

Notice of Preparation

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To: _____ **From:** _____

(Address) _____ (Address)

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

_____ will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (is is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to _____ at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant, if any: _____

Date _____ Signature _____ *Maxwell Lammert*

Title _____

Telephone _____

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

Napa 128 Hopper Slough Bridge Replacement Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4 is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and a joint Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to notify agencies, organizations, and individuals of this intent, and request input on the scope and content of the proposed EIR/EA.

Scoping Period for Receipt of Comments

Comments must be sent by September 10, 2021. Submit written comments one of three ways.

By mail to: **Caltrans District 4**

Attn: Nathan Roberts
P.O. Box 23660, MS 8B
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

By email to: Nathan.Roberts@dot.ca.gov

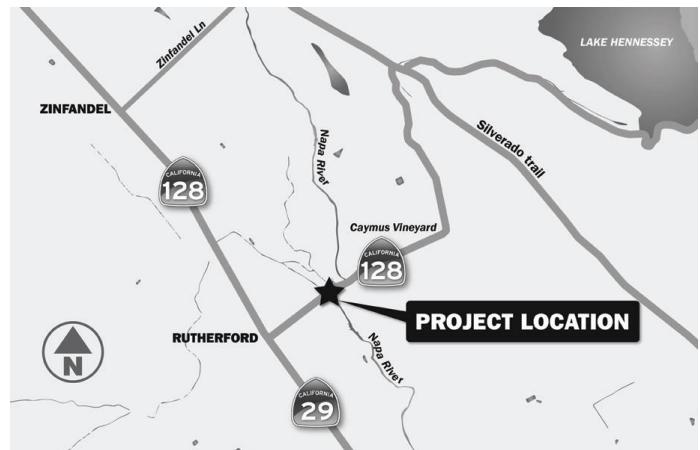
Online at: <https://deavpm.wixsite.com/hopper-slough>

Virtual Scoping Meeting

A virtual scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. At the meeting, attendees can ask questions about the project. However, questions and discussion at the meeting are not considered scoping comments and all scoping comments must be submitted by mail, e-mail, or at the project website to be shared with the entire project development team. Attendance at the virtual scoping meeting is not required to submit comments. Please visit <https://deavpm.wixsite.com/hopper-slough> for more information about the project and to join the virtual scoping meeting. To join by phone only, call +1-408-418-9388 and use **Meeting ID: 1469 45 0588**.

Project Description

Caltrans is the lead agency under the CEQA and NEPA, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), for the State Route 128 Hopper Slough Bridge Replacement Project. Caltrans proposes to replace the existing Hopper Slough Bridge (Bridge No. 21-0019) located in Rutherford, an unincorporated census-designated place, in Napa County, on SR 128 post mile 5.12. Caltrans, as the owner/operator of the State Highway System and the lead agency under CEQA and NEPA, has initiated a public review period and is conducting a virtual scoping meeting to request comments on the scope and content of a planned EIR and EA for the Napa 128 Hopper Slough Bridge Replacement Project.



The project limits include space for equipment storage, access to the slough and space for equipment to demolish and construct the new structure. The goals of the project include the following:

- Address structural deficiencies
- Ensure continued use of the highway and the bridge for all of its users.

Permits and approvals from the following agencies may be required: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Potential Environmental Effects/Topics to Be Evaluated

Based on preliminary surveys and information, Caltrans identified the following main subject areas for analysis in the EIR/EA. The scope of environmental analysis could be modified based on input from this Notice of Preparation and project scoping.

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Wetland/Riparian
- Cultural Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Flood Plain and Flooding
- Cumulative Impacts
- Noise
- Transportation
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Community Impacts
- Geologic/Seismic
- Mandatory Findings of Significance
- Construction-Related Impacts