

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2025060992

Project Title: Plumas Lake Middle School Project

Lead Agency: Plumas Lake Elementary School District

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Project Location: Plumas Lake, Yuba

City

County

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

The project site consists of approximately 25 acres and is near the northwest intersection of River Oaks Boulevard and Kensington Drive in Plumas Lake. The proposed Plumas Lake Middle School project involves constructing and operating a new middle school campus and an access road connecting to River Oaks Boulevard, with facilities including a multipurpose room, gymnasium, administration and library building, 44 classrooms, sports fields, and parking and circulation infrastructure. Construction would occur in four phases between spring 2026 and fall 2030, with operations beginning in fall 2027, and full build out reaching a enrollment design capacity for 1,200 students (with an anticipated enrollment of about 972). Students currently enrolled at Riverside Meadows Middle School (Grades 6–8) would be reassigned to the new Plumas Lake Middle School. In addition, elementary students from Cobblestone Elementary and Rio Del Oro Elementary (Grades TK–5) would be redistributed evenly across Cobblestone Elementary School, Rio Del Oro Elementary School, and Riverside Meadows Middle School. No physical improvements to any of the three existing campuses would occur.

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 have potentially significant impacts to agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gases, hazards, tribal cultural resources, transportation, and wildfire. Mitigation Measure AIR-1 includes air quality management measures in construction bids to reduce PM10 emissions. Measure BIO-1 requires a qualified biologist for monitoring special-status species and limiting construction areas. Measure BIO-2 involves conducting plant surveys to avoid or mitigate impacts on special-status plants. Measure BIO-3 mandates preconstruction surveys for nesting habitats and collaboration with CDFW on Crotch's bumble bee. Measure BIO-4 requires clearance surveys for the northwestern pond turtle with potential relocation and exclusion fencing. Measure BIO-5 emphasizes avoiding vegetation removal during nesting seasons and establishing buffers. Measure BIO-6 calls for surveys and buffers for Swainson's hawk nests. Measure BIO-7 mandates surveys for burrowing owls and establishment of no-disturbance buffers. Measure CUL-1 requires hiring a professional archaeologist cultural resource awareness training. Measure CUL-2 states that work must pause upon discovery of cultural remains, awaiting evaluation. Measure GEO-1 sets procedures for unexpected paleontological discoveries. Measure GHG-1 necessitates specification of EV parking spaces and chargers. Measure TCR-1 details handling procedures for tribal cultural resource discoveries. Measure WIL-1 requires a Traffic Control Plan for detours during road closures on River Oaks Boulevard. All mitigation measures aim to minimize impacts to less-than-significant levels, except for agricultural resources, which remain significant and unavoidable.

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 known areas of controversy.

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

Yuba County Fire Department, Yuba County Health Department, Yuba County Public Works, California Division of State Architect, California Geology Survey, California Department of Education, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.