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**MPA-140-PM 48.088 – Incline
Road over Moss Canyon
Bridge - SCH 2023050036**

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Mr. Holloway,

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Incline Road over Moss Canyon Bridge Replacement Project Initial Study located on Incline Road crossing Moss Creek off of State Route (SR) 140 within the boundaries of the Stanislaus National Forest, roughly 2 miles from the center of the Town of El Portal.

The Mariposa County Public Works Department proposes to replace the existing bridge (#40C0064) on Incline Road which is required to ensure current safety and design standards for bridges and roadways are maintained. Replacement of the existing bridge structure would occur with a single span, cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete, slab bridge, approximately 55 feet long. The replacement structure will require falsework (temporary form work used to support the concrete until it develops strength) within locations of the creek channel. With a span length of 55 feet, it may be possible to keep falsework out of the creek by spanning the entire length with falsework stringers that are supported on the new abutment footings.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Environmental

It does not appear that work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way (ROW). However, if any construction related activities will encroach into Caltrans ROW, no staging on existing vegetation or vegetation removal within Caltrans ROW will be allowed. The project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office.

All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans Right of Way, at the project site(s). Evidence of consultation with local Native American tribes and interested parties will need to be presented within the technical documents for approval of encroachment in the Caltrans ROW. If there are impacts to protected water resources within Caltrans ROW, Caltrans will need to see the correspondence with the permitting authorities (California Department of Fish and Wildlife, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board) and be provided copies of the required permits prior to the start of any construction in Caltrans ROW.

Caltrans suggest Mariposa County continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts that may occur from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

If any project activities encroach into Caltrans Right of Way, (ROW), the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will analyze potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

Please contact David Karnes at (209) 986-9830 (david.karnes@dot.ca.gov), or me at (209) 483-7234 (Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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c: State Clearinghouse