

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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

Project Title: River and Stream Maintenance

Lead Agency: Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District

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Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *Kings, Tulare*  
*County*

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

The Project consists of routine channel maintenance within the Kaweah River system in Tulare and Kings Counties for the purpose of flood control. Living and dead vegetation, accumulations of sand and sediment, and debris will be removed from within the channel and along each bank. Over-hanging limbs, invasive vegetation, hazardous or dead trees, and other debris will be removed. Heavy equipment such as excavators, bulldozers, skidsteers, dump trucks, and loaders will be utilized. Chainsaws and other hand-held equipment will be used to trim and remove vegetation. Vegetation is then removed from the site or left to decompose naturally after being placed a safe distance from water features. The District is currently performing routine maintenance activities within the Kaweah River under provisions of an existing LSA Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The term of the existing Agreement ends in June 2025. At this time, the District is seeking a new long-term LSA Agreement with CDFW in order to continue maintenance activities. No substantial changes or alterations in the provisions of the agreement are proposed

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

The analysis conducted in the Initial Study results in a determination that the Project will have a less than significant effect on the existing local environment. The Project would involve no potential for significant impacts through the degradation of the quality of the environments, the reduction in the habitat or population of fish or wildlife, including endangered plants or animals, the elimination of a plant or animal community or example of a major period of California history or prehistory. The Project will not contribute to any cumulatively considerable impacts to the environment, nor will it result in substantial adverse effects to human beings, either directly or indirectly. Any impacts would be less than significant.

Mitigation measures for avoidance of potentially significant effects will be implemented through the provisions of a Programmatic Streambed Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for River and Stream Maintenance for Flood Control in the Kaweah River System.

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 based upon responses obtained during preliminary coordination with local agencies.

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

Trustee Agencies:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers (Regulatory Program - Section 404 Permits)
- United State Fish & Wildlife Service
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- State Water Resource Control Board