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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Morro Road Soldier Pile Wall Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation, District 5

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Project Location: Between Morro Bay and Atascadero, San Luis Obispo County

City *County*

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

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct a soldier-pile wall along northbound State Route 41 at Post Mile 3.1 to repair a failing embankment slope and protect the highway. The 140-foot long wall would be constructed near the top of the embankment slope and reach a maximum height of 26 feet. The proposed work would consist of roadway excavation to remove the northbound shoulder and construct the soldier pile wall. Construction of the wall would include vertical drilling to place steel soldier piles and horizontal drilling into the embankment to install ground anchors. The wall would be constructed using a top-down method, with access below the wall required for installation of the ground anchors. Downslope access would most likely be from the south end of the project site. The wall would include a concrete bridge barrier with open-style rail for bicycle safety. Related work includes shoulder restoration, pavement rehabilitation and restriping through the project limits, and relocation of Pacific Gas & Electric powerlines.

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

Potentially significant impacts to biological resources would be reduced with implementation of mitigation measures BIO-3 and BIO-6. BIO-3 includes compensatory onsite mitigation via restoration at a ratio of 1:1 for temporary impacts and 3:1 for permanent impacts to jurisdictional riparian areas including coast live oak riparian woodlands. A one-year plant establishment period will be required. BIO-6 includes compensatory onsite mitigation for temporary impacts to valley needlegrass grassland at a minimum ratio of 1:1 using a hydroseed mixture containing Stipa pulchra seed with a one-year plant establishment period.

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

There have not been issues raised by agencies or the public to date.

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

California Transportation Commission