

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: 10-1H230 Hoods Creek Bridge Replacement

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation

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Project Location: Farmington Stanislaus
City *County*

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

The project proposes to remove and replace the existing Hoods Creek Bridge along State Route 4 in Stanislaus County at Post Mile 7.28. The project scope of work includes raising the roadway profile for the proposed bridge, roadway widening with standard shoulders, and installing guard rail and new culverts from Post Mile 7.1 to 7.4. The proposed improvements include right-of-way acquisition, temporary construction easements, ground disturbance, work in channel, and vegetation removal.

Permanent right-of-way acquisition would be required to widen the bridge and adjacent roadway at the approach and departure of the bridge. Temporary construction easements would be necessary for construction and staging purposes.

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

With the following mitigation measures incorporated, the project would have less than significant effects to biological resources.

- BIO-1: Compensatory Mitigation – Waters of the United States.

Compensatory mitigation would be required under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the estimated loss of 62.92 square feet (0.001-acre) of other waters of the United States. Compensatory mitigation would also be required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act for the estimated loss of 235.94 square feet (0.005-acre) of isolated wetlands qualifying as waters of the State of California. Compensatory mitigation is expected to be accomplished through participation in the United States Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento Office and National Fish and Wildlife Federation's in-lieu fees program.

- BIO-6: Compensatory Mitigation – California Tiger Salamander.

Compensatory mitigation would be required for the total loss of 4.28 acres of California tiger salamander upland habitat due to significant impacts resulting from permanent fill and the temporary detour alignment during construction. Impacts would be compensated by acquiring 5.02 acre-credits from a United State Fish and Wildlife Service-approved mitigation bank. The loss of 0.16-acre from permanent fill and 0.58-acre from permanent impacts from the temporary detour alignment would be compensated at a 2:1 ratio (1.48 acre-credits). Temporary impacts to 3.54 acres of upland habitat from the detour alignment would be compensated at a 1:1 ratio (3.54 acre-credits).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

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

Responsible Agencies: California Transportation Commission