

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019029060

Project Title: Western Shasta County Invasive Non-Native Plant Control Program

Lead Agency: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Redding, Shasta County; Tehama County
City County

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

The objective of this Program is to eradicate Arundo as well as control other problematic invasive non-native plant species in riparian habitat within the Program Area. This will reduce the negative impacts of these species within the watersheds, and also reduce future spread to new areas. Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) proposes to eradicate Arundo, as well as control scattered occurrences of salt cedar (Tamarix spp.), tree of heaven (Allanhus altissima), black locust (Robinia pseudoacacia), scotch broom (Cytisus scoparius), rattlebox (Sesbania punicia) and pampas grass (Cortaderia selloana) from watersheds within western Shasta County and a portion of Tehama County along Cottonwood Creek, using herbicides and manual removal methods. It is anticipated that Program work will be initiated in Fall 2019.

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

Bio-1. There could potentially be physical or chemical impacts to elderberry and, thus, the valley elderberry longhorn beetle. Treatment protocols will be followed to minimize the effects, such as treatment buffer zones, treatment limitations, and selective timing of treatments.

Bio-2. There could potentially be disturbance-related impacts to the foothill yellow-legged frog (Rana boylei). Treatment protocols will be followed to reduce impacts, such as treatments outside of the season for active stream flow, and alternative plans.

Bio-3. There could potentially be disturbance of wildlife. Treatment protocols will be followed to reduce impacts, such as timing treatments in the presence of wildlife, and avoiding nesting or denning habitats.

Haz-1. To reduce potential impacts associated with fuel spills, gasoline will not be transported across flowing streams, and transport will be limited to existing roads. Minimal time will be spent if vehicles must pass through flowing or standing water. Proper containment protocols will be followed whenever handling fuel.

Haz-2. To reduce the impacts associated with exposure of people or structures to wildland fires, adequate fire protection equipment will be provided and utilized.

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

Not applicable.

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

Western Shasta Resource Conservation District.