

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Esplanade Avenue Widening Project-Phase I

Lead Agency: City of San Jacinto

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Project Location: San Jacinto Riverside County
City *County*

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

The Proposed Project would widen Esplanade Avenue from two to four lanes, incorporate new drainage facilities, sidewalk, and two traffic signals at Warren Road and Cawston Avenue.

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

Construction of the Proposed Project has the potential to effect coastal whiptail and burrowing owl which are both special-status species, as well as nesting and foraging activities for common avian species protected under the MBTA. Native endemic plant species identified in the RCA MSHCP also have potential to occur in the Proposed Project area. The Proposed Project would impact state jurisdictional waters which includes the relocation of an approximately 3,150-foot (0.42 acres), unvegetated roadside ditch located north of Esplanade Avenue. However, implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-5 would ensure that pre-construction surveys are conducted and impacts to biological resources are mitigated to a less than significant level. The Proposed Project area is considered highly sensitive for the presence of subsurface archaeological deposits and underlying paleontological resources based on proximity to and number of known prehistoric sites within a 0.5-mile radius, close proximity to natural resources, and Holocene-age alluvium underlying the Proposed Project area. Implementation of Mitigation Measures CUL-1 through CUL-5 and GEO-1 through GEO-4 would ensure that archeological and paleontological construction monitoring is conducted and impacts to archaeological resources and paleontological resources are mitigated to a less than significant impact. Construction of the Proposed Project would involve adding two additional traffic lanes where the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is constructing facilities associated with the San Jacinto Valley Raw Water Conveyance Project. Impacts from the Proposed Project and the EMWD project could occur simultaneously, potentially contributing to environmental effects in the area. Implementation of mitigation measures during construction of both projects are expected to reduce impacts to non-significant levels, however, even with implementation of mitigation measures, impacts could be cumulatively considerable. Mitigation Measure CUM-1 would require the City of San Jacinto to coordinate construction of the Proposed Project with the EMWD to minimize temporary impacts along Esplanade Avenue. Phasing of construction activities and coordination with EMWD would reduce cumulative impacts to a less than significant level.

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.