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## **Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**

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SCH #:		
Project Title: _	Delta Smelt and Native Species Preservation Project	
Lead Agency: _	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	
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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Metropolitan proposes the construction of two marsh-pond complexes that would house native fish for experimental study. Each marsh-pond complex would consist of a propagation pond, a cooling marsh, and a food marsh that would be constructed in two phases. The first phase is a smaller demonstration pilot, and the second larger phase would capitalize on what was learned in the first phase. The tule marshes would be of varying sizes and serve two distinct functions: the first type of marsh would be designed to optimize cooling of water temperatures (cooling marsh) and the second type would be for production of food for the native fish (food marsh). The propagation ponds would contain the fish and be connected to the cooling and food marshes through screened concrete-lined canals. Research conducted at these ponds would help refine future research on delta smelt and the establishment of a marsh-pond complex that could support delta smelt. This Proposed Project assumes, prior to any transport and stocking of hatchery delta smelt, that fish are available from the Fish Conservation and Culture Laboratory (FCCL) and their release and rearing in the propagation ponds is approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

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

The impacts related to the potential of the Proposed Project to substantially degrade the environment would be less than significant with mitigation measures incorporated. As described in this IS/MND, the Proposed Project has the potential for impacts related to biological resources. However, these impacts would be avoided or reduced to a less than significant level with the incorporation of avoidance and mitigation measures discussed in each section.

Adverse effects on special-status plants and wildlife could occur as a result of construction and maintenance activities, but would be reduced to less than significant through implementation of mitigation measures BIO-1 through BIO-8. Impacts to fresh emergent wetland will be temporary in nature and will be passively restored as described in Mitigation Measures BIO-9 thereby reducing these impacts to a less-than-significant level. 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.