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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Eastside Aquifer Restoration Initiative Project

Lead Agency: Eastside Water District

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Project Location: Turlock Stanislaus and Merced Counties, CA

City *County*

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

The Eastside Aquifer Restoration Initiative (EARI) Project is a groundwater sustainability project proposed by the Eastside Water District (EWD), in partnership with the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) and East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETSGSA), to convey replenishment water to agricultural areas south of the TID Main Canal and enhance in lieu and direct groundwater recharge within the eastern portion of the Turlock Subbasin. The Project would involve construction and operation of a new turnout on the TID Main Canal, a pump station, conveyance pipeline, regulating basin, turnouts along the pipeline and Mustang Creek to deliver replenishment water to agricultural lands, turnouts on Sand Creek and Mustang Creek, and re-channelization of portions of Mustang Creek to continue the conveyance of replenishment water to Mustang Lake, when available. Replenishment water would be used to offset groundwater pumping during the irrigation season and to facilitate direct groundwater recharge during the non irrigation season.

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

The proposed project may have potentially significant effects to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, and Tribal Cultural Resources. Mitigation measures are proposed to reduce impacts:

MM BIO-01: Special-Status Plant Species Avoidance and Relocation, MM BIO-02: Special Status and Other Nesting Bird Protection Measures, MM BIO-03: California Tiger Salamander Protection Measures, MM BIO-04: Western Spadefoot Protection Measures, MM BIO-5: Obtain Permit Approvals and Complete Required Mitigation for Impacts to Waters of the Unites States and State.

MM CUL-1: Cultural Resources Awareness Training, MM CUL-2: Inadvertent Discovery of Cultural Resources, MM CUL-3: Inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains.

MM GEO-1: Paleontological Resources Protection.

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 areas of controversy have been raised by agencies or the public.

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Stanislaus County
Merced County
Turlock Irrigation District