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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Gold Rush Multi-Use Path Phase I Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation District 10

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Project Location: State Route 49 from Post Mile 17.2 to 17.9 in City of Sonora, Tuolumne County

City *County*

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

The project proposes construction of a 1.5-mile multi-use trail, beginning in the city of Sonora at State Route 49 and South Green Street, extending south down State Route 49 to an existing trail located near the Motherlode Fairgrounds. In addition, a trail junction would be constructed at the State Route 49/Woods Creek Drive intersection, forming a T in the trail. The project can be broken into three sections: South Green Street to Woods Creek Drive, Woods Creek Drive to Motherlode Fairgrounds, and Woods Creek Drive to Snell Street. Project-wide improvements would consist of construction of a Class I pedestrian and bicycle path, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, and restriping portions of State Route 49 to narrow and shift the existing lanes.

The project consists of two alternatives which differ based on the alignment of the proposed trail behind the Woods Creek Rotary Park baseball field. Alternative 1 would shift the baseball field approximately 5 feet into the field to avoid impacts to Woods Creek. Alternative 2 would place a retaining wall and fill within Woods Creek to avoid impacts to the baseball field. All other improvements are consistent between the build alternatives

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

The project contains one "Less than Significant with Mitigation" determination due to construction impacts to Woods Creek, a jurisdictional Water of the United States, Water of the State, and CDFW jurisdictional habitat. The project would include mitigation measure BIO-11, which states:

BIO-11 - Compensatory mitigation would be provided for any riverine habitats that would be permanently impacted by the project, resulting in no net loss of aquatic resources or habitat. Mitigation would be provided using an agency-approved mitigation ratio via one of the following compensatory mitigation options:

- Payment of an in-lieu fee or mitigation credits to an agency-approved mitigation site.
- Compensatory off-site mitigation at an agency-approved mitigation site.
- Compensatory on-site mitigation.
- A combination of the above compensatory mitigation options.

Consultation efforts with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife through Section 404, Section 401, and Section 1602 permitting processes would determine final mitigation ratios for permanent impacts to Waters of the United States and Waters of the State.

With the incorporation of this measure, impacts would be reduced to a less than significant measure.

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

Potential areas of controversy may include parking impacts for businesses along State Route 49 and impacts to the Woods Creek Rotary Park baseball field and little league team resulting from shifting the fenceline under Build Alternative 1.

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

Responsible Agency: California Transportation Commission