

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019039013

Project Title: Rosamond Community Services District Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project

Lead Agency: Rosamond Community Services District

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Project Location: Rosamond, Unincorporated Kern County

City

County

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

The project proposes to expand the existing WWTP from a treatment capacity of 0.5 million gallons per day (mgd) to 1.27 mgd by duplicating the existing Biolac/clarifier system, activated sludge system, secondary clarifier, and sludge drying beds. A new, larger Biolac/clarifier system would be provided and the existing six sludge drying beds would be duplicated. Two of the existing ponds on the project site would be converted to percolation ponds. Ponds 15 and 17 are proposed to be reconfigured into three ponds. The top ten feet of soil would be removed from the bottom of pond 15 and the top five feet of soil would be removed from the bottom of Pond 17. Access ramps would be included for operation and maintenance. A new septage receiving station would be installed north of the WWTP on the southwest side of existing Pond 11 which will be approximately 117-feet long by 39-feet wide with a water surface area of 4,800 square feet. It is anticipated to hold approximately 90,000 gallons of septage. Construction of the proposed improvements would result in the excavation and long-term storage of up to approximately 220,000 cubic yards of soil on-site to the west of existing Pond 17. The soil stockpile area would cover approximately 11 acres with soil approximately 12 feet in height above existing grade. Construction activities are anticipated to begin in mid-2019, with operation of the newly expanded WWTP anticipated to occur by the end of 2020.

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

1. Biological Resources: Special-status species (sensitive plants, burrowing owl) - mitigation includes surveys and mitigation options including seed collection and replanting, dedication of conservation land, and BUOW relocation plan; Riparian habitat/sensitive natural communities (CDFW and RWQCB jurisdictional resources and nesting birds) - mitigation includes obtaining 1602 and 401 permits from CDFW and RWQCB, respectively, and surveys and construction monitoring during nesting season; Wetlands (RWQCB resources) - mitigation includes obtaining 401 permit from RWQCB; Wildlife movement (wildlife movement and migratory species) - mitigation includes surveys and construction monitoring during nesting season.
2. Cultural Resources: Archaeological Resources - mitigation includes archaeological and Native American monitoring of earthwork and mitigation plan implementation regarding any discoveries; Human Remains - mitigation includes cessation of work, contacting County Coroner and determining most likely descendant(s).
3. Geology and Soils: Expansive Soils - mitigation includes preparation of site-specific geotechnical investigation and compliance with applicable recommendations.
4. Hydrology and Water Quality: Violation of water quality standards or discharge requirements - mitigation includes infiltration testing and obtaining and new Waste Discharge Permit; Groundwater supplies/recharge - mitigation includes additional groundwater monitoring and reporting.
5. Tribal Cultural Resources: Tribal Cultural Resources - mitigation includes archaeological and Native American monitoring of earthwork and mitigation plan implementation regarding any discoveries, repatriation of artifacts, as well as cessation of work, contacting County Coroner and determining most likely descendant(s).

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

Cultural resources sensitivity and known resources in the immediate area expressed by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. No other known areas of controversy.

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

CA Department of Water Resources; CA Department of Fish and Wildlife; CA Department of Health Services.