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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant Easement Implementation

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Project Location: Van Nuys
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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Proposed Project would occur at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (Plant) in the Sepulveda Dam Flood Control Reservoir (Sepulveda Dam Reservoir). The Sepulveda Dam Reservoir is approximately 17 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, in the San Fernando Valley community of Van Nuys, California. It lies immediately west of Interstate 405 (I-405) and north of U.S. Highway 101 (US-101). The Plant is located at 6100 Woodley Avenue, north of Burbank Boulevard and south of Victory Boulevard.

The Proposed Project is the issuance of a long-term easement for the operation of the Plant. Issuance of a new easement requires raising the existing dikes to meet flood protection requirements. The Proposed Project also includes a suite of components that would be undertaken to update Plant facilities. These components include the construction of a Multi-Purpose Building in service to the Japanese Garden needs, and two capital improvement projects to improve flow-metering in maintenance vaults and sewer service within the Plant grounds.

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

Biological Resources: With the implementation of mitigation measures (MMs), the Proposed Project (PP) would have a less than significant impact on the following biological resources: candidate, sensitive, or special-status species; sensitive natural communities; and wildlife movement, wildlife corridors, or wildlife nursery sites. MMs: 1) Pre-construction nesting bird surveys, 2) Breeding bird avoidance, and 3) A buffer zone between staging/construction activity areas and Haskell Creek. Cultural Resources: With the implementation of MMs, the PP would have a less than significant impact on the following cultural resources: archaeological resources; tribal cultural resources; unique paleontological resource/site or geological feature; and human remains. MMs: 1) Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan, 2) Culturally-affiliated Native American monitor, 3) Identification, assessment, and treatment of known resources and unanticipated and inadvertent discoveries, and 4) Paleontological monitoring. Hazardous Materials: With the implementation of a MM, the PP would have a less than significant impact related to the following hazardous materials issues: transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; and the release of hazardous materials into the environment. MM: Construction-Specific Solid and Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plan and a Site-Specific Worker Health and Safety Plan. Hydrology: With the implementation of a MM, the PP would have a less than significant impact related to the following hydrologic resources: floodplain storage. MM: Excavation of Earth Material to Offset Loss of Flood Storage Capacity within the Floodplain. Transportation and Circulation: With the implementation of a MM, the PP would have a less than significant impact on the following transportation and circulation resources: an applicable plan, ordinance or policy; and an applicable congestion management program. MM: Traffic management plan.

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

Agencies:

Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District commented that vector control activities should be undertaken by the Plant. Vector control practices will be addressed in the easement and operations plan that is being developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Los Angeles District) and LASAN.

Public:

Public comments have indicated concern about the post-construction revegetation and the potential for impacts to sensitives species and to sensitive habitat along Haskell Creek. However, with the implementation of the biological resources mitigation measures described above (standard mitigation measures developed in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife), as well as the implementation of additional conservation measures, impacts to wildlife and other biological resources would be less than significant.

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

Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District