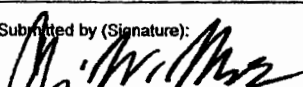


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| Agency File No: I.S. 6830 | | LOCAL AGENCY MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION | | County Clerk File No: E- |
| Responsible Agency (Name): Fresno County | Address (Street and P.O. Box): 2220 Tulare St. Sixth Floor | | City: Fresno | Zip Code: 93721 |
| Agency Contact Person (Name and Title): Briza Sholars, Planner | | Area Code: 559 | Telephone Number: 600-4207 | Extension: -0- |
| Applicant (Name): Fresno County Design Division | | Project Title: HCD 1998-1999 Community Development Block Grant Program Fresno Canal Bridge Replacement Project | | |
| Project Description: <p>The proposed federally funded project consists of replacing the Fresno Canal Bridge on E. McKinley Avenue, 0.8 miles east of Academy Avenue, near the City of Sanger. The existing two lane timber bridge would be replaced with a new two lane concrete bridge that meets current standards. The existing structure is in poor condition and must be replaced due to its age and hydraulic deficiencies. The County has prepared an Area of Potential Effects (APE) drawing which establishes the maximum extent of the project and potential bridge designs, channel work, access road realignments, approach work, as well as possible permanent and temporary right of way needs and the contractor's access way to the channel would be accomplished within the proposed APE. The existing bridge was built in 1939 and widened in 1970. It is a 46' long 23.6' wide two span timber stinger bridge with a reinforced concrete deck and concrete piers and abutments founded on driven piles. The existing bridge is a pinch point in the channel. For that reason it is anticipated the structure would be lengthened to approximately 58' long to open up the channel at the site. The structure would be widened to approximately 32' to meet current standards. The roadway alignment would not change, although the profile could be raised to meet hydraulic requirements. If the profile of the roadway is raised, the approach work, including tapering the roadway, could extend up to 400 feet on either side of the bridge. The existing right of way width is 40' centered about the existing roadway. The project is located in unincorporated eastern Fresno County. (SUP. DIST.: 5) (APN Nos.: 309-070-19 and 20, 309-100-09 and 10).</p> | | | | |
| Justification for Negative Declaration: <p>Initial Study Application No. 6830 indicates there is no evidence in the record that demonstrates that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Potential impacts regarding biology have been addressed by a Natural Environmental Study which includes specific mitigation measures for the project that will reduce potential impacts to biological resources to a level of less than significant. Potential impacts to cultural and archaeological resources were addressed by the Archaeological Survey Report and the applicant accepting mitigation measures requiring that archaeological resources remain undisturbed and any construction work be halted in the event archaeological resources or human remains are unearthed until an archaeologist and the Fresno County Coroner can evaluate the findings. Potential impacts to water quality will be addressed by the proper permits to be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Fish and Game and conformance to the mitigation measures in the Water Quality Report. Potential impacts regarding hazardous materials were addressed by the Hazardous Waste Initial Site Assessment. Based on the Initial Study, staff has concluded that preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not required. A Notice of Intent of Mitigated Negative Declaration was published on January 23, 2015. Approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended and is subject to approval by the decision-making body. A Board of Supervisors hearing is scheduled for February 24, 2015.</p> | | | | |
| FINDING: <p>The proposed project will not have a significant impact on the environment.</p> | | | | |
| Newspaper and Date of Publication: Fresno Business Journal, January 23, 2015 | | | Review Date Deadline: February 24, 2015 | |
| Date: January 23, 2015 | Type or Print Signature: Chris Motta, Principal Planner | | Submitted by (Signature):  | |