

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO  
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE  
CITY OF WEED CITY COUNCIL**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Weed has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described herein. Based on preliminary analysis, the City Council will consider adopting the MND at their regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday May 11, 2023**, with the session commencing at **5:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 550 Main Street, Weed, CA 96094.

**Project Applicant:** City of Weed

**Project Title:** Boles Creek Storm Water Improvement Project

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located in the City of Weed, on the east side of Interstate 5 (I-5) and U.S. Route 97 (US 97), generally south of East Lake Street. Improvements would occur on City-owned property, a public utility easement, and within the public road rights-of-way (ROWS) of Main Street and Rippon Way (see Figures 1 and 2 in the Initial Study).

**Project Description:** The purpose of the proposed project is to minimize flood hazards and ensure the health and safety of residents living and working in downtown Weed. The proposed project would enhance the passage of Boles Creek flood flows through downtown Weed. Improvements include replacing an existing undersized concrete channel with a new 8-foot by 5-foot concrete box culvert from Rippon Way to the east side of Main. The new box culvert would be approximately 170 feet long and would be installed parallel to and on the northern side of the existing concrete channel in order to keep water flowing during construction and to minimize impacts to buildings adjacent to the existing channel. The box culvert would tie into an existing concrete arch culvert that flows under Main Street via a concrete transition structure. A new concrete headwall, approach, and riprap side walls would be provided at the inlet to transition the natural stream channel into the box culvert. Riprap banks would also be required at the Main Street culvert outlet to prevent erosion. An existing sewer utility pipe as well as concrete retaining walls and road surface would be removed and replaced within Rippon Way to accommodate installation of the headwall and box culvert. An existing water main currently located beneath the existing channel would be rerouted to run over the new box culvert. The new box culvert would be installed primarily within an existing paved parking lot; paved areas disturbed during construction would be re-paved following completion of the improvements. The maximum depth of excavation would be ~6 feet along the box culvert and ~14 feet for replacement of the sewer main. The subject property is not included on any list of hazardous waste facilities/sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

**Information Availability:**

**Electronic copies** of the IS/MND and related project documents are available on the State Clearinghouse website (Search for City of Weed under Lead/Public Agency): <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced>

**City of Weed:** Contact Craig Sharp at **530.938.5020** to arrange to review a hard copy.

**City's Environmental Consultant:** Contact ENPLAN (see below) to request an emailed copy.

**Public Review Period:** The public review period starts on **March 29, 2023**, and ends on **May 1, 2023**. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period or appear and present oral testimony at the meeting.

**Comment Submittal:** Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on May 1, 2023.

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