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SCH **2019079113**

Lead Agency: County of Nevada

Project Title: TRWC Meadow Restoration- PLN19-0006, CUP19-0001, MGT19-0004, EIS19-0007

Project Location: Truckee Nevada
City County

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

An application to the Zoning Administrator for a Conditional Use Permit and Management Plan for a 36-acre meadow restoration project along Dry Creek in Russel Valley, located in the northeastern area of Nevada County. The Conditional Use Permit is to allow the placement of fill in a floodplain, and the Management Plan is to address disturbance within the setbacks of a waterway/wetlands. 13,072 cubic yards of fill would be used to fill 1,270 feet of gully with an average depth of 4.5 feet. The project would restore the stream to historic channels on the meadow surface and increase the floodplain area on this parcel. Currently, the main gully channel has an average width of 73 feet, and the floodplain has had a historic width of 317 feet. Fill would be taken from other offsite restoration projects, from the removal of an on-site berm (previous railroad berm), and from on-site borrow pits. The total disturbance area of the project would be approximately 4.9 acres, but it would result in 7.83 acres or more of degraded and dewatered wetlands that would be restored and an additional 0.9 acres of perennial stream channel that would be restored. This application is part of the Dry Creek Watershed Restoration Project by the Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) that covers eight separate restoration sites. This project is for Site 8, which is located on private property, with all other sites being located on U.S. Forest Service land. Building Permit 181783 is associated with the restoration project for grading. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued a 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2018-0210-R2) on October 17, 2018, and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) issued a 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID 6A291807002) on July 19, 2018. The Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) is also in the process of obtaining a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was adopted by the Lahontan RWQCB on April 18, 2018, for CEQA compliance. This initial study tiers from the previously adopted initial study/mitigated negative declaration.

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

Mitigation has been added to reduce dust and air quality impacts during construction, including watering soil stockpiles and unpaved roads. Mitigation has been added for biological resources to limit disturbance, control sediment, revegetate riparian areas, stabilize stream banks, relocate fish out of the project area, limit water drafting rates during construction, and surveys of the site will be required prior to disturbance for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog. Construction months will be restricted to not affect fish spawning and development, to avoid nesting birds, and to prevent disturbance when yellow-legged frogs move to breeding grounds. The site will be monitored for three years after construction. Specific monitoring will take place to ensure that the American bullfrog (invasive species) does not occupy the site after project completion. Eradication efforts shall take place if bullfrogs are detected. Mitigation has also been added to prevent any adverse affects to cultural resources. Resource sites will be flagged and fenced off during construction. The project also includes a tribal and archaeological monitor during construction. Mitigation has been added to prevent erosion and runoff from the project. Best management practices for site-specific erosion and sediment control measures shall be implemented. Staging areas for equipment and refueling equipment will be in designated areas to prevent contamination from hazardous materials. Impacts to hydrology and water quality will be mitigated by limiting disturbance, stabilizing stream banks, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, to use low impact tracked equipment in the meadow and to revegetate all disturbance areas.

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

There is no known controversy or issues that have been raised by the public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service commented on the project, stating that the project may result in a suitable breeding habitat for the American bullfrog, which is an invasive species. The Fish and Wildlife Services advised that there are no known bullfrog population in the vicinity of the project, but they are known in other areas at similar elevations of the Sierra Nevada range. Mitigation has been added to the project to require monitoring of the site for three years and immediate eradication efforts if bullfrogs are detected at the project site. The Washoe Tribe also made recommendations to protect tribal cultural resources. The recommendation have been incorporated into the project's mitigation measures. The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD) commented that a Dust Control Plan would be required, which has also been included in the mitigation measures.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Building Department	US Army Corp of Engineers
Department of Public Works – Engineering	Forest Service
Environmental Health Department	US Fish & Wildlife
Northern Sierra Air Quality Mgt. District	Tsi Akim Maidu
County Counsel	United Auburn Indian Community
Town of Truckee, Comm. Dev. Dept.	Truckee Donner Historical Society
Truckee Fire Protection District	Washoe Tribe of NV & CA
Resource Conservation District	Sierra Nevada Group/Sierra Club
Fire Protection Planner	State Clearinghouse
CA Fish & Wildlife	Mountain Area Preservation Fnd.
Lahontan Water Quality Control Board	Prosser Lake Estates Assn.
Department of Water Resources	Sierra Lakes County Water District
Nevada County Historical Landmarks Comm.	Kevin Johnston
CNPS Redbud	Native American Heritage Commission
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	Department of Conservation
Departments of Parks and Recreation	CA Office of Emergency Services
California Energy Commission	Public Utilities Commission
State Lands Commission	Caltrans, District 3 N
Office of Historic Preservation	Commissioner Bullock, District V
Air Resources Control Board	Supervisor Anderson, District V
Sierra County	Tyler Barrington, Principal Planner
County Counsel	
State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality	