

**Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal****Form F**

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

Project Title: Cottonwood Road at Outside Canal Bridge Replacement Project

Lead Agency: Merced County Department of Public Works

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Project Location: Unincorporated Merced County  
*City*

Merced County  
*County*

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

Merced County (County) in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to replace the Cottonwood Road Bridge structure (Bridge No. 39C-0114) over Outside Canal (project), located approximately 0.5 mile east of Orchard Road, near the community of Gustine in Merced County, California. The project would improve public safety by providing a safe, new structure that would satisfy current design standards, and would be capable of carrying current legal and permit vehicular loads over Outside Canal on Cottonwood Road. The purpose of the project is to also: 1) Remove existing structure, which has been determined as Structurally Deficient, and construct a new bridge that would improve public safety; 2) Construct a new structure under a road closure of Cottonwood Road with a detour of approximately six miles; and 3) Provide a new structure that would satisfy current design standards and would be capable of carrying current legal and permit vehicular loads.

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

Biological Resources: BIO-1 through BIO-16 would be implemented to reduce impacts related to nesting and foraging birds, invasive species, and jurisdictional waters to less than significant.

Hazards & Hazardous Materials: HAZ-1 through HAZ-6 would be implemented to reduce impacts related to asbestos, lead, treated wood, agricultural chemicals, and petroleum hydrocarbons to less than significant.

Hydrology & Water Quality: WQ-1 through WQ-6 would be implemented to reduce impacts on water quality from erosion and sedimentation to less than significant. The project would comply with all applicable permits.

Noise: NOI-1 through NOI-5 would be implemented to reduce construction-related noise impacts to less than significant. The project would comply with County and Caltrans noise requirements.

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 for this project.

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

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife would be a Trustee Agency for purposes of issuing a Section 1602 (Fish and Game Code) Streambed Alteration Agreement.