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SCH #: 2016041085

Project Title: Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification Project

Lead Agency: Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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Project Location: Lake Nacimiento, Heritage Ranch (*City*) Monterey, San Luis Obispo (*County*)

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

The project is comprised of two separate but interrelated components, a water conveyance tunnel from Nacimiento Reservoir to San Antonio Reservoir, and modifications to the existing spillway at San Antonio Reservoir. The project includes the following elements: Interlake Tunnel (gravity flow), Tunnel Intake Structure at Nacimiento Reservoir, Energy Dissipation Structure at San Antonio Reservoir, San Antonio Dam Spillway Modification, and disposal of spoils. The proposed modifications of the spillway at San Antonio Reservoir would provide a 7 foot increase in the maximum reservoir elevation, effectively increasing the storage capacity of the reservoir by approximately 41,000 acre-feet.

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

The Draft EIR determined that impacts from construction and operation of the proposed project or Tunnel-Only Alternative would be less than significant or less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures. No significant and unavoidable impacts would occur from construction and operation of the proposed project or Tunnel-Only Alternative. Several mitigation measures would be implemented and are described in further detail within the Draft EIR.

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

MCWRA sent an NOP and initial study to responsible and trustee agencies, interested entities, and individuals on April 26, 2016. This initiated the scoping period. During the scoping period, MCWRA received comments from numerous individuals, agencies, and a tribal organization; these comments are summarized in Section ES.5.2. Potential areas of known controversy and issues to be resolved identified in the scoping comments include the following:

- Potential impacts on steelhead populations
- Potential introduction of white bass to San Antonio Reservoir from Nacimiento Reservoir
- Potential spread of invasive species (e.g., mussels) between reservoirs
- Potential impacts on species and habitat and related compliance with biological resources laws (e.g., ESA)
- Potential impacts on reservoir water quality
- Potential impacts on groundwater quality and groundwater supply
- Potential impacts on private wells
- Potential impacts on water availability in the watershed
- Potential impacts on recreation (both public and for property owners) due to changes in reservoir water levels
- Implications of the proposed project with respect to existing water rights
- Tunnel design (e.g., elevation, size, placement)

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

Responsible agencies include USACE, USFWS/NMFS, State Office of Historic Preservation, DWR, DSOD, SWRCB, CCRQCB, CDFW, Monterey Bay Unified AQ Management District, SLO County APCD, County of Monterey, and County of San Luis Obispo.

Trustee agencies include CDFW.