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Project Title: Bohemian Highway Bridge over Russian River Replacement

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Project Location: Monte Rio, Sonoma County, California

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works propose to remove and replace the existing Bohemian Highway Bridge over the Russian River (also known as the Monte Rio Bridge) in the community of Monte Rio, in western Sonoma County. The existing bridge was constructed in 1934; The bridge was previously determined not eligible for the Nation Register of Historic Places, however the structure was designated locally as a County Landmark in 2003.

The new bridge, a steel-tied steel arch, will cross the Russian River downstream of the existing bridge. As new bridge approaches will be required for the new bridge location, a new intersection will be constructed on the south side of the bridge, connecting Main Street, as does the current bridge, but in a more southerly location. The existing bridge will remain in place during construction and be removed once the new bridge is opened.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant effects that would result from the proposed Project are summarized in Table ES-1 on the Draft EIR. All impacts that would result from the proposed Project, excluding Cultural Resources, are either less than significant or less-than-significant with the implementation of mitigation measures. Significant and unavoidable impacts to cultural resources are summarized below.

The Bohemian Highway Bridge over the Russian River (Bridge No. 20C-0018), is a Sonoma County Local Historic Landmark, and has a zoning designation of HD as part of the Sonoma County Historic Bridges Thematic District. For the Purposes of CEQA, projects "included in a local register of historical resources" are historical resources. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1.) The Bohemian Highway Bridge is a resource listed in "a local register of historical resources", and is therefore a historical resource under CEQA. Furthermore, "[a] project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment." (Id.)

Because the proposed project would remove and replace an existing bridge that is designated as historically significant by Sonoma County, a significant unavoidable (SU) impact to historical resources is projected as a result of the proposed project. (I.e., Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, or a unique archaeological resource).

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

Known areas of controversy include emergency vehicle access, a bridge fully accessible and traversable by all vehicle types and modes of transportation, beach access for recreational activities at the Project site, the preservation of swallow nesting habitat and the preservation of cultural and historic resources.
Responses to the Project Notice of Preparation of the Draft EIR, and comments received at the EIR Public Scoping Meeting are included in Section 1 of the Draft EIR, as further addressed within the appropriate impact sections of the document.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control District
Department of Army Corps, San Francisco Region
Sonoma County Regional Parks District
Monte Rio Recreation and Parks District
Sonoma County Permit and Resources Management Department