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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Metal Beam Guardrail Upgrades-within Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties Along State Routes 108/120/49

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 10

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Project Location: Various- Riverbank, Oakdale, Jamestown, Sonora Stanislaus and Tuolumne

City *County*

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to upgrade existing metal beam guardrails to the Midwest Guardrail System to meet the current standards. Upgrades would be constructed in various locations in Stanislaus County along State Route 108 from post mile 28.5 to post mile 33.4 and State Route 120 at post mile 12.22, and various locations within Tuolumne County along State Route 108 from post mile 1.28 to post mile 53.03, State Route 120 from post mile 6.01 to post mile 11.29, and State Route 49 at post mile 17.6.

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 would have a less than significant impacts on biological resources such as riparian habitat and valley elderberry longhorn beetle because the following avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures would implemented to reduce the potential impacts to less than significant:

The following avoidance and minimization measures will be utilized:
- Install Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) fencing.
- Retain a qualified biologist to conduct periodic monitoring during construction in sensitive habitats.
- Conduct pre-construction surveys for nesting migratory birds and raptors, including special status species.
- Conduct pre-construction surveys for burrowing owls and establish exclusion zones, if necessary.
- Avoid and minimize potential disturbances of woody vegetation.
- Protect water quality and prevent erosion and sedimentation in perennial stream habitat.
- Conduct pre-construction training for on-site personnel.

The following mitigation measures will be utilized to reduce potential impacts to less then significant:
- Purchase of off-site mitigation credits and perform on-site or off-site restoration.
- Compensate for permanent impacts to valley elderberry longhorn beetle habitat.

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

Not Applicable

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

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