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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Colorado River Aqueduct Conduit Structural Protection Project

Lead Agency: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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Project Location: Unincorporated areas of Riverside County; Riverside County

City *County*

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

The purpose of the Colorado River Aqueduct Conduit Structural Protection Project is to protect buried Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) siphons and transition structures from potential structural damage resulting from repeated heavy equipment loading. The original construction of the CRA was not designed to accommodate loads from the heavy equipment used to conduct current operations and maintenance activities, specifically the tunnel cleaning machine, large mobile crane, and support vehicles. The proposed project would include (1) realigning segments of the existing unpaved access roads that cross over or are located too close to the buried siphon, (2) constructing concrete protective slabs at points where access roads cross the buried siphon and cannot be realigned, and (3) constructing crushed aggregate crane operating pads adjacent to the transition structures to support heavy equipment and ensure safe crane operations.

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

Biological Resources: Potentially significant effects will be a reduced to less than significant by implementation of pre-construction plant surveys, breeding bird surveys, construction monitoring. Compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the State will occur through purchase of mitigation credits from an agency-approved mitigation bank, participation in an in-lieu fee program, or through other permittee-responsible mitigation, subject to applicable regulatory agency approval.

Tribal Cultural Resources: Prepare Tribal Cultural Resource Management Plan in coordination with the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians prior to project construction.

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.

California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board