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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: San Joaquin County Public Works Department
1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton California 95205

PROJECT: **KENNEFICK ROAD FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT,
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works (County) has prepared an environmental evaluation document (Initial Study) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) based on the finding that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed action, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment. The reasons supporting this finding are documented in the Initial Study.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is in an unincorporated area of the County of San Joaquin southeast of the City of Galt. The project area encompasses improvements within the roadway, right-of-way, and adjacent privately-owned parcels. The project involves approximately 285 feet of Kennefick Road.

BACKGROUND

In February of 2017, heavy rains in the area caused flooding to wash away a series of culverts in Kennefick Road and destroy over 100 feet of roadway north of Liberty Road, eliminating the only access to residences, farms, and businesses in this area. The project is in an unincorporated area of the County of San Joaquin southeast of the City of Galt. Emergency measures were taken to repair the road and restore access.

Since there is no alternative route to access the residences, farms, and businesses located on this section of Kennefick Road, simply returning the project to pre-disaster design capacity would likely result in future failures and further disruption of access for residents, property owners, and emergency services. Additionally, over the last 25 years and as recently as 2005, new homes have been built in this area, increasing the affected population. Therefore, the County is seeking to construct repairs that enhance the drainage design capacity to convey the five-year/seven-day regional precipitation event.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County proposes to reconstruct a 285-foot segment of Kennefick Road with enhanced flood capacity. The proposed project would reconstruct Kennefick Road while replacing temporary emergency repairs with permanent flood control improvements. Three reinforced concrete box culverts would be installed underneath the reconstructed roadway, consisting of six modular sections, a cutoff wall and headwall at both ends, and four wingwalls. All three culverts would be placed at streambed depth of the unnamed drainage and two would be slightly raised on other side in order to convey similar flow amount of the disaster event in 2017 five year/seven day event) with minimal impact to the water surface elevation level. The basis for proposing a MND is the finding that although the proposed project could have a potentially significant effect on Biological Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources, the County has agreed to implement each of the identified mitigation measures that would be adopted as part of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. Therefore, the project as mitigated would have a less-than-significant impact.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

A copy of the Initial Study/MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

- San Joaquin County Department of Public Works, 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, California 95205 (Copies are available for a fee at this location.)
- San Joaquin County Department of Public Works website:
<http://www.sjgov.org/pubworks/>

This Notice of Intent is being sent to applicable local public agencies, as well as organizations and individuals of local interest. Written comments on this document may be submitted during the 30-day public review period, which begins **October 30, 2020**, and must be received by the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works no later than **5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2020**. Contact Awni Taha, Engineer V, at (209) 953-7619 or by email at ataha@sjgov.org for any questions.