

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WALDO ROAD OVER DRY CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE [SCH] # 2022080453) AND DRAFT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS FINDING**

**Project Title:** Waldo Road Over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project

**Project Applicant:** Yuba County, Department of Public Works

**Project Location:** The Project is located in rural Yuba County, roughly 14 miles northeast of Wheatland. Waldo Road is a generally north/south road and the bridge crosses Dry Creek on a generally north/south alignment.

**What's Being Planned:** Yuba County (County), in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to demolish the existing bridge (Bridge No. 16C0006) and build a new bridge, approximately 100 feet upstream, to carry Waldo Road over Dry. Waldo Road and connecting roads Spenceville Road and Camp Far West Road, are all lightly traveled routes passing through rolling Sierra foothills terrain. The bridge is located within the Spenceville Wildlife Area, a 11,900-acre wildlife preserve and public outdoor recreation area administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The existing bridge is currently classified as structurally deficient, with a sufficiency rating of 9.3. A new bridge is necessary to meet current design and safety standards which can safely convey vehicles, including emergency response vehicles, and pedestrians across Dry Creek. The replacement bridge will meet current applicable County, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and Caltrans design standards.

The new bridge will require a realignment of the roadway, which will correct the existing substandard curves on roadway approaches to the bridge. The vertical profile of the new bridge will be raised slightly to provide sufficient water conveyance beneath the bridge during flood events. This will also require a slight rise in the approach roadway elevation, which will gradually decrease until the realigned roadway conforms to the existing roadway elevations.

Once the new bridge has been constructed, the existing bridge would be demolished. Preservation and maintenance of the bridge is not possible due to the presence of hazardous lead paint throughout the structure, the non-standard design components, substandard curves, unprotected pedestrian access, and on-going timber and steel maintenance issues.

**Why this Public Notice:** The County is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. These studies have indicated that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment under CEQA. The report that explains why the Project may have significant effect is called an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Draft EIR (SCH# 2022080453) and of its availability for public review and comment. The Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding is also available for review and comment. The Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding is a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) required analysis that determines the Project's use of the Spenceville Wildlife Area.

**What's Available:** The draft EIR, including maps and other Project information, and the Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding can be viewed on the County's website: [https://www.yuba.org/departments/community\\_development/public\\_works/index.php](https://www.yuba.org/departments/community_development/public_works/index.php).

If unavailable on the website, you may obtain the document in electronic format by telephoning the Department of Public Works at (530)-749-5420, or by emailing the Public Works Department at [publicworks@co.yuba.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@co.yuba.ca.us). To request a PDF version of the document, please reference the Project title above. A hard copy can be viewed at the Public Works counter within the County Office located at 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA 95901. Current office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm (closed 12:00pm to 1:00pm).

**Public Review Period:** March 21, 2025 to May 6, 2025

**Where You Come In:** Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Do you disagree with the findings of the Draft EIR? Would you care to make any other comments on the Project? Comments must be received electronically or physically by 5:00pm on May 6,

2025. Comments about the Draft EIR should include the Project Title (Waldo Road Over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project) as the subject line and be addressed to:

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Please note that an email response is preferred if available to you.

