons per minute (GPM) of flow augmentation to Vanauken Creek during the four month dry season for the purpose of improving instream aquatic habitat. These ponds will be off-channel and will be filled exclusively with runoff and direct precipitation and the project includes no stream diversions. The project is anticipated to provide significantly improved habitat for coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Vanauken Creek, an important salmon bearing tributary to the Mattole River.

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

The proposed project would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated for the following:

- Biological Resources: Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to prevent sediment discharge into watercourses. Stream temperature will be monitored to manage flow releases with the goal of reducing temperatures to a suitable level. Ground disturbance and vegetation removal shall occur outside of the bird nesting season when feasible. Daily inspections of the work area for amphibians will be conducted to avoid impacts. Prior to initiation of ground disturbing activities, surveys will be conducted to determine if turtles and bumblebees are present to avoid impacts. Special status plant species will be identified and avoided to the greatest extent possible. If not feasible, seed harvesting and/or plan salvage and relocation to a suitable site will occur.
- Cultural Resources: The standard inadvertent discovery protocol shall be followed.
- Geology and Soils: Standard BMPs will be utilized.
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials: All equipment shall be maintained in good working order. Any leaks or spills will be addressed immediately.
- Hydrology and Water Quality: Project operations will be adaptively managed based on flow, temperature and aquatic habitat monitoring results.
- Noise: Hours of operation will be limited and all construction equipment shall be properly maintained and equipped with noise control devices.

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

No controversy has been identified.

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

In addition to Humboldt County, several other agencies will serve as Responsible and Trustee Agencies, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15381 and 15386. These agencies may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board