

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Tule River Tribe Complete Streets and Two Pedestrian Bridges

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Project Location: Tulare County
City *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 (MMRP)

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.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Caltrans District 6

The Project predominantly includes the construction of two new pedestrian bridge crossings. Generally, the Project would provide safer routes for Tule River Tribe pedestrians to cross the South Fork of the Tule River (Tule River) to access an education center and gymnasium and provide safe river crossings via pedestrian bridges. The Project is exclusively located along the South Fork of the Tule River exclusively within the Tule River Reservation, which is located approximately 20 miles southeast of the City of Porterville. Project components include:

1. Replacement of the existing pedestrian swinging bridge.
2. A new pedestrian bridge to connect Cow Mountain Road and the corridor to the Justice Center.
3. Class 1 trail.
4. Approximately 3,765 SF of concrete sidewalk.
5. Seven (7) accessible curb ramps.
6. Two (2) streetlights for the N. Reservation Road corridor.
7. Eight (8) new solar-powered Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) (4 locations;
8. 2 RRFBs assumed per location).
9. Two (2) raised pedestrian crossings.
10. Reconfiguration of back-in-angled parking stalls.
11. Landscaping and irrigation for the length of the project.
12. Signing and pavement delineation for the corridor, including pedestrian bridge.

3.1 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

As required by Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, subd. (a)(1), a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared for the Tule River Tribe Complete Streets and Two Pedestrian Bridges Project to monitor the implementation of the mitigation measures that have been adopted for the Project. This MMRP has been created based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The first column of the table identifies the mitigation measure. The second column names the party responsible for carrying out the required action. The third column identifies the timing of initiating the mitigation measure. The fourth column names the party ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last column will be used by the City of Porterville (and Tule River Tribe) to ensure that the individual mitigation measures have been monitored.

Mitigation Measure	Responsible Party for Implementation	Implementation Timing	Responsible Party for Monitoring	Verification
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				
Mitigation Measure 4.1a (Protocol-level Surveys). Prior to the start of bridge construction, or any other project activity in the river corridor, protocol-level rare plant surveys will be conducted within the associated work areas. The surveys will be conducted when local populations of the target species are in bloom, as determined through visits to reference populations and/or consultation with local botanists. The general blooming windows are April-May for the rose-flowered larkspur, March-May for the calico monkeyflower, and March-April for the Munz's iris	Project Applicant	Prior to ground disturbance	City of Porterville (City) and Tule River Tribe (TRT)	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.1b (Avoidance). Any individuals or populations of the rose-flowered larkspur, calico monkeyflower, or Munz's iris found during the surveys will be avoided by project activities to the maximum extent feasible. A qualified biologist will identify an appropriate construction-free zone around populations to be avoided. Construction-free zones will be delineated on the ground with temporary construction fencing and maintained for the duration of project activities.	Project Applicant	Prior to ground disturbance	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.1c (Salvage and Relocation). If it is not feasible to avoid some or all of any rose-flowered larkspur, calico monkeyflower, or Munz's iris individuals or populations found on site, those plants that cannot be avoided will be salvaged and relocated to alternative habitat by a qualified botanist following the provisions of a salvage, relocation, and monitoring plan. Alternative habitat must be in an area	Project Applicant	Prior to ground disturbance	CITY/TRT	

protected from herbicide application, excessive grazing, and other deleterious impacts.				
<i>Monarch Butterfly</i>				
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.2a (Milkweed Survey). Prior to the start of bridge construction, a qualified biologist will survey the associated work areas for milkweed plants. The survey will be conducted at a time of year when milkweed is readily identifiable. The objective of the survey will be to tally and map all milkweed plants that could potentially be impacted by project activities.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.2b (Construction Timing). If feasible, no milkweed plants will be removed during the period when monarchs are most likely to breed in the project vicinity, March to August.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.2c (Compensatory Mitigation). Any milkweed plants that are removed by the project will be replaced at a 3:1 ratio in accordance with a revegetation plan prepared by a qualified biologist. The planting site(s) must be in similar or higher quality habitat to the habitat that was impacted, in area(s) that will not be mowed or treated with pesticides or herbicides.	Project Applicant	If plants are removed	CITY/TRT	
<i>Crotch's bumble bee</i>				
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.3a (Construction Timing). If feasible, all bridge construction activities will take place between October and February, outside of the period in which Crotch's bumble bee nests are typically active.	Project Applicant	Oct-Feb. when construction occurs	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.3b (Preconstruction Surveys). If bridge construction must occur between March and September, then a qualified biologist will conduct preconstruction surveys for the Crotch's bumble bee within the associated work areas. To maximize detection, the surveys will be conducted on warm, sunny days (65-90 degrees F) when there is low wind (less than 8 mph). The surveys will be conducted by walking meandering transects through the work areas, while visually searching for bumble bees and potential nest sites. Any bumble bees that are observed will be followed and, if possible, photographed once they alight on a plant, highlighting the following features to aid identification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face, including cheek length • Top of the head • Banding on the abdomen • Color pattern on the thorax At any burrows or other underground features that exhibit concentrated bumble bee activity, the surveyor will monitor activity to determine nesting status.	Project Applicant	Mar.-Sept. when construction occurs	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.3c (Avoidance). Any suspected Crotch's bumble bee nests that are discovered during the surveys will be avoided by an appropriate setback during bridge construction activities, until the biologist determines the nest is no longer active.	Project Applicant	During construction	CITY/TRT	
<i>Western Pond Turtle</i>				

Mitigation Measure BIO-4.4a (Preconstruction Surveys). Within 24 hours prior to the start of bridge construction at each location, a qualified biologist will conduct a preconstruction survey for western pond turtles in the associated work area.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.4b (Relocation). The biologist will capture and relocate any turtles found within the work areas during the surveys. Turtles will be relocated to suitable alternative habitat within the river corridor, well outside of work area boundaries.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.4c (Employee Education Program). Prior to the start of bridge construction, workers will receive training on western pond turtle identification and life history and the project-specific measures required for this species' protection.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.4d (Site Inspections and Turtle Avoidance/Relocation). During bridge construction, construction staff will regularly inspect the work area for western pond turtles. At a minimum, this will include (1) checking for turtles under and around any parked vehicles or equipment prior to their operation, (2) scanning the ground for turtles while operating vehicles or equipment, and (3) checking any open trenches or other excavations for trapped turtles at the beginning and end of each work day.	Project Applicant	During construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.4e (Avoidance). If any turtles are observed on site while work is occurring, work in the immediate area will cease and turtles will be allowed to leave the construction zone of their own volition, if feasible. If necessary, a qualified biologist will capture and relocate such turtles as described above under Mitigation Measure 4.1.4b.	Project Applicant	During construction	CITY/TRT	
<i>Northern California Legless Lizard</i>				
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.5a (Preconstruction Surveys). Within 24 hours prior to the start of bridge construction at each location, a qualified biologist will conduct a preconstruction survey for northern California legless lizard in the associated work area. The survey will entail visually searching all terrestrial habitats of the work areas and will include gently raking leaf litter and turning over rocks, logs, and other features that could serve as refugia for individuals of this species.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.5b (Relocation). The biologist will capture and relocate any legless lizards found within the work areas during the surveys. Lizards will be relocated to suitable alternative habitat within the river corridor, outside of work area boundaries.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
<i>Nest Birds and Raptors</i>				
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.6a (Construction Timing). If feasible, the project will be constructed between September 1 and January 31, outside of the avian nesting season.	Project Applicant	Sept.-Mar. when construction occurs	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.6b (Preconstruction Surveys). If construction is to occur between February 1 and August 31, a qualified biologist will conduct pre-construction surveys for active bird nests within 10 days prior to the start of any work within this period. The survey area will encompass the work		Feb 1.-Aug 31. when construction occurs	CITY/TRT	

area(s) and surrounding lands within 500 feet for nesting raptors and 250 feet for other nesting birds.				
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.6c (Avoidance of Active Nests). Should any active nests be discovered in or near proposed construction zones, the biologist will identify a suitable construction-free buffer around the nest. The buffer distance will be determined based on species biology, site-specific conditions, and the level of project-related disturbance that is anticipated near the nest(s) in question. Buffers will be identified on the ground with flagging or fencing and will be maintained until the biologist has determined that the young have fledged and are capable of foraging independently.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
<i>Tree roosting bats including Pallid Bat</i>				
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.7a (Construction Timing). If feasible, project-related tree removal will occur outside of the period between April 15 and September 30. This is the time frame within which colony-roosting bats in the vicinity generally assemble, give birth, nurse their young, and ultimately disperse.	Project Applicant	Apr. 15-Sept. 30 Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.7b (Pre-construction Surveys). Within 10 days prior to the removal of any mature trees, a qualified biologist will survey these features for roosting bats. The biologist will look for individuals, guano, and staining, and will listen for bat vocalizations. If necessary, the biologist will wait for nighttime emergence of bats from roost sites.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.7c (Avoidance of Maternity Roosts). Should any active maternity bat roosts be discovered, the biologist will identify a suitable construction-free buffer around the roost(s). The buffer will be identified on the ground with flagging or fencing, and will be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nursery is no longer active.	Project Applicant	Prior to and during construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.7d (Humane Eviction of Non-breeding Bats). If a non-breeding bat colony is found, the individuals will be humanely evicted, under the direction of a qualified biologist, to ensure that bats are not physically harmed by tree removal.	Project Applicant	Prior to and during construction	CITY/TRT	
<i>Sensitive Natural Communities</i>				
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.8a (Tree Survey). Prior to project construction, a qualified biologist will survey all portions of the river corridor that are proposed for direct impact. All trees and shrubs within these areas will be identified to species and mapped, and their diameter at breast height (DBH) will be recorded. At the end of construction, a qualified biologist will repeat the survey to quantify the tree and shrub removal that occurred.	Project Applicant	Prior to construction	CITY/TRT	
Mitigation Measure BIO-4.8b (Replacement Plantings). Replacement plantings will be provided as compensation for removal of any riparian trees or shrubs with a DBH of 4 inches or greater. Plantings will be installed at a ratio of 3:1 for impacted trees/shrubs with a DBH between 4 and 24 inches, and at a ratio of 10:1 for impacted trees with a DBH greater than 24 inches. All plantings will be monitored annually for a	Project Applicant	Prior to or during construction	CITY/TRT	

<p>minimum of five years. A revegetation plan will be prepared for the project that will detail the methods for planting, irrigating, and maintaining the replacement trees and shrubs.</p>				
CULTURAL RESOURCES/TRIBAL CULTURAL				
<p>Mitigation Measure CUL-1 Cultural Resources Awareness Training: Before ground-disturbing activities, a qualified archaeologist shall conduct Cultural Resources Awareness Training for all construction personnel. The training shall include examples of potential cultural materials, reporting protocols, penalties for unauthorized disturbance, and procedures for immediate notification of the archaeologist. Attendance shall be documented on a sign-in sheet retained by the contractor and provided to the Tule River Indian Reservation and Tulare County upon completion of construction..</p>	Project Applicant	Ongoing During Construction	Tule River Tribe (TRT)/City of Porterville (City)	
<p>Mitigation Measure CUL-2 Inadvertent Discovery of Archaeological Resources: Ground-disturbing activities shall be located at least 100 feet (30 meters) from known archaeological resources. If resources are discovered, work within 100 feet (30 meters) of the find shall halt immediately, and the area shall be protected from further disturbance. The archaeologist, in consultation with a Native American representative, shall evaluate the find for significance and recommend treatment consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C). Avoidance shall be the preferred mitigation; if avoidance is infeasible, data recovery or other appropriate treatment may be implemented. Construction shall resume only after approval by the qualified archaeologist.</p>	Project Applicant	Ongoing During Construction	TRT/City	
<p>MM CUL-3: Inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains: If human remains are encountered during construction, all work in the vicinity shall cease. The Tulare County Coroner shall be notified immediately. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the NAHC shall be notified in accordance with PRC Section 5097.98, and a Most Likely Descendant shall be identified. The County and the descendant shall confer to determine appropriate treatment and disposition of the remains. Construction shall not resume until approved by the County and the qualified archaeologist.</p>	Project Applicant	Ongoing During Construction	TRT/City	
<p>Mitigation Measure GEO-1 (Paleontological resources): If a suspected unique paleontological resource were to be discovered during construction of the Project, the following protocol shall be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Porterville (City) and Tule River Tribal Representatives (Tribe) shall be notified of the discovery. Work shall cease around the find until a qualified paleontologist meeting the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards has evaluated the find in accordance with federal, state, and local guidelines. The applicant shall choose the qualified paleontologist subject to the approval of the City and Tribe. If the find is determined to be a unique resource, such measures may include avoidance, preservation in place, data recovery 	Project Applicant	Ongoing During Construction	TRT/City	

<p>and associated documentation, or other appropriate measures. Construction activity may continue unimpeded in other portions of the Project Site. The City and Tribe shall determine the appropriate and feasible measure(s) that will be necessary to mitigate impacts, in consideration of the measure(s) recommended by the paleontologist. Construction in the affected area shall re-commence with the approval of the City and Tribe.</p>				
<p>Mitigation Measure HYD-1: Prior to the issuance of any construction/grading permit and/or the commencement of any clearing, grading, or excavation, the Applicant shall submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) for discharge from the Project Site to the California State Water Resources Control Board's Storm Water Permit Unit and submit a copy of this NOI to the City/Tribe. The City/Tribe shall review the noticing documentation prior to approval of the grading permit and City monitoring staff shall inspect the Project Site during construction for compliance.</p>	Project Applicant	Pre-Construction	City	
<p>Mitigation Measure HYD-2: The Applicant shall require the building contractor to prepare and submit a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the City 45 days prior to the start of work for approval. The contractor is responsible for understanding the State General Permit and instituting the SWPPP during construction. A SWPPP for site construction shall be developed prior to the initiation of grading and implemented for all construction activity on the Project Site in excess of one (1) acre, or where the area of disturbance is less than one acre but is part of the Project's plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres. The SWPPP shall identify potential pollutant sources that may affect the quality of discharges to stormwater and shall include specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control the discharge of material from the site. The following BMPs methods shall include, but would not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dust control measures to ensure success of all on-site activities to control fugitive dust; • A routine monitoring plan to ensure success of all on-site erosion and sedimentation control measures; • Provisional detention basins, straw bales, erosion control blankets, mulching, silt fencing, sand bagging, and soil stabilizers shall be used; • Soil stockpiles and graded slopes shall be covered after two weeks of inactivity and 24 hours prior to and during extreme weather conditions; and, • BMPs shall be strictly followed to prevent spills and discharges of pollutants on-site, such as material storage, trash disposal, construction entrances, etc. 	Project Applicant	Pre-Construction	City	
<p>Reserved</p>				