



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and OPPORTUNITY for a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

(Study Results Available)

### Cal 4 Culvert Replacement Project

## Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for Calaveras and Tuolumne counties?

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from **October 20 to November 19, 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 replace 22 culverts that have exceeded their design life expectancy along State Route 4 and State Route 49 in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties. Proposed culvert restoration methods include replacing the deteriorated culverts with reinforced concrete pipe; installing inlet and outlet end treatments consisting of flared end sections; installing concrete headwalls; installing concrete wing-walls; and installing rock slope protection. The work will include excavating existing culverts; jacking for deeper culverts; backfilling; concrete casing; paving; placing rock slope protection at outlets; and repairing or replacing headwalls; and restriping.

Temporary construction easements and permanent right-of-way easements are anticipated at locations for construction and maintenance activities.

#### 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, as documented in a report called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you that the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is now available for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a virtual public hearing.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 10 Office at 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Stockton, CA 95205, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Calaveras County Library at 1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas, CA 95249, on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Angels Camp Branch Library at 358 N. Main Street, Angels Camp, CA 95222, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Tuolumne County Library at 480 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The document is available to view or download at the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-10>
- If you prefer that a printed or emailed copy or a compact disc of the document be sent to your home address, call James P. Henke at 209-471-3941 or email him at [james.henke.jr@dot.ca.gov](mailto:james.henke.jr@dot.ca.gov)

#### WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a virtual public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a virtual public hearing in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than November 19, 2022, to Caltrans, Attention: James P. Henke, 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Stockton, CA 95205; or by email to [james.henke.jr@dot.ca.gov](mailto:james.henke.jr@dot.ca.gov). The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is October 20, 2022. If there are no major comments or requests for a virtual public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

#### CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact James P. Henke, Branch Chief of the Northern San Joaquin Environmental Management Branch at Caltrans, at 209-471-3941 or by email at [james.henke.jr@dot.ca.gov](mailto:james.henke.jr@dot.ca.gov). For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Information Office at 209-948-7543 or by email at [district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov](mailto:district10publicaffairs@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 10 Public Information Office at [District10PublicAffairs@dot.ca.gov](mailto:District10PublicAffairs@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 209-948-7543. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD 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.

