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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Santa Maria Bridge Replacement Project

Lead Agency: CA Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)

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Project Location: Guadalupe (*City*) San Luis Obispo & Santa Barbara (*County*)

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the existing Santa Maria River Bridge (49-0042) on State Route 1, located on the boundary of San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County, north from the city of Guadalupe. Concrete on the existing bridge contain alkali-silica reactions. Alkali-silica reactions are negatively affecting the structural integrity of the concrete and pose a scour issue for the piers and footings. The existing bridge also contain non-standard shoulders and sidewalks. Past bridge inspection reports recommended that the existing bridge structure be replace to address identified issues.

The project will construct a new bridge next to the existing bridge. The new bridge will be located about 15 feet east from the existing bridge. The existing bridge will be removed after construction of the new bridge is completed. The new bridge will use longer spans and will require less piers and footings in the river. The new bridge will be compliant with current Caltrans design, structural, hydraulic, geometry, seismic and safety standards. The new bridge will maintain the existing two lanes of traffic, add standard outside shoulders on both lanes and add a separated multimodal path on the western side. The project will also involve roadway adjustments and realignments. Temporary and permanent utility relocation will be required for the project. The project will require temporary construction easements for construction access, staging and storage sites.

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

Caltrans expects that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The project would result in permanent and temporary environmental impacts to biological and visual resources that will be mitigated to less than significant levels. The project will use the minimum area necessary to complete construction in order to preserve as much of the existing biological and visual resources.

Prior to and during project construction, any identified environmentally sensitive area will be protected and all construction activities will avoid impacting environmentally sensitive areas. A biological monitor will be assigned to the project site during construction activities. If construction activities are proposed to occur within 100 feet of potential habitat during the bird nesting season, February 15 to September 1, a nesting bird survey shall be conducted prior to construction. In-stream work shall be limited to the dry season, June 1 to October 31, in any given year to avoid potentially impacting aquatic species. The project will implement all protective measures set forth in the Natural Environmental Study prepared for the project, which includes protective measures for California Red-Legged frog, steelhead trout species and other special status species. Any additional protective measures set forth in the approved Programmatic Biological Opinion for California Red-Legged frog will be implemented. New bridge features will be designed to be suitably compatible with the visual character of the region.

All disturbed construction access, staging area, storage area and any other temporary uses sites shall be restored to a natural-looking condition after construction. At end of construction, project site shall be re-vegetated with native riparian, wetland and upland vegetation appropriate for the area and shall be maintained until plants are fully established.

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.

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regional Water Quality Control Board

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
National Marine Fisheries Service