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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Calle la Cruz Pipeline Replacement Project

Lead Agency: Carmel Area Wastewater District

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Project Location: County of Monterey
City

Monterey
County

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

CAWD proposes to replace an existing aboveground, 24-inch diameter by 330-foot long treated wastewater outfall and a temporary 6-inch diameter by 330-foot long sewage force main that currently span the Carmel River Lagoon. The portions of the pipelines spanning the lagoon would be replaced with a buried 24-inch outfall pipeline and an 8-inch sewage force main pipeline. The Proposed project is required to ensure the safety of the community, as the current pipelines are severely corroded and a temporary pipeline is in use. The project has been timed and includes actions to avoid lost of service or impacts to the 15,000 constituents of District or violate regulatory permit limits of the Treatment Plant. The modifications will only occur within the California State Park property over which CAWD has legal easement, and as proposed will have no unmitigated significant impact on the fish, wildlife, or human beings.

The project area is located within the south arm of the Carmel Lagoon north of Calle la Cruz, within unincorporated Carmel, Monterey County, California. The CAWD Carmel Meadows Pump Station is located in the southwestern end of the project area and the CAWD Wastewater Treatment Plant is located directly north of the eastern end of the Project area. The outfall and force main follow a parallel alignment from the CAWD Wastewater Treatment Plant to the west bank of the Carmel Lagoon. There, the pipelines diverge; the force main connects to the Carmel Meadows Pump Station and the out fall continues west to the Pacific Ocean.

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

The Initial Study identified potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, and hydrology and water quality. Mitigations are included to reduce all potentially significant impacts to less-than-significant levels. These are described in detail in the Draft Initial Study and MMRP, and include:

Biological Resources: General biological resources avoidance and minimization measures; measures to avoid impacts to special-status plants; specific measures to limit impacts to Monterey Dusky-footed Woodrats, Smith's Blue Butterfly, steelhead salmon, nesting special-status birds, wetlands, and Waters of the US; and tree protection measures.

Cultural Resources: Monitoring and response/treatment measures to protect potential archaeological resources; measures to address any finds of human remains.

Hydrology and Water Quality: Erosion-control, spill prevention, and turbidity control measures to protect lagoon waters during construction (including Construction Diversion and Dewatering Plan), and; measures to limit any drawdown in the Carmel River lagoon to non-significant levels.

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

Prior to the public distribution of this IS/MND the District consulted with several permit agencies and circulated an administrative draft of the IS/MND to regulatory and advisory agencies for the propose of understanding potential concerns and to reduce impacts identified in the project. Mitigations and design improvements have been made to address biological resources and water quality/temperature/levels concerns raised by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and National Marine Fisheries Service. Tribal interests with respect to potential disturbance of cultural resources also have been addressed via mitigation measures. Monterey County and local non-governmental organization requests regarding inclusion of the draft MMRP and treatment of other projects proposed for the Lagoon area have been incorporated into the Draft IS.

The District is not aware of any additional areas of concern or controversy which as not been identified and addressed in the environmental document.

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

US Fish and Wildlife Service (Section 7 Consultation with USFWS)
National Marine Fisheries Service (Section 7 Consultation with NMFS)
California Regional Water Quality Control Board #3 (SWPPP, NOI for Water Quality Order No. 2004-004 DWQ)
State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (Right of Entry permit)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Streambed Alteration Agreement [Section 1602], Notice of Intent)
US Army Corps of Engineers, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344)
US Army Corps of Engineers, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. Section 403).
California Coastal Commission (Coastal Development Permit)
California Department of Transportation (Encroachment Permit)