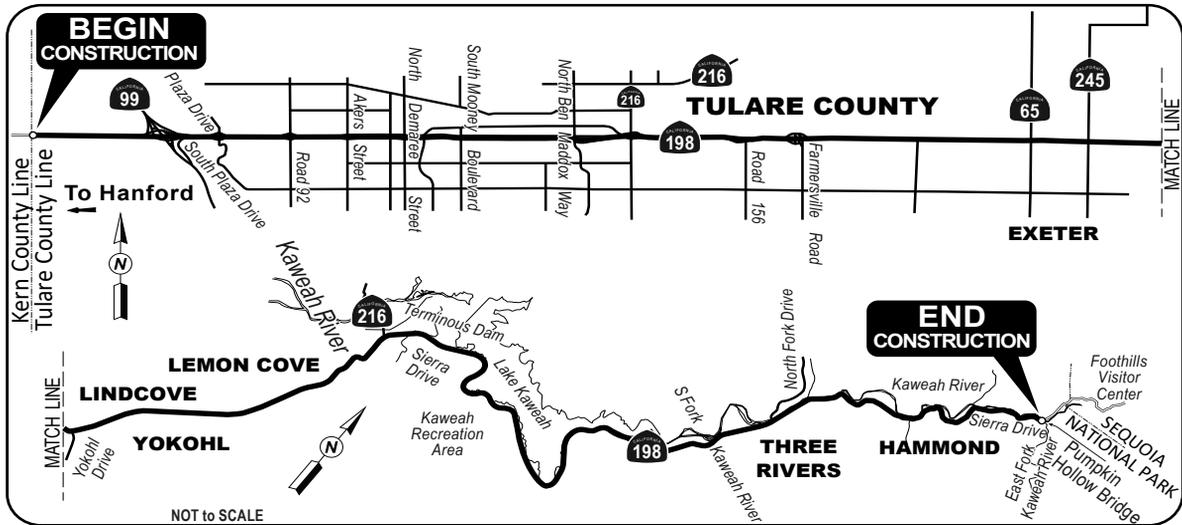


## Notice of Intent to Adopt a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** (Study Results Available) and **OPPORTUNITY** for a **VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**



### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from **December 22, 2021 through January 22, 2022**.  
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 or replace 140 culverts on State Route 198 in Tulare County, at various locations from the Kings County line to just short of Pumpkin Hollow Bridge on the Kaweah River, half a mile west of the Sequoia National Park entrance.

### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on.

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE

You can view or obtain the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information at:

- Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tulare County Library, 200 West Oak Avenue, Visalia, California 93291, Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.
- Three Rivers Branch Library, 42052 Eggers Drive, Three Rivers, California 93271, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Online at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-0X260>

### WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments or requests for a virtual public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than January 22, 2022, to Caltrans, Attention: Juergen Vespermann, Senior Environmental Planner, District 6 Environmental Division, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to [Juergen.Vespermann@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Juergen.Vespermann@dot.ca.gov). The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is December 22, 2021.

### CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Juergen Vespermann, Senior Environmental Planner, at 559-832-0051 or by email at [Juergen.Vespermann@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Juergen.Vespermann@dot.ca.gov). You may also contact Project Manager Ernesto Garcia at 559-908-5492 or by email at [Ernesto.Garcia@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Ernesto.Garcia@dot.ca.gov). For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at [D6.Public.Info@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D6.Public.Info@dot.ca.gov)

### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at [D6.Public.Info@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D6.Public.Info@dot.ca.gov). Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service line at 1-800-735-2929, Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or contact the California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711.