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State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear State Clearinghouse:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study with proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Vina Plains Rehabilitation Project, which is located on State Route (SR) 99 between the Butte County line and the community of Los Molinos in Tehama County. Project implementation includes rehabilitation of SR 99 through repaving activities, drainage improvements, and construction of appurtenant infrastructure. The purpose of the project is to restore the facility to a state of good repair so that the roadway will be in a condition that requires minimal maintenance. The project is needed because the pavement within the project limits is in a fair state of repair, requiring ongoing maintenance efforts. Additionally, it was determined that select culverts warrant replacement. Moreover, Caltrans would install fiber optic broadband in accordance with Senate Bill 156 (Chapter 112, Statutes of 2021), which expands the State's broadband fiber optic infrastructure and increases internet connectivity for families and businesses.

In support of our initial submittal package for the project, the following documents were uploaded to the State Clearinghouse's CEQA Database on April 7, 2023:

- Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)
- Notice of Intent (NOI)
- Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal
- Notice of Completion (NOC)

The IS/MND will be circulated for public review for a 30-day period from April 12 to May 12, 2023.

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If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact John Luper at John.Luper@dot.ca.gov or at (530) 720-5928.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Sullivan
Environmental Branch Chief

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