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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Salinas River Vegetation Management Program

Lead Agency: City of Paso Robles

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Project Location: Paso Robles (*City*) San Luis Obispo (*County*)

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

The City of Paso Robles (Public Works Department and Fire Department) plans to conduct hazardous fuel reduction within the Salinas River corridor through a program of riparian and emergent vegetation management in order to increase fire safety, in accordance with the City ' s adopted Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The proposed Project is a vegetation management program for the purposes of fire fuel reduction. Fuels will be reduced using a variety of methods, including the following:

- Grazing by domestic goats or sheep
- Hand tools and mechanized tools
- Low-intensity prescribed burns.

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

1. Air quality emissions adversely affecting a substantial number of people due to prescribed burning of vegetation; which would be mitigated by applying for a burn permit from the San Luis Obispo APCD that shall be valid only on those days during which burning is not prohibited, submitting a smoke management plan to the APCD, and burning vegetation in a condition that will minimize smoke.
2. Biological resources including candidate, sensitive, or special status species; riparian habitat; wetlands; and movement of wildlife species may be significantly impacted, which will be mitigated through riparian habitat restoration, removal of non-native vegetation, and removal of trash; preactivity plant, nesting bird, reptile, amphibian, mammal and fish surveys; and appropriate fencing of sensitive areas and timing of activities for sensitive species.
3. Cultural resources and tribal cultural resources may be significantly impacted; which will be mitigated with awareness training and a requirement to halt activity if resources are uncovered.
4. Significant water quality impacts may occur due to vegetative materials discharged to waters, reduction of canopy cover, and erosion and siltation. The project would be subject to the Waste Discharge Requirements of the California Water Code and WDR Orders mitigation measures prescribed by the Water Discharge.
5. Noise impacts of mechanized equipment would be mitigated through compliance with mufflers and placement of loud equipment away from sensitive receptors.

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 Paso Robles