



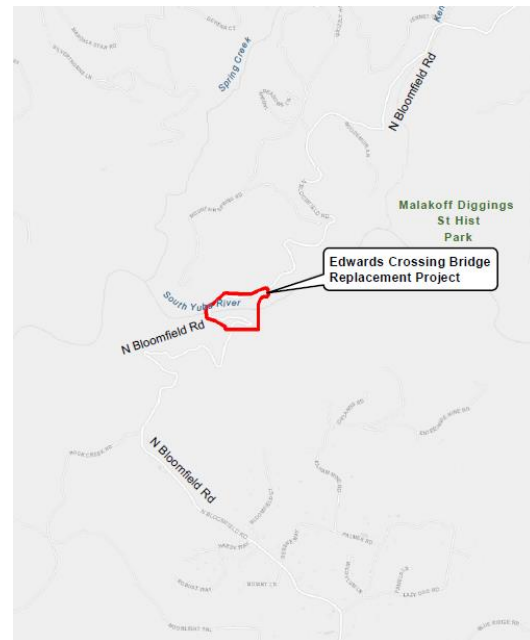
# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report

### Edwards Crossing over South Yuba River Bridge Replacement Project

#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The County of Nevada proposes to construct a new 2-lane bridge to replace the existing Edwards Crossing Bridge over the South Yuba River. The existing Edwards Crossing Bridge that crosses the South Yuba River on North Bloomfield-Graniteville Road has been determined to be structurally deficient and is insufficient for emergency vehicle use. Therefore, a new bridge is planned to be constructed. Two proposed bridge locations for the river crossing will be evaluated. There is a need for the new river crossing to provide access for emergency vehicles and serve as an evacuation route during wildland fires. One of the alternatives would construct a new, 200-foot bridge 60 feet upstream from the existing bridge and would not change the current route to and from the bridge. The second alternative would build a new, 500-foot bridge 1,000 feet upstream at a higher elevation and eliminate the tight hairpin turn in the approach roadway on the south side of the river. The purpose of the project is to construct a new bridge to carry vehicular traffic traveling along North Bloomfield-Graniteville Road over the South Yuba River while allowing the historic bridge to remain in use for pedestrian access to heavily used recreation areas along the South Yuba River.



#### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The County of Nevada has studied the effects these projects may have on the environment. Potentially significant environmental impacts that would occur as a result of one of the alternatives being considered include cultural resources, public services, transportation/traffic, and wildfire. An Environmental Impact Report has been prepared to outline how the proposed project could affect the environment and what measures are included to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate for those impacts. This notice is to advise you that the preparation of this document has been completed and is available for you to review. Additionally, a public informational meeting will be held to give you an opportunity to discuss the project with the County.

#### WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Environmental Impact Report has been prepared and is available for public review beginning September 29, 2023 through November 14, 2023. During the public review period, copies of the document will be available the Nevada County Department of Public Works located at 950 Maidu Ave, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959 and online at <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/3178/Nevada-County-Bridge-Replacement-and-Reh>. A public meeting will be held during circulation on November 1st, 2023, at the Board of Supervisors Chamber located at 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services at no cost, to participate in the meeting by contacting Patrick Perkins at (530) 265-1411 or [patrick.perkins@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:patrick.perkins@co.nevada.ca.us) at least 3 business days before the scheduled event. This document is available in alternate formats upon request.

#### WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Please read the Environmental Impact Report and learn how this project can affect you. If you have any questions or comments, please submit your comments electronically or physically by 5:00pm on November 14, 2023 to Patrick Perkins at the Nevada County Department of Public Works, 950 Maidu Ave, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959. After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, the County may 1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, 2) do additional environmental studies, or 3) abandon the project.

#### CONTACT

For more information, or to submit comments, please contact Patrick Perkins at the Nevada County Department of Public Works, 950 Maidu Ave, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959, by phone at (530) 265-1411, or by email to [patrick.perkins@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:patrick.perkins@co.nevada.ca.us).