

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Three Meadows Restoration Project

Lead Agency: Amador Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Eldorado National Forest Amador County

*City*

*County*

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

Three Meadow Restoration Project proposes to restore the natural morphology of three relatively small, high elevation meadows in Amador County, California. Through the installation of log weirs, rock riffles, and a constructed roughened channel, the project will improve hydrologic functions of the meadow systems by improving water quality, timing of flows, recovery of sediment deposition, and arrest channel head cutting. Implementation of these actions would also increase and prolong the duration of late season flows for the benefit of flora and fauna and downstream users by reducing downstream flood peaks. The proposed project would halt the encroachment of upland plant species, particularly lodgepole pine, while increasing the extent and quality of wet meadow and riparian vegetation. By improving the meadow hydrology, the project would also improve and increase habitat potentially available for Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs, expand willow habitat for songbirds, including the willow flycatcher, and improve habitat quality for sensitive species associated with wet meadows

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

The Project Area is located within the elevation range of suitable habitat and designated critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (*Rana sierrae*). Short-term impacts from construction activities could include localized increases in turbidity and minor scale ground disturbance to designated Critical Habitat. If SNYLF is present, mechanical operations within suitable habitat may cause a risk to SNYLF through disturbance, injury or mortality (e.g., crushing from equipment) in the short-term. There is potential for SNYLF individuals to be crushed or injured by the excavator driving through the meadow. Potential direct effects to SLTS could result from construction disturbance of subterranean adults. There is the potential to dig up subterranean adults while construction instream weirs and riffles; however, due to the low likelihood of occupancy, overall impacts from project implementation to this species would be less than significant.

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

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
California Water Quality Control Board  
Native American Heritage Commission