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Project Title: State Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project - Antelope Grade Section

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Project Location: Cholame, Lost Hills San Luis Obispo & Kern County
City *County*

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

The State Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project was analyzed under the 2005 ND/FONSI which included three projects. The Antelope Grade Section has yet to be constructed and further design has changed the Build Alternative. This Subsequent Initial Study/Updated Environmental Assessment analyzes the newly proposed Build Alternative to convert the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane divided expressway with a 62-foot median. Construction would begin approximately 1 mile east of Antelope Road at post mile 57.3 in San Luis Obispo County and extend to post mile 0.4 in Kern County. Several APNs will require property acquisition as detailed in the document.

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

Potentially significant impacts to visual resources, paleontological resources, and biological resources were identified in the Initial Study. Mitigation measures for the following resources include:

- **Visual:** revegetate and recontour disturbed areas, color visible structural elements to blend in, minimize earthen berm
- **Paleontology:** prepare a mitigation plan which includes worker training, monitoring of earthwork, and curation details.
- **Special status animal species:** Purchase mitigation bank credits for impacts to California tiger salamander and San Joaquin kit fox habitat in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- **Jurisdictional areas:** compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts at a 3:1 ratio, restoration of temporary impacts at a 1:1 ratio, obtain permits from resource agencies, use of Environmentally Sensitive Fencing, work windows, erosion control.
- **Native Trees:** replant willows with DBH over 4" at 3:1 replacement ratio within or adjacent to existing riparian areas.

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 identified.

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

California Transportation Commission, Responsible Agency
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Responsible Agency
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Responsible Agency
State Water Resources Control Board, Responsible Agency
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Responsible Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Responsible Agency