

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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

Project Title: New River Improvement Project

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Project Location: Calexico

*City*

Imperial

*County*

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

The New River flows north from Mexico into the United States where it crosses the City of Calexico, California on its path to the Salton Sea. The State of California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) lists the New River as impaired by numerous constituents, and is a State of California priority for cleanup purposes. To address point and nonpoint sources of pollution from the New River, a New River Improvement Project Strategic Plan (Plan) was issued. The Plan identifies recommendations to address public health threats in the Calexico area of the New River.

The proposed project consists of three primary components: (1) a trash screen at the International Boundary with Mexico; (2) divert and encase the river from a point downstream of the International Boundary to a point downstream of the eastern boundary of Calexico in order to bypass the populated southern area of the City; and (3) a pump-back system to take treated wastewater from the existing City of Calexico Wastewater Treatment Plant and discharge it into the New River channel at a point near the proposed river diversion and encasement structure.

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

Project construction-related emissions would have the potential to exceed adopted thresholds of the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District. Mitigation measure AQ-1 requires implementation of a dust control plan and Best Management Practices to reduce short-term construction impacts (fugitive dust emissions) to less than significant.

Project construction would have the potential to impact nesting/breeding avian species (mitigation measure BIO-1); burrowing owl (BIO-2 and BIO-3); American badger (BIO-4); jurisdictional non-wetland Waters of the U.S. and wetlands (BIO-5); storm water quality (BIO-5); and special-status species and other sensitive habitat, requiring implementation of a Workers Environmental Awareness Program (BIO-7). All project impacts on biological resources would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of the proposed mitigation measures.

Project-related grading /excavation activities would have the potential to encounter undiscovered cultural, paleontological, and/or tribal cultural resources during the construction phase. Impacts would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures CUL-1, CUL-2, and CUL-3.

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

No areas of controversy are known at this time.

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

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)  
California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW)  
U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers (ACOE)