



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

An Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Bridge Replacement Project were circulated to the public from September 5, 2014 to October 6, 2014. The following technical studies were also prepared that provided background information to the respective sections of the IS/MND: Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) (September 2013), Natural Environment Study (NES) (August 2013), Community Impact Assessment (CIA) (June 2013), Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR) (September 2013), an Initial Site Assessment (ISA) (September 2013), Water Quality Technical Memorandum (June 2013), Location Hydraulic Study (June 2013), and Construction Noise Technical Memorandum (June 2013).

During the public circulation and review period, numerous comments from local Town of Calaveritas residents were received indicating opposition to the replacement option and noting the historic importance of the bridge to the local community. In 2015, the bridge was evaluated and found to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the bridge was ultimately listed on the NRHP in November 2015. As a result of this evaluation and subsequent listing on the NRHP, Calaveritas County initiated a new effort to identify alternatives to full bridge replacement. In February 2019, a Bridge Strengthening Report was prepared to assess the feasibility for rehabilitating and strengthening the Calaveritas Road Bridge. Rehabilitation and strengthening with no adverse effect to the historic significance of the structure was selected as the preferred project alternative. This document provides an environmental analysis of the rehabilitation and strengthening alternative and utilizes much of the environmental information from the prior bridge replacement project IS/MND.

In April 2019, the following technical studies were updated to address the project change from bridge replacement to bridge rehabilitation: VIA Update Memorandum, revised NES, Supplemental HPSR, ISA Update Memorandum, CIA Update Memorandum, and Water Quality Update Memo. This IS/MND describes the potential environmental impacts based on the original 2014 environmental technical studies and the updated studies listed above. In general, the change to a bridge rehabilitation project has reduced the environmental impacts to the project area when compared to the 2014 Bridge Replacement Project Draft IS/MND. Furthermore, the document has been revised to conform to current CEQA Guidelines that became effective December 28, 2018.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Calaveritas County