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# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Lovers Lane Operational Improvements and Rehabilitation Project

Lead Agency: Caltrans

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Project Location: Visalia, CA Tulare
*City* *County*

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

Caltrans in cooperation with the City of Visalia is proposing several operational improvements on State Route 198, and State Route 216 in Tulare County.
The operational improvements consist of widening Lovers Lane below the State Route 198 undercrossing between the State Route 198 eastbound on and off ramps and Mineral King Avenue. Additional work also includes improving the following four intersections: Lovers Lane (State Route 216) at Mineral King Avenue, Lovers Lane at State Route 198 on the eastbound on-ramps and off-ramps, Lovers Lane at Noble Avenue and State Route 198 on the westbound on-ramps and off-ramps at Mineral King Avenue.
The project also proposes to extend the life of the existing pavement along State Route 216 (Lovers Lane) by rehabilitating the existing pavement and including all pertinent standards as required by the 3R Program (resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation). State Route 216 (Houston Avenue) between Lovers Lane and McAuliff would be overlayed to extend the service life of the roadway.

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

Aesthetics
Tree removal would require replanting on-site, replanting within the Caltrans right-of-way along the same watershed, or replanting at another off-site location. Between fifty-two and sixty-three trees are proposed to be removed. Heritage oak trees would be replanted at a ten-to-one ratio while other trees would be replanted at a three-to-one ratio.

Biology
Tree removal within the Great Valley Oak Riparian Forest would require replanting on-site, replanting within the Caltrans right-of-way along the same watershed, or replanting at another off-site location. Three heritage oak trees would be replanted at a ten-to-one ratio, one oak tree would be replanted at a three-to-one ratio.
Mitigation for temporary impacts to Mill Creek is proposed through the purchase of conservation credits from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, or other In-Lieu Fee/banking program, or habitat would be created to include restoration and replanting.

Paleontology
Mitigation would consist of pre-construction environmental awareness training, field monitoring during construction, and the salvaging, preparation and identification, and curation of scientifically significant fossils if discovered.

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

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

City of Visalia