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SCH #: ______________________

Project Title: London West Pond

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Project Location: London (*City*)   Tulare County (*County*)

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

See attached Project Description

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

See attached Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program.

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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.

Not Applicable

Project Description

The District proposes to develop an approximately 80-acre recharge facility known as the London West Pond located northwest of the community of London in Tulare County. The proposed Project would be situated immediately to the west of the existing London Pond recharge facility. The new 80-acre basin would consist of several cells and would connect to the existing Kennedy Schoolhouse Ditch pipeline. The pipeline would be replaced with an open ditch through the site. The proposed Project also includes a diversion, or spillway, on the east side of the property to allow for spill to the existing London Pond recharge facility. There are two existing wells on the Project site that would be available for use as recovery or monitoring wells.

Construction

Construction of the recharge facility would be completed over approximately six months, with construction beginning in the spring of 2026. The Project site would be cleared of the existing stone fruit crops located in the northern and southern portions of the site. Construction equipment would likely include the following:

- Excavators,
- Bulldozers,
- Skid steers,
- Dump trucks,
- Loaders,
- Concrete pump truck,
- Graders, and
- Water truck.

Post-construction activities would include system testing, commissioning, and site clean-up. Construction would require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment. Staging areas would be located onsite.

Operation and Maintenance

The District's operation of the new recharge facility would be consistent with the District's other similar facilities in that groundwater conditions would be monitored to minimize negative impacts on the surrounding areas (such as nearby wells, crops, and septic systems). Maintenance would be on an as needed basis.

CHAPTER 5 MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PROGRAM

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Project in the District. The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the proposed Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

Table 5-1: Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program presents the mitigation measures identified for the proposed Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, AIR-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Air Quality analysis of the IS/MND.

The first column of Table 5-1: Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled "When Monitoring is to Occur," identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, "Frequency of Monitoring," identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, "Agency Responsible for Monitoring," names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns will be used by the Lead and Responsible Agencies to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored.

Table 5-1: Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program

Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program						
Item	Mitigation Measure	When Monitoring is to Occur	Frequency of Monitoring	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Method to Verify Compliance	Verification of Compliance
Biological Resources						
BIO-1	(WEAP Training): Prior to initiating construction activities (including staging and mobilization), all personnel associated with Project construction will attend a mandatory Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, conducted by a qualified biologist (someone familiar with the identification and habitats of these species), to aid workers in identifying special status resources that may occur in the Project site. The specifics of this program will include identification of the sensitive species and suitable habitats, a description of the regulatory status and general ecological characteristics of sensitive resources, and review of the limits of construction and mitigation measures required to reduce impacts to biological resources within the work area. This training will discuss special status species, describe the laws and regulations in place to provide protection of these species, identify the penalties for violation of applicable environmental laws and regulations, and include a list of required protective measures to avoid "take." A fact sheet summarizing this information, along with photographs or illustrations of sensitive species with potential to occur on the Project site, will also be prepared for distribution to all contractors, their employees, and all other personnel involved with construction of the proposed Project. All trainees will sign a form documenting that they have attended WEAP training and understand the information presented to them.	Prior to construction activities	Prior to construction activities	District		
BIO-2	(BMPs): The Project proponent will require that all workers employ the following best management	During construction activities	Throughout construction activities	District		

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	practices (BMPs) in order to avoid and minimize potential impacts to special status species: - Vehicles will observe a 15-mph speed limit while on unpaved access routes. - All open trenches, holes, sumps, and other excavations greater than 6-inches with sidewalls steeper than a 1:1 (45 degree) slope will have an escape ramp of earth or a non-slip material with a less than 1:1 slope or these will be covered with barrier material such that animals are unable to dig or squeeze under the barrier and become entrapped. - Workers will inspect areas beneath parked vehicles, equipment, and materials prior to mobilization. If special status species are detected, the individual will either be allowed to leave of its own volition or will be captured by the qualified biologist (must possess appropriate collecting/handling permits) and relocated out of harm's way to the nearest suitable habitat beyond the influence of the Project work area. "Take" of a state or federal special status (rare, California Species of Special Concern, threatened, or endangered) species is prohibited without the necessary federal or state take permit(s). - The presence of any special status species will be reported to the proposed Project's qualified biologist, who will submit the occurrence to the CNDDB. If necessary, the biologist will report the occurrence to CDFW and/or USFWS.					
BIO-3	(Avoidance): The proposed Project's construction activities will occur, if feasible, between September	Prior to construction activities	Prior to construction activities	District with assistance of a qualified biologist	n/a	

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	16 and January 31 (outside of the nesting bird season) to avoid impacts to nesting birds.					
BIO-4	(Pre-Construction Surveys): If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to September 15), a qualified biologist will conduct a pre-construction survey for Swainson's hawk nests onsite and within a 0.5-mile radius within ten calendar days prior to the start of construction. This survey will be conducted in accordance with the Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys in California's Central Valley (Swainson's Hawk Technical Advisory Committee 2000), or current guidance. The survey would also include inspecting for nesting migratory birds within up to 100 feet outside of the Project site and for other nesting raptors within up to 500 feet outside of the Project site. All raptor nests would be considered "active" upon the nest-building stage. If no active nests are observed, no further mitigation is required. If Project activities are halted for ten (10) consecutive days during the nesting bird season, a follow-up survey shall be completed before work can resume.	Prior to construction activities	Prior to construction activities	District with assistance of a qualified biologist	Precon Survey Memo	
BIO-5	(Avoidance Buffers): On discovery of any active nests or breeding colonies near work areas, a qualified biologist will determine appropriate avoidance buffer distances based on applicable CDFW and/or USFWS guidelines, the biology of the species, conditions of the nest(s), and the level of Project disturbance. If necessary, avoidance buffers will be identified with flagging, fencing, or other easily visible means, and will be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nestlings have fledged.	Prior to construction activities	Prior to construction activities	District with assistance of a qualified biologist	Site Inspection to verify construction of buffers.	
BIO-6	(Focused Survey and Avoidance Buffers): Within two weeks prior to the start of Project activities, a qualified biologist (someone familiar with the	Prior to construction activities	Prior to construction activities	District with assistance of a qualified biologist	Focused Survey memo. Site	

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	identification and habitat of this species) will conduct three site visits for northwestern pond turtle within the Project site will be conducted in accordance with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife statewide protocol guidelines for visual surveys (Samara Group and Oregon Native Turtle Working Group 2020). If no northwestern pond turtles are observed during the focused surveys, then construction activities may begin. If construction is delayed or halted for more than seven (7) days, another pre-construction survey for northwestern pond turtle will be conducted. If the survey results in the identification of a northwestern pond turtle, the qualified biologist will determine appropriate buffers to be implemented to avoid impacts to the individual(s).				Inspection to verify construction of buffers.	
BIO-7	(Nesting Survey): If it is determined that western pond turtles are occupying the pond habitat, an additional nesting pond turtle survey will be performed by a qualified biologist. Prior to ground disturbance activity within the pond area of the Project site, a pond turtle nesting survey will be completed within 24 hours. If any evidence of western pond turtle nests or eggs is discovered during the survey, ground disturbance will be postponed until the expected emergence period of hatchlings has ended.	Prior to construction activities	Prior to construction activities	District with assistance of a qualified biologist		
BIO-8	(Monitor): If northwestern pond turtles are discovered at any point of the proposed Project, a qualified biologist will conduct a pre-activity clearance survey each day and remain on the site to oversee all vegetation clearing and ground disturbance activities until Project activities within the pond area are completed.	Prior to and during construction activities	Prior to and during construction activities	District with assistance of a qualified biologist		
BIO-9	(Formal Consultation): Should northwestern pond turtles become listed in this area, and the project/qualified biologist needs to move an	Prior to construction activities	Prior to construction activities	District with assistance of a qualified biologist		

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	individual, consultation for protection plans and/or relocation plans with the appropriate agencies will be completed to avoid take.					
Cultural Resources						
CUL-1	(Archaeological Remains): Should archeological remains or artifacts be unearthed during any stage of project activities, work in the area of the discovery shall cease until the area is evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. If mitigation is warranted, the project proponent shall abide by recommendations of the archaeologist.	During construction activities	Daily	District	Memo summarizing discovery	
CUL-2	(Human Remains): In the event that human remains are discovered on the Project site, the Tulare County Coroner must be notified of that discovery (Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5) and all activities in the immediate area if the find or in any nearby area reasonably suspected of overlie adjacent human remains must cease until appropriate and lawful measures have been implemented. If the Coroner determines that the remains are not recent, but rather of Native American origin, the Coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in Sacramento within 24 hours to permit the NAHC to determine the most likely descendent of the deceased Native American.	During construction activities	Daily	District	Memo summarizing discovery	
Tribal Cultural Resources						
See CUL-1 and CUL-2.						