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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Modification of Conditional Use Permit 960 (Case No. PL15-0106) - Ri-Nu Wastewater Treatment Facility

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Project Location: 815 Mission Rock Road, Santa Paula, CA (*City*) Ventura County (*County*)

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

See attached Project Description.

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's potentially significant effects are related to agricultural resources - land use incompatibility and hazardous materials/waste - materials.

Agricultural Resources - Land Use Incompatibility Mitigation Measure 1: A tree row (vegetative screening) is required to be planted on the northern and western boundaries of the property consisting of two staggered rows of trees and shrubs with a mature height of 15 feet to provide additional separation between the non-agricultural operation (wastewater treatment facility) and the adjacent agricultural operations.

Hazardous Materials/Waste - Materials Mitigation Measure 2: A Risk Management Plan (RMP) is required to reduce the risk posed by the operation of the facility to the public and the environment. The RMP shall be prepared to supplement the facility's Operating and Maintenance Manual and shall include the same elements for those facilities that use certain hazardous substances: design optimization to minimize onsite vehicle collisions, construct hazardous materials storage building, design designated paths to hazardous materials storage building, post appropriate hazard warning signage, post informational signage regarding unloading and loading of materials, use double walled tubing for chemical transfers, and identify and check for chemical incompatibilities.

See additional attached mitigation measures.

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

There are three main issues are: (1) the safety and potential hazards of the operation of the wastewater treatment facility- In November 2014, a chemical explosion and fire occurred at the facility. The explosion was caused by the mixing of hazardous chemicals with incompatible materials in a vacuum truck. Several City of Santa Paula emergency responders suffered respiratory injuries from inhalation hazards generated by the incident. Injuries were sustained by onsite workers as well and destruction of crops on adjacent agricultural operations. The permit for the facility was suspended. The subject application is to modify the current permit and renew operations under a new operator. The public and the City of Santa Paula want to know how the proposed operation will be operated differently in order to prevent a similar or worst incident; (2) the connection to the City of Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant to discharge all wastes. The City of Oxnard has stated that prior to discharging any wastes (and renewed operations), the City will require the applicant to obtain a Waste Discharge Permit issued by the City to connect the existing 12-mile pipeline to the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant,. This requires: (1) providing a Baseline Monitoring Report (BMR) to the City of Oxnard; (2) providing a California Water Environmental Association (CWEA) Centralized Waste Treatment (CWT) Best Management Practices (BMPs) Certification to the City of Oxnard; (3) obtaining an Industrial General Permit (IGP) for Stormwater from the Regional Water Quality Control Board; (4) obtaining an approved modified CUP from the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors to re-instate the wastewater treatment facility (the subject of this Initial Study); obtaining approval from the City of Oxnard's City Council to re-use the waste discharge line; and, (5) obtaining approval of a Pre-treatment System (i. e., the treatment of wastewater to remove harmful pollutants before being discharged to a sewer system) from the City of Oxnard. All of these requirements shall be completed prior to the issuance of any Zoning Clearance for Construction of the proposed project; and, (3) integrity of the existing 12-mile pipeline - The City of Oxnard requires that the applicant conduct an integrity test on the existing pipeline to determine the structural integrity of the pipeline prior to renewed operations. Any defects or anomalies found must be corrected prior to renewed operations.

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

The Cities of Santa Paula and Oxnard are responsible agencies for this project based on their provision of water and wastewater disposal services, respectively.