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Project Title: USMCA Mitigation of Contaminated Transboundary Flows Project

Lead Agency: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S

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

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. Section (USIBWC), have prepared a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft PEIS) for the proposed United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) Mitigation of Contaminated Transboundary Flows Project (the Proposed Action). The Proposed Action involves the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure to reduce transboundary flows from Tijuana that routinely convey pollutants, sewage, and/or trash into the U.S. EPA and USIBWC have evaluated the Proposed Action, including alternatives, located in the Tijuana River area in southern San Diego County, California in the U.S. and in the Tijuana region in Mexico. EPA and USIBWC have identified in the Draft PEIS a No-Action Alternative and two alternatives for implementing the Proposed Action: Alternative 1 (Core Projects) and Alternative 2 (Core and Supplemental Projects). A preferred alternative has not been identified at this time. The Proposed Action is expected to have beneficial impacts to public safety and water quality in the Tijuana River watershed and adjacent coastal areas. The Proposed Action covers a large geographic area and would impact a broad range of resource areas.

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

The Proposed Action would have significant or potentially significant effects to the following resource areas: freshwater and estuarine resources; marine waters; inland biological resources; visual resources; air quality and odor; climate; public services and utilities; public health and safety; transportation; noise; and environmental justice. Supplemental Projects are included in the Draft PEIS at a programmatic level and are intended to be analyzed further in subsequent tiered NEPA analyses. Significant impacts are described in the Draft PEIS.

EPA and USIBWC have identified mitigation measures that will be included in the decision document, pending completion of the Final PEIS and associated consultations. A summary of applicable mitigation measures for the Core and Supplemental Projects is included in the Draft PEIS. For Supplemental Projects, future tiered NEPA analyses may identify additional mitigation measures required for implementation. In the Draft PEIS, mitigation measures for Supplemental Projects are identified in order to solicit public comment on the measure and inform the tiered framework established by this programmatic document. Mitigation measures for Supplemental Projects will not be included in the Record of Decision as committed measures but instead will be carried forward and revised as appropriate as measures in subsequent tiered NEPA analyses for the Supplemental Projects.

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

EPA and USIBWC have identified the following significant or potentially significant impacts to visual resources, air quality and odor, public health and safety, and transportation that could result in controversy due to environmental justice concerns. Alternative 2 would have potentially disproportionately high and adverse effects to minority and/or low-income communities due to visual intrusions from the U.S.-side river diversion and/or trash boom(s). Alternatives 1 and 2 would result in disproportionately high and adverse effects due to a minor increase in fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions (due to construction, operations, and/or commuting) in areas that currently experience extremely high overburdens from PM2.5 and diesel PM and due to objectionable odor emissions from the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (ITP) anaerobic digestion process. Alternatives 1 and 2 would also have the potential for cumulative daily respirable particulate matter (PM10) emissions (from the Proposed Action and concurrent restoration activities at the nearby Nelson Sloan Quarry) to exceed Air Quality Impact Assessment trigger levels and result in disproportionately high and adverse effects. Alternative 2 would result in potential disproportionately high and adverse effects due to proximity to disease vectors from the U.S.-side river diversion and/or trash boom(s). Alternatives 1 and 2 would result in disproportionately high and adverse effects due to minor increases in traffic associated with operations, commuting, and waste hauling in areas currently experiencing extremely high overburdens from traffic impacts and/or traffic proximity.

Mitigation measures have been identified in the Draft PEIS to address environmental justice concerns and limit potential areas of controversy.

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

N/A (not a CEQA document)