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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Atwater Jordan Road at Atwater 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 Atwater Jordan Road Bridge structure (Bridge No. 39C-0286) over the Atwater Canal (project), located approximately 0.3 mile west of Central Avenue, near the community of Atwater in Merced County, California. The project would improve public safety by providing a safe, permanent crossing over the Atwater Canal on Atwater Jordan Road. The purpose of the project is to replace and widen the existing bridge by approximately 10 feet along the existing horizontal and vertical alignment to provide two 11-foot lanes, a 3-foot shoulder on each side of the roadway, and new concrete barrier bridge rails similar to those on the existing bridge. In addition, the embankment will be covered with rock slope protection to mitigate scour within the limits of the bridge approach fills. Improvements to the canal access roads may also be needed to accommodate the widened bridge.

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-27 would be implemented to reduce impacts related to nesting and foraging birds, invasive species, and jurisdictional waters to less than significant.
Cultural Resources: CUL-1 and CUL-2 would be implemented to reduce impacts to previously unidentified cultural material or the discovery of human remains from construction of the project to less than significant.
Hazards & Hazardous Materials: HAZ-1 through HAZ-5 would be implemented to reduce impacts related to asbestos, lead, and agricultural chemicals 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.

- Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 from the United States Army Corps of Engineers
- CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Fish and Game Code Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife