

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *County*

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

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

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.

### **Project Description: DEID Turnipseed Basin Phase IV Expansion Project**

The District is in the process of acquiring a 160-acre parcel (APN #338-140-001) immediately south of the existing Turnipseed Basin to provide for sustainable management of surface and groundwater. The proposed project is located in southwest Tulare County, northeast of the City of Delano.

The Proposed Project includes several phases of construction, including equipment mobilization, earthwork for excavation of recharge/regulation basins and construction of basin perimeter berms of no greater than six feet in external height. Project components could include ponds/cells within the basin separated by levees, performance testing, and demobilization.

The District will excavate approximately 55,000 cubic yards of material from the site to form the overall basin. The basin will be further divided into approximately eight (8) cells to increase storage over varying topography. The Project will include a settling channel on the east side and an overflow basin along its western edge. The Project may also construct a network of monitoring wells if needed to supplement existing monitoring wells associated with the existing banking operations that currently exist in proximity to the Project. The only pipelines contemplated in the Project would serve to introduce water for recharge/banking via connection to a tee in the existing Ave 24 mainline and pipeline at the southeast corner of the project and interconnections with the existing recharge cells just north of the Project site.

# 4 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District – Turnipseed Basin Phase IV Expansion Project (Proposed Project) in Tulare County (County). The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the Proposed Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

**Table 4-1** presents the mitigation measures identified for the Proposed Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, BIO-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Biological Resources Section of the IS/MND.

The first column of **Table 4-1** identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “When Monitoring is to Occur,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, “Frequency of Monitoring,” identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, “Agency Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns (5 and 6) will be used by the District to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored.

Table 4-1 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program					
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	When Monitoring is to Occur	Frequency of Monitoring	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Method to Verify Compliance	Verification of Compliance
<b>Biological Resources</b>					
<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Worker Environmental Action Plan (WEAP) Training</b>					
<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-1 (WEAP Training).</b> Prior to initiating construction activities (including staging and mobilization), all personnel associated with Project construction shall attend mandatory Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, conducted by a qualified biologist, to aid workers in identifying special status resources that may occur in the Project area. The specifics of this program shall include identification of the sensitive species and suitable habitats, a description of the regulatory status and general ecological characteristics of sensitive resources, and review of the limits of construction and mitigation measures required to reduce impacts to biological resources within the work area. A fact sheet conveying this information, along with photographs or illustrations of sensitive species with potential to occur onsite, shall also be prepared for distribution to all contractors, their employees, and all other personnel involved with construction of the Project. All employees shall sign a form documenting that they have attended WEAP training and understand the information presented to them.	Prior to the start of construction and during construction upon arrival of new personnel	Prior to the start of construction and during construction upon arrival of new personnel	Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District	Personnel shall sign a form documenting attendance at WEAP training	
<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Project-Related Mortality and/or Disturbance of Special Status Mammals</b>					
<b>BIO-2 (Construction Hours):</b> Construction shall be conducted during daylight hours to reduce disturbance to wildlife that could be foraging within work areas.	Prior to the start of construction		Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District	Construction Period Records	
<b>BIO-2a (Pre-construction Surveys).</b> Within 30 days prior to the start of construction, a pre-construction survey for San Joaquin kit fox shall be conducted on and within 200 feet of proposed work areas. If an active kit fox den is detected within or adjacent to the Project area, construction will be delayed, and CDFW and USFWS shall be consulted to determine the best course of action.	Prior to the start of construction		Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District	Construction Period Records	
<b>BIO-2b (Minimization):</b> The Project shall observe all minimization and protective measures from the Construction and On-Going Operational Requirements of the USFWS 2011 Standardized Recommendations, including, but not limited to: construction speed limits, covering of pipes, installation of escape structures, restriction of herbicide and rodenticide use, proper disposal of food items and trash, prohibition of pets and firearms, and completion of an employee education program.	Prior to the start of construction		Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District	Survey Report	

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<b>BIO-2c (Mortality Reporting):</b> The Sacramento Field Office of USFWS and the Fresno Field Office of CDFW will be notified in writing within three working days in the case of the accidental death or injury to a San Joaquin kit fox during construction. Notification must include the date, time, and location of the incident and any other pertinent information.	Prior to the start of construction		Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		
<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-3: Project-Related Mortality and/or Disturbance of Nesting Raptors and Migratory Birds</b>					
<b>BIO-3a (Avoidance):</b> The Project's construction activities shall occur, if feasible, between September 1 and January 31 (outside of nesting bird season) in an effort to avoid impacts to nesting birds	Prior to the start of construction		Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		
<b>BIO-3b (Pre-construction Surveys):</b> If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to August 31), a qualified biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys for active nests within 30 days prior to the start of construction. The survey shall include the proposed work area and surrounding lands within 500 feet for all raptors and migratory birds, with the exception of the Swainson's hawk; the Swainson's hawk survey will extend to 0.5 mile outside of the work area boundaries. If no active nests are observed, no further mitigation is required. Nests containing eggs or young are to be considered "active," with the exception of raptors; raptor nests are considered "active" upon the nest-building stage.	Prior to the start of construction		Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		
<b>BIO-3c (Establish Buffers):</b> On discovery of any active nests near work areas, the biologist shall determine appropriate construction setback distances based on applicable CDFW guidelines and/or the biology of the species in question. Construction buffers shall be identified with flagging, fencing, or other easily visible means, and shall be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nestlings have fledged.	Prior to the start of construction		Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		
<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-4: Project-Related Mortality and/or Disturbance of Nesting Raptors and Migratory Birds</b>					
<b>BIO-4a (Pre-construction Survey):</b> Within 30 days prior to the start of construction, a pre-construction survey for San Joaquin kit fox shall be conducted on and within 200 feet of proposed work areas. If an active kit fox den is detected within or adjacent to the Project area, construction will be delayed, and CDFW and USFWS shall be consulted to determine the best course of action.			Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		
<b>BIO-4b (Minimization):</b> The Project shall observe all minimization and protective measures from the Construction and On-Going Operational Requirements of the USFWS 2011 Standardized Recommendations, including, but not limited to: construction speed limits, covering of pipes, installation of escape structures, restriction of herbicide and rodenticide use, proper disposal of food items and			Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		

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trash, prohibition of pets and firearms, and completion of an employee education program.					
BIO-4c (Mortality Reporting): The Sacramento Field Office of USFWS and the Fresno Field Office of CDFW will be notified in writing within three working days in the case of the accidental death or injury to a San Joaquin kit fox during construction. Notification must include the date, time, and location of the incident and any other pertinent information.			Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		
Cultural Resources					
Mitigation Measure CUL-1: Archaeological Resources					
In the event that archaeological remains are encountered at any time during development or ground-moving activities within the entire project area, all work in the vicinity of the find shall halt until a qualified archaeologist can assess the discovery. The District shall implement all recommendations of the archaeologist necessary to avoid or reduce to a less than significant level potential impacts to cultural resource. Appropriate actions could include a Data Recovery Plan or preservation in place.	In the event archaeological resources are uncovered	During excavation	Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		
Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Human Remains					
If human remains are uncovered, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the Tulare County Coroner is to be notified to arrange their proper treatment and disposition. If the remains are identified—on the basis of archaeological context, age, cultural associations, or biological traits—as those of a Native American, California Health and Safety Code 7050.5 and Public Resource Code 5097.98 require that the coroner notify the NAHC within 24 hours of discovery. The NAHC will then identify the Most Likely Descendent who will determine the manner in which the remains are treated.	In the event human remains are uncovered	During excavation	Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District		