

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019059079

Project Title: Sacramento River Salmon Gravel Restoration Project

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Project Location: 5 miles southwest of the city of Chico, Butte County

City

County

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

M&T Chico Ranch is proposing a new mining operation that would remove an existing stockpile of alluvial aggregates from the project site. The stockpile was generated during wet and dry dredging operations conducted in 2001 and 2007 on the Sacramento River. Aggregate material will continue to be placed onsite as a result of future planned dredging operations described in in the M&T Chico Ranch/Llano Seco Rancho Fish Screen Facility Short-Term Protection Project Environmental Assessment/Initial Study, Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact, and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH#201209050). The stockpile currently consists of approximately 300,000 tons of alluvial aggregates located on approximately 8.3 acres of the 12.4-acre project site. Two future dredging operations on the Sacramento River have been analyzed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (SCH#2012092050), and each has obtained state and local approvals to deposit up to 150,000 tons of additional alluvial aggregate onsite. Combined, these two future dredging operations would add up to 300,000 tons of alluvial aggregate to the 300,000 tons already stockpiled onsite, resulting in a total of up to 600,000 tons of aggregate to be removed over the life of the proposed project. Annual mining production would range from 20,000 to 50,000 tons, with a maximum of 100,000 tons per year. It is assumed that mining and processing activities would begin in 2019 and would continue over a period of approximately 20 years. Following the completion of mining operations, the disturbed areas within the project site would be revegetated with native grassland species and reclaimed to open space uses.

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

All potential effects described below would be reduced to a less-than-significant level by the mitigation measures identified below.

Potential effect: Disturbance or loss of VELB and its habitat. Mitigation measures: MM-BIO-1: Avoid Impacts on VELB, MM-BIO-2: Prepare and Implement an Environmental Awareness Training Program for Project Personnel, and MM-BIO-3: Prepare and Implement a Dust Control Plan.

Potential effect: Disturbance or loss of Western Pond Turtles. Mitigation measure: MM-BIO-4: Fill Sediment Ponds at the End of Each Processing Cycle.

Potential effect: Loss or disturbance of tree-, shrub-, and ground-nesting special-status and non-special-status migratory birds and raptors. Mitigation measure: MM-BIO-5: Avoid Disturbance of Tree-, Shrub-, and Ground-Nesting Special-Status and Non-Special-status Migratory Birds and Raptors and Conduct Preconstruction Nesting Bird Surveys.

Potential effect: Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource. Mitigation Measure: MM-CUL-1: Implement Measures to Protect Previously Unidentified Cultural Resources.

Potential effect: Disturb human remains. Mitigation measure: MM-CUL-2: Implement Measures if Project Activities Inadvertently Discover or Disturb Human Remains.

Potential effects: Release of hazardous materials and violation of water quality standards or waste discharge requirements. Mitigation measure: MM-HAZ-1: Prepare and Implement a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan.

Potential effects: Disruption of physical access, emergency services or utility services and conflicts between haul trucks and other roadway users. Mitigation Measure: MM-TRANS-1: Prepare and Implement a Traffic Control 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.

N/A.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (for issuance of Fish and Game Code Section 1602 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement).

Central Valley Flood Protection Board (for issuance of a Title 23 Encroachment Permit).

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (for issuance of a Clean Water Act Section 402 water quality certification).

Butte County Department of Public Works (for issuance of an encroachment permit for access road improvements at River Road).