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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Ulatis Creek Habitat Restoration Project

Lead Agency: Solano Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Between the cities of Rio Vista and Vacaville in rural Solano County
City *County*

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

The purpose of this project is to utilize a diverse suite of native plants to restore 20 acres of riparian woodland to the north bank of Ulatis Creek, thereby improving the ecological function of the area for the benefit of native plant and wildlife species. The project will result in the installation of 1,880 native trees and shrubs, 25,000 native forb and sedge plugs and 100 pounds of native wildflower seed, while several species of invasive weeds will be controlled throughout the site.

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

Habitat restoration installation activities, such as controlling invasive weeds (via mowing and herbicide application) and planting native plants (via augering and shoveling), have the potential to significantly impact special status species, unknown cultural resources, and water quality. Mitigation measures and best management practices have been designed to reduce these impacts to less than significant, including:

- Preconstruction surveys and protections for listed species
- Surveys and avoidance measures for giant garter snakes, nesting birds, rare plants and elderberry shrubs
- Limitations on timing and speed of equipment operation
- Worker training for environmental awareness and cultural resources
- Protocols for discovery of unknown human remains or archaeological resources
- No-spray buffer along Ulatis Creek

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

None

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

Central Valley Flood Protection Board
California Department of Fish and Game
Native American Heritage Commission
Delta Conservancy