



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

Big Creek to Carmel Drainage Restoration

Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 1 in Monterey County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from **November 10 to December 12, 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 rehabilitate nine existing drainage systems at eight locations on State Route 1 in Monterey County, from post mile 27.76 to post mile 70.87. Existing drainage systems at the proposed locations have exceeded their design life and have deteriorated or failed. The project work includes replacing or rehabilitating existing culverts and replacing or upgrading end treatments and headwalls as needed.

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 Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and of its availability 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 and other project information is available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document is also available online on the Caltrans District 5 project page (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/>). Paper copies of the document can be provided upon request.

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 December 12, 2022, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Lara Bertaina, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email to lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is November 10, 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 Lara Bertaina, Senior Environmental Scientist, at 805-779-0792 or by email at lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov, or Jackson Ho, Project Manager, at 805-276-1114 or by email at jackson.ho@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@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 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@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.

