

Notice of Intent to Adopt (NOI) and Notice of Availability (NOA) of Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for Buckman Road Bridge Replacement Project (Bridge Number 29C-307)

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Notice is hereby given that San Joaquin County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Buckman Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Notice is also hereby given that the Draft Initial Study (IS) and Proposed MND prepared by San Joaquin County have been released for a 30-day public review.

Project: Buckman Road Bridge Replacement Project (Bridge Number 29C-307)

Project Summary, Background, and Impacts: The proposed project involves the demolition of the current Buckman Road Bridge over Duck Creek, and construction of a new bridge. The Project would include the following:

- Clearing and grubbing of existing vegetation and fencing, in order to provide for a temporary crossing for construction activities.
- Installation of temporary culvert detour to allow access for residence and agricultural field entrances during construction.
- Implementation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP) and Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Demolition of the existing Buckman Road Bridge in accordance with the California Department of Transportation's (CALTRANS) Standard Specifications.
- Overhead powerline and fiberoptic cable relocation.
- Construction of new reinforced concrete bridge and approaches.

Construction is anticipated to take approximately three months to complete and is anticipated to start in May 2024. Three potential options were examined – precast, prestressed single span slab bridge; cast in place single span slab bridge; and a 3-Cell Precast Box culvert. The cast in place single span slab bridge was chosen as the best alternative. All Project construction activities will take place within San Joaquin County's right-of-way and will occur during North Fork Duck Creek's dry period, between May 1 and October 1, depending on the regulatory permit mitigation measures.

San Joaquin County has directed the preparation of an IS/MND on the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The IS/MND describes the proposed project and provides an assessment of the proposed project's potential significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the

proposed project would have no impact on aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and circulation, and wildfire.

The IS did not identify any significant and unavoidable impacts. The IS analysis determined that the Project could result in potential adverse impacts associated with biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems, but that these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures.

Location: The project area is located in San Joaquin County, approximately 2.8 miles west of the Calaveras County line on Buckman Road, approximately 0.8 miles north of State Route (SR) 4.

Review: The 30-day public review period for this Draft IS and Proposed MND begins February 7, 2023 and ends March 8, 2023. Copies of the IS/MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

1. San Joaquin County Department of Public Works website:
<https://www.sjgov.org/department/pwk>
2. CEQAnet: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

Submit Comments

Comments regarding the Draft IS and Proposed MND should be submitted in writing to:

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Comments are due no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on March 8, 2023.

If comments are provided via email, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format, and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address.

PRIVACY NOTE: All comments received will be made available for public review in their entirety, including the names and addresses of the respondents. Individual respondents may request that their name and/or address be withheld from public disclosure. San Joaquin County will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment.