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AMA-49-PM R10.839
Old Amador Road Bridge
Replacement Project
SCH 2020120222

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

Caltrans appreciates the opportunity to review and respond to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed replacement of the existing single-lane Old Amador Road Bridge (Bridge No. 26C-0042) over Rancheria Creek with a new single-lane bridge (proposed project). The new replacement bridge is proposed to be a single-, cast-in-place, pre-stressed concrete slab bridge with a span of approximately 80 feet long and a width of 20 feet. The existing structure would be removed, and the new structure would be constructed in the same location, preserving the existing roadway alignment. The replacement bridge would be designed to meet current applicable County, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and Caltrans design standards. The project is located on Old Amador Road, approximately 1,021 feet east of State Route (SR) 49 in Amador City.

Based on the information provided, Caltrans has the following comments:

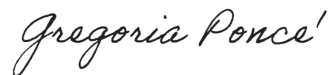
- Our records show that this project is also being cleared under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through Caltrans Local Assistance District 10 as federal aid # 5926(051). The NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) is expected to be completed by February 2021. All environmental commitments proposed in the technical studies supporting the NEPA CE must be adhered to. Work is not expected to occur within Caltrans right of way (ROW). If any work will occur within Caltrans ROW, including staging, an encroachment permit will be required, and environmental documents and technical studies should include this work.

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If any project activities encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Permit Office is required. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with the application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans right of way at the project site. Please include California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation with supporting technical studies when submitting the Encroachment Permit. For more information please visit the Caltrans Website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 (Email: Paul.Bauldry@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (Email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregoria Ponce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregoria Ponce, Chief
Office of Rural Planning