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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Yolo, as lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the below referenced project. The IS/MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, Yolo County has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the IS/MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

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PROJECT TITLE:

County Road 96 over Union School Slough Bridge Replacement Project (PW2023-01)

PROJECT LOCATION:

On County Road 96 north of County Road 29, west of the City of Davis, in unincorporated Yolo County, California (adjacent to APNs: 040-180-012 and -013 and 040-170-001 and -003)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Yolo County Department of Community Services, Public Works Division (County), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Local Assistance are proposing to replace the existing bridge on County Road (CR) 96 crossing over Union School Slough with funding made available through FHWA Highway Bridge Program and administered by Caltrans. The bridge was determined to be functionally obsolete by Caltrans as recently as 2013 and currently has a sufficiency rating of 54.9. The existing bridge (Bridge No. 22C0126) was constructed in 1930 and is approximately 40 feet long and 20 feet wide, consisting of single-span reinforced concrete T-girders. The bridge has longitudinal and shear cracking along the girders and evidence of water penetration through the deck. The bridge railing is also in poor condition with spalling and exposed rebar.

The proposed Project will construct a new bridge to the south of the existing structure, which will accommodate two 11-foot travel lanes with two-foot shoulders. The new bridge is anticipated to be a single-span cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete slab structure, approximately 46.5 feet long and 29.5 foot wide. The roadway and bridge profile will be raised slightly to clear the 100-year storm event. Temporary slough diversion is anticipated to complete activities within the waterway, including some vegetative removal. During construction, the section of CR 96 will be closed to through traffic and a

detour route made available. Vehicular traffic will utilize CR 95, 98, 27, and 29 as alternative routes. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2024 with a duration of approximately eight months.

PROJECT IMPACTS: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to mitigate the potential effects to biological resources, Tribal cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and noise. The Project site is not known to contain any significant hazardous waste contamination under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 30±-day public review period of the IS/MND will commence **on 13 June 2023, and end on 14 July 2023**, during which time interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be received at the above address within the public review period.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS: The IS/MND is now available for public review at the following location during business hours: Yolo County Community Services Department, 292 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Due to modified public hours in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is recommended to verify hours by calling (530) 666-8775.

The IS/MND has been posted to the Yolo County web site and may be downloaded and printed at: <https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/community-services/planning-division/current-projects>. A PDF digital file of the IS/MND, or a hard (paper) copy of the IS/MND, is also available upon request from the Planning Division at the address or e-mail below.

The IS/MND may be obtained from, and comments (written, e-mailed, or oral) may be directed to:

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All interested parties are invited to send written communications to the Yolo County Community Services Department no later than commencement of the public review period.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b)(2) and other provisions of law, any lawsuit challenging the approval of a project described in this notice shall be limited to only those issues raised or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the public comment period is closed.