

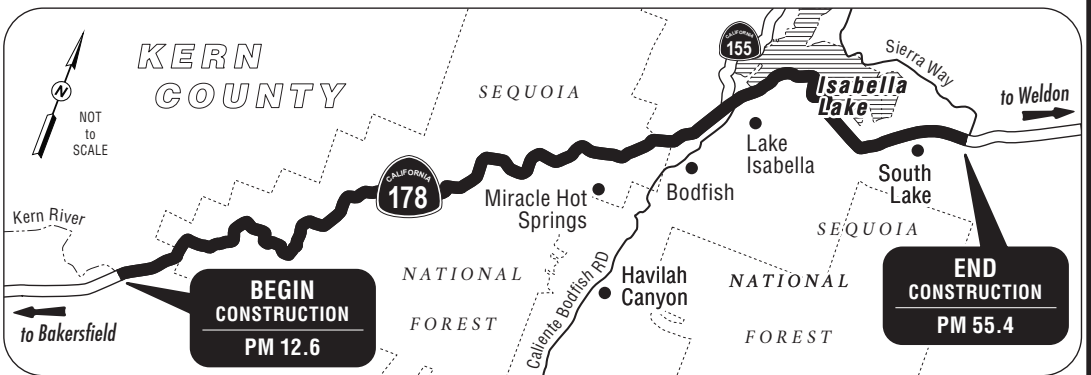


# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration (Study Results Available) and Opportunity for a Public Hearing

**Do you want a Public Hearing on Changes proposed on State Route 178 in Kern County?**



### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Comments will be accepted from September 9, 2020 to October 9, 2020.**

If there are no major comments or requests for a hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

### **WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair, replace, and clean culverts on State Route 178 from 1.6 miles east of Rancheria Road to Vista Grande Drive in Kern County. Two new culverts and one overside drain will be built, 355 roadside signs will be replaced and various Intelligent Transportation Systems will be installed at 11 locations.

### **WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?**

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with proposed Negative Declaration. This public notice is to inform you of the preparation of the proposed Initial Study with Negative Declaration and of its availability for public review and comment. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

### **WHAT'S AVAILABLE?**

Beginning September 9, 2020, the proposed Initial Study with Negative Declaration will be available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 6 office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728
- Kern County Library-Beale Memorial Library at 701 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301

The document can also be accessed electronically at the following website:

- <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>

### **WHERE DO YOU COME IN?**

Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comment on the project? Do you want a public hearing regarding changes proposed by the project? Please submit your comments in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than October 9, 2020 to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Som Phongsavanh, Senior Environmental Planner, 855 "M" Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA, 93721, or email [som.phongsavanh@dot.ca.gov](mailto:som.phongsavanh@dot.ca.gov). The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is September 9, 2020. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

### **CONTACT**

For more information about this project, please contact Sunil Gandrathi, Project Manager, at (559) 709-8779, or by email at [sunil.gandrathi@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sunil.gandrathi@dot.ca.gov) or Som Phongsavanh, Senior Environmental Planner at (559) 445-6447 or by email at [som.phongsavanh@dot.ca.gov](mailto:som.phongsavanh@dot.ca.gov). For other state highway matters, please contact the District 6 Public Affairs Office at (559) 444-2409.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS**

Under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 6 Public Affairs Office at 559-444-2409. Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929 or 711.