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SCH #: _____

Project Title: 1.0 MG B-Zone, 1.0 MG C-Zone, 0.1 MG D-Zone, and 0.55 MG E-Zone Reservoirs Project

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Project Location: Ridgecrest (*City*) Kern County (*County*)

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

The project generally consists of construction and operation of four welded steel potable water storage reservoirs on District-owned sites currently occupied by existing District facilities. The new 1.0 B-Zone (Gateway) Reservoir will be constructed on the District's Gateway Site, to the west of the existing 0.6 MG Gateway Reservoir. The new 1.0 MG C Zone Reservoir will be constructed on the District's C-1 Site, replacing the District's existing 0.4 MG C-Zone Reservoir, to the north of the District's existing 1.0 MG C-Zone Reservoir. The new 0.1 MG D-Zone Reservoir will be constructed on the District's existing Salisbury Site, replacing the District's existing 0.1 MG D-Zone Reservoir, located near the southwest corner of the Salisbury Site. The new 0.55 MG E-Zone (College) Reservoir will be constructed on the District's existing College Tank Site, to the northeast of the existing 0.55 MG College Reservoir. A more detailed description of the Project is included in the Project Initial Study, which is available for review on the District's website at www.iwvwd.com/public-documents/public-reports

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

The project would not result in any significant effects. The project's potentially significant effects and proposed mitigation measures are summarized below. A copy of the project's Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program (MMRP) containing all mitigation measures is included in Appendix A of the project Initial Study.
Biological Resources: Desert tortoise habitat is located in areas surrounding the four project sites. Mitigation measures, including, but not limited to, a construction personnel educational brochure, speed limits, checking beneath vehicles before moving, and desert tortoise exclusion fencing are included in the MMRP. The silver chiolla located on the C-1 Site will be protected in place. Nesting birds, if determined to be present based on preconstruction surveys, will be protected by buffer areas until the young have fledged or nest is no longer active.
Historical and Archaeological Resources: If suspected historical or archaeological resources are uncovered during project construction, construction activities will be suspended until a qualified archaeologist can determine the nature and significance of the find.
Tribal Cultural Resources: If suspected tribal cultural resources are uncovered during project construction, construction activities will be suspended until a qualified archaeologist can determine the nature and significance of the find. If the find is determined to be of Native American origin, then local tribes will be contacted.
Paleontological Resources: If suspected paleontological resources are uncovered during project construction, construction activities will be suspented until a qualified paleontologist can determine the nature and significance of the find.

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

The Lead Agency is not aware of any areas of controversy related to the project. At this time, no issues have been raised by other agencies or the public.

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

State Water Resources Control Board