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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Casitas-Ojai Water System Consolidation Project

Lead Agency: Casitas Municipal Water District

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Project Location: Ojai Ventura

City

County

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

CMWD acquired the Ojai Water System in 2017 from Golden State Water Company. The proposed project would integrate the Ojai Water System with the Casitas Water System to address insufficient storage capacity in the Ojai Water System and provide compatible water treatment to both systems. The proposed project consists of five main components:

- Pipeline installation, consisting of approximately 450 linear feet of a new 6-inch water pipeline at the Private Drive site in unincorporated Ventura County; as well as approximately 1,100 linear feet of a new 8-inch pipeline at the Foothill Road site, in unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Ojai;
- Tank demolition, abandonment, and construction, consisting of demolition of the existing 1.0-million gallon concrete tank at the Arbolada Tank site in Ojai; abandonment of the existing Running Ridge tanks at the Running Ridge site in unincorporated Ventura County; and construction of a 1.0-million gallon welded steel tank at the Ojai East Tank site in Ojai;
- Tank rehabilitation, consisting of rehabilitation of an existing 3.0-million gallon welded steel tank at the Ojai East Tank site in Ojai;
- Water treatment, consisting of conversion of the existing treatment system at the Ojai Water System Wellfield in Ojai from chlorine to chloramines, which would involve installation of a new, approximately 2,700 linear feet discharge line, a new free chlorine analyzer, a new sample point for the analyzer, a new ammonia injection point, and new ammonia storage tanks and dosing pumps;
- Booster pump station demolition and construction, consisting of demolition of the existing pump station at the Arbolada Tank site in Ojai; and construction of a temporary pump station and new pump station at the same site.

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

As discussed in Section 3, *Air Quality*, project-related construction emissions would exceed the five pounds per day threshold for each project component. Implementation of Mitigation Measure AQ-1 would require construction measures that minimize emissions of ozone precursors, such that impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. As discussed in Section 4, *Biological Resources*, the project has the potential to impact special-status species, jurisdictional waters, and protected trees. Implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-5 would require a Worker Environmental Awareness Program for construction personnel (BIO-1), avoidance of construction activities during the nesting bird season (BIO-2), pre-construction surveys and establishment of avoidance buffers for nesting birds (BIO-3), best management practices for avoidance and minimization of impacts to jurisdictional waters (BIO-4), and an arborist study (BIO-5), such that impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. As discussed in Section 5, *Cultural Resources*, the project has the potential to impact unanticipated archaeological resources during ground-disturbing activities. Implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would require an unanticipated discovery protocol in the event cultural resources are discovered during construction, such that impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. As discussed in Section 7, *Geology and Soils*, the project has the potential to impact unanticipated paleontological resources during ground-disturbing activities. Implementation of Mitigation Measure GEO-1 would require an unanticipated discovery protocol in the event paleontological resources are discovered during construction, such that impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. As discussed in Section 10, *Hydrology and Water Quality*, the project has the potential to adversely affect water quality and conflict with a water quality control plan. Implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-4 would require best management practices for avoidance and

minimization of impacts to jurisdictional waters, such that impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. As discussed in Section 13, Noise, project construction could generate groundborne vibration. Implementation of Mitigation Measure NOI-1 would require groundborne vibration reduction measures such that impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

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 areas of controversy are known to the Lead Agency.

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

The proposed project would receive funding from the State Water Resources Control Board, which is a responsible agency for the project. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is a trustee agency for the project.