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SCH #

**Project Title:** ACE Ceres-Merced Extension

Lead Agency: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

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County: San Joaquin County

**Project Location:** County: Stanislaus, Merced

City/Nearest Community: Ceres, Turlock, Livingston, Atwater, Merced

Cross Streets: -- (See Figure in NOP)

Zip Code: --

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): -- ° -- ' -- " N / -- ° -- ' -- " W Total Acres: --

Assessor's Parcel No.: --

Section: -- Twp.: -- Range: -- Base: --

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-99, RS-165, SR-140

Waterways: Merced River, Canal Creek, Bear Creek, and irrigation canals

Airports: MOD, MER, MCE

Railways: UPRR

Schools: Many

**Document Type:**CEQA: ☒ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

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☐ Draft EIS☐ Other:☐ Mit Neg Dec

Other:

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**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: Transit, Encroachment**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units

Acres

☐ Office: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☒ Transportation: Type

Commuter and Intercity Rail

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Mining: Mineral☐ Industrial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Power: Type

MW

☐ Educational:☐ Waste Treatment: Type

MGD

☐ Recreational:☐ Hazardous Waste: Type☐ Water Facilities: Type

MGD

☐ Other:**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☒ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☒ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☒ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☐ Other:**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Within the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right-of-way (ROW) from Ceres to Merced and some areas outside the ROW for stations and a layover and maintenance facility.

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Project would consist of the following: a Merced Extension Alignment consisting of upgrades and new tracks and bridges within the UPRR Fresno Subdivision between Ceres and Merced; new Turlock, Livingston or Atwater, and Merced Stations along the extension alignment; and a new permanent Merced Layover and Maintenance Facility to support extension operations. See attached NOP.

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 28, 2020 Ending Date July 7, 2020

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 5-28-2020

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