

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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2019059129Project Title: Merced 140 Roadside Safety Improvements ProjectLead Agency: CaltransContact Name: Jennifer LugoEmail: jennifer.lugo@dot.ca.govPhone Number: (559) 445-6172Project Location: Gustine, Merced, Planada
CityMerced
County

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

The Merced Roadside Safety Improvement project proposes to extend culverts, remove and reconstruct headwalls outside of the clear recovery zone, and add new guardrails at 10 locations, from post miles 9.1 to 49.0, on State Route 140 near the City of Gustine and the community of Planada.

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

Associated riparian vegetation would be removed or disturbed as a result of the project. To minimize the risk of materials used during construction from entering streams or contaminating adjacent riparian areas, a Spill Prevention Plan would be prepared. A clean up protocol would be developed before construction begins and would be implemented in case a spill occurs. Stockpiling of materials and equipment would be restricted to the designated construction staging areas, exclusive of any riparian/wetland areas.

Vernal pools and/or wetland habitats for various plant and animal species exists only at location 13. Once construction is complete, all areas disturbed by the project will be re-seeded with a native species seed mix. Preconstruction surveys will be completed throughout the new Caltrans right-of-way prior to the start of construction at location 13. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Protocols for surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special-Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities (2009) will be followed. If any federal, state-listed, or rare species are observed within the project footprint during the preconstruction surveys, efforts to avoid them will be made through the installation of Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) fencing. For any individuals that cannot be avoided, transplanting efforts (to a suitable location outside of the project impact area), seed collection, or the collection, stockpiling, and re-application of duff will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Nest trees will be monitored until a qualified biologist has determined that the birds have fledged.

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

Not Applicable

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

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the lead agency for CEQA and NEPA for this project.