

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Carlotta Curve Improvement Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation

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Project Location: Carlotta
City

Humboldt
County

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

Caltrans proposes to improve horizontal and vertical curves and widen shoulders on State Route (SR) 36 from post miles (PMs) 10.5 to 10.8 in Humboldt County, California, about 250 miles north of San Francisco and 6 miles east of the community of Carlotta. Pamplin Grove County Park is just east of the project (outside the project limits) with an access road at PM 11.30. Within the project limits, SR 36 is a rural, two-lane conventional highway through mountainous and forested terrain with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The road has a rolling profile and follows the north bank of the Van Duzen River. Lane widths are 12 feet and the roadway has a total paved width of approximately 26.5 feet and three reversing curves.

As part of the project, fill would be placed, and cuts would be made. Access roads and curve improvement work would create approximately 2.11 acres of temporary disturbed soil area (DSA). In addition, there would be approximately 0.84 acre of permanent DSA resulting from the curve correction. Total disturbed soil area for the project would be approximately 2.95 acres.

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

A total of 0.477 acre of potential jurisdictional wetlands and other Waters, consisting of 0.442 acre of wetlands and 0.035 acre of roadside ditches, was mapped in the Environmental Study Limits (ESL). Potential jurisdictional waters of the U.S. are present in approximately 8.70% of the 5.48-acre ESL. Temporary wetland impacts would be incurred along the southern side of SR 36 where approximately 0.293 acre of Palustrine (freshwater) forested wetland and 0.015 acre of jurisdictional roadside ditches are located. Permanent wetland impacts would be incurred along the southern side of SR 36 where approximately 0.029 acre of Palustrine (freshwater) forested wetland and 0.020 acre of jurisdictional roadside ditches would be impacted by road widening, retaining wall construction, and culvert replacement.

Due to the location of the project and lack of safe access, on-site restoration opportunities and long-term monitoring are neither safe nor feasible. Therefore, to mitigate for permanent wetland impacts, off-site restoration would be implemented. The appropriate measures would be identified and coordinated with the USACE, NCRWQCB, CDFW and any other administering agencies. Caltrans is currently assessing a property on State Route 36 as a possible mitigation site for this project.

Given these factors, a determination was made that the project would have a "Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation" on wetlands and other waters.

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.

Trustee agency:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife